Notes from the Editor

Summer and fall has been a busy time, as you can tell from all the news we tried to pack into this edition! I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy putting it together. We are blessed with 12 very talented reporters. Even with all our reporters we are not able to contact every retired clergy or spouse. We invite each of you to call, e-mail, or mail your news to Beverlyann Jetton (address below).

This month we acknowledge the tremendous contributions that Vida McClure has made to the News ‘N Views. She has served as one of our reporters since 2006, and carried one of the heaviest loads. Vida and Phillip have decided to take a little more time for themselves (this is retirement after all!). We will miss her unique style in writing. This is not goodbye – you will see Vida and Phillip post their news. We wish them the best in their new adventures and express our gratitude for all they have done.

We are also welcoming two new reporters: Deborah Morris and Bobbie Clark. Both willingly answered my call. Welcome and Thank you!!!

It is our goal to keep each of you connected with friends and colleagues that you have served so faithfully with. Several locations in our conference have cluster groups of clergy and spouses meeting for prayer and fellowship. I encourage you to be a part of your local group. If a group is not meeting in your area, consider starting one.

Each October the Retirees’ Association hosts a retreat at Lakeshore. This year we had a wonderful time worshipping and fellowshipping together. Plan to join us next year. Hope you enjoy the photos on the back.
Keeping in touch with you is so important! When there is a change in your address, phone number or e-mail please contact Helen Bond at the Conference Office at 731-592-0780. Many of the retirees I tried to contact for this edition were not reachable due to outdated phone numbers or e-mail. Sorry I missed you. As you work on your Christmas card list – here are some new addresses (I added mine not because I have moved but because I like getting Christmas cards!)

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Dossie Wheatley Memorial Golf Tournament
There were nine teams of four to play in the Dossie Wheatley Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 1! What a really good turnout! It was played at Carroll Lake Golf Course in McKenzie. We had teams that travelled all the way from Memphis. The weather was cool and dry, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to all who made this a successful endeavor! The proceeds went to Lakeshore Assembly. Over $750 was raised! Many thanks to Mark Matheny for his planning. Mark and Bill Vaughan spearheaded the first tournament in 2013.

Travel Adventure!
Highlights of Paul’s Journeys

Worship Leader: Bishop McAlilly
Speaker: Dr. Davis Chappell, Senior Pastor at Brentwood U.M.C.
12 day cruise with ports of call in Rome, Greece, & Turkey. Tours start at $3996 from Nashville or Memphis. Contact Phillip or Vida McClure for info: Vmcclure1227@att.net or (270) 853-1603

Out of the Mouth of Babes:
A grandfather was walking through his garden when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a quiet voice that sounded like a prayer. When he asked her what she was doing she replied “Just praying, Grandpa – only I can’t figure out what to say so I told God the letters and he can put it together!”
Reporter Beverlyann Jetton

Beverlyann Jetton: After my epic zip lining adventure in June I have kept things pretty tame. I have enjoyed the summer keeping the lawn mowed. I am not much on working in the yard but as long as I can do it on a riding mower I am OK. One of these days I am going to get one of those zero turn radius mowers that Durwood Worley brags about. I celebrated my birthday (not telling which one) in Florida with my mother and sisters. I try to get to Florida three or four times a year to see my mother. I am so blessed to still have one parent with me. I took one set of grandchildren to the Discovery Park in Union City. They were fascinated by the old steam train and the children’s exhibits. Later this summer I took another granddaughter to the Safari Park in Alamo, TN. She enjoyed watching the animals eat until an over-zealous ostrich stuck his head inside the car. I enjoy my gleaning activities for the local soup kitchen and food bank. I am also serving at Forest Heights UMC as a mentor for women who are getting a new start on life. That is a humbling experience and takes far more wisdom than I possess.

Tom & Mary Perkins: We are spending about a week each month in Nashville, riding the bike trails on my recumbent trike, and Mary visits friends and does a bit of shopping. I’m still working on a couple of books, one titled TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION, the other, WHAT HAPPENED TO COMMON SENSE. The premise of the latter is, America has lost common sense somewhere along the way. We had a sorry excuse for a garden this year. Nothing had the heart to grow and produce, nothing except squash and weeds. Usually, our squash doesn’t like the fight and surrenders quickly. This year they did not give up the fight and produced in pride all summer, even in the heat. Mary has prepared squash in every way a good cook can imagine. I discovered I like squash, stewed, boiled, baked, fried, casseroled, caked, pied, and pickled.

Nancy Wheatley: In July I had a foot injury that required wearing a boot for 3 weeks. That healed, but wearing the boot caused other problems that may result in a knee replacement! I’ll know next month. But, even wearing the boot, I made a week-end trip to St. Louis with family. We attended a Cardinals baseball game and visited with Dossie’s brother’s family who have a new baby girl. This makes me a great-aunt for the third time! September starts my quarter to teach Sunday School, and I will attend a short Disciple Study on the Book of John. No golf this beautiful weather due to my sore knee! My mother will celebrate her 92nd birthday on October 30th. I visit with her on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We’ve enjoyed these beautiful days on the porch and patio where she lives in Maplewood Nursing Home in Jackson. As is our family custom, we celebrated an Underwood Family Reunion on Labor Day Week-end. Much love and laughter shared and plenty of good food! I enjoyed participating in the Dossie Wheatley Memorial Golf Tournament in early October.

Keith Wright and his mother Mary Wright both send their greetings. They are enjoying living in Jackson. I have enjoyed talking to Mary and we had promised to go out for lunch so we can get to know each other better. So far our social calendars have not “clicked”. Mary gets together several time a year with her 4 sisters and a brother. All live in the west Tennessee area except a sister from Decatur, Alabama.

Joe and Becky Thornton: I have been greatly impressed with the fact that our Conference is actively involved in looking for resolution with various racial issues that plague our well-being. Lester’s Chapel had two representatives attend the meeting at the Alex Haley Museum in Henning on Racial Reconciliation. Both reps were gratified over the format of the gathering and the very candid conversations that came forth. I suspect this candor will become the only real steps that might lead to something more constructive than what has been realized in the past. I know we all await those further steps that could be in the planning stages. Becky and I have made several trips to the Alex Haley Museum and want to recommend it to everyone. Like the Discovery Park in Union City, the Museum is another earmark of what wonders we have right here in our backyards. I think a trip to Henning could connect us with what the Racial Reconciliation Committee is hoping to achieve in the long run.

