As we celebrate the hazy, lazy days of summer we rejoice in a successful Annual Conference, this year at a new location – Northside U.M.C.

We were made to feel welcomed by the wonderful congregation and staff at Northside. Thank you! Our theme “Offering Christ: One Neighbor at a Time” was brought to life as we commissioned 17 college age young people to work in Project Transformation, an eight week summer day camp emphasizing literacy. We witnessed the ordination as Elder Jeffrey Martin Rudy; as Deacons: Camille Waggaman Bradley and Jonathan Chambers Lewis. Commissioned as Elders were Amanda Leigh Crice and Amanda Hartmann Westmoreland. Commissioned as Deacons were Eric Joseph Soard and Janean Lee Tinsley. Licensed as local pastors where: Kyle Bomar, Matthew Emison, Robert Field, Lisa Harper, Dallas Pfeiffer, William Simms and Roger South.

We also celebrated with the 13 who entered the hallowed period called retirement: William Barnard, Steven Callicoatt, J. Steve Cavitt, Harry Durbin, Stephen Mark Earheart, Larry Kendrick, William Lawson, Paul Lynn, Emily Matheny, Tony Meek, Terry Presson, James Roper and Stanley Waldon.

“For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven,” said Bishop McAlilly. “So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure, fields of service not yet touched. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: May the world be your parish.”

Bishop McAlilly reminded us that conference was more than just a business meeting – it was about building and sustaining relationships.

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For more information about the Memphis Conference, General Conference, the South East Jurisdictional Conference (my, haven’t we been busy!) or other United Methodist news go to: w.w.w.memphis-umc.net. Click on NEWS to read the weekly e-news, the Bishops Blog, Circuit Writer, Interpreter Magazine, or the United Methodist News Service. Don’t use a computer? – Ask your church or family members to print off the news you want to receive. That is a ministry they can do for you.

**STAYING IN TOUCH**

Each of you are important to us. We want to stay in touch. If you have a change in address, phone number, or e-mail, please be sure your district office is aware.

Sadly, we have lost touch with clergy spouse Arthurene Bell. If you have knowledge of her address please call the Memphis Conference Office.

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, Beverlyann (address on bottom of page 1). **YOU ARE THE REASON WE HAVE THE NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS!**

**WELCOME**

A BIG welcome to our newest reporters Judd Mowery and Deb Web. You will be hearing from them in October (July was so hectic for me I did not get their assignments organized)

Along with welcome we have to say good bye to reporter Bob Moore Thank you for two years of wonderful service.

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**In Memory Of**

Alma C. Napier  
Widow of Rev. Marvin L. Napier  
June 9, 1930 - February 14, 2016  
(Missed in the April edition)

William Bryan Springer  
July 29, 1930 – March 17, 2016  
Spouse: Lillie Merle Springer

Rev. J. Larry Riley  
August 19, 1946 – May 5, 2016  
Spouse: Debbie Riley

Mary Jane Granberry,  
January 31, 1930 – May 12, 2016  
Widow of Rev. William Granberry, Jr.,

Beverly Joyce Harvey Hartman  
August 30, 1931 – June 4, 2016  
Widow of Rev. Loyal Hartman Jr

Berta Dickerson  
July 1, 1957 – June 2, 2016  
Spouse: Rev. Earl Dickerson

Rev. Jimmy Gillespie  
February 29, 1944 – June 13, 2016  
Spouse: Katie Gillespie

Rev. Russell Lowell Reid  
November 23, 1924 – June 15, 2016

John Wesley Hulme  
July 8, 1925 – June 18, 2016  
Spouse: Asylee Hulme

Dr. John Reid Bonson, Sr.  
March 7, 1945 - June 22, 2016  
Spouse: Robyn Bonson

Anne McClarin Weber  
February 5, 1929 – June 23, 2016  
Spouse: Rev. Henry G. Weber

Ruby Sue Crockett  
Widow of Rev. Martin Crockett  
April 21, 1940 - July 4, 2016
In Bishop McAlilly’s blog “Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done” he celebrates the life of Mrs. Louise Baird Short, the oldest living Bishop’s wife.

