Autumn .... Children return to school, crops are ready for harvest, colors turn vibrant, and retirees gather at Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly for our annual retreat. October 4th and 5th saw bright beautiful days as we gathered for a time of fun, fellowship, and relaxation. Friendships were rekindled, stories swapped (and probably embellished!), and pictures shared. Our Executive Committee: Bill Tate, President; Tom Smith, Vice President, Beverlyann Jetton, Secretary; Marcia Tate, Jenna Garland, Harrell Philips and Kendrick Lewis worked hard and planned an excellent retreat.

This year we added a chance to choose from several afternoon recreational options including a low intensity nature walk, fishing, and a pontoon tour of the lake. We could not have asked for a better day. In addition to the pontoon tour we were able to add a tour of the Tennessee Fresh Water Pearl Museum.

Above: Nancy Wheatley, Gail & Benny Hopper. Left: Jimmie & Harrell Phillips; Right: Harold & Jacque Stricker
Dedicated to Caring for You—Under a New Name!

The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits will be re-named Wespath Benefits and Investments in July 2016. While we may be changing our name, the people and services you rely on will continue to support your retirement, health and welfare plans, and manage your investment funds.

**What’s in a Name**

Over the course of our 108 years of service, the scope of our mission evolved and our name evolved with it, expressing the nature of our work. Our name has always described our service role and responsibility, as an administrative agency of The United Methodist Church.

1908—Board of Conference Claimants  
1924—Board of Pensions and Relief  
1944—Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church  
1956—General Board of Pensions  
1992—General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church  
2016—Wespath Benefits and Investments

And as our role evolved and expanded, our name became increasingly longer! Today, we have a very long name, and yet it still does not describe everything we do in service to the Church. So what’s missing? At approximately $20 billion in assets under management, we are the largest reporting denominational investor in the world—and among the top 100 of all U.S. pension funds. But our name does not reflect this important aspect of our work—helping protect the financial future of over 100,000 participants in the U.S. and around the world.

In 2015, we received approval from our board of directors to rename the agency to be effective in July 2016. We have been working to change the name across all materials, our websites, our signage, participant statements, etc. The transition will continue over the next 18 months, until our new name is reflected on everything we develop and release.

As we considered the options we had to simplify the agency name and include the investments aspect of our work, the name “Wespath” was the logical choice. The name was created with two important elements in mind:

Wes—recognizes and honors John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and a strong advocate for social justice;  
Path—refers to our goal of providing participants and institutional clients with a path to follow in achieving retirement, health, and investment objectives.

While the name Wespath honors Wesley, it also implies other Wesleyan philosophical tenets—the importance of physical health, financial security and caring for God’s creation. Wespath reflects our Wesleyan heritage, and the notion of being on the right path in all three areas in which we operate for our retirement and health plan participants, institutional investors and for the UMC. The name Wespath has already achieved name recognition across the UMC through the many UMC-affiliated organizations we now have among our institutional investment clients.

Wespath will be used with our current agency symbol. The symbol embeds the UMC Cross and Flame—continuing to connect us with the Church. Two simply stated words beneath it identify the nature of our work: “Benefits and Investments.”

Our three agency divisions will also reflect the new agency name:

Wespath—Retirement Services path to retirement and financial security  
Wespath—Center for Health path to personal and missional vitality  
Wespath—Investment Management path to achieving investment objectives

*Caring for those who serve since 1908* is our tagline and it will continue to be, capturing our mission and reflecting our long history in service to UMC clergy and lay.

