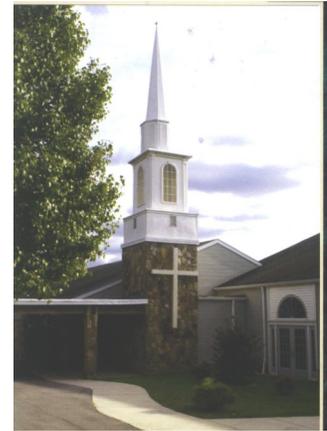


The Messenger

Fairfield Glade Community Church



Dear Church Family,

We tend to invest a lot of time, effort, and money in our physical healing, which is good. Even with the high cost of healthcare, there are many medical appointments, tests, treatments, and surgery that a lot of us are willing to do for the sake of physical healing.

But what about psychological and spiritual healing?

And how about the psychological and spiritual healing of communities, even entire nations? It's no secret that divisiveness is currently tearing apart our country. The United States of America is not so united at the moment.

Parker Palmer, in his book Healing the Heart of Democracy, honestly confronts this national need for healing: "The most consequential conceptual space that most of us inhabit when it comes to politics is the space defined by the media... As a result, most of us do not live in a real-life political space but in a media-generated caricature or cartoon of such space. I am not suggesting the media are all bad or that we do not need the best of them... But when we give the media exclusive rights to define our political world, we are almost certain to end up with a distorted sense of reality and deformed habits of the heart... Of course, 'We the People,' share the blame for this situation---we create the market for what media are selling. We want our news in bite-size nuggets that fit our short attention spans;

we are drawn to the latest disaster or scandal like gawkers at a highway crash; we like the illusion that we have been there when in fact we have not; many of us trust only the sources that square with our own opinions and beliefs; we are addicted to the high we get from hot rhetoric and gross exaggeration; if we become numbed or overwhelmed, we have an excuse for not being engaged; and some of us would prefer to live vicariously via celebrities and scandals instead of being involved with real-world issues in our own lives. We are the ideal customers for a product that contains toxins harmful to democracy's health."

So where do we get authentic, genuine, real-world news that allows healing and a healthy wellbeing for our nation? "The news of the world---all of it, hellish and heavenly---begins in the heart. The better we know our own hearts, the better we know our world... If we don't know our own story well, in its darkness as well as its light, we cannot know the story of 'the other' in its fullness. And if we cannot empathize imaginatively with other people's stories, how much can we know about the real news of the world?" (Palmer)

By compassionately engaging in the real news of the world---our own story coupled with the stories of others---we will experience healing, wherein we will "live in harmony with one another" (Romans 12:16).

As Diana Bass explains in her book Christianity for the Rest of Us, "Harmony is a lovely, old-fashioned, sort of word. And in a culture racked by division and invective, it is seldom heard in our public discourse. Although we typically think of harmony in relation to architecture or music, it is a word with deep political implications: agreement, accord, or concord. Harmony is the overcoming of

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division, hatred, and discord; the mending of what is displaced or broken.”

The apostle Paul prayed for harmony in his letter to the church in Rome: “May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus” (Romans 15:5).

And to the church in Colossae, Paul again urged harmony: “above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14).

One of the biggest roadblocks to harmony, however, is loneliness. Loneliness makes us ill, sick, unable to enjoy the healthiness and well-being of harmony.

But what is loneliness? In his book Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World, Vivek Murthy aptly

describes what loneliness is: “Many people think of loneliness as *isolation*, but the difference between these two terms is substantial. Loneliness is the subjective feeling that you’re lacking the social connection you need. It can feel like being stranded, abandoned, or cut off from the people with whom you belong---even if you’re surrounded by other people. What’s missing when you’re lonely is the feeling of closeness, trust, and the affection of genuine friends, loved ones, and community.”