Louise Baird Short (1906 – 2016) was a gift to the United Methodist Church. Her Longevity allowed her to experience and walk alongside her husband, the late Bishop Roy Short, who served the Nashville Area from 1952-1964. She lived to be 110. In one of my first visits after becoming the resident bishop … she began to reminisce about the many ways their lives had intertwined and impacted the Methodist Church. Mrs. Short enjoyed prominence as the oldest living Bishop’s wife. This often afforded her the opportunity to speak to groups many years after the death of her beloved husband. She had a clear voice and opinion, which she loved to express. She was never shy. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

“And oh what a life she has lived”, reports The Tennessean. “Louise Baird Short rode a camel in the ancient city of Petra at 90. She visited the Great Wall of China at 95. When she turned 100 she made her last trip abroad to visit Angkor Wat in Cambodia, the largest religious monument in the world.” To read more about Mrs. Short’s fascinating life go to The Tennessean, Jan 16, 2015 or Google Louise Baird Short.

**100th Birthday**

Mrs. Ozella Sykes, surviving spouse of Rev. Bonnie Sykes, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 20th. Her daughter, Vita Dalton, will present Ozella with a box of over 100 cards signed at Annual Conference. You can write to Ozella at: Arbor Place of Puryear, 220 College St., Puryear, TN 38251

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**From the Mail Bag**

Good Morning

I received word yesterday for Kathleen Phillips Mathis (clergy spouse) fell at home recently and went to live with her son in Murfreesboro. Her new temporary address is c/o Phil Bradley, 224 Four Seasons Dr., Murfreesboro TN. 37129.

Helen Bond
Memphis Conference

Dear Family & Friends,

As all of you know, Dot & I have directed our time and efforts during the last two years in helping our daughter, Cynthia, fight brain cancer. The fight goes on… Cynthia received a Gamma Knife procedure on two tiny lesions showing up on the MRI. No change was noted in previously treated areas! Her energy is good, and her morale is positive! She and two of her cousins are going to the Cayman Islands on vacation July 16-23, and she is excited about that.

In the meantime, I had surgery to repair an abdominal hernia followed by prostate surgery. I am able to eliminate naturally! WhooPEE! I’ll take it easy for another couple of weeks, and try to gain strength by exercise, etc. This may well be more information than you cared to hear, but your support is very important to me, and I thank you.

Gratefully, and joyfully, Jerry & Dot Carr

An Evening with Tom Perkins: Tom conducts inspirational, motivational, laugh and learn programs for retired teachers, women’s clubs, civic groups, churches, groups of all kinds.

The theme is; BLAZING INSTEAD OF RUSTING The emphasis is on doing more interesting things than you ever thought possible. It’s a HOW TO on everything from writing and publishing to fantastic affordable adventures. THERE IS NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH SOME MAGIC THROWN IT! To schedule a program call 731-676-3876, or email top38@yahoo.com
John and Karin Lee

On December 8, 2007, John had the great privilege of marrying Karin Brown who has taught the Word of God for over 40 years. Prior to their marriage, Karin and her late husband served as Assistant Pastors and traveled the 48 states plus Canada and into Malaysia teaching and preaching. Since the Lees' marriage, they have taught in several bible schools, preached crusades and held marriage seminars in Kenya and here in the states. Their ministries have led them into 21 different countries. They now live in Tulsa, OK and are directors of an evangelistic and missionary ministry called NEW COVENANT BEGINNING MINISTRIES, INC. John's background is diversified in regards to participation in various church denominations. He was reared in a Methodist home, converted in a Church of the Nazarene, was active in a Baptist youth group, went two years to a Presbyterian college and graduated from an interdenominational seminary (Asbury Theological in Kentucky). He is now a retired Elder in the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church. Karin and John each have four children. Karin has a son and two daughters living in the Detroit, Michigan area. She has a daughter who lives in Tulsa with her husband and two children... There are now a total of 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren!!! John's two sons and two daughters have produced 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren!!!

Craig and Kay Jordan (Nesbit, MS):
The Jordan’s are having a moderately busy summer. Craig spent the early weeks of the season completing maintenance tasks at home: sealing asphalt pavement, rebuilding storage building doors, and spreading gravel on our barn road. Kay planted our raised bed garden, and she is now harvesting peas and tomatoes. She continues teaching adult learners seeking G.E.D. completion at the Desoto Literacy Council. In early June we visited our son, Michael, and his family in Round Rock, Texas. We enjoyed not only seeing daughter-in-law, Becky, and grandchildren, Courtney and Hunter, but also celebrated Michael’s 42nd birthday. In late June we enjoyed participating in Project Transformation at the Longstreet UMC site as volunteer readers. Near the end of July we will be joining Kay’s three siblings and their spouses for a vacation in the Canadian Rockies including Banff and Jasper National Parks and a two day train ride to Vancouver. We hope that trudging through trails above 6,000 feet (at our age we don’t "hike") will be "doable". In late August Craig will return to the classroom at Rhodes leading his course on "Pain, Suffering, and Death". Have a relaxing end of summer and gorgeous fall! (Editor's note: We expect to see some exciting vacation photos!)