For more information about our new agency name, contact us at **1-800-851-2201**.
The United Methodist Church has existed in various forms for more than 200 years. Test your knowledge of its history with these questions. Pass on this quiz to others to encourage them to test their knowledge as well. This quiz is a partnership between United Methodist Communications and the General Commission on Archives and History. (ANSWERS ON PAGE 15)

1. What is John Wesley’s birthday on current calendars?
   May 24       June 17       June 28       July 5

2. Which is NOT a tip for good health from John Wesley?
   Take cold baths      Go to bed at 9pm and rise at 4 or 5 am     Stand while reading & writing      Exercise to the point of weariness

3. Name two of Francis Asbury’s horses.
   Peter & John       Seabiscut & Hard Tack       Little Jane & Little Fox

4. The Christmas Conference took place in what city?
   New York       Baltimore       Philadelphia

5. How many hymns and poems did Charles Wesley write?
   400       900       4,000       9,000

6. What is the birthplace of John Wesley?
   Epworth       Oxford       London

7. Where is Francis Asbury buried?
   Wesley’s Chapel, London       Mount Calvary Cemetery, Asbury Park, New Jersey
   Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland       Asbury Cemetery, Knoxville, TN
YOU ARE THE REASON WE HAVE THE NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS!

Retirees are invited to share their news with the News ‘N’ Views. Don’t wait until a reporter contacts you (once a year). If you are like me, you will forget the news. Send your news and photos to the editor, (address on bottom of page 1). Photography really add to our newsletter so don’t be shy!

Memphis Conference Stories To Remember
As clergy families we have a rich heritage – and oh what stories we can tell! Jerry Carr and Mark Matheny are collecting these stories in hope of publishing a book. Please share your stories of parsonage life. Contact Jerry Carr at: 215 Fair Oaks Drive, Oakland, TN 38060 or Mark Matheny at 1509 Granville Ln., Memphis, TN 38104.

Hats Or No Hats
In the late 1950s, well-dressed women (including pastors' wives) wore brimmed hats and gloves on Sundays at church. And, the ladies of the congregation checked to see that the clergy wives were "properly" dressed. Fashions changed, and by the late 60s to mid-70s gloves were out and brimmed hats were gone. The new creations were combinations of netting, veils, faux fur and flowers. When Cecil Page was pastor of Benton KY First Church, his wife, Marge, bought one of those new net hats. The first Sunday after her purchase, she checked herself in the front hall mirror at the parsonage, and her "hat" was so cute. Everyone, she thought, would love it. And so, she walked from the parsonage next door and entered the Fellowship Hall. The first women she met gave her head a long look, and she wondered what they might be thinking. All morning, in her Sunday School Class, at worship, and during after-service greetings, it was the same. The thorough looks must have meant that they liked her hat, but no one said anything. Returning to the parsonage, as she approached the front steps, she saw her new hat hanging on a limb of a slightly over-grown shrub which had picked it off her head as she started to the church. Then, she knew what they had been thinking ----"how dare she come to church wearing no hat at all!!" Marge shared this story with some friends and burst into her infectious laugh!

In Memoriam

We prayerfully remember our deceased retired clergy and spouses who have died since the July 2016 issue of The News ‘N’ Views. Please keep their families in your prayers.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

Bill Gaddie
May 3, 1929 – Sept 13, 2016 Spouse, Gail Gaddie
Can you believe it! It’s that time of year again - CHRISTMAS

Mark the date of your districts Christmas gathering on your calendar. It’s a good time to gather with friends for fellowship and worship.

Tennessee River: Advent Brunch Dec 3rd 10AM – 12N, Jackson 1st

Mississippi River: Dec 12th 6:30 PM, Cypress UMC, Bells, TN

Metro & Purchase Districts are not planning a Christmas gathering (sorry).

It seems like with every issue of the News we are saying goodbye to good friends. This month we say goodbye to two wonderful reporters: Harold Montgomery and Walter German have both served many years as reporter. Thank you gentleman for a job well done. Gail Gaddie will be taking some time off. We anticipate seeing her again next year.

But with goodbye also comes hello! We welcome Judd Mowery, Deb Webb and Glenn Hill to our reporter family.