Jerry and Ann Jeffords: This past summer has been very busy for Ann and me. We had the privilege of having two of our great granddaughters for about a week. It was a real joy spending time with them and making some special memories. In early July, I preached at Medina First United Methodist and was involved in a funeral in the absence of the pastor. In August we went to St. John’s UMC to hear Ed Kilbourne, a longtime friend, and a folk singer and storyteller. He has a unique way of presenting the Gospel that really communicates the essence of the message. At the same time, we got to visit with our son, Johnny, and had the opportunity to visit with another great granddaughter, Mia. On September 15, we were involved in the 150 year celebration of the Malesus United Methodist Church. It was a wonderful day that brought back many fond memories. Malesus is a loving and caring
congregation that really ministered to us during a time in our lives when so many painful things happened to us. I have also been to Andrews Chapel to preach and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. In October we went to Memphis to attend the Friday night service of St. John's called The Way, a ministry of recovery. Two of the young people who were involved in the Youth Choir when we were at Mayfield are going to be involved in the service with our son, Johnny, and John Kilzer. We are looking forward to celebrating this special time with them and with our son and his family. The last of October we are going to visit Jim and Arleen Cooper at Lake Junaluska. We really enjoy spending time with them. It will be a great time to be in the mountains as the leaves should be at their peak.

**Rosalina Salyers:** Tim and I were always avid travelers but lately I have found it easier (and cheaper!) to enjoy reading about the travels of others. My youngest sister recently retired and she and her husband went on a Mediterranean cruise. She brought Ida and me souvenirs from Istanbul, Italy, and Germany. In late August I lost a dear friend from one of the churches we served (Brazil UMC). In ministry we have developed many lasting friendships. What a blessing this friend was. In September I celebrated my birthday. Beverlyann Jetton took me out for lunch. It is wonderful to be with a good friend on such an occasion.

**Dick & Loretta Haley:** Happy Fall to everyone! Our world has been kinda topsy turvy for the past few weeks. Dick was in the hospital with congestive heart failure and a very bad UTI. He spent two days in ICU. The day we came home from the hospital, he had a low blood sugar crisis that night. Loretta had successful cataract surgery. Hopefully we will be back to normal for a while. We are grateful that our three girls have been helping us out when needed. We hated to miss the Retirees Retreat again this year, but we are looking forward to next year. We are happy to be back at the Pisgah Church after going to Shiloh Church since retiring in June. We really enjoyed the Shiloh Church and the people there very warmly welcomed us into their congregation. We hated to leave them, but we consider Pisgah home. We are thrilled that Walter German is the Pastor there now. He is doing a fantastic job and we enjoy his sermons a lot. We have not done any traveling in a while and don’t have any plans to do so in the near future (even though this is our most favorite time to go the Smokies).

**Report Joe Mosley**

Joe and Carol Mosley: Since my last writing, our life has dramatically changed. On June 1st I was taken by ambulance to Methodist hospital’s emergency room. Twenty-four days later I regained consciousness to learn that I had been stricken with Guillain Barre Syndrome; a debilitating disease that attacks the nervous and muscular system. After two months in the hospital and one in rehab I was able to return to our precious home. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” While I am confined to a wheel chair and/or walker, I am fairly self-sufficient and with the comfort and wonderful care of Carol we are progressing faster than the doctors expected. I live by three prayer requests; patience, perseverance, and peace. By the grace of God, the Great Physician, and the countless prayers being lifted up I am recovering. While most patients with Guillain Barre have 100% recovery, that could take up to a year. For all your prayers, cards and calls I give you thanks and ask that you continue to keep Carol and I in your daily prayers as we fight this fight. *(Editor’s note: Joe tried to resign as reporter but I told him he was too late, I’m not accepting resignations at this time. We will hold the fort down until he is ready to return!)*

Bill & Lillie Springer are doing the Methodist thing - packing and moving. Lillie says it is more difficult this time having lived in the same home for over 20 years. They have enjoyed living in their Germantown home but it is time to do away with the yard work and home maintenance. They will be moving to the Ave Maria Senior Apartments in Bartlett. Lillie is looking forward to 3 meals a day and no dishes to wash!

Jerry & Martha Wagley: This summer has seen Jerry and me spending time at our little Cabin at Grand Valley Lake in Hardeman, Co. We ride the Sea Doo and paddle boat, then relax as we watch the sunset and finish up with a good grilled meal. Retirement life!!! In August, we traveled to Knoxville for a family celebration of the marriage Garrett and Jama. Our son, Jerry Stan, his wife, Samantha and son, Derby came from California for the entire week and enjoyed the Smokies and pretty east Tennessee. A tour of Neyland Stadium was an added bonus. It was back to PARIS for me in September, this time
traveling with two friends, Gale Reeves and Valerie Richards. We shared an apartment overlooking the Eiffel Tower where we watched the sparkling lights every hour at night – when we were back from our adventures. Especially meaningful to me is the trip to Montmartre and spending time in the Basilica Sacre Coeur where someone is offering prayers 24 hours, 7 days a week. There was a mass in process when we arrived, with an angelic choir and even while I did not understand all the words, I knew the liturgy and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in that place. An incredible view of Paris is visible on a clear day, as it was this particular visit. Of course we toured the main sites in Paris and enjoyed the delicious food. It was a great trip and we were grateful for safe travel and well-being. Thanks be to God!

Reporter Harold Montgomery

John and Ann Archer: John is retired but is still involved in pastoral ministry. He preaches when invited for Sunday worship services or revivals; visits persons in hospitals and nursing homes and serves The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to those who can no longer attend Church services. His life partner, Ann, cheers him on.

Paul and Jimmie Phillips: Paul was pleased to report that Jimmie is enjoying much improved health after undergoing treatment in Vanderbilt Hospital. They are looking forward with grandparent’s joy to celebrating the ninth birthday of Paul’s granddaughter. Time does FLY.

Paul and Mary Douglass: Mary was upbeat and cheerful as usual. They have adjusted to living in a very nice assisted living facility in Brentwood. As anticipated she reported that Paul’s condition is slowly declining. But she said that occasionally Paul flashes that Paul Douglass smile. Remember Paul and Mary in your prayers.

Sara McClarin is adjusting to the absence of her life partner of nearly sixty years. Sara is experiencing what was experienced by the Apostle Paul and us: The God of all comfort does indeed comfort us in our trials. That Comfort comes in small increments but it does come. We join Sara and family in missing Bill but we look forward to a wonderful reunion.