Russel & Carroll Gallimore (Jackson, TN) - were thrilled to have their two oldest grandsons, Noyel & Navin, visit them on July 11. They live in Portland, OR, and last saw each other two and a half years ago. Together, they celebrated their Dad's 50th birthday. In Senior Olympic news, at the last moment Russell (recovering from rotator cuff surgery) was cleared for limited play, earning "crud". There may be some not-to-be mentioned names for this malady. We are doing aqua therapy for strength and flexibility. Linda's son in Anchorage, Alaska, has had two very complex spinal surgeries. Recovery is going to be slow and painful but he seems to be making good progress. I know it is hard for Linda to be so far apart from her son during this difficult time.

Reporter Harold Montgomery

The Montgomerys (Jackson, TN) have been dealing with some sort of debilitating condition which we named "the
medals in all three of his events (Gold in shuffleboard doubles; Silver in shuffleboard singles; and Bronze in table tennis singles). Russel and Carol will be working the upcoming elections in August and November. Carroll is the officer of the Northside Precinct.

Paul and Mary Douglass (Brentwood, TN) celebrated the sixtieth wedding anniversary on June 10th. Mary continues to care for Paul as he continues to slip deeper into the darkness call Alzheimer’s. Please keep them in your prayers and send them a card of encouragement. (Brighton Gardens, 103 Arcaro Place, Apt 347, Brentwood, TN 37027)

Jo Elliott (Henderson, TN) – Jo sold her house this spring and has moved into a house with her daughter and son-in-law in Henderson. The house has eight acres of land, so they have planted a good size vegetable garden, which is starting to produce nicely. Canning days are ahead! The family does a lot of things together including a trip to the mountains back in May. She also told me that her health is fine. It was good to talk to Jo for a while!

James Michael Elliott (West Paducah, KY) – I caught Brother Mike as he was coming in from chauffeuring his granddaughters around. His daughter from Louisville had been visiting, and they had taken in some Paducah Chiefs baseball games while she had been there. His big news was that he had flown to California and drove back to Western Kentucky with his son’s truck. He was able to see so many of the western states. (Sounds like a really great experience). It poured rain on the 4th of July in the Paducah area, so he knew what was waiting for him – the inevitable lawn mowing.

Ed and Ruth Endsley (Benton, IL) – The Endsley’s came to Jackson for Annual Conference and were glad to see many of their friends. Ed now serves two small churches in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. In July Ed and Ruth are going to Lansing, Michigan to visit Ruth’s son, family, and grandsons. A granddaughter from Connecticut has visited this summer with them in Illinois. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Hugh and Marilyn Barksdale (Mayfield, KY) – When talking to Marilyn, I discovered that she has really had a rough late winter, continuing on to the whole spring and now into summer. In February she was diagnosed with a torn meniscus. Surgery followed in March with physical therapy beginning thereafter and ending the last day of June. She said that Hugh helped a lot. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as recovery is still not complete. Speaking of Hugh, he is now assisting Reverend Joe Hansen at Mayfield 1st UMC – assisting, not the associate. Marilyn says that he is doing a lot of fill-in preaching throughout the area, and even in West Tennessee.
Attempts were made to contact Jimmy Dyer (Jack’s Creek, TN) and Betty Greer (Big Sandy, TN), but were unsuccessful.

Reporters

Beverlyann Jetton

Beverlyann Jetton (Jackson, TN) – This has been an exciting (and full) summer. May started with a trip to Florida to visit my mother then on to Iceland and Germany. Iceland was a side trip tacked on to my Germany trip. It proved to be the highlight of my summer! It was odd flying out of Orlando with a winter coat but I quickly appreciated it when we landed in Reykjavik. Being a volcanic island (with over 300 active volcanos) there are many geological sights to visit. I enjoyed seeing Iceland’s answer to our “Old Faithful”, a large geothermal geyser. I had the opportunity to worship with a small church. Services were in Icelandic but translated into English. In Germany I worshiped with a Filipino congregation and their service floated between English, Tagala and German. It brought home the concept though we are many – we are one body in Christ. Upon returning home I learned that a close friend was very ill. After getting her settled in the hospital (for what turned out to be a 6 week stay) I began taking care of her two children. I found that I enjoyed having more activity (sometimes LOTS of activity) in my house. It was good seeing many familiar faces (thank goodness for nametags!) at Annual Conference. Next big event is our Retirees Retreat at Lakeshore in October – and of course I expect to see each of you there!

