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Parade of Tables

The Parade of Tables is annual fellowship event that brings our church family and community together for an afternoon of fun and food! This year, it will be afternoon tea held on Saturday, September 28 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. The theme this year will be "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and each table will be decorated to represent different countries. Along with live entertainment, there will be an opportunity to vote for your favorite table!



If you would like to help with decorating a table, you can sign up in the Narthex at the Parade of Tables display. Tickets will be available in the near future.

Table Returns this Fall!

Table is an opportunity to share a meal with friends old and new. The Mullaney family hosts these monthly meals at their home for 10 adults (and their children). The Mullaney's provide the main dish and guests bring sides, drinks, or dessert. These gatherings serve as great opportunities to bring together a diverse group of people for food and fellowship.



Look for sign up sheets in the Narthex in August and September.

Upcoming Meetings at Monte Sano United Methodist Church

Church Council	Sunday, August 11, at 1:00pm in the Choir Room
Pastor Parish Relations Committee	Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm in the Library
Finance Committee	Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00pm in the Library
Kitchen Committee	Thursday, July 11 at 10:30am in the Library
Trustees Committee	Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30pm in the Library

These are scheduled meeting times, but occasionally meetings must be rescheduled due to conflicts, weather, or holidays.

Please call the church office to confirm the time and date of the meeting.

Fellowship Opportunities

Wednesday Night Dinners in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on September 4.

Retired Mountaineers at Monte Sano Baptist Church
10:00am-1:00pm

The Retired Mountaineers have moved to Monte Sano Baptist Church for the Summer and Fall! The Mountaineers will return to MSUMC next year.

Newsletter

June/July 2019

Monte Sano United Methodist Church welcomes ALL to grow in love and faith through Christ.

Charge Conference: Sunday, July 21 at 4:00pm

A called Charge Conference is scheduled for July 21, 2019 for the purpose of voting on whether or not to sell the church parsonage. All members in good standing are allowed to vote at Charge Conference. For more details, see page 2.

From the Pastor: A Vision for the Future

We all have dreams of what our future will look like. We also need dreams of what the church will look like in the future! In these summer months, I am asking you to join me in dreaming of what the future of Monte Sano United Methodist Church will look like. We have developed a working mission statement: "Monte Sano United Methodist Church welcomes ALL to grow in love and faith through Christ." Now, the work begins of dreaming of what the church will look like if we live FULLY into that mission.

Our entire church family (members, non-members, regular attenders, children, youth, and all others) are invited to join us for one of the three visioning gatherings that will be convened over the next several weeks. I invite you to choose one of the dates below to share your thoughts and dreams for the future! The dates and times of these gatherings will be:

Sunday, July 14 at 4:00pm

Sunday, July 28 at 4:00pm

Sunday, August 11 at 4:00pm

The results of these gatherings will be used to help develop our vision for the next 5 to 10 years, as well as some immediate goals for us in the short term. We need everyone to participate in this effort—your voice matters! From the youngest child to our eldest member, from our newest guest to a founding member, we cannot develop this vision without you.

I hope to see each of you at one of these gatherings! Thank you for your continued commitment to Christ and his church.

The Baptisms of John Brian and Elijah Samuel Bartlett Sons of Mary Beth and Brian Bartlett



Church Council Discussions & Decisions

The United Methodist Church's structure of lay leadership is committee-based. This means that decisions are made for the church by leadership in various committees within the life of the church, such as the Finance Committee, Trustees Committee, and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee to name a few.

Each of the committee chairs is also a member of the Church Council. Church Council is often a time in which the decisions of committees are reported and shared with the larger church, but this council also serves as the decision making body for issues that extend beyond the scope of the individual committees and impact the whole church.

On May 19th, the Church Council met to consider two proposals:

1. The Trustees Committee submitted a proposal to sell the church parsonage (3918 Cooper Street). This proposal, if approved, would move to a church-wide Charge Conference.
2. The Trustees Committee submitted a proposal from the Valley Leadership Academy, requesting the paid use of parts of the church building for the school's use in the coming school year.