At Community Church, we have a primary mission of healing loneliness, that we all may be one in unconditional love.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Pastor James



2021 Family Graduations

| <i>Church Member(s)</i> | <i>Family Member(s)</i> |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Richard & Nancy Garrett</i> | <i>Damon Howell (grandson) South High School - Minneapolis with a 4.0 Admitted to Colorado School of Mines as an honors student</i> |
| <i>Hank Gilman</i> | <i>Caroline Porter (granddaughter) Boston University Masters Degree in Medical Science Admitted to Oregon Health Sciences University - Medical School</i> |
| <i>Paul & Kay Moyer</i> | <i>Patrick W. Moyer (grandson) Buffalo State Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology</i> |
| <i>Paul & Kay Moyer</i> | <i>Quinn F. Moyer (granddaughter) Ithaca College Admitted to Cincinnati University to work on her Masters Degree in Modern English Literature</i> |



June 2021

Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------|
| Dorothy Van Zandt | 06/01 |
| Charles Rau | 06/05 |
| Marguerite Andersen | 06/08 |
| Richard Garrett | 06/08 |
| Lois Viening | 06/08 |
| LaVerne Brobst | 06/09 |
| Blanche Wecht | 06/11 |
| Derith Skipworth | 06/12 |
| Marilyn Shaw | 06/14 |
| Beverly McNutt | 06/15 |
| Linda Casper | 06/16 |
| Daisy Nuse | 06/16 |
| Mary Hirst | 06/17 |
| Ray Repmann Jr. | 06/18 |
| Henry Gilman | 06/20 |
| June Mansfield | 06/21 |
| Charles Lowder | 06/22 |
| Ron Sutch | 06/23 |
| Pat Freed | 06/25 |
| Dwain Graham | 06/28 |

Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Jim & Bonnie Hansen | 06/06 |
| Bob & Gloria McCracken | 06/07 |
| Frank & Carol Wade | 06/12 |
| Wayne & Debbie Roberts | 06/13 |
| Lyle & Bernice Durbin | 06/14 |
| Meredith & John Gaffney | 06/14 |
| Bob & Mary Hirst | 06/14 |
| Dennis & Mary Ann Tryon | 06/16 |
| John & Clintina Simms | 06/17 |
| Karl & Patricia Klein | 06/19 |
| Jack & Sheryl Hunter | 06/20 |
| Ralph & Phyllis Seeh | 06/22 |
| Dave & Erin DeVold | 06/27 |
| Jim & Julie Oswald | 06/27 |

THANK YOU!!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your well wishes through cards, calls, and emails during my recent surgical procedures! Vicky and I appreciate your caring support and prayers!

With Much Gratitude!
Fred & Vicky Wong



Pattye Cornelius

7/23/1935 - 4/23/2021

MORGAN SCOTT needs for JUNE:

Peanut Butter, Jelly (all flavors),
Soup, Toilet Tissue

Thank you for your donations!

Library News

I know many of you have enjoyed our library over the years. It's still here for your enjoyment, but a new checkout system will hopefully make it easier. There will now be a checkout book on the table which requires:

- Check-out date
- Book title
- Your name



When you return the book, simply cross out your name. Leave the book in the return basket and I will shelve it. Easy!

Please continue to enjoy the library and I welcome all suggestions.

My name is Stephanie King; my email is kingclan1@comcast.net.

Submitted by Stephanie King

Joyful Jubilee Bells Rings Again

JJB has resumed handbell rehearsals. We meet on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our choir is always open for new ringers (church membership is not required). Previous skill of reading music is a plus. This is a unique ministry that adds to our worship service.

Contact the church office or Nancy Burlison at 931-484-6149 if you would like to join the group.

Submitted by Nancy Burlison



Nature Trail Building Continues!

While much progress has been made on the nature trail, there is still more work to do!

If you would like to help out, keep an eye on the Weekly Messenger for dates and times.

Medical/Nursery Supplies

Will you be having young visitors? Will you be in need of medical equipment?

As a community outreach ministry, we have a closet of items ready for loan. Whether your needs are for visiting young ones or personal aids, we can help.

Our closet includes an array of supplies from car seats to baby bottles and from wheelchairs to waterproof wraps. Items are clean and in good condition. You may borrow for as long as needed. We ask that items are checked out through the church office and returned in clean condition.

Thank you.

Submitted by Nancy Burlison

Potluck is Coming!

Church-wide potluck dinner is being planned for June 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. George pavilion.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the weather along with the fellowship!

Bring a favorite dish to share and also bring your favorite beverage.

More details to follow - watch your Weekly Messengers for additional information!



Men's Fellowship is Back in Business

Men's Fellowship is meeting at 8 a.m. each Thursday morning at Stonehenge Grill for Fellowship, Food, Fun and Frivolity. All men are welcome.

When you are able to join us, please contact me by phone or email so we can hold a spot.