Mary Moore (Memphis, TN) – I truly enjoyed a long conservation with Miss Mary. She shared with me her faith journey and after our conservation I spent several hours meditating on the bible passages we shared. She retired in 1999 when she had the opportunity to raise her grandchildren. What came out of heartache has turned into a blessing. Her grandchildren are now grown and have graduated college. Challenges did not end there. Three years ago her grandson and granddaughter were shot in a domestic violence incidence. Both spend extensive time in the intensive care. Her granddaughter, now paralyzed has had a long rehabilitation. Mary continues in a car taker role, encouraging and strengthening her granddaughter. Repeatedly during our conservation I heard “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31) and “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Ps 91:1). As Mary was raising her grandchildren she would pray Psalm 91 over them, claiming those verses for their strength. As her granddaughter struggled in recovery she said it was those verses that gave her strength. Mary’s grandson said that as he laid semi-conscious in the ICU he dreamed of being covered in beautiful feathers. As the fog began to lift he recalled the verse his grandmother had taught him Psalm 91:4 “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.” I made Miss Mary promise to call me later in the year and keep me posted as healing continues. If you don’t want to wait until the next News ‘N’ Views, give Mary a call (901) 605-1959. You will be glad you did.
Gary Drum (Jackson, TN) – WELCOME HOME should be the title of Gary’s news. Shortly after retiring from Lambuth University and as a Lay pastor (2015), Gary began a difficult journey that included a cardiac arrest, renal failure, a long hospitalization and even longer time in rehab. While recovering his beloved cat passed away. When I call Gary he had just returned home and was still in the process of having cable and internet service restored. He is looking forward to returning to his first love – teaching. At Lambuth he taught communications and theater but has also taught philosophy. He would love to reestablish a connection with fellow clergy. You can contact him at (731) 267-4488 or through Facebook.

Agnes Butler (Paducah, KY) – I had a wreck on May 10th and injured my leg. The doctor was concerned that I might lose my leg, but thank goodness it is healing well. I cannot bear weight on it for 6 more weeks. My 14 year old grand-daughter was in the car with me. She had burns on her neck from the seat belt. When they examined her, they discovered she had some nodules on her thyroid. We are waiting for more tests to determine what they will do for her.

Leave the broken irreversible past in God’s hands and step out into the invincible future with Him
Oswald Chambers

Reporter
Bev Farnsworth

Bev and Joyce Farnsworth (Memphis, TN) — We enjoyed our time at conference and visiting with friends. At the moment we are once again deeply concerned for our son Stephen who has a precancerous growth in his duodenum. We are waiting for the surgery to be scheduled. We covet your prayers for him during this difficult time.

Tom Bullock (Jackson, TN) – Tom enjoyed spending time with his daughter over the July 4th holidays. They toured the Discovery Park in Union City and had a wonderful time. (Editor’s note: If you have not been to The Discovery Park you are missing an adventure. They have something for all ages. Although the grounds are extensive, the main museum has plenty of seating for frequent rest stops)

Everett and Lucy Porter (Memphis, TN) — Are doing well and send their greetings.

I was unable to Contact: Allen and Delores Broyles (Rio Rancho, NM), Whitney Caldwell (Milan, TN), or Elton Watlington (Memphis, TN)

Joe Mosley

After both requests by phone and email I have only heard from Bob and Oma Strickland (Eads, TN) who sent their greetings. I was not able to make contact with Jim Stubbs (Memphis, TN), Kenneth Uselton (Millington, TN), William Gentry (Collierville, TN), Katie Gillespie (Memphis, TN) or John & Jean Glaze (Memphis, TN)

Joe and Carol Mosley (Atoka, TN) - At our last installment of News ‘N View, Carol and I were planning a trip to Cooperstown, NY to watch one of our grandsons play in a Little League World Series. However, for health reasons we felt it would be wise to cancel. On April 11th we discovered that Carol has bladder cancer. Both her urologist and
oncologist assure us that this is not only treatable but curable. At the time of this writing, she has completed six of her eight chemo treatments and if all goes well, her last is scheduled for July 25th. Four to six weeks later she will have the surgery that “should” remove all the cancer. In spite of her treatments we managed to take a few days to go to the Smokies and are currently planning a trip to Gulf Shores in a couple of weeks. I thank God every day for my continued progress as I have assumed the role of caregiver for Carol. I lovingly say she set the bar very high in caring for me, now I am trying to give back at the same level. Your continued prayers for the Moseley family are still appreciated. Blessing to one and all!!!