Lula Bingham reported good health and contentment in her Shreveport home. Being near her daughter Betsy is a much appreciated blessing. Lula is concerned about her daughter in law, Robert’s wife, who is receiving chemotherapy following a mastectomy.

Now this reporter is reporting on and not to Russell and Carroll Gallimore. They served us well for sixteen years. Let us support Beverlyann Jetton in the challenging position. It is nice to be able to report that Carroll has had a good response to knee replacement surgery and post operation physical therapy. Russell deserves lots of credit for taking excellent care of Carroll. Currently the Gallimores are preparing for the estate sale for Carroll’s mother’s property. In June Russell competed for the sixteenth time in State Senior Olympics winning silver and bronze medals in table tennis and scored sixteen points toward a gold medal in basketball. And in September he competed in thirteen District events earning nine gold and four silver medals. In the meantime Russell preached in five different churches, conducted one wedding service and two funeral services. AND HE TURNS EIGHTY IN OCTOBER.

Martin and Ruby Crockett remain in the care of nursing homes in Jackson and Humboldt.

Your reporters (Harold & Linda) don’t have anything exciting to report but are grateful to be ambulatory. We are enjoying watching Forest Heights Church grow stronger under the leadership of Harrell Nation. Come and worship with us. We believe you will be blessed.

Reporter Bob Moore

Bob and Cynthia Moore: We enjoyed a recent trip to Fripp Island, S.C. with Bob’s brother Jim and sister in law, June, with side trips to Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Beaufort, S.C. We also visited our daughter, Cissy and son in law, Ed in Jacksonville, Fla. We are looking forward to a trip to the Great Northwest in October.

Ann Page (Freeman): Ann has had several eye surgeries recently and is in the process of healing now, which is going well. She is in Venice, Fla. with her family enjoying
the beach. She wants everyone to know that she had changed her name back to Ann Page.

**Patsy Hilliard:** When I talked with Patsy this week, she was looking forward to attending the Retiree’s Retreat at Lakeshore. She spends a lot of time with her grandchildren and enjoys every minute of it. She is planning a trip in the near future to Illinois to visit her sister.

**Julia King:** Everything is going well with Julia. She has completely recovered from her accident that dislocated her elbow and is back to her regular routine.

**Daly Thompson:** Daly just recently finished his supervised therapy following his heart surgery last December. He will continue to do unsupervised therapy at home in the future. He is doing very well and enjoyed a trip to Canada and the Northwest this past summer and still serving as pastor of Johnson’s Chapel UMC in Brentwood, TN.

**James and Iris Bittner:** James and Iris are doing fine and are a new addition to our list of retirees living in Middle TN. They are enjoying being close to family and their 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

**Doug & Blair Meeks:** Doug officially retired from Vanderbilt Divinity School on August 15. He and Blair survived the retirement shindigs and in June and July several family reunions on both sides of the family at their place in the Virginia mountains. After Doug’s lecturing at the Trinity Church Wall Street the first week of June, Blair and Doug took part in the Barth Conference at Princeton June 20-22 and spent several days with Jürgen Moltmann who will turn 90 in April. Doug will be chairing a session on the “Significance and Future of Moltmann’s Theology” at the American Academy of Religion November 20-23 in Atlanta.

I could not reach Sandra Williamson or the Paffards.

**Reporter**

**Vida McClure**

**Paul & Ora Bell Peck:** It is always good to share a few minutes with friends—Such was the case this afternoon when my cell phone rang and it was Ora Bell. Most of you know their son, Ron, was appointed to First United Methodist Church in Millington this year. The church welcomed Ron and his family with open arms PLUS a delicious welcoming dinner. Paul and Ora Bell enjoyed being present for that event. Returning home they visited with their daughter, Lucy, who lives in Henderson, KY. As it so happens several of the Peck family lives in or around Evansville and Henderson area and they were able to see lots of their family. Ora Bell said she and Paul were tired but happy to be with family. They got home and did what they could to finish up their garden spot which seem to be just tomatoes which was turned into tomato juice. Ora Bell had been looking forward to adding to her canning panty as her niece from Michigan always brings lots of canned veggies from her garden in September. Ora Bell recently had a flair up and was in the hospital. The Nashville doctors have suggested that she have her chemo treatments locally. She is still facing many battles but doctors say that the cancer, although it was increased in size, is NOT outside of the lungs. She will be continuing the chemo and antibiotics. Paul is scheduled for cataract surgery in October.

**Fred & Lou French** Yard work occupies a lot of their time and energy. When the grass isn’t growing, the leaves are falling and hence comes the need of raking. Fred confesses to a passion/love he has—dogwoods! Dogwoods have been a favorite occupation through the years with Fred. Once he purchased four trees through the mail. They arrived naked, but when planted they thrived. As preachers’ tend to move from time to time, Fred decided to pack up two of the little trees with the rest of his belongings—transporting them to the new parsonage. But sad to say he reported he had to eliminate one of his dogwood trees. It simply was not in a desirable location - really just unwanted. Fred said it almost felt like a mercy mission bringing a sense of grief.

**Merle and Norma Gene Thomas** have both recently suffered losses of siblings. First Merle received a message that his 94 years old sister, who lived in Clay City, had died. Then the next morning another call reported that Norma Gene’s brother, who lived in Camdenton, Mo, had died. Merle and Norma Gene were able to attend both the funeral/memorial services. The same week of the two deaths Norma Gene was shopping when Merle passed out and had to be transported to the hospital. There are some brighter rays in their lives as they are still able to attend church at Concord with the help of friends who assist them in transportation especially for evening services. They were also able to attend Lebanon’s Homecoming. Even with all the difficulties of life, one thing that they truly enjoy is their family visiting. They are looking forward to their grandson, wife, and two children visiting for a couple of days. Check Sky McCraken’s Facebook page for Merle and Norma Gene’s faces.
Ben & Ann Boone have been busy coping with some water problems at their home and redoing a bathroom. They are also enjoying grandchildren going to soccer and basketball games. All is well and even getting better. We enjoyed their fellowship at the recent Retirees’ Retreat at Lakeshore.

Donnie & Nancy Hardin have been home for a few days and enjoyed family time. They went to Dyersburg, meeting Donnie’s brother and his girlfriend to celebrate their mother’s 89th birthday. While in Dyersburg they also enjoyed a visit with his younger brother. He and Nancy are still trucking dry goods and produce to and from California. Donnie says he truly appreciates and enjoy receiving News & Views. When they arrive home about every seven weeks and News & Views is waiting for them, it gives them a rare opportunity to keep in touch with friends in the Conference. So from Donnie to staff of News & Views, many, many thanks for your hard work!

