



## 2016 Guide Book & Directory

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# **Fountain City United Methodist Church**

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Dear Fountain City UMC Family,

“Being connected.” It is a fundamental aspect of the Biblical message. Throughout, we are called to be connected with God by faith in Christ. We are called to be connected to one another as a body, as a family, as a royal nation. We are called to find ways to connect with the strangers, the aliens in our midst.

At Fountain City UMC establishing those connections is our focus as we seek to make disciples, nurture one another in the bonds of faith and love, and go forth to connect others with the grace of God. This book is a vital part of that “connecting” process. Within its pages, each of us has quick access to our church family, and using this resource to keep in touch is one of the ways we feel connected.

I invite you to make frequent use of this directory. Use it to let others know how much you appreciate them. Use it to reach out to those who are struggling with life’s challenges. Use it to offer a word of hope and comfort. Use it to stay connected!

In Him,

Wm. Randall Frye, D. Min.  
Senior Pastor

## FCUMC Staff Roles

**Randy Frye, Sr. Pastor** - Spiritual and missional leader of the congregation. Sets vision, provides pastoral care, and leads the congregation in preaching and worship.

**Amy Aycock, Associate Pastor: Discipleship** - Amy provides leadership and direction for our ministries of discipleship. In addition to providing pastoral leadership she also coordinates and leads our contemporary worship, *The Journey*.

**John Gargis, Associate Pastor: Evangelism** - John provides leadership and direction for our ministries of welcome, hospitality and member engagement. In addition to providing pastoral leadership he also coordinates and leads our Celebrate Recovery ministry.

**Leslie Graves, Director of Music Ministries** - Directs and provides leadership for the chancel choir and youth choir as well as adult and youth handbell choirs. Integral part of the traditional worship planning team.

**Mark Seals, Contemporary Worship Leader** - Provides leadership for the Journey Worship Team and serves as an integral leader in planning, with the pastors, worship in *The Journey*.

**Joshua Bracken, Organist** - Plays the organ during our traditional worship services. Available for other services as needed.

**Kim Meade, Pianist** - Plays the piano during our traditional worship services. Also provides leadership for a children's handbell group. Available for other services as needed.

**LeRoy Hatcher, Congregational Care** - Provides pastoral care and connects the church with members and constituents in long-term facilities who cannot make it to church.

**Jeanie Tillman, Older Adult Ministry** - Provides leadership in older adult ministry by coordinating and implementing programs for retirees and senior adults.

**Daniel Doubleday, Director of Youth Ministry** - Provides leadership in developing and implementing a program of discipleship for youth from 6th to 12th grade, including confirmation. This includes developing curriculum, providing pastoral care, developing volunteers and leaders, and communicating with parents. Also responsible for The NET, FCUMC's afterschool program for middle school students.

**Sherri Smith, Director of Children's Ministry** - Provides leadership in developing and implementing a program of discipleship for children and families. This includes developing curriculum, providing pastoral care to children and parents, developing volunteers and leaders, and communicating with parents.

**Jenny Cook, Early Childhood Ministry Coordinator** - Responsible for the development and implementation of a ministry for young children, ages 0-4 before they transition into children's ministry. Also responsible for coordinating childcare for church ministries and events.

**John Patterson, Church Business Administrator** - Provides business leadership in all areas of church to include finance, logistics, administration, church infrastructure, property and operations.

**Dee Dee Seals, Financial Assistant** - Assists the Church Business Administrator, specifically responsible for tracking contribution records, accounts payable and accounts receivable.

**Helen Jordan, Administrative Assistant** - Responsible for the production of traditional worship bulletins, general church scheduling, and is the first line of contact for wedding coordination.

**Maxine Engle, Receptionist/Clerk** - responsible for providing secretarial, clerical and administrative support in order to ensure that office support services are provided in an effective and efficient manner. Answer all incoming calls and handle caller's inquiries. Also responsible for providing administrative support for ministry directors.

**Susan Todd, Director of Preschool** - Provides leadership in developing and implementing the church's preschool program. Reports directly to the Preschool Board; however, consults often with the pastoral team as well as the church business administrator to coordinate schedule, activities, support, etc.

**Doug Shipman, Director of Food Services** - Develops and leads a team of volunteers that cook and serve food for Wednesday night program and other church functions.

**Ralph Paden, Facilities Manager** - Provides leadership for the maintenance and repair support for all church property and infrastructure, including the grounds.

**John Fine, Custodian**

**Zack Wood, Custodian**

## Worship Services

### **The Journey Worship Service**

The Journey Worship Service meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in our Gym and features contemporary Christian music, a relevant message and a casual place where you are invited to come as you are to be transformed into the person God created you to be.