Reporter Walter German

Walter and Donna German (Jackson, TN) – Our days are busy right now administering eye drops every few hours after Donna’s cataract surgery. I have learned to administer drops in her eyes with a steady hand (don’t know what she would do without me!) When this is completed, we will take a little time to enjoy a celebration of our fifty-third Wedding Anniversary. By that time I will no longer be on call for Jury duty. We wish all of you a healthy and enjoyable summer

Cecil and Theron Kirk (Jackson / Nashville) are in the process of moving to Nashville to be close to their children. They have sold their house in Jackson and bought one in Nashville. Their plan is to move at the end of July. We wish them the best. We will miss them in Jackson. Theron informed me that their grandson was in a car wreck. He suffered a broken leg. He has received a scholarship to play Golf at The University of Tennessee at Knoxville. We extend our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I talked with Tom and Shirley Small (North Point, FL) They are doing well. Shirley is a substitute teacher Florida School System. They have written two children’s books and just finished the second book. The books are entitled: “Boots Flies to Boston” and “Midnight: The Cat’s Meow”. They are still active, but are limited in travel ability and do not get back to the Memphis Conference often. Tom told me they served seventeen years in the Memphis Conference.

I enjoyed a nice visit with Louise Wilder Scott (Cordova, TN) she is 92 years old and remarried. Her husband William D. Scott is a retired American Baptist Minister. William is facing surgery, July 27, because of cancer. She is expecting to have her time spent with his hospital stay and recovery. Please keep both of them in your prayers. She also told me that Memphis State officials have been in contact with her about Lambuth University during the transition.

I contacted Thomas and Carol Smith (Fulton, KY) Thomas told he was “dry and vertical”. They are doing all right and he is active filling the pulpit from time to time. They attend Cayce United Methodist Church where he gives the children’s message during Sunday’s Service. Jim Wolfgang is their pastor.

Joe Shelton (Benton, KY) - was in the hospital at Western Baptist, recovering from Spinal infection which has left him unable to use the lower part of his body. He has moved to his daughter’s home in Benton, Kentucky and has good home health care. Our prayers are extended to him and his daughter and caretakers.

I tried to contact Margaret Simons (Jackson, TN), but did not get a reply before submitting this news. I also call Mary Riley (Paducah, KY) but got no answer.

Reporter Marcia Tate

I have made multiple efforts at contacting my call list but alas to no avail. Some of my contact information is incorrect (telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and physical addresses). I’m a little disappointed but maybe next quarter I will have more success. I tried to contact: Wayne & Lisa Holmes, Bill & Barbara Harris Shirley Hinson, Billy Joe Jackson, Betty Jean Lawrence, Donald & Elizabeth Barnett, and Phillip & Vida McClure. Please know that I thought of each of you and tried to reach out to you. (Editor’s note: If you have news to share or just want send a greeting please feel free to contact the Editor)
As for our part.....We have had a busy summer so far. We have been having a great time with our grandsons when we can. It seems we are always running somewhere to do something. We are going to Lake Junaluska in August to attend a conference and then off to somewhere else for a few more days. We are looking forward to that time away. We both will attend our 50th class reunion in Sept. and Oct. On Sept. 4 we will celebrate 45 years of marriage.

Reporter Bobbie Clarke

It was a joy to visit with my calling group. Bob and Joyce Cole (Lakeland, TN) and I had a long conversation in which she shared the “ups and downs” of a minister’s wife. She is especially excited about her new home and being able to see her children often. Bob Cole wasn’t particularly excited about attending conference with his walking cane until he saw John Clarke using his cane. John and Bob were roommates at Lambuth during John’s freshman year. John told me how Bob sang hymns at the top of his voice while walking the halls of Epworth Hall.

My phone call with Joy Trevathan (Sharon, TN) was cut short as she was hosting a luncheon for visitors in her home.

Martha Traylor has spent time visiting her special churches, reunions with friends, and a college reunion at Paris Landing State Park. After all her special visits and activities she cooked Sunday dinner for all available. She also reports that all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are interested in sports and music. This keeps her busy.

John and I had a wonderful spring visiting friends and enjoying our new church friends at Forest Heights united Methodist Church. John has been asked to serve as Minister of Pastoral Care.