Bob & Patty Fejes attended their daughter’s wedding in New Hampshire. It was held by a waterfall at Pinkham Notch in the White Mountains – a lovely location; a lovely wedding and truly enjoyed by everyone! The lodge in which they stayed had spectacular mountain top views. The leaves had not begun to change but it was still very beautiful. They had a great time and were also able made a side trip to Portland, Maine enjoying a lighthouse cruise on the Casco Bay.

Marvin & Alice Jones, living in Lawrence, Kansas, say they don’t have a lot of exciting news just trying to stay out of the heat; making necessary trips in the early morning – places like grocery store, church and WALMART! They are doing well for their age (those are their words - not mine!!! Vm) Arthritis still hangs around especially with Marvin. They enjoy activities at the complex staying in touch with their neighbors. Dominos is a favorite. They also attend Bible Study at church on Tuesdays and two Mondays a month they participate in Game Day at the church. Closing Message: “We are so blessed and we thank God for all they have and experienced.”

Margaret Mayhew expressed thanks that the massive hurricane that was projected for Florida (where she resides) decided to just "die out" and not do damage in her area but sorry for the damage it did below Florida! Margaret reports she is doing well for 88 years old! She had a good birthday on August 30 eating out the night before because it was “supposed” to rain all day on the 30th but as luck might have it the rain fell the night of the 29th as they were eating out – BUT they did not get wet. The rain stopped before they left the restaurant - SO – on the 30th they enjoyed “doggie bag leftovers” and then pigged out on a beautiful, delicious birthday cake. By the way, she is telling people “she is only 44 years old (that is 44 x 2!)

Lewis & Ruby Kendrick celebrated his 80th birthday with all his family on July 12 at Oak Level UMC with over 70 people in attendance enjoying a wonderful time. The 1st of October, Lewis and Ruby, along with some of their family, will be spending a week in the mountains. Then they will visit with Ruby’s sister in Jefferson City, TN after which they will travel on to Roanoke, Virginia to visit Lewis’ brother for a couple of days. Lewis has also been busy in ministry – two baptisms, a wedding for his grandson atop Look Out Mountain in Chattanooga; and a wedding in Paducah for another grandson at the Carson Center. He and Ruby do volunteer work Marshall County Hospital. Ruby also works at the “New to You Shop” operated by the United Methodist Churches of Marshall County.

Agnes Butler and granddaughter, Lexi, have had a very busy summer. Repeatedly in the past, Agnes has included working in her yard and garden and enjoying it. This month she says she is about to say: “enough is enough!” Apparently this year, the work has gotten more difficult but she thanks God she has been able to do it and hopes her health will continue to enable her to do what needs to be done! Lexie got through Vacation Bible School and camping at Lakeshore just in time to jump into the new school year as a 8th grader at Lone Oak Middle. She has 4-H sewing on Monday evenings. She has won three grand championships for her sewing projects in the county fair and two projects were sent to State Fair where she achieved blue ribbons. She has dance on Wednesday and Friday evenings – keeping Agnes busy checking her calendar to see when and where she and/or Lexi is supposed to be at any given time. She has already started working on the Christmas program for the church!!!! But never let it be said, that Agnes is too busy for Baby Lily when a baby sitter is needed.

Ed & Ruth Endsley: Ed is still pastor of two Churches – Ina and Waltonville, IL. In July they enjoyed camp meeting and visited his brother in Freeport, IL. They visited Ruth’s son and daughter-in-law in Lansing, Michigan recently. Plans are on the table to visit Ed’s oldest son, wife and daughter.
in Connecticut. “Retired?” (Yes – after all if you were not retired, could you do all that traveling?? Vm)

Received note from Martha Traylor. She has enjoyed her summer! She still cooks for her family every Sunday – and enjoys it immensely. In July she went to Burke, Virginia with daughter and husband (Gina and Mike Adams) to visit her other daughter’s family (Gail and Randy Allen). It was a wonderful trip and visit. In September she flew back to Burke to see family again as she had missed seeing one great granddaughter when she was there earlier in July. She was able to attend ball games, marching band performances, and soccer games. What a joy - Life with those we love – family and friends! Hopes are that will continue for a long time to come as her health continues to be good. Ending note: “I AM SO VERY THANKFUL!”

Joe Skelton reports if all goes as scheduled he will have the joy of baptizing his third grandson, Allison’s youngest, Caydon Tomlinson, on Sunday, October 11th, during the regular morning service at Clinton First United Methodist Church.

Kathleen Phillips Mathis called a few days ago. I really owe her a HUGE apology! The call was on my cell phone. There was a lot of noise around me plus I was in crisis mode at the moment. She gave me her name and I was at a total blank – I could not recognize nor place the name. I was very embarrassed. Kathleen, again let me say “I am sorry.” She did report that she had no special news and was doing well.

Hank & Grace Russell has had a very rough summer. They spent several months at Superior Care in Paducah but they have returned home – taking care of each other. Grace commented she was 90 (I think that is what she said) and Hank said he was 39 turned around backwards (93). Sometime earlier this year, Hank was at the dentist office in Paris, TN when he fell. He did not know it at the moment – just knew he was in pain – that he had broken his hip in the fall. Would you believe, he asked the dentist to go ahead with a root canal BEFORE calling an ambulance. He said there was no pain at all FROM THE DENTIST! After the dentist had completed his work, an ambulance was called and he was taken from Paris to Paducah to the hospital finding out he had broken his hip. Grace also had a fall in the kitchen hitting her head. They assured me that both of them were using their walkers faithfully. Visitors and travels have been limited – which of course they do miss.

James Michael Elliott is recovering from a stroke that he had last year. He is doing well. He has two granddaughters – ages 10 and 14 – and they live right next door to him. How lucky could he be! He does enjoy being with them. His 14 year old granddaughter is getting ready for a trip to Florida soon. To prepare for that trip, Michael offered his financial aid to purchase things for her trip which meant he had to do something special for the 10 year.