From our Mail Bag

At the Retirees retreat I cornered several of our retirees for their news. I placed their report in “the Mail Bag”

Carol Craig (Evansville, IN – Hazel, KY) shared her exciting news: SHE’S HERE – a new granddaughter, Grace Phoebe Elizabeth Craig. Grace was born to Paul and Erin Craig and arrived weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 22 ½ inches. I was able to spend four days with her and enjoyed every minute. After visiting with baby Grace, I traveled to Southaven, MS with a friend to celebrate her aunt’s 100 birthday. While traveling we met a couple from Ireland. I told them of my son’s recent trip to Ireland with his choir and how they won the Irish Choral Festival. They had heard that an American choir had won. It’s amazing how small the world is. Each month I visit Frank and Ann Gardner and attend their monthly luncheon for the retired clergy from the Mississippi District. This summer we welcomed Larry, Vicki and Caryn Kendrick to our group. I was unable to make my trip to California but fortunately I have been able to reschedule for a later date. I have spent most of the summer taking care of the yards at both houses. I am so glad that the grass is slowing its growth. Leaves will soon be falling so raking and mulching are in my future. I really enjoyed attending the Retirees Retreat again this year. Hope to see everyone again next year.
**Walter & Donna German** (Jackson, TN) – We had the opportunity to visit our grandson at Ball State University in Indiana. We learned that this is David Letterman’s alma mater. Both of us had some minor surgery this year but are recovering well. Our daughter Dianna also had surgery. She is doing well and the doctors feel that she is cancer free. Or grandchildren keep busy: Allen went to Virginia Beach on a mission trip and Collin plays football and is in the band *(sounds like that would make half-time difficult for him!)*. Daughter Nicole works as a substitute teacher in Jackson. Walter continues to enjoy golf while I enjoy reading.

**Benny & Gail Hopper** (Jackson, TN) – Benny said that they are making sure that their physicians are well supported! Gail had back surgery and is recovering from a stress fracture in her foot. Benny had another cardiac procedure. Their family is growing with the addition of a fifth great grandchild. Another granddaughter is getting married in late October.

**Paul & Jimmie Phillips** (Jackson, TN) - The Phillips have been doing some traveling this year. In the spring they took a trip to Perdido Key, Florida and had a wonderful time. September brought a trip to New England – a little early for the fall colors but a beautiful trip none-the-less. They were able to attend Paul’s grandchildren’s birthdays (ages 10 and 13). Jimmie’s grandson has a landscaping business in Franklin, TN and her granddaughter will be graduating from U.T. Knoxville with her masters in accounting.

**Tom Smith** (Fulton, KY) – Enjoys fishing and was able to provide all the fish for two church fish fries *(feeding the 5,000?)*. He is ministering at the Cayce U.M.C. were he leads the adult Sunday school class and presents the Children’s Time during worship. He is also involved with the River Town thrift store in Hickman, KY. Any time that is left is spent on yard work and gardening.

**Cecil & Tharon Kirk** (Cane Ridge, TN) – In January Cecil had back surgery and spent 3 months doing rehab. He hasn’t been able to play golf in over a year. Hopefully that will change. In mid-June we put our home in Jackson on the market and began what we thought would be a long wait. Within two weeks we had a contract on it. In July we found a beautiful house in Davidson County only 12 minutes away from our son Dietrich. We are still in the process of making it our home. Tharon has joined Brentwood U.M.C. and is now singing in the choir. We are slowly getting to know people at Brentwood and figure out where we belong. It is great to see our granddaughter sing and serve as an acolyte.

**Nancy Wheatley** (Huntingdon, TN) – It was so hot this summer that I did not get out on the golf course much. Now that the days are cooler I am at it again. The Dossie Wheatley Memorial Golf Tournament raised over $1,000 for Lakeshore Camp Hope and Camp Agape. In July my mother passed away. It has been an adjustment. I used to drive to Jackson twice a week to spend time with her. My daughter-in-law, Susan, went with me to Houston, TX while
her husband was doing some continuing education. Kevin and Susan’s daughter, Lisa, is in Senegal, Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer for two years (please keep her in your prayers). She is helping middle-school girls continue their education. I enjoyed the Retirees’ Retreat at Lakeshore again this year. New activities like the pontoon tour from Birdsong Marina made it fun. I am looking forward to a family trip to Gatlinburg this fall. Hopefully the colors will be beautiful.