I was unable to reach Stephen and Deb Webb (Murray, KY) and Linda White (Mt Sterling, KY)

Reporter Jenna Garland

I talked with Nell Dotson (Kirksey, KY) - She said she had not had any storm damage from the several storms that have hit southwestern Kentucky. She is ok and up and going. At our age that is good.

Fay Garrett (Murray, KY) - is feeling some better. She and her grandchildren went to Wanda’s for the 4th of July. The kids had water balloons and they had a ball.

Dan and Aileen Leslie (Kirksey, KY) – The Leslies recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary! Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Sue McKinney (Dexter, KY) - writes that not much different has been going on this summer. Our garden produce is beginning to come in and we are enjoying the tomatoes, corn, okra, and squash now. Have put up some corn but the raccoons thought they needed it more than we did so they have feasted on it. We had around 14 inches of rain since July 3rd, so it’s been rather muddy in the garden. Just thankful no one was injured in our area during the storms. Our family is about to increase with a new little great granddaughter. Our grandson, Bryan Coles and wife Haley will be welcoming little Claire Gray into their family about any time now. Church work continues to keep us busy with VBS, revivals, etc. and we are thankful we are able to continue to work for Him. Robert’s sister passed away last month and we had all the family here during that time. Also, our children and grandchildren come to our house once a week for food, fun and fellowship which we have greatly enjoyed.

I know that Carol Craig (Evansville, IL & Hazel, KY) - is anxiously awaiting the birth of her new
granddaughter. Paul and Erin are expecting a little girl most any time. With both parents over 6 ft (Paul is 6’10”) we are taking bets on how long that little girl will be. *(Ed note: I am betting 23 ½ inches)* Carol and I enjoyed conference very much especially the Rust College Choir. It was just wonderful.

Glenn and Georgia Ann Hill (Hazel, KY) Good morning from KY, It is a good day which God has created and at the moment a dry one. Must mow my yard again today, which has been a regular occurrence this summer which I enjoy weekly for three and one-half hours of “rider” mowing. In May, I was privileged to preside at the South Pleasant Grove Church Conference in the Purchase District at which time the congregation voted to continue the building program with a complete demolition of the existing two story Sunday School rooms, Nursery and Offices and to build a new complex which will be a great milestone in the history of the church. I am also glad to be part of the SPG Relay for Life Team meeting in May at the MSU Stewart Stadium celebrating memories, treatments, recovery and support of cancer victims. At this event, I celebrated my own recovery from cancer in February and May 2007, which was also the year I retired. (9 yrs. ago.) PTL. Georgia and I enjoyed Annual Conference and the fellowship with colleagues, other delegates and friends. We stayed at a motel in Milan which was not a long drive to the North side of Jackson meeting place. I enjoyed preaching the Homecoming service in my home church, Martin's Chapel UMC, in Murray where we began celebrating 180 years as a worshipping congregation. On July 3rd, we celebrated with family and extended family the 4th birthday of our great-grandson, Sawyer Lee Hill, with a dinner at Mr. Gatti's in Murray. Of course, he loved all the attention. Georgia is still doing her thing, whenever the notion hits her. She is getting ready to go out and pick wild blackberries again. She makes good blackberry cobblers. Yum. I am still selling (or striving to sell) Eagle (portable) Buildings and Carolina Carports. I am in a new position as a retired minister never before held in the church - church treasurer. Boy, what a job! I appreciate even more those who served in the churches with me for the awesome jobs they did and some still do... Well is that the grass growing I am hearing from the office in my home? Better get up and get on it. We wish for all of you a great quarter of the year, good health, great attitudes and sharing the love of Christ Jesus.

Jenna Garland (Hazel, KY) - This has been a stressful summer for yours truly. My mother’s last sibling, an aunt that I was very close to went home to be with the Lord. She was 89 and had dementia. I was both thankful and sad. She had lost her husband exactly one year ago. They had been together for 69 years. They were the last aunt and uncle on either side of my family. All the cousins continue to get together on the 4th of July. We had to have it in the pavilion at Mason’s Chapel because of the weather. It is closed in and air conditioned so it was quite comfortable. There were 84 present this year (I have a lot of cousins). I lost a huge old cedar tree in one of the storms we had. It fell on my fence and my great nephews came to cut it up and haul it off. I am just so grateful for my family, they take such good care of me when I get in trouble. I have been volunteering since 2004 at Life House Care Center in Murray every Thursday afternoon. I enjoy being part of that ministry. I do not have a garden this year but I do have three tomato plants in pots and they are beginning to get ripe. My sister has enough garden for both of us and her corn is coming in so I guess I will help her with that. I am surrounded with field corn but it is not good to eat. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the October retreat at Lakeshore. Take care and have a good rest of the summer.