Byron Buell 931-210-3891
buell4837@gmail.com

FAIRFIELD GLADE HOSPICE AUXILIARY 2021 BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The Fairfield Glade Hospice Auxiliary will present our 10th Annual Hospice Benefit Celebration of Life Butterfly Release on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 29 Division St. in front of the Art Circle Library behind the courthouse in Crossville from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The program will be an uplifting and joyful experience remembering those we have loved and lost, including a reading of names we are celebrating, a butterfly blessing, special music, commemorative readings, and the release of the butterflies.

The donation for the butterflies is \$20 for one name to be remembered or \$100 for six different names to be remembered. We encourage you to attend our event, bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Those unable to attend may still reserve butterflies in the name of a family member or friend and these will also be released. You may prefer to pick up butterflies (drive through) between 10:15 and 10:30 to release elsewhere. Butterfly order forms are available in the vestibule near the Fireside Room. **The deadline for ordering butterflies is June 4, 2021.**

Proceeds from this event will continue the important work of Hospice of Cumberland County and Cumberland House, providing quality end of life care for the terminally ill and grief support for their families.



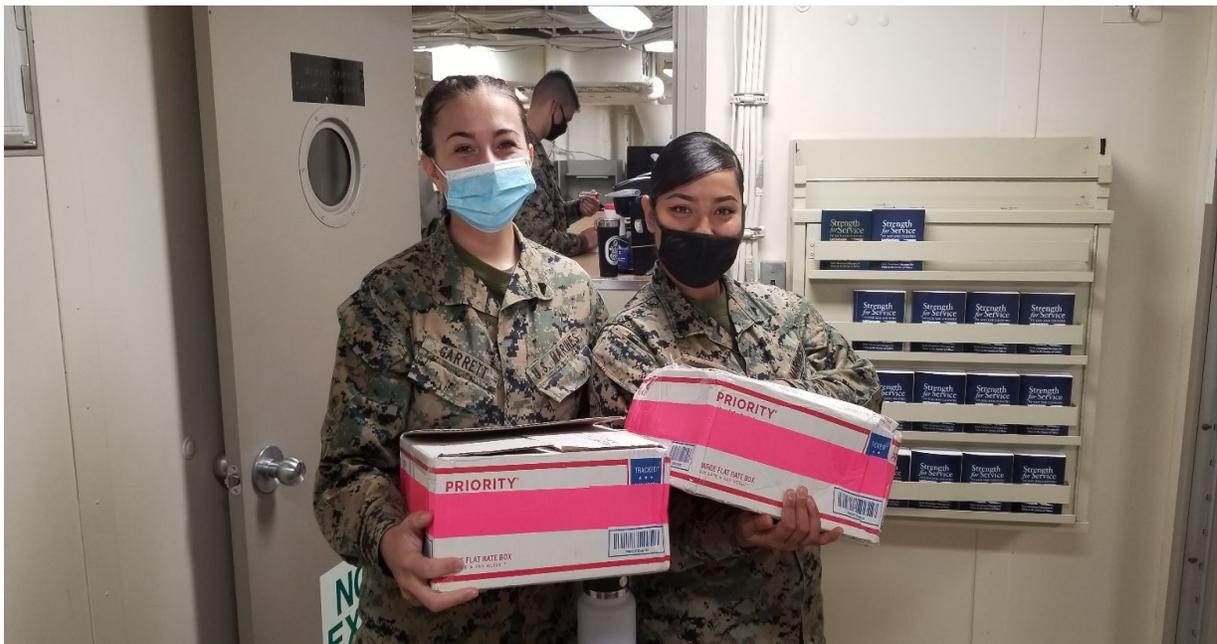
Submitted by Kay Moyer

Military Christmas Care

From HERE.....



To THERE.....



US Marines aboard the USS Somerset were the recipients of care boxes prepared and sent from Community Church in 2020. The program **will** continue this year – stay tuned for more information on which military branch will be chosen and how you can help!

*From your
Military Christmas Care Team,
Patty Smith, Vicky Wong and Janiece Pino*

\$\$ MISSION MONEY \$\$

Fairfield Glade Community Church has a \$20,000 annual budget. The Missions Committee meets quarterly and deliberates carefully how to disperse \$5000 budgeted and other unbudgeted monies (i.e. Food City profit, Kroger rewards, loose change collection, direct donations). We try to concentrate our giving to benefit LOCAL AREA agencies with a focus on children, aging and families.