After much discussion on both proposals, the Church Council voted to move forward with both proposals.

What does this mean for Monte Sano United Methodist Church?

In the case of the parsonage, the Church Council voted to take the decision to a *Charge Conference to be held on July 21 at 4:00pm*. A Charge Conference is a church-wide vote on whether or not the parsonage should be sold or retained. At a Charge Conference all members of the church in good standing will be able to vote. Charge Conferences are required for all major property changes including the building of new buildings, major renovations, or the sale of church property. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Parrish, will be present for our Charge Conference, or he will give Rev. John Mullaney permission to speak on his behalf.

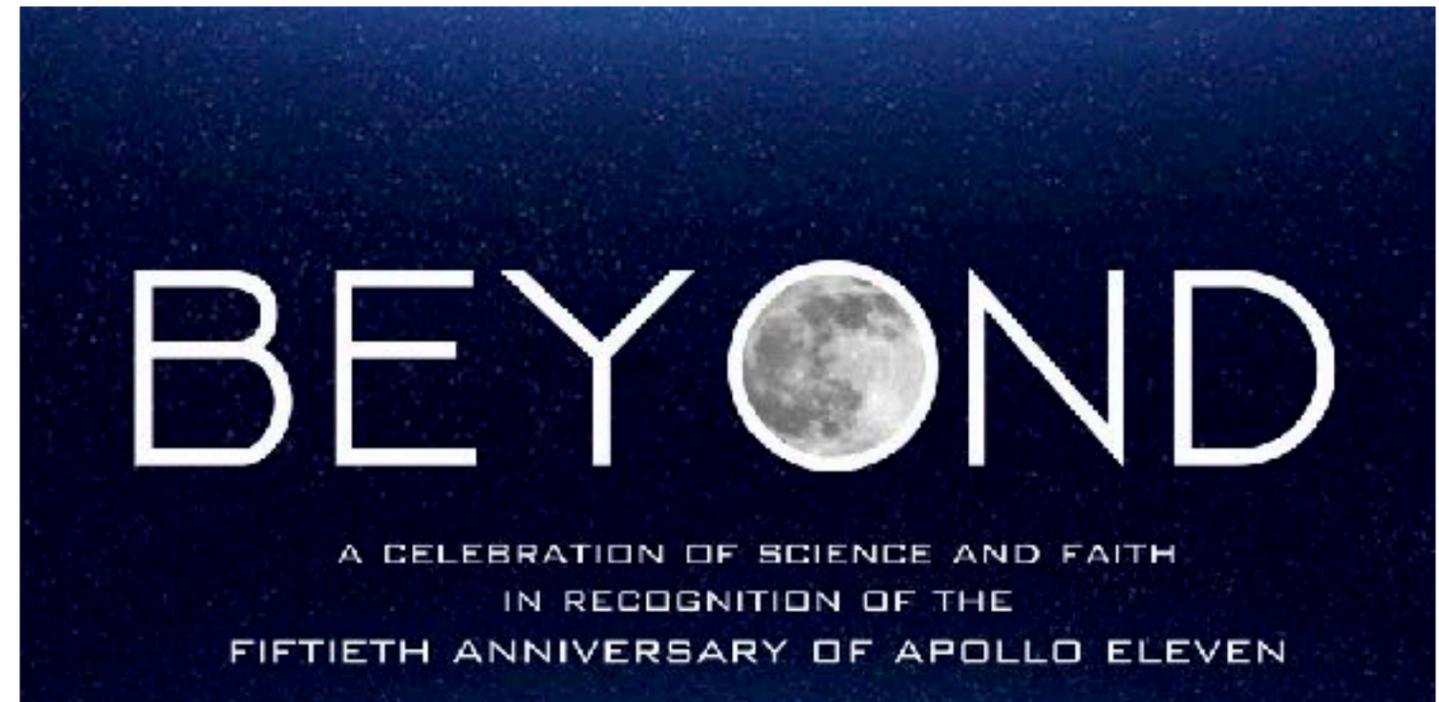


In the case of the Valley Leadership Academy, the Church Council voted to approve the use of the church building for the operations of the new school. No further action is required by the Church Council, and all further details will be handled by the Trustees Committee. These details include a contract with the Valley Leadership Committee and policies related to building use. The contract will include assessment of our agreement at 3, 6, and 9 months to insure compensation is both fair and adequate for building usage.