Ronnie & Sherron Cunningham are happy to report that all is well and peaceful with them at this time. Sherron has had emergency colon surgery but has healed nicely. She gives God the glory for the good medical care she got in the nick of time and the healing that has followed. Ronnie continues to fill pulpits for pastors as needed and enjoys it. The only other excitement to report is that our granddaughter, Tori, is currently in New York City to be interviewed by Meredith Viera. It involves some sort of special program Murray State is offering and Tori’s involvement through her "Little Sister" in her sorority. By the time this prints it will be too late for me to tell you to watch it, so maybe by next newsletter I can tell you more. As the little boy in the joke says, "Now I have told you more than I know.” God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

Calvin & Judy Clark: I had tried repeatedly to contact Calvin and Judy – email and phone calls to no avail. Sunday morning during our Prayer Concerns I found out why. Calvin is in the hospital in Louisville. Presently that is all I know but I am sure he would covet your prayers for him as well as Judy.

Phillip & Vida McClure: In our retired years we have found out it is dangerous to plan anything! One day at a time is safer! After spending over ten years serving the Hickman County Senior Center– volunteering and as the director, Phillip has (I think) retired. They have hired a director. That is not to say that “volunteering” is not continuing at the Center. We attended the Wisdom & Grace Conference for Older Adults at Lake Junaluska the last part of July. That is always a treat. Vida has been serving as secretary for that organization for 5 years – one more year to go! We have joined the American Legion Post in Mayfield and find ourselves busy there. Vida continues to serve as coordinator of Older Adult Ministry at Clinton First. We had an exciting event last week. Greg Waldrop invited us to lead the service of “Blessing the Animals.” I have to admit that was right down my alley – except for the one
dog that snapped at me as I tried to give him a treat! We had about 15 animals. Some folks, who could not bring their pet, brought pictures – and yes, we blessed those pets via photos. Afterward there was ice cream treats from the local “ice cream truck.” Some of the dogs enjoyed the ice cream more than the doggie treats. Oh, there was treats for us humans, too – that is ice cream treats not “doggie treats!”

Max Rogers: Had back surgery the last of August. He reports that it was successful and he is back at work part-time at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The first part of August his 6 year old great grandson and his mother (that is the grandson's mother), visited for several days. They are from New York living 20 minutes from Lake Ontario. Also during this quarter, Max celebrated his 80th birthday.

Sorry I was unable to make contact with Mary Riley.

H.B. and Rosie Fields: They retired in June so are some of our newest “retirees”. H.B. is serving Eva, TN church now and enjoys having only one church. They served this church early in their ministry so are enjoying catching up with the people and watching the church grow. They are helping out with two grandchildren (and their pets), so they are running here there and yonder and when they get the time, they work on their house. So good to have them in our district again. (They are special to us as they were our church members before they went into the ministry.)

Richard and Mary Jane King: Rick fell early this summer and hit his head harder than they originally thought and four days later when his headache wouldn’t go away, they decided to go get checked out. They air-lifted him to Jackson where they had to relieve the pressure. So he has spent his summer doing rehab at the hospital and Cane Creek in Martin. He is still getting some therapy at home and is doing much better. It won’t be long and he will be back with his cane instead of the walker. Mary Jane went to Lake Junaluska for the “Upper Room” retreat. They are looking forward to going to visit family and Lake Junaluska this fall. I know it will be beautiful in the fall.

Harold and Jacque Stricker: We are having a busy “fall”. We had our family reunion in September with 21.7 here (we have one in the oven). The children seemed to really enjoy themselves and that’s what it is all about. Since we get together infrequently, we try to make this time special. We put up canopies to sit under, we have a small pool and a “Slip and Slide”. The boys, ages 9-15, are almost too big for it. Our youngest daughter is adopting two boys (9 and 15) to their five children, so this was a first reunion for them and also for our great-granddaughter who is now four months (she wasn’t impressed with the hoop-la). Latter in September we went to Harold’s “sibling reunion” which we have in the fall at Coldwater Lake in Michigan. The weather was beautiful and warm - normally it is quite cool. As the three brothers and three sister’s get older, we realize our time together is numbered which makes the time we are able to be together precious and we are so thankful. One brother has passed away but there are still seven siblings. In October we took my dad to Maryville, TN to celebrate our granddaughters wedding. It was an outdoor wedding. Fortunately they had a pavilion really close as it was drizzling and quite cool. October 6th and 7th we were at the Retiree’s Retreat. We played games, ate great Lakeshore meals, Harold Phillips gave a lovely memorial service, ate ice cream, heard Dr. Jennifer Johnson, a great story teller. Roberto Mancusi presented the evening program of music. Tharon and Cecil Kirk presented a wonderful program. Before leaving Lakeshore we celebrated Holy Communion together. We had great fellowship, sharing, relaxation and we missed seeing you there.

Ozella Sykes: Things have been hectic for her. There was a death in the family so some of the family came up from Florida. Carol Craig and Jenna Garland stopped by to visit Ozella on their way back from Retiree’s Retreat. She enjoys visiting with people when they come by.

Joe and Bernice Walker: They are doing fine, haven’t gone anywhere this summer. Bernice’s brother isn’t doing very well, so they are staying close to home. Bernice is working two days a week and is doing really great.
Charlotte Comes participated in the 100 year Centennial Celebration at Trinity UMC- Memphis in September. Charlotte put in countless hours helping plan this event. Charlotte spent time in Florida enjoying the waves, boats, seagulls, and eating wonderful seafood. It was a wonderful place to relax. Charlotte has been serving as Church Council Chair for 5 years so you know this is a rest well over due. She said her new pastor, Rev. Jonathan Bratt Carle, is a God-send. He has tremendous energy and is a gifted opera singer. Florida was not all relaxation and play, Charlotte took her Christmas cantata music with her to study. They will present their cantata on Dec. 13th.

Wesley had open heart surgery for a triple by pass on August 6. He had blockages of 100%, 90% and 80%. The doctors were amazed that he had been able to go and do all that he had been accomplishing. He is making progress and on the road to recovery. We are learning that the recovery after open heart surgery is a very long slow process. The last several months have been overwhelming at times, and our Lord has graciously led us through one hour at a time. We enjoyed our time as reporters for the News n Views, and appreciated all the articles that were sent to us each quarter, but we know it was time to pass the baton on to others. Deborah and David Morris will do a great job reporting for our area. We are looking forward to the fall weather, the holidays, and every day the Lord brings our way!!!

Bob and Oma Strickland are enjoying retirement in Hickory Withe, Fayette County, in the home they built in 2000. Living in the same house for fifteen years presents different challenges than those experienced during the “moving years”! Oma traveled to Jonesville, Va. to participate in a mission trip with a team that she has been a part of since 1994. They will be under the supervision of the Appalachian Service Project and will spend a week there. In the past this team has renovated/ built houses, and more than likely their task in Jonesville will be similar.