I emailed Robert and Doris Saywell (Murray, KY) - but did not hear from them. I know they were at conference.
Harold and Jacque Stricker (Cottage Grove, TN) - went from “not doing much” to being quite busy. With all that we have been doing lately, I lost track of time and almost missed calling my friends. As I write this I am looking out my window watching my “favorite” husband picking blueberries. I am reminded of the Israelites who griped and complained about not enough water, not enough food, how God brought them out of Egypt only to die out in the wilderness. I complained about all those freezes and about not having many blueberries last year and now I am complaining about all the blueberries we are getting. Guess I know where I would stand out in the wilderness - with all those grippers… Really, we have been blessed this year with blueberries - and yes, I really was complaining about all the blueberries we are getting.

H.B and Rosie Fields (Paris, TN) - said everything was going well at the Eva United Methodist Church. The church is strengthening and slowly growing. They are enjoying their ministry there. Rosie and H.B are busy remodeling a mobile home. The renovations includes a new floor and electrical wiring. H.B says they get up and work as long as they can and quit until it gets cooler. They are doing well and keeping busy with their home, church activities and loving on their grandchildren.

Zada Russ (Nashville, TN) - is enjoying her time with her son Steven, in North Carolina. Maybe in October I will call her at a better time and she will be able to update us all. I am so thankful she is able to go and visit and spend time with her family. I am looking forward to talking to her again.

Ozella Sykes (Puryear, TN) - says she doesn’t do much anymore. Ozella said she recently had a family gathering and had 38 people there. It was just potluck and by the end of the day she was really tired.

Joe and Bernice Walker (Springville, TN) - are doing OK. Joe Jr. comes frequently. Bernice said she is sitting with a former church member about three days a week and really enjoys it, but that is about it.

I was unable to reach Rick and Mary Jane King (Paris, TN).

Jim and Pat Calhoun (Dyersburg, TN) – Jim will be pastoring in a unique 6 church parish situation with Judd Mowery and Philip Cook. In July Jim and I will be driving to
Oak Ridge, TN to visit with my sister. We will also spend time in Pigeon Forge. I have been busy doing crafts for the Union City First U.M.C. fall bazaar. They have not had a bazaar in over 15 years. I am still active in local and district U.M.W. and the Homemakers club. I am still doing china painting and hope to enter several pieces into the Obion County fair. We look forward to attending the Retirees Retreat at Lakeshore. It is always an enjoyable time of fellowship and great food.

Sam & Judy Pace (Millington, TN) – I had a good conversation with Sam and Judy. I don’t believe we have had the opportunity to meet each other but we found that we have several mutual friends. Sam enjoys a unique hobby – growing water plants such as lilies and locus. I believe this is called hydroponics. Over the last 20 years his hobby has grown into a small business. He has several acres he cultivates. Judy has recently been sick with an E-coli infection in the blood. She is gaining her strength back and was able to travel to Virginia to attend a bridal shower for her grandson’s intended. Sam has also been doing some traveling – to Florida to see a heart specialist.

Tommy and Beverly Jowers (Dyersburg, TN) – I had a good visit with the Jowers when the Mississippi River district met for our summer get together at the Discovery Park. Beverly has been busy working in the yard and Tommy has been remodeling a detached garage for storage of their yard equipment. It might even become his “man-cave”. Tommy recently lost is sister who lived in Kennett, MO. Tommy and Beverly are looking forward to a fall trip to Virginia to see their son. Driving through the Smokies in the fall will make a beautiful trip.

Judd and Gail Mowery (Troy, TN) – I missed seeing Judd at the Mississippi District get together. He stays quite busy. Recently he completed a series of camp meetings for Rev. Ed Endley in Illinois. Gail enjoyed having her grandchildren visit. She also drove to Memphis and Jonesboro, Arkansas to spend time with her cousins. The Mowerys are busy settling into their home in Troy after retiring from the Troy U.M.C. Judd will be part of a new parish situation. He will pastor Hornbeck and Obion churches, preaching twice a month. Jim Calhoun will have 2 other churches in this parish (Cobbs Chapel and Mt. Manuel U.M.C.). The parish will include Troy and Mt Zion U.M.C. with Phillip Cook as pastor.