Reporters Bev & Joyce Farnsworth

Bev & Joyce Farnsworth
(Memphis, TN) are doing well and are asking for prayer for their son, Stephen. Stephen has a precancerous growth in this duodeum. In October they will be traveling to Atlanta, GA for surgery. The procedure is new and only beginning performed in two locations (Colorado and Georgia).

Jerry & Dot Carr (Oakland, TN) are excitedly awaiting the wedding of their granddaughter (scheduled in May 2017). Daughter, Cynthia, (who has been battling a malignant brain tumor) learned that the recent Gama Knife treatment was successful in shrinking the lesion. The remaining abnormal tissue may represent residual tumor or it may just be swelling from repeated treatments. Another MRI is scheduled in early November. Cynthia and her two cousins enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Caymen Islands this summer.

Irene Chandler (Bath Springs, TN) continues to pastor Mt Nebo and Sardis United Methodist Churches. She says she is doing well and feels so blessed to be able to continue in her ministry.

Calvin and Judy Clark (Shelbyville, KY) are eagerly awaiting the birth of a great-grandson. They already have a great-granddaughter (sibling to this baby) (Editor’s note: We will eagerly await pictures). Their daughter Pam and her husband enjoyed a trip to Europe this summer.

Zolan & Faye Clayton (Selmer, TN) - Zolan continues his recovery from a stroke he had in Aug 2015. He is progressing but still misses the activities he used to be involved in. Both Zolan and Faye are at home and they feel blessed to be there.

Bev and Joyce were unable to reach Max Rogers (Murray, KY) and Jane Coke (Antioch, TN). Just a reminder that I encourage retirees to contact the editor (Beverlyann Jetton) directly if you have news or greetings you want to share with your colleagues anytime during the year. You do not have to wait until your reporter calls. Contact info for Beverlyann is at the bottom of page one.

Reporter Jacque Stricker

(Cottage Grove TN) are ready for fall- at least the end of mowing! It seemed to keep ahead of us no matter how many times in the week we mow. With all the rain we
were blessed with (and I really mean blessed), we had a bumper crop of blueberries and apples. The rest of the garden was questionable. We did have enough to put up, but not as much as I had hoped for. Whenever I plant, I plant seeing the ability for us to pass on our blessings to our children, but that didn’t happen this year. We were able to share our blueberries and apples. I had a lot of tomato plants, but for some reason they would get spots and go bad before they were ready to eat, so I decided I would show those tomatoes who was boss and preserve them before they could go bad, so I made green tomato relish. I showed them – right in the pot they went!! We had our little family reunion Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend. We only had 23 ½ (another great grandchild is due). We set up canopies and ate outside while the children played. We made a homemade “slip ‘n slide” that our adopted 10 and 16 year old grandsons and other grandchildren could enjoy. Coming from foster homes it was a first for the adopted grandsons. Our oldest two sons and their families were not able to be here, and were missed. Now that the blueberries are finished and the apples are picked Harold is looking at trees for cutting and splitting for our furnace so right now I have nothing to report on with Harold and the tractor – and that may be good news!

**H.B and Rosie Fields** (Paris, TN) said everything was going well at the Eva United Methodist church. The church is strengthening and slowly. They had two people join this year. Rosie and H.B are still remodeling a mobile home. H.B says they get up and work as long as they can and quit until it gets cooler. It is more cosmetic now, doing some painting, etc. Both are doing well, anxious to get the home done so they can move in, and since they are doing it, it is taking longer, but they know it is done with quality.

**Zada Russ** (Madison, TN) has moved to: Maybelle Carter Residential Living Center, 208 W. Due West Ave. Apt. 536, Madison, TN 37112. She loves receiving card and letters and is really enjoying living there. She goes down and eats meals with the other residents, housekeeping comes and cleans her house, change and wash her sheets and towels and she can participate in activities. She is known as the “bag lady”, using plastic bags to make mats for homeless people, so she hasn’t started participating in the activities yet. She is doing her own bible study using the Guidepost. One of her brothers passed away in August and she went and stayed in Biloxi for about 10 days. She asks prayers for her sister who is ill.