David and Deborah Morris – Deborah is the new reporter for News ‘N’ Views. Please call her at 731-784-0609 or email her at morris@click1.net. They are serving the Salem-Walnut Grove charge in their retirement. David is learning Spanish in order to translate his book into Spanish. David’s computer skills will assist in helping Deborah with this new challenge.

Becky and Wesley Fears: We have spent the last five months walking in so many blessings. In June Wesley and I took off on a trip out west. We visited 11 states and truly had the trip of a lifetime. Wesley drove 5,075 miles and we enjoyed every mile of it. The wildlife in Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming surrounded us wherever we went and we loved it. We came home and made a quick trip to Texas to visit friends. July 17, my brother’s final battle with cancer was complete. He had a burial with full military honors. Wesley did a wonderful committal. I gave the eulogy for my brother at his Celebration of Life Service. That was the hardest speaking task I have ever attempted, but I also felt honored to be able to give it. When we came home, we realized how very tired we were and Wesley seemed to be struggling. After a stress test and heart cath, Wesley had open heart surgery for a triple by pass on August 6. He had blockages of 100%, 90% and 80%. The doctors were amazed that he had been able to go and do all that he had been accomplishing. He is making progress and on the road to recovery. We are learning that the recovery after open heart surgery is a very long slow process. The last several months have been overwhelming at times, and our Lord has graciously led us through one hour at a time. We enjoyed our time as reporters for the News n Views, and appreciated all the articles that were sent to us each quarter, but we know it was time to pass the baton on to others. Deborah and David Morris will do a great job reporting for our area. We are looking forward to the fall weather, the holidays, and every day the Lord brings our way!!!

Craig and Kay Jordan have had a quiet summer following their trip to Austin, TX in late July to visit their son, Michael, and his family. In August Craig resumed teaching at Rhodes College with 18 students in his Religious Studies course, “Pain, Suffering, and Death”. Kay continues as a volunteer teacher in adult literacy at the Desoto Literacy Council in Hernando. She is also involved in caring for our grandson, Daniel, when their daughter, Rebekah, is working. In September they hosted members of Craig’s family gathering at their home in Nesbit on Labor Day. A cousin and an aunt from Kansas City joined area cousins for Memphis barbecue. It had been several years since that many of Craig’s family had been together at one time. Kay continues to deal with the limits of arthritis and carpal tunnel issues in her wrists and hands. She has experienced some improvement over the past few weeks. They are looking forward to a brief trip to Hot Springs, AR to enjoy fall colors in mid-October.

Zada Russ: Ms. “busy” Zada has her bag packed getting ready to go to Lexington Ky. to celebrate the birthday of her 3 year old great granddaughter, Athena. In August she celebrated her own birthday by visiting a friend in Paducah. She mostly stayed at home this summer enjoying her blessings. Her family are all doing well and since she won’t be hearing from her News ‘n Views reporter again before the holidays, she wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.
I talked with **Nell Dotson** and she said she is doing fine now after her having trouble with her leg this summer. Her son, Ted, has been so good to see that she didn’t want for anything. So glad she is doing well now.

**Fay Garrett** didn’t have any news but her foot is finally healed up from her surgery but she will have to be very careful. She said they are all doing well.

**Dan & Aileen Leslie** said they are doing well. He and Aileen had just returned from a trip to Washington DC and said they had a wonderful time.

I did not hear back from **Robert and Doris Saywell**. I left them a message and hope they are doing well.

**Sue McKinney** writes: There’s been a lot going on at the McKinney household the past two months. On August 3rd, I picked up a log chain that was a little bigger than I needed and tore the rotator cuff of my right shoulder completely into. Had a reverse shoulder replacement on August 18, and have been recovering since. God has blessed me so much during this time with good help from family and church family. I am now in physical therapy and seem to be doing well. One of the bad things about it all was not getting to keep the great-grandkids for 6 or 7 weeks. I sure missed them and was blessed when I could begin keeping them again. We have been busy at church with revival, homecoming, bring a friend Sunday, and also charge conference. We have also been working on crafts during this time getting ready for a Craft Sale on November 7th at the church. Robert has been busy taking care of me, taking care of the garden and lawn as well as visiting and keeping up with his church work. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

**Steven Webb** preached the Homecoming sermon at Hazel last Sunday. Deborah and granddaughter Kylie was with him. They seem to be doing well and serve two small churches in Hickman County, KY but they live in Murray. It was real good to see them again.

I saw **Tom Smith** at the Retirees retreat and he said he wanted to be put on our mailing list. He and his wife live at 950 Crutchfield Rd, Fulton, Ky. 42041. I e-mailed him but did not hear back. I know he likes to fish because he furnished the fish for our Fish Fry this past spring. He took some young folks from our church on a fishing trip. Thanks a lot Tom.

Yours truly (**Jenna Garland**) really enjoyed the Retirees Retreat this year. We had a lot of fun and fellowship and as always Carol Craig was good to chauffeur me and she has done a good job with the scrapbook. It was good to see people I only see once a year at the retreat. I have two great-great nieces who have birthdays this month (age one and two). Sunday is going to be a busy day with a birthday party and then Charge Conference for Hazel and Mason’s Chapel. It is good to stay busy and I am glad I am able to do what little I do. I repeat what Sue McKinney said, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME through the good and the bad, He is always there for us. God Bless All of You.

**Reporter Walter German**

Last week was a great time at Lakeshore during the Retiree’s Retreat. There are three couples of my reporting group attended the retreat: **Cecil and Tharon Kirk**, **Harold and Alice Phillips** and **Donna and myself**, your reporter.

**Benny and Gail Hopper** went to the Story tellers Convention at Crossville, Tennessee. Benny has been waiting to hear from one of his doctors about a procedure that can help his physical health. Gail is still volunteering at the Regional Hospital (now Tennova) and seeing after her mother. Her mother will turn one hundred in less than a year.

**Cecil and Tharon Kirk** are planning a trip to North Carolina. They will join other members of the family at their son, Andrew’s home. Andrew is the youth director of a large church in that area. Cecil is serving as the president of the retiree’s organization. We appreciate Cecil’s leadership in planning and leading our retreat at Lakeshore.