### **Traditional Worship Service**

The Traditional Worship Service meets on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary. In addition to Biblical based sermons, these services are enhanced by the music of our Chancel Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs as well as other vocalists and musicians. Worshippers at these services are invited to pray at the altar and participate in special times of healing, reaffirmation and commitment.

## Sunday School Infants and Toddlers

These rooms are located in the Early Childhood Ministry hallway on the first floor of the church.

**Infants** (Nursery Suite)

**Toddlers** (Nursery Suite)

2-A Year Olds

2-B Year Olds

3-A Year Olds

Pre-K

Kindergarten

## Elementary Age Children

Classroom locations for the first through fifth grade children are located on the second floor of our children's wing. The children gather in room 212 and are dismissed for Rotation Sunday School in different rooms based on their age.

Signs are located outside the classroom so that parents can find their child's class.

## Youth (Grades 6 through 12)

Classroom locations for youth are listed below. Wesley Hall and the Youth rooms are located on the first floor of the main hallway. The Net is located below the sanctuary.

6th Grade Confirmation Class - The Net  
Middle School - Wesley Hall  
High School - Youth Room

## Young Adult

### College/Young Professionals

This class is composed of college students and young adults. We are a discussion-based class who study the Bible and try to learn together what it means for our lives. We would love for you to come and join us!

### F.I.S.H.

F.I.S.H. is a community of believers, married and single, with and without children, who are in fellowship and service to Christ and to those living in our community. We participate in discussion-formatted Sunday school lessons that are inquisitive and sometimes unexpectedly probing. We develop our atmosphere of loving fellowship through frequent social gatherings and community outreach. Join us on our journey to grow in our Christian faith.

### Seekers

The Seekers class is a group of adults ranging in age from the early thirties to the mid-forties, and most class members are married with children still in school. Class members are active in selecting topics for study. The class has a warm, welcoming atmosphere, with a healthy mix of both new and long-time members.

### Cornerstone

We consist of married couples and singles in our 30s to 40s. We're a very social, service-oriented group. Our class is very relaxed and informal. Discussions on Bible study incorporate current social issues that make the Bible relevant and engaging. We focus on making our relationship with God the Cornerstone of our lives.

### The Four Corners

We invite all who want to explore Christianity and learn through dialogue. If this sounds like you, you will feel welcomed. Contact the facilitator, John Dupree for more information, ([john.dupree@knoxtnlaw.com](mailto:john.dupree@knoxtnlaw.com) or 281-8400, x3).



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## Middle Adult

### **Pairs & Spares**

As its name suggests, the Pairs & Spares class is made up of married couples and singles, mostly in the middle-aged range. The class studies the Bible foundations to deal with Christian issues in everyday life. The class is a warm fellowship that joins in outreach projects, support activities, and social occasions as well.

### **Open Door**

The Open Door Class is a group of believers seeking to learn and understand more about our faith through Bible study, discussion, fellowship, and application in our daily lives. We are striving to serve through sponsoring individuals in need, shut-in visitation and fund-raising. Our door is open to all!

### **Lion Chasers**

A small class (ages ranging from mid-thirties to mid-sixties....some couples, some singles) involved in basic Bible study. We are an informal group seeking to know who God is and what He does as we study His word around a kitchen table. Our name comes from a book we studied about being bold witnesses in our world today.

### **Whobodies**

The Whobodies is a class with a focus on caring for each other and the community. The name comes from a children's book, "Whobody There." Missions include a targeted outreach to single mothers, food pantry support, and work with the Wesley House senior adults. The class uses the lectionary Bible studies and other sources of study materials.

### **F.O.C.U.S.**

The Focus class is a group of believers with a focus on becoming better disciples of Christ. Fellowship and prayer concerns are a vital part of our time together. Our main focus is on studying the Bible using the Adult Bible Studies Series as our guide. Our class is very mission minded, supporting local, district, and international projects. We support these endeavors through our annual Tamale sales. All are welcome to come fellowship, study and learn with us!



## Older Adult

### **Christian Homebuilders**

Christian Homebuilders began over 50 years ago as a young married couples class and has evolved into a class of over 70 members, married and single, whose ages range from 60 and up. We pray and care for each other, and we have fun together, with four social get-togethers each year. We are especially proud of our mission outreach, including support of foreign missionaries and national and local families and causes. We welcome new members.

### **Christian Fellowship**

The Christian Fellowship class was organized as a result of returning service men and women from World War II. It is a Christian education class with an average of 35 to 40 members. Our emphasis is on local missionary projects. Many of our members are actively participating in teaching and administrative positions. We enjoy a lot of Christian fellowship.