Hosting the Valley Leadership Academy will impact some areas of the church, but the hope is that these impacts will be minimal. Some groups, meetings, and other events may need to adjust their meeting times to accommodate the schools' programming, and the leadership of the school has, in turn, agreed to be flexible in the church's established programs and ministries.



Worship



Join us throughout the month of July as Monte Sano UMC joins in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing with a month of guest speakers celebrating science and faith!

July 7: Robert Lightfoot

NASA Acting Administrator (2017-2018), Director of Marshall Space Flight Center 2009-2017

July 14: Billy His

Professor Emeritus at Motlow College, Director of the College STEM Outreach Program, Tennessee Science Teacher of the Year 2011

July 21: Margrit von Braun

Environmental Engineer, Daughter of Dr. Wernher von Braun

July 28: Jan Davis

Bastion Technologies, Inc, NASA Astronaut (Retired)



The average American lives to be around 80 years old, but in a culture obsessed with youth, much of our culture's time and energy is focused on the first half of life. In August, we will be exploring the second half of life in a new sermon series aimed at answering the question, "How can we get the most out of our 40's, 50's 60's 70's, and 80's?"

August 4: "Moving Toward Meaning"

August 11: "Being Brand"

August 18: "Caring for our Elders"

August 25: "A Bright Sadness"

Coming in August!

Ministry Updates

Finance Committee: Summer Giving

Summer is upon us, and with it, we know many people will be traveling for vacations, weddings, and graduations. We know that giving and worship attendance are often tied together. People are simply more likely to give if they are here in worship, and, often, people don't make up missed giving opportunities when they are away. The Finance Committee humbly requests that you prayerfully consider your family's giving during the summer months, to help the church in what is often the low point in our church's giving.

How can you help?

- > Consider giving one month at a time instead of weekly.
- > Think of your giving like one of your bills and send a check for your giving when you pay your bills.
- > Most banks offer online bill pay—you can add your giving to Monte Sano UMC to your regular bills, even when you are away.
- > Make a special gift over and above your regular giving to help the church in these summer months.

Church Work Day Saturday, July 13

Please join us on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00am until noon for a Church Work Day. The Trustees are organizing tasks to help beautify and maintain our church building and grounds. Please come with a pair of gloves and water to drink. Any gardening tools you want to bring are welcome as well!



Monte Sano Day of Service

Save the date! On Sunday, October 6, Monte Sano UMC will come together to pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger along with several other hands on service projects. Make plans to join us and invite friends and neighbors to come and be a part of this wonderful day in which we become the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner for our Kindergarten through 5th Graders! VBS will be on the evenings of July 17-19 from 6:00-7:30pm. Our theme this year will be, "Who is My Neighbor?" Please make plans to join us for these fun filled nights. We will need lots of volunteers and help as we prepare to make this time our children won't forget! If you would like to help with VBS this year or if you have questions, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Marijo Braddy at 256-509-7495 or marijo.braddy@icloud.com



Hand Chimes

A long held dream of Pat McMillion's was to have a handbell or hand chime ministry at MSUMC. That dream has become a reality thanks to Huntsville First United Methodist Church, who donated a set of hand chimes, and Becky Waters, our church organist, who has taught handbells to children in other churches she has served! A group of our children are learning and practicing this summer, with the hope for bringing the chimes to worship this Fall.



Thank You from the Mullaney Family!