For the second quarter of 2021 we distributed the following money:

| AGENCY | Amount |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Bread of Life | \$425 |
| Christian Counseling | \$625 |
| Crab Orchard Care Center | \$725 |
| Creative Compassion | \$250 |
| Crossville Housing | \$250 |
| Cumberland Adult Reading Council | \$250 |
| Good Samaritans | \$625 |
| Hospice | \$250 |
| House of Hope | \$500 |
| Kids on the Rise | \$250 |
| Morgan Scott Project | \$500 |
| Peavine Care Center | \$700 |
| Plateau Pregnancy | \$400 |
| Salvation Army CC | \$400 |
| Teens Against Drugs | \$250 |
| UCHRA – Elder Care | \$300 |

We also had two one-time donations: \$250 to the Pleasant Hill tornado cleanup and \$200 to the Chief Williams fire recovery efforts. Totals for the second quarter giving were \$5000 budgeted and \$2100 unbudgeted.

Thank you one and all for being such a caring and giving congregation! We hope our mission outreach and work on your behalf will help others less fortunate and show our Christian spirit and love.

Respectfully, the Mission Committee

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**Fairfield Glade Community Church  
Board Meeting  
May 13, 2021  
Minutes - Draft Pending Board Approval**

**Members Present:** Don Eppelheimer, Meredith Gaffney, Jim Kime, Jerry King, Barb Kitchen, John Schaefer, Marty Smith, Cheron Stenson, Candy Sutton-Weber, John Zanichelli

**Members Absent:** Ed Freels, Pastor James Janecek, Bob Walsh

**Guest:** Michael Nowacki

**Call to Order:** Declaring a quorum, President Marty Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 2:00pm, followed by prayer by John Schaefer.

**Agenda Review:** Three items were added to the Agenda under New Business: (1) postponing the Committee Restructure plan, (2) reroofing a portion of the church facility, and (3) Bequeath to the Church.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board meeting held April 8, and the minutes of the Special Board meeting held April 29, 2021, were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's reports were forwarded to all Board members prior to this meeting. Assistant Treasurer Michael Nowacki reported that income for April was \$25,940, and expenses were \$18,120. Year-to-date income has exceeded expenses by \$36,190. We are right where we should be budget-wise, but first quarter income may not continue at the same rate, and expenses will escalate when the church is fully open and committees are fully functioning. The Treasurer's reports were accepted as written and placed on file for audit.

**Membership Report:** Two members, Rich and Pam Schwer, resigned from the church. Since the last reporting period, three members passed away: Thomas Banik (April 1), Dale Gildemeister (April 13), and Pattye Cornelius (April 23). Membership now stands at 230. The report was accepted as written.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor James is on retreat. Rev Ann Brunger is our guest minister for the May 16 Sunday service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Election of Treasurer:** A motion was made by Marty Smith that Michael Nowacki move from the position of Assistant Treasurer to the Office of Treasurer, due to the recent resignation of Pam Schwer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by John Schaefer and approved.
- b. **Other Financial Management Issues:**
  - **Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer** - Michael Nowacki accepted the Treasurer position as long as needed, with the stipulation that diligent searches for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions continue. Several options are being considered, including hiring an outside firm or individual to handle payroll, taxes, bill paying, and other accounting/bookkeeping/data entry details that are now handled by the Treasurer. If hiring outside the church for these duties, the Office of Treasurer will be held by a member of the church, who will supervise the outside hire, and perform duties in accordance with the church by-laws (Art.5,Sec.B) and laws of the State of TN.
  - **Additional Finance Committee Openings** – Due to recent resignations, Endowment, Stewardship, and Time & Talent Survey leadership is needed immediately.