## Classes for Adults of All Ages

### **Discovery**

The Discovery Bible Class is an in-depth Bible study. It is open to anyone who desires a deeper study of the Scriptures and how they apply to our lives today. The class consists of both couples and singles and has continuous outreach to the Net, Emerald Avenue Youth Foundation and Lost Sheep Ministries, as well as other outreaches as the need arises.

### **21st Century Christians**

This intergenerational class is on the journey to discover what it means to be a Christian in the twenty-first century. We study current events and biblical topics with an eye towards what the Bible has to say about current ethical and moral questions. We seek to shed light on questions, not provide easy answers. All are welcome to share our fellowship, laughter, compassion and curiosity.

### **Christian Conversations**

This class is a lively crowd that encourages discussion of contemporary issues and current events with a biblical basis. We are a social group, holding several gatherings during the year. Our missions include support of various ministries doing good work in and around our city. Come join us any time.

## Preschool Ministry

Fountain City United Methodist Preschool is a nationally accredited (National Association for the Education of Young Children-NAEYC) program that serves ages 6 months-pre-K. The Preschool is licensed by the state of Tennessee and maintains a 3 Star rating (the highest possible). Program hours are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. FCUMC Preschool has been part of the ministry of Fountain City United Methodist Church since 1959. The director, Susan Todd, has served since 1984; she can be contacted at [stodd@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:stodd@fountaincityumc.org) or by calling 865-689-5518.

## Children's Ministry at Fountain City United Methodist Church

The Children's Ministry of Fountain City United Methodist Church is a place where faith, imagination, and learning go hand in hand. Through creative, active, age-appropriate, and Bible-based experiences, children are guided and encouraged to grow in their faith and become deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ. We joyfully serve infants through fifth graders.

Our purpose above all others is to honor God and keep Christ at the center of all we do. Programming for children is available on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and special events.

### Nursery Care

Childcare is provided for children ages infant through three-year-olds during Sunday morning worship and Sunday school, Wednesday nights, and during Bible studies throughout the week. Childcare for birth through fifth grade may be provided during adult programming. Please check our website [www.fountaincityumc.org](http://www.fountaincityumc.org) for more information.

### Children's Sunday School

On Sunday mornings we offer rotation model Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth grade. We believe that experiential and multiple intelligence learning is powerfully linked to spiritual growth in children. The workshop rotation model is based on the concept that children learn and retain information in many different ways. Workshops include: art, drama/story, music, games, science, cooking, Bible skills, and missions.

### Children's Worship

#### Infant through 3-year-olds:

Our nursery is available for infants through three-year-olds during worship. We believe that every time a child comes through our doors, they should hear about God's love for them and is a learning opportunity. Two-year-old and three-year-old classes experience a teaching time we call WEE Worship during nursery on Sunday mornings. WEE Worship baskets are prepared each week to reflect liturgical seasons of the church, as well as stories of God.

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### **4-year-olds through 2nd grade:**

During our traditional worship services, we have a brief children's moment before leading four-year-olds through second graders out to Children's Worship. In our Journey worship service, this same age group has the opportunity to attend Children's Worship. We use Godly Play, a Montessori style teaching method that encourages spiritual formation in young children, during Children's Worship.

### **Wednesday Night Programming for children**

Wednesday night live (WNL) is fun, interactive programming for children that includes Bible stories, music, arts, and crafts. Kids spend each Wednesday night with their group, participating in the different activities and getting to know each other.

- **SPROUTS**, a music and movement class for our three-year-olds, meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., after which they are taken to the Early Childhood Ministry area for free play.
- **WIGGLE WORMS**, our four- and five-year-old group, and
- **CROSSTRAINERS**, our first and second graders, meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **GPS4kids : GROW PRAISE SERVE** is a blend of activities which includes team building, Bible study, service, and mission activities for our third through fifth graders. In addition to Wednesday nights, our GPS4kids ensemble group meets on Tuesday afternoon for an hour of music and drama. Each semester, they provide a musical worship experience, usually scheduled for a Wednesday night.

All of our children's music groups are encouraged to prepare and share their gifts in worship.

### **Children and Family Events**

Throughout the year, many opportunities for growth and fellowship are offered for children and families. Programming includes Vacation Bible School, Father Daughter Valentine Dance, Father Son Campout, Family Fun nights, Preschool Playdates, and special worship opportunities such as a Christmas Eve Impromptu Nativity and Family Prayer Path. A calendar of upcoming events can be located on our church website at [www.fountaincityumc.org](http://www.fountaincityumc.org).

## Children's Ministry Security

Keeping your child safe is a priority at FCUMC. Your understanding and adherence to these policies is both expected and appreciated.