**Joe and Bernice Walker** (Springville, TN) are doing OK. Joe will be going to St. Thomas for some tests and setting up a time to have some stints. Hopefully it will get him feeling better. If your heart doesn’t work right it is hard to do things that you want to do. Bernice says she’s doing well. She said Joe, Jr. and Cindy have a new grandbaby girl born in September.

**Ozella Sykes** (Hazel, KY) Ozella recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She enjoys resting in her recliner with her feet up. She has fallen asleep in her chair a few times and spent the night there, but doesn’t like doing
that. Vida McClure is good about coming and cutting her hair. Her family checks on her frequently. She says she is happy and blessed. I was unable to reach Rick & Mary Jane King this quarter.

FROM THE HILL IN KY –

Glenn Hill

As a newly appointed (good Conference and United Methodist words) reporter for News 'N Views, I greet the readers of our newsletter and pray for you a great day.

We, GLENN AND GEORGIA HILL
(Murray, KY), are doing well. I am still working five days a week selling storage buildings and carports and Georgia stays busy around the home, church, community and wherever she can assist someone. For fun, I bowl in a league on Monday nights, but I am not good at it but enjoy it with the feeling that, "I'll do better next time." As I think about that phrase, that would be a great thought as we begin each day. I pray that you will have a better day tomorrow! (Note: That's NOT Georgia Ann – that's Glenn sporting the golden locks!)

PAUL AND CAROLYN CLAYTON (Jackson, TN) told me that Paul has just completed an enjoyable eight week interim at Bolivar First UMC filling in for Dr. Angela Harris, who was on leave following the birth of Benjamin Beau, to her and husband, Matt, in early July. Paul and Carolyn have just returned from Asheville, NC, where they participated in the wedding of their granddaughter, Brooke Goodson, who was married to Andrew Gentile on September 24th.

RICHARD AND VIOLA ENTON
(Brownsville, TN) reported they are hanging in there with good and bad days – “about normal”, Richard said. They plan to travel to Iowa for their son’s wedding. They enjoy attending Union Grove U.M.C. near Brownsville. Daughter, Pam Diebold, is the Principal at the Vocational School in Brownsville and son-in-law, Barry Diebold, is the Chief of Police. Richard said he celebrated his 57th year in ministry and his 54th Anniversary with Viola in August. He is looking forward to a reunion with former basketball buddies this fall. He also has a great love for the St. Louis Cardinals.

STEVE AND CHRISTIE CALICOATT (Jackson, TN) reported they are doing fine and said he hasn't slowed down much in retirement. He is serving East Trinity UMC in Jackson and serves three area Wesley Senior Homes as Chaplain.

GLEN AND MARY SCOTT (Tiptonville, TN) reported they are doing fine. Glen is serving the East Dyersburg UMC and said he retired one time before but hopes to keep serving until the Lord calls him home.

I tried a couple of times to reach Mary Jane Johnson Martin (Lexington, TN) but the number was not in service. Let me ask my retirees to put my number in your phone so
you will know who is calling (Glenn Hill). It is 731.616.2345.

**Reporter Jenna Garland**

Yours truly (Jenna Garland, Hazel, KY) stays busy with church work and reading. I have an eight week old great-great niece, named Claire Gray after my mother Eva Gray Underwood Craig. She is also Sue and Robert McKinney's great grandchild. I think Sue is keeping her one day a week. Everyone is busy getting the crops in. I was surrounded by corn this year and thank goodness it is all gone and I can see my neighbors now. My Bible study on Sunday night is going well. They said I will need to get a larger dining room table as that is where we gather at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. A gentleman from Hazel is leading the Bible study.

I spoke with Nell Dotson (Kirksey, KY) she had just gotten home from the hospital and was still very weak. Let us keep her in our prayers.

Faye Garrett (Murray, KY) is taking physical therapy for her knee but is improving. She is very proud of her great grandchildren who had all A’s but one B. One is in 2nd grade and the other in the 4th at Murray Elementary School. Her son, Edwin, has received his local preacher’s license and is filling in for pastors now. Faye is always upbeat each time I call.