**Harold and Alice Phillips** continue to be active. Harrell led us in the memorial service during our retreat. He continues to teach Sunday School classes and preach on occasions. Harrell and Alice continues to volunteer at the hospital, he as volunteer Chaplain and she at the information desk.

I spoke to **Joan Eickhoff** by telephone. She is doing well. Just wanted us to know everything is well.
Donna and I enjoyed our time at Lakeshore. We look forward to attending the retreat each year. We are enjoying our grandsons. Allen is now a freshman at Ball State University and Collin is in the eighth grade and enjoying playing football. His team has not lost a game and they have one more to play. I have assumed the responsibility of three Churches until the end of December. The Churches are Lebanon, Union Grove and Pisgah. We have services at each church on Sunday morning.

As of the writing of this report, I have not heard from Hiram Harrison. He is still serving the Big Springs United Methodist Church in Hardeman County.

**Reporter Bill Vaughan**

Bill Vaughan has recently been in the hospital and was very concerned about calling “his people”. I assured him that we would get his list covered. His main responsibility is to get better and regain his strength. Our prayers are with you Bill and Marge.

I enjoyed a visit with Sarah Dickerson at Maplewood Healthcare. She was up in her chair enjoying the fall weather through the window. She is a true Tennessean, complete with all the allergies that come with this fair state. Sarah enjoys reading novels especially those written by Beverly Lewis about the Amish. She would enjoy swapping books with other people. If you enjoy reading or have a surplus of books that you may want to share, give Sarah a call (or call Beverlyann and she tell you how to get in touch with Sarah).

Jennie Doss has had a good summer but is glad the hot weather is over. She attended a Doss family reunion in Memphis this summer. They get together as a family several times a year. She sends her best wishes to Bill and Mage Vaughan.

Wayne and Jayne Fesmire are doing well. They enjoyed attending two family milestones – the marriage of one granddaughter and another granddaughter graduating from medical school (Univ. of Missouri, Kansas City).

Mary and Charlie Morgan are like two old cars – in constant need of maintenance, spare parts or an over haul! Mary has made a remarkable recovery from her stroke 3 years ago and a fractured patella last year. She sailed through wearing an immobilizer, two casts, a brace and going to therapy and is now riding a stationary bike at home. Well perhaps “sailing through” may be over simplifying it a bit. You know it took grit and fortitude.

I was unable to reach Tommy Bullock, Gene Davenport, Jean Penny, or Margaret Simons. Hope they are doing well.

**Reporter Pat Calhoun**

Frank and Ann Gardner are getting ready for their Charge Conference (some things don’t change – even in retirement!). Their churches (Stanley and Gardner) are growing in numbers and spiritual depth. They recently had a service in which they wrote something that was burdening them on a piece of paper, placed it in a balloon and set the balloon free. A member received an encouraging reply from a lady in Pennsylvania.

Ralph and Dene Gunter are enjoying their great grandchild (age 18 mth). Another granddaughter is attending Dyersburg State’s nursing program. This summer Ralph and Dene joined Dene’s sister and family for a trip to Pigeon Forge. They enjoyed the cooler temps and beauty of the mountains.

Judd & Gale Mowery continue to keep busy in ministry. He has had the pleasure of leading several revivals this summer. Judd and Gale also took time out for a trip to Branson, Mo.

Richard and Viola Denton have moved to Brownsville, TN to be closer to their daughter. We all know the upheaval that moving causes – cleaning, packing, sorting, new address, new doctors and new phone numbers – I know they are glad that is behind them! *(Their new address is on page 2, drop them a note – they would love to hear from you – editor)*

Jim and Pat Calhoun drove to Rugby, TN for a family gathering. They also made a trip with a group of seniors from the Second Baptist Church in Union City. They attended the Jamboree in Gatlinburg, TN. She said there were 6,000 folks
there (and 2 Methodists!) Jim continues to drive the VA van to the Veterans’ hospital in Memphis and Marion, IL. That’s a service to those who served.

Michael Blake has been busy preaching at several churches this summer — including Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin (guess we can say he was doing “missionary work”). Michael’s mother just celebrated her 93rd birthday. Her 83 year old brother drove from Chicago to help her celebrate. Michael’s church, Freemans Chapel, raised over $1,000 for an orphanage in South Sudan, where Michael has worked.

Jane Edwards enjoyed hosting several family members who came for a visit and to attend the Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival. Her daughter, Mary Ann, also came to visit.

Faye Howard is doing well after experiencing some rough spots over the past few years. The highlight of her summer was a visit from her youngest grandson. Grandkids just make everything seem better!

Reporters Bev & Joyce Farnsworth

Bill and Nancy Hart enjoyed having their grandchildren from Orlando visit. Bill is his Sunday School class at Christ United Methodist Church. He attends Bible Study led by Herb Hodges on Thursday morning. I’m inspired by “The Art Garden” behind Lester School. I’m trying to help a young man who lives on the street.

Tom Hicks enjoys spending time with his son, Glen. Since Tom is no longer driving he tries to plan all his errands on Monday when Glen is off. I wish everyone a good Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Joe and Mary Ann Piercey are living each day as it comes. They are active in Colonial Park Church working with older adults.

Everett and Lucy Porter: All is well in paradise. I went for a hot air balloon ride. Kirby Pines had a balloon for those who wished to ride and I gave it a try. WOW, what an experience! We are going to Gatlinburg this fall for about a week and will be staying with Lucy’s brother.

Elton Watlington says “I’ve been traveling some. I celebrated my 90th Birthday on Sept. 28th but it seems like I’ve been celebrating all summer. Everywhere I go they have a party!”

Bev and Joyce Farnsworth – We are enjoying having our son, Stephen, back in Memphis. He is living with us at present, but has bought a house and is rehabbing it. It will probably be finished next month. We attended the Retiree’s Retreat in Oct. It was very enjoyable being with everyone.

Reporters Bev & Joyce Farnsworth

Jerry and Martha Ann Corlew are enjoying living at the Village in Germantown, along with their good friends, Venita and Jack Henton and Frank Bulle. The Corlews have just returned from a wonderful cruise from New York to Quebec City. While they enjoyed the trip very much, it was not without excitement. One night they were actually in the midst of a hurricane!