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c. **Important Dates for Community Church**

- **May 23**, Pentecost Sunday, lessening of Covid restrictions by sectioning the sanctuary and opening the church facility to church group/committee meetings
- **May 25**, kickoff meeting for IT Infrastructure Project, to include representatives from IT, Finance, Church Office, Property & Facilities, Worship & Music, Pastor James, etc.
- **May 31**, Memorial Day flag display
- **June 14**, Flag Day flag display
- **June 20**, Potluck at St George Marina Pavilion (1:00-5:00pm). More information will be provided.

d. **Shredding Day – July 29**

A motion was made by Jim Kime that an expenditure of approximately \$600 be approved for rental of an on-site shredding truck (\$562) and refreshments for attendees on Shredding Day, July 29, as part of re-energizing the church and community. The motion was seconded by Don Eppelheimer and approved. Older church records will be destroyed first. Our congregation members may bring items to be shred, then the truck will be available to the community until it is filled. More information will be provided.

e. **Reroofing a Portion of the Church Roof**

Per the Property & Facilities Committee recommendation, a motion was made by Don Eppelheimer to enter into a contract with True Source Roofing to reroof the area above the church offices, entry, and library. The cost is \$5,500 and includes all labor and materials and an 18-year warranty. The motion was seconded by John Schaefer and approved. Acquiring needed materials by the roofer will take 6 to 8 weeks. This expenditure is a non-budgeted, but needed, item.

f. **Bequeath to the Church**

A recently deceased church member bequeathed funds, that are held by the financial advisor, Edward Jones, to the church. The ownership of these funds must first be transferred to the church ID number. The funds will be held at Edward Jones until the process of ownership is completed. A motion was made by Marty Smith to authorize two individuals, Michael Nowacki (Treasurer) and Gerald King (Vice President) to act on behalf of the church, as a legal entity, in the ownership transfer process. The motion was seconded by Don Eppelheimer and approved. The appropriate authorization forms were signed by Board President Marty Smith for return to Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.

g. **Postponing Committee Restructure Plan**

In an email to Board members and others, a congregant recommended postponing implementation of the Committee Restructure Plan to 2023. Marty forwarded the request to the Restructure Committee to determine the extent of her desires and provide feedback to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Third Party Online Giving Update** – Laurie Davis is in charge of the third party online giving project. Online giving, through VANCO, will go live soon. The cost to add this feature to the church website is approximately \$120 per year. The feature will be reviewed in a year for its efficacy. Although it should be relatively easy, training for everyone will be in a future *Messenger*.
- b. **Employee Direct Deposit Update** – Although the cost has been determined to be \$22 per month for direct deposit of paychecks, it is a desirable benefit for our paid staff, and will be continued.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Pastor-Parish Relations** – Liaison John Zanichelli relayed a request from the Committee that the By-Laws be changed so that pastors become full members of the Committee. After discussion, Marty instructed the Board members to not only review the By-Laws, but also to read the pamphlet, “A Sure Foundation” produced by the Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization Ministry Team of the United Church of Christ, which was included in Board binders. Contact Marty if you do not have one. This matter is tabled until the June meeting.

**Memorial** – Liaison Candy Sutton-Weber reported that Byron Buell, Committee Chair, in conjunction with Pastor James, is contacting family members of those who passed away during Covid restrictions to determine who would like to hold Celebration of Life services. Byron has a roster of available volunteers. This also will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Written reports were received from the following committees and emailed to Board members prior to this meeting: Finance (April and May), Personnel, Property & Facilities, Visitor Member Outreach, Worship & Music (April and May).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting following prayer by John Schaefer. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, at 2:00pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by  
Patty Smith, Minutes Clerk

**Fairfield Glade Community Church  
Treasurer’s Report  
Financial Summary  
April 2021**

|                                       | Month of April | Year-to-Date |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Income                                | \$25,940       | \$121,681    |
| Expenses                              | \$18,120       | \$85,491     |
| Income more than (less than) expenses | \$7,820        | + \$36,190   |

**April Income:**

- \$24,323 - General Contributions (\$8,585 less than March)
- \$ 675 - One Great Hour of Sharing Fundraising Campaign
- \$ 585 - Endowment Fund Donation
- \$ 186 - Dimes for Missions
- \$ 80 - Missions Donation
- \$ 33 - Food City Cards Sales
- \$ 58 - Kroger Charity Program

**April Expenses:**

- \$13,576 - Pastor and Staff salaries and benefits
- \$ 2,027 - Property and Facilities (including utilities)
- \$ 1,366 - Administrative Support
- \$ 750 - Denominational Support
- \$ 306 - Committee Support
- \$ 95 - Miscellaneous

If more detail is desired regarding this report, you may view the Income & Expense Report posted in the Fellowship Hall.

The Finance Committee and Board reviewed the Church finances and confirm monies are being adequately managed.