Dan & Eileen Leslie (Kirksey, KY) wrote: All is well with us. Aileen is singing with the David Johnson Chorus again this year and they are currently working on another Christmas program. We are both preparing to attend the 5 Day Spiritual Formation Academy in October.

I contacted Robert and Sue McKinney (Dexter, KY) and Robert and Doris Saywell (Murray, KY) but have not heard back from them.

**Reporter Deborah Morris**

David and Deborah Morris (Humboldt, TN) - We are looking forward to some cooler (but not cold) days. David has been busy writing the last few days, and has spent time reading this summer. We did make a couple of day trips this summer.

Kendrick Lewis (Benton, KY) - I enjoyed talking to Brother Lewis. It seems he has roots not too far from our home in the Three Way community. He went to the old Fairview School, which later became the long gone Fairview UMC! His home place is not very far from the Antioch Baptist Church. Brother Lewis is not serving a charge any more after thirty-five years of pastorates. He says that he and his wife are in good health, enjoying life and doing fine. It was hot in west Kentucky the day we talked, and like everyone else, they were looking forward to some cooler days.

I have tried numerous times to reach the people on my list by telephone without much success. Attempts were made to contact Charlotte Comes (Memphis, TN), Gwendolyn Lowrance (Murray, KY), Betty Jo Masters
(Stone Mountain, GA) and Kathleen Mathis (Murfreesboro, TN).

**Reporter Joe Moseley:**

Doctors, doctors, doctors, it seems as though our social life has been going to doctors lately. While my visits are becoming less frequent, Carol’s visits have increased. The good news is her surgery was on Sept. 23rd and we headed home from the hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 27th with the great news that she is cancer free. Her recovery has been remarkable; on a scale of 1 to 10 she says she’s a 2. For the many prayers, we send your sincere thanks. We are both recipients of their power. Praise God, the Great Physician, from whom all blessings flow!!!

**Rachel Harting:** I’m living at the Park Place, Cleveland, TN. At 97 I do what I can. I love it when the minister from 1stUMC in Chattanooga stops by for a visit and also the programs our Activities Director has for us. I do appreciate the News & Views.

**Donnie & Nancy Hardin** (Benton, KY): Nancy and I recently turned in our trucking keys after 15 years (9 years with same company) and over 1.8 million safe miles! We did not retire! LOL! We are just regrouping at home (major decluttering -think "hoarders" TV series, caregiving 2 mothers-one 90 and one 97, and planning our next employment adventure). God has been so merciful! We have appreciated the net visits and daily prayers of our friends! We enjoy the News and Views articles! Thank you for the vital role you are playing keeping everyone in touch with each other, in addition to your other pastoral duties! May God Bless!

**Eddie & Marilyn Walton** (Olive Branch, MS): We’re making the most of it and traveling again. We will leave soon for a month in Europe followed by two weeks in the Ozarks for the fall foliage and trout fishing. As soon as we get back, we’ll leave for Williamsburg, Virginia for the Christmas season with Paul and Carolyn Clayton. In the meantime, we hope to catch our breath and catch up with ourselves. Since I am now on oxygen 24/7, catching my breath has taken on a new meaning. At least it’s portable and so is a good attitude. When it comes to aches and pains, we’re still hanging loose and care free. Our best to everyone!

**Your Morning Message:**

Declare today that you won't stress over things that are out of your control. People will be people, jobs will be jobs but one thing is for sure, GOD WILL BE GOD. Let Him handle it!
Jerry and Martha Wagley (Memphis, TN) are doing well. They had a good trip to the Canadian Rockies in August where the magnificence of God's creation was a joy to behold. Martha went to Paris, France for a 3 week stay and once again explored the unfolding new adventures in Paris. The Art exhibits are new each year, the sunsets magnificent over the Seine River and the Eiffel Tower. Now, with autumn coming on, the joy of seeing the change of seasons is again an expression of God's beauty and the newness yet ahead."