Venita and Jack Henton are celebrating 60 years of marriage with trips with their children and Jack’s retirement from 65 years of ministry! Venita retired from a teaching career of 26 years much earlier. Jack was from Benton, KY. He and Venita met at Lambuth College and married after Jack’s first year of seminary. Jack took his first appointment at Saltillo in October of his freshman year. One of the church members declared on meeting him, “My Lord, he is nothing but a child.” That was the beginning of a lifetime of ministry concluding this year at Germantown where he served 13 years in a position after officially “retiring.” Both Jack and Venita said their marriage and the ministry have been great runs for both of them. They too are happy at the Village and enjoy being with good friends.

Richard Hackleman says “Hello.” He is doing OK with a few maladies that go with getting older.

Mary Helen Barnes is doing better and is on the mend. At the present time she is living with her daughter Cathy.

Nancy Blankenship is doing well. Her family recently celebrated the wedding of two grandsons. One was at the Lichterman Nature Center in Memphis and the minister wore one of Paul’s stoles. That was especially meaningful.
for the family. Nancy is involved volunteering in the community.

Bill and I (Gaddie) are doing fine. I am working part time at Christ UMC in Congregational Care, the area of ministry led by my good friend from Memphis Theological Seminary, Rev. Emily Matheny and also leading a course in Formation for Ministry at MTS under the direction of the Rev. Billy Vaughn. This fall I was at Lakeshore for two events, one as the teacher for the Singles Retreat and the other as a part of the Residency program. It was good to be there. Recently Bill and I went to Jackson, TN, for dinner and a slide presentation at the home of the Rev. Dennis and Judy Renshaw. Dennis has just completed hiking the Appalachian Trail. It was a long time goal of his and quite an adventure. We had a delightful evening.

Reporter Bobbie Clark

Welcome Bobbie Clark to the ranks of the News ‘N Views. She is a first time reporter and is doing a great job - editor

Bob & Joyce Cole were excited to receive a call asking for her news for the News ‘N View. Bob had a minor stroke in July but is recovering well and is back to preaching. Their granddaughter, Anna Katherine, came home to visit and attend a friend’s wedding. Anna lives in England for visits are few and far between.

John & Bobbie Clark just keep going and going (kinda like the Energizer Bunny). John recently preached for Bill Evans at Enville and Holly Springs UMC. They have recently established Forest heights UMC as their church home and are seeking new ways to serve.

I was unable to reach Patricia Alford, and Luther and Jean Clark. I wanted them to know that I was thinking about them.

Other News

Bill and Janet Miller - I’ve heard that "no news" is "good news" and that's about the way it is here at McKendree. It's hard to realize that we've been the pastor here for almost eleven years. My how the time flies! We did take a week away and traveled to the mountains of Tennessee (Gatlinburg) which was a much needed break. Now we are getting ready for charge conference time and the busy holiday season ahead. Didn’t get to make the race track (motorcycle flat track) much this summer, am hopeful to get a race or two in this fall. God has been so good to us! We haven't yet realized that we are retired, but, maybe that will come in the days ahead.

Hugh and Marilyn Barksdale: Since retiring several months ago the Barksdales have been very busy renovating an older home they purchased in Mayfield, KY. They are both skilled and can do a lot of the work for themselves. During this period of cooler weather they are working on the landscaping with a goal of making it as low maintenance as possible. Hugh has had the opportunity to speak at several churches. They said this first year of retirement is a time to get their feet on the ground and see where the Lord is leading.

Mary Jane Granberry: My children and I thank you for every expression of sympathy since Bill died on June 18th in Venice, FL. It’s never easy to give-up our loved ones but hearing from longtime friends is helpful and comforting. I am getting along very well. I’m in therapy, learning to walk all over again and am making good progress. I have asked to be moved to an assisted living apartment again but the nursing home has not made that decision yet. Continue to remember me in your prayers. I look forward to reading about all of you in the NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS.

Julia Allen: Julia continues to be active in her home owners association. She helped to facilitate a discussion forum on the 2016 Presidential election. Rhodes College Professor Dr. Marcus Pohlmann was the featured speaker. Julia said she was doing well and sends her greetings to all her friends. She is always amazed when she reads the News ‘N Views to see how far everyone has scattered. She feels the News ‘N Views is an important link to keep us together.
Jerry and Dot Carr are doing well and are very active in their daughter’s cancer treatment. They praise God that they have the strength and resources to assist her. They enjoy worshipping at the Braden UMC and said that the church was very supportive. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

Thomas and Sandra Cook celebrated a family wedding. She said one of the good things about weddings is that all the family comes together. She enjoyed seeing people she hadn’t seen for a long time. July was particularly challenging as their neighborhood in Memphis was struck by a category 1 tornado. Their house suffered some minor damage which has since been repaired. She was amazed how the tornado hopped and skipped around the neighborhood damaging one house and leaving others totally unscathed.

Tom and Shirley Small (North Point Florida) writes that they enjoyed getting to know Bill and Mary Jane Granberry and were glad to have that connection prior to Bill’s death. Mary Jane is living at the Village on the Isle of Venice and is doing well. Shirley said that Florida and Tennessee have a lot in common – mainly the high humidity. They are thankful for the occasional breeze and most defiantly for the air conditioning.

James & Pat DeBardeleben are doing well and send their greetings.

Jim & Ida Holmes: I had a delightful conversation with Jim when I called. The Holms enjoyed a wonderful 3 week visit from their daughter, Lynn Bloomingthaul. Lynn and her husband live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Jim and Ida also enjoyed attending the 150 anniversary of the Malesus UMC. This was Jim’s first pastorate and it was his father’s first pastorate 38 years before Jim. He said it was great to see how the church has grown and thrived. It was one of the best organized homecoming he has attended. Later this month the Germantown UMC will be celebrating their 175th anniversary. Jim and Ida served at Germantown in the 80’s and continue to worship there today.

Charles and Ruth Leist report that Charles had the privilege of officiating at his granddaughter’s wedding in Nashville. It was a beautiful occasion and they enjoyed being with family. Charles and Ruth enjoy worshipping and participating in the various activities at Christ Church in Memphis.

Carol Craig is happy that fall has slowed the rate of growth of her grass. With two yards to mow (one being two acres) you know that was a relief. If you know Carol you know she does not let moss grow under her feet! Her granddaughter, Jennifer, has moved closer to Carol’s Indiana home. Carol also drives to see her son and his wife in Bartlett. Once a month she drives to Martin to visit with Frank and Ann Gardner and enjoy fellowship with the Dyersburg (now Mississippi) District Retirees’ luncheon. We enjoyed seeing Carol at the Conference Retirees’ Retreat at Lakeshore. She will also be at Lake Junalaska with her son Daniel this fall.

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