Dear MSUMC Church Family,
We are so blessed to get to serve at Monte Sano United Methodist Church for another year! Thank you for the wonderful 'welcome back' reception that was held June 16. It was a great morning of food and fellowship, and we are deeply appreciative of the many kind words extended to our family. We hope that this fourth year of ministry will be our best yet, and we look forward to many more years together!

Blessings,
John, Denise, Maggie & Lucie

Prayer List

Betty Bailey
Sara Burcham
Carolyn Brown
Natalie DeWitt
David Guess
Neal Jackson
Megan Luerus
Keith Masterson
Cami Miller
Carolyn Parkin
Mamie Rideout
Andre Rivamonte
Marsha Sanders
Pam Schrimsher
Cheryl Slayter
Angie Stevens
Sue Terry
Jennifer Triola

Prayer for Our Loved Ones in the Military

Ryan Boyer
Ruby Haymes
Ciaran Stephens
Nate Showers

Financial Update

MONTHLY

May 2019

Income	Expenditures
\$30,721	\$34,621

June 2019

Information for June will be available in the next newsletter.

YEAR TO DATE

Income	Expenditures
\$199,120	\$220,450

INDEBTEDNESS

Original Debt Incurred for the New Building: \$2.8 Million

Current Indebtedness: \$950,000

Additional Debt Reduction Paid Toward Principal Above Monthly Payment: \$7,955 (YTD)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9:00am Service	11:00am Service	Total
May 5	102	105	207
May 12	94	102	196
May 19	62	70	132
May 26	69	77	146
June 2	70	76	146
June 9	72	89	161
June 16	93	57	150
June 23	85	85	170

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The Terry and Hickam families in the loss of Walt Terry.

The Poe family in the loss of Wyatt Poe.

The Ezell family in the loss of Mary Ann's sister, Connie McSwain.



Walt Terry



Wyatt Poe



Connie McSwain

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip

Monte Sano UMC sent a team of youth and adults to the Gulf Coast for our annual summer mission trip. The team partnered with ARM (Alabama Rural Missions) to participate in hurricane disaster relief efforts.

The team worked on several houses, doing roof repair, drywall and other projects. We are so grateful for the team of participants, planners, drivers, and chaperones who helped make this trip a possibility!

The mission team included:

Youth: Asher Staubach, Levi Keefer, Landin Young, Brailei Young, Margaret Masterson

Adults: Sara Masterson, Marianne Masterson, Brandi Young, Dexter Strong



Our 2019 Confirmation Class



Zoey Marion, James Gullion, Evan McCarty, Andrew Timberlake, Caleb McMillion, Nathan Moore, Andrew Otto, Owen Otto, Elise Roche, and Addison White (Not pictured Nate Williams)

Graduate Recognition

Our high school and college graduates were recognized in our worship services on June 16, 2019. Our church family is so proud of this amazing group of young men and women and their accomplishments. Please join us in congratulating them and praying for them as they move on to the next stage of their lives, whether it be the continuation of their education or the beginning of a new career.



Therese Goshen
John Paul II High School

Future Plans:
Therese will be attending the University of Denver.



Lilian Lee Sibold
St. Andrews Sewanee School

Future Plans:
Lily will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).



Brigitta Goshen
Birmingham-Southern College
Bachelor of Science in Religion

Future Plans:
Brigitta will be attending Duke Divinity School in Fall, pursuing her Masters of Divinity.



Wynton Scott
Calhoun Community College
Associate of Science degree in General Studies and a Certificate in Business Administration. (Summa Cum Laude)

Future Plans:
Wynton plans to continue his study of business at Jacksonville State University.



Katie Shattuck
University of Rhode Island
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Future Plans:
Katie will be attending the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga for her EDS degree.



Faith Tiller
Auburn University,
Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Future Plans:
Faith is returning to Huntsville to begin her career as a Missile Simulation Engineer with Parsons.



Alex Williams
University of Alabama
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Future Plans:
Alex will be attending the South College of Knoxville to study to become a Physician Assistant.