I was not able to contact Patty Ward (Lenoir City, TN), James & Margaret Griffith (Savannah, TN) and Ann Hampton (Roanoke, TX). I wish them the best and want them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

New Reporter Judd Mowery

I thought I gave Judd an easy list for his first assignment – but alas it turned out to be difficult making contact with everyone (anyone!). Judd, I appreciate your persistence. I can’t promise you that January’s list will be any easier. Judd was able to talk with Modonna Elkin (Hardin, KY). She had just returned from the Purchase Area Emmaus closing ceremony. It is always a special time when you hear how God has touched the lives of the pilgrims. Modonna asks that we, as a community, continue to lift her up in our prayers.

Judd reports that he was unable to reach James & Iris Bittner (Rolla, MO), Tim & Anita Pafford (Nashville, TN), Sandra Williamson (Nashville, TN), Lillian Wynn (Nashville, TN) and Shirley Featherspoon (Petersburg, IN).

Reporter Pat Calhoun

Jim & Pat Calhoun (Union City, TN) – Jim is pastoring two small country churches: Cobbs Chapel and Mt. Manuel. Cobbs Chapel was Jim’s home church – so good coming home. We enjoy being at both churches. One Sunday all six of Jim’s nieces and nephews and their spouses came to Cobbs Chapel. It was a joy having all of them there. Latter we all met at Lakeside Restaurant at Reelfoot Lake for Sunday lunch. Pat has been busy making crafts for the bazaar at Union city FUMC. She has made over 200 items.

Jean Penney (Jackson, TN) has had a family filled summer. Three of her children and their spouses came for Labor Day and the entire family spent four days in the Smoky Mountains. She was proud to share that she has seven grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and now three great-great grandchildren!
Paul and Ora Bell Peck (Paducah, KY) – send their greetings. They are dealing with multiple health issues and requests be held up in prayer.

Lillie Springer – (Memphis, TN) has recently moved into an assisted care facility. She is making the adjustments well. Her daughter, Donna, comes daily to read and share the mail with her. It has been a year of adjustments as Bill passed away this spring.

Terry & Margie Pence (Memphis & Nashville) – Terry and Margie are primarily living in the Nashville area where Margie is working as a radiation therapist at the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center. Prior to moving to Nashville she worked for many years at Baptist East in Memphis. They still maintain their home in the Bartlett area and are in west Tennessee frequently. Terry enjoys working on the computer and walking. They plan a trip to Gatlinburg in October. Hopefully they will have beautiful walking weather. When in the Nashville area the Pences worship at the Brentwood UMC and at the Lakeland UMC in the Memphis area.

I called and followed up with a letter to everyone on my calling list but still was unable to connect with Liana Peres-Felix (Gallatin, TN) and Wright & Jo Pillow (Collierville, TN).

Reporter Marcia Tate

Bill & Marcia Tate (Jackson, TN) - We have had a VERY busy couple of months. In August we went to beautiful Lake Junaluska for a conference and then on to Panama City, FL for a few days. It was nice to get away for a little while. We had a retreat at our church recently. Our church has planted a pumpkin patch and we have enjoyed sharing our abundance with others and making some money to pay on our Family Life Center. Bill is going to serve as Spiritual Dir. for the boys Chrysalis Flight in January, so there have been team meetings to attend. We enjoy our grandsons as often as we can. They are so precious and are growing so fast. We were part of the planning team for the recent Retirees Retreat. It seemed to have been a success and we are happy that everyone enjoyed their time together.

New Reporter Deb Webb

Steve & Deb Webb – (Murray, KY) Seems that we are finding retirement to be quite the adventure or at least very full of activity. Since retiring Steve is serving two churches on a part time basis. One of the highlights is working with God's Gang--a group of 15 Elementary and Middle School kiddos. There is certainly never a dull moment and it's exciting to watch them develop in their faith walk. Both Steve and I are working part time at Woodcrafters Furniture Galleries in Murray. Steve in sales (go figure!) and I am the Office Manager/
Bookkeeper. Turns out it has been a wonderful ministry opportunity...meeting folks and sharing life stories. Of course being close to family most is a definite perk of retirement and moving to Murray. In June of this year we welcomed grandchild #13. Many days and evenings are spent traveling between soccer fields, baseball fields, and cheer completions. And we count it all JOY! Life is good and as always we are so blessed.