Charles & Darrylin Parker (Camden, TN) – I learned that Darrylin has been quite ill this summer having been hospitalized in Camden twice and air lifted to Memphis. She is continuing her treatments and doing better. Please keep this family in your prayers. Charles continues to pastor at Palestine and Holiday U.M.C. The churches have been so kind – bringing food, sending cards, and phone calls. The Holiday church recently developed a beautiful prayer garden.

Michael Blake (Martin, TN) – I had a good conversation with Michael. He keeps very busy! He is preaching at the Greenfield and Brock U.M.C. through December. He has also taken over the treasurer position for the Memphis Conference Relief Association. Michael continues to care for his mother who will turn 94 in August. She still plays the piano at her church. You may send birthday wishes to her at: 613cleave, Martin, TN 38237. Michael is active in a ministry in South Sudan called Green Land Home for orphans. He hopes to visit the South Sudan in the fall of 2017. Michael is also working on a church history book for Freemans Chapel U.M.C. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

I did not catch Fred Thomas (Union City, TN), Craig & Evan Myrick (Nashville, TN) or Elizabeth Nance (Aiken, NC)
The United Methodist Church has existed in various forms for more than 200 years. Test your knowledge of its history with these questions. This quiz is a partnership between United Methodist Communications and the General Commission on Archives and History.

1. What is NOT a tip for good health from John Wesley?
   A. Take cold baths
   B. Go to bed at 9 p.m. and rise at 4 or 5 a.m.
   C. Stand while reading or writing
   D. Exercise to the point of exhaustion

2. How many delegates attended the 2016 General Conference?
   A. 100
   B. 535
   C. 864
   D. 1000

3. Name two of Frances Asbury's horses.
   A. Peter and Paul
   B. Little Jane and Little Fox
   C. Seabiscut and Hard Tack

4. Where is Frances Asbury buried?
   A. Wesley Chapel, London, England
   B. Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland
   C. Mt Calvary Cemetery, Asbury Park, New Jersey

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

Answers to Quiz on back page
A TIME APART
2016 Memphis Conference Retirees’ Retreat

Oct 4th – 5th, 2016

Schedule of Activities:

Tuesday, Oct 4th

10 AM – Registration
11 AM – Get Acquainted / Announcements / Fun, Games & Music
12:30 Lunch  (includes ice cream bar)
1 PM – 5:30 Free for activities (see list below)
5:30 Supper
6:30 Devotion and music  (music around the campfire) - Paul Phillips
8:00 Fellowship and games (bring your favorite board game & cards)

Wednesday, Oct 5th

7:30 Devotions  -  Toni Meeks
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Program #1  Insurance update with Larry Davis
10:30 Program #2  Bible Study – TBA
12:00 Worship with Communion  Bill Tate
12:30 Lunch
1PM Pack and depart  (1PM Exec. Comm. Post Retreat meeting)

We welcome Joe and Liz Hanson as our music leaders for this retreat.

Free Time Activities:

Low intensity nature walk
TN River Folk life Museum at Pilot Knob
Freshwater Pearl Museum (additional fee)
Tour of Lambuth Oxley Cabin
Fellowship time
Pontoon Boat ride on TN River (depending on water depth)
Fishing from the dock (bring your own gear)

Note: Golf carts will be available for people with mobility issues
Retirees’ Retreat Reservations

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: (_____) _____________________________________________________________________________________

Special Dietary Needs? ______________________________________________________________________________

Golf cart assistance needed? _________________________________________________________________

☐ Calhoun & Hopper Lodges - $62.00/ person  Dorm room style with single beds, bring your own linens

☐ Calhoun & Hopper Lodges – 1 person $84, 2 persons $144  Semi-private rooms, linen provided

☐ Kaigler Lakeside Lodge – 2 people $143  Room with two queen or full beds & private bath, shared living room. Linens provided

☐ Shanklin Cottage – 1 person $109, 2 people $143  Cottage with two bedrooms, each with two queen beds and private bath and a shared living room. Linens Provided

☐ Commuter - $29.50/person – covers 3 meals

Make Checks payable to: Lakeshore UMA

Mail to: Lakeshore UMA, 1458 Pilot Knob Rd, Eva, TN 38333

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 19, 2016
SIX LITTLE STORIES

{1} Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH

{2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST

{3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE

{6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old.... I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience' That's ATTITUDE

Shared by Tom Perkins

Answers to History Quiz:

1 D  2 C  3 B  4 B  5 C

For more information go to: http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/united-methodist-church-history-quiz