**Jack and Vauneida Henton** (Memphis, TN) We are enjoying living at the Village at Germantown along with Frank Bulle and Martha Ann Corlew and looking for other Memphis Conference Retiree to join us. It is a great place. We had a pleasant summer and now look forward to a busy fall going to Dallas this weekend to see a grandson play football and then to LA in November to visit with our son Holland and family. Sending you all our best wishes.

**Rosalina Salyers** (Jackson, TN): Rosalina and sister, Ida, were excited when their youngest sister came from Washington state for a visit. They spent lots of time catching up on details and dining out. Rosalina is doing well since starting dialysis. She has had her highs and lows but overall she feels better. She is forming a close bond with the dialysis staff. Since the room is usually very cold, the nurses tuck Rosalina in and wrap her in a blanket. They call her their little burrito!

**Sarah Dickerson** (Jackson, TN): I enjoyed visiting with Sarah. She resides at Maplewood Healthcare. She enjoys the beautiful landscape but admits that she does not get out much. She enjoys reading and doing cross stitch. I brought her several spy thrillers but not knowing if they were clean I threw in a copy of Hank Russell’s book (keeps me on the good side!). Sarah enjoyed having my puppy visit. Willie was certainly the center of attention and enjoyed all the loving he received.
And the final word from....... 

**Reporter Bobbie Clarke** (Jackson, TN) John and I wish each of you the blessings and awe that the autumn always brings. Although we check the calendar each morning to see which of us has an appointment with the doctor, we are doing well nonetheless. One of our greatest recent joys involves our granddaughter, Olivia, now a freshman at the University School of Jackson. She had a significant role in an original play written by three students. The play dealt with breaking the stigma of drug addiction.

**Mary Wright** (Jackson, TN) shouted out a “Big hello” to everyone when I told her I was calling for the News “N” Views. She thanked me for the call but did not have any news to share.

**Kenneth & Gail Wilkerson** are enjoying living in Johnson City for the last 12 years. Gail has retired from teaching school, after a recent illness. Kenneth is an active gardener and enjoys working in his workshop. At the time I called they were making soup. I think Kenneth may be the cook.

**Answers to History Quiz**

1. **June 28th** This is a trick question. England was using the Julian calendar when Wesley was born. Under that calendar, his birth was on June 28 when England adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752.
2. The correct answer is **exercise to the point of weariness**. John Wesley did advise regular exercise in his 1747 book, *Primitive Physick: or An Easy and Natural Method of Curing Most Disease*. However, he told people to end workouts before becoming weary. Despite the fact that he also warned against “all pickled or smoked or salted food, and all high-seasoned,” *Primitive Physick* was a best-seller in Wesley’s day and sold more books than anything he ever wrote.
3. **Little Jane and Little Fox** (did you really guess Seabiscuit?)
4. The Methodist movement in the U.S. formally organized in December 1784 at **Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore** under the name of The Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The preachers at this first General Conference elected Thomas Coke and Asbury superintendents of the church. The two would later take on the title of bishop.
5. The correct answer is **9,000**. **Charles Wesley** is one of the most prolific writers of hymnody and poetry. According to former Duke Divinity School professor Frank Baker, Charles Wesley must have written on average 10 lines of verse every day for 50 years.
6. The correct answer is **Epworth**. John Wesley’s father, Samuel, was the pastor of the church in Epworth. **When John Wesley** was a young boy, the family home was set afire. John was saved from the fire and later adapted the biblical phrase “a brand plucked from the burning” unto himself. Later, John would return to Epworth, but the current rector barred John from preaching in his father’s former church building. Therefore, John stood on his father’s gravestone in order to preach to the people gathered.
7. **His remains are buried in Bishops’ Lot of Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore.** There under Bishops’ Monument also rest the remains of Bishops Enoch George, John Emory and Beverly Waugh. More recently, the ashes of well-known 20th century missionary, theologian, and author E. Stanley Jones were interred there.
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