Yellow credit card-styled Security cards are issued to all parents with children ages birth through second grade. The security card is shown to the teacher both *when you bring your child to class* and *when you pick your child up from class*. This includes any class or event for which you leave your child, such as Sunday school, WEE Worship, children's choirs, children's worship, etc.

Temporary security cards are issued to visitors and to church members who have forgotten or lost their security cards. Temporary security cards are dated and are good for one day only. Please return the temporary security card to your child's teacher and indicate if you need new or replacement permanent security cards.

Children ages birth through fifth grade must be brought to class and picked up from class by an adult. For this purpose, an adult is considered someone at least 16 years of age. For children birth through second grade, the adult must present the child's security card before leaving with the child.

Because our church is large, has many entrances, and is open to the entire community, we ask that you do not let your child wander throughout the building unattended.

Special check-in and check-out procedures are used for many classes on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Your child's teacher will provide more information on these as needed.

## Youth Ministries



The youth ministry of FCUMC exist to REACH out to all youth with the saving grace of Jesus, helping them GROW into mature followers of Jesus in order to SERVE God and others with their lives. In pursuit of this goal, we engage in weekly youth group, small groups, retreats, and mission trips. Wherever youth are in their personal journey with Christ, we are here to help middle school and senior high students take the next step in following Jesus.

## Sunday Mornings

Every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 we offer Bible study opportunities for 6th-12th grade youth.

### 6th Grade Confirmation

The purpose of confirmation is to provide a supportive, creative environment where students will explore the meaning of faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ and church membership.

### 7th-8th Grade

Who is God? What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Why is it important to be part of a community of faith? Is it normal to have doubts? How do I handle big changes?

Middle School kids have lots of questions. We want to help them wrestle with those questions. We use the LIVE Curriculum developed by Group publishing to guide discussions and find biblical answers to big questions. Class discussion, small group interaction, activity and video are all used to help spur conversation and get students thinking!

### 9th-12th Grade

There aren't simple bumper-sticker answers to everything that happens to us in this world. We want to challenge High School students to think deeply about how their faith is played out in their lives, their family, their friendships, their community, and the world.

We use Group Publishing's LIVE Curriculum to drive Bible based discussions about life and faith.

## Wednesday Night Youth Group

Middle school (6th-8th) and High school (9th-12th) meet every Wednesday, from 6:30-7:30 that Knox County schools are in session. Besides a time of learning how to live the Christian journey everyday of their life, there might also be games, worship, small group time, and service projects.

During the summer we meet at the homes of church members for absolutely ridiculous games and craziness, including Jell-O Night, Capture the Flag Night, Water Night, and more. Ever been on a Jell-O slip and slide? This is your chance!

### Throughout the year there are also:

- White Water Rafting
- Living Water Weekend
- Resurrection Youth Conference in Gatlinburg
- Local, regional, national and international mission/service opportunities
- Various fun day trips

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## **Women's Ministries**

### **Bible Studies**

**Monday Morning Bible Study** - is an intergenerational group of women who study books of the Bibles to make life application of Christian principles. This group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in room 106. Each study lasts six to nine weeks and meets in the spring and the fall. *Childcare is available.*

**Summer Bible Study** - is an intergenerational group of women studying topics through the lens of God's Word. Lasting four to six weeks and starting after July 4th. *Childcare is available.*

### **Women's Ministry Events**

**Bunko Night** - to be announced. *Childcare is available.*

**Race for the Cure** - in 2011 Fountain City UMC had the largest faith based team.

### **United Methodist Women**

United Methodist Women (UMW) host a meeting the second Tuesday of each month. Women interested in participating in life changing missions, locally and globally should be a part of this group. For more information, contact UMW president for information. *Childcare is available.*

**Disbursement Meeting** - held every January this meeting distributes the monies raised by the UMW from the previous year. Those asking for money must make written application to be considered. Contact UMW president for information.

**Rummage Sale** - an annual fund raising event always the first Saturday of May.



## Music Ministries

### Chancel Choir

This choir sings weekly in our 11:00 a.m. traditional service as well as in special services during Advent and Holy Week. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (summer meeting time is 7:00 p.m.). Favorite music of this choir includes mostly classical selections and hymn tune arrangements. The choir is open to all adults who love to sing and to high school youth who are active youth choir members. Although the ability to read music is helpful, it isn't a requirement.

### Youth Choir

This group is open to all middle and high school students with a love of music and a heart for following Christ. Most often, this group serves as the worship choir in our 8:30 a.m. traditional worship service; however, they do occasionally appear in *The Journey* or in the 11:00 a.m. traditional service. The highlight of this choir's year is their annual summer choir tour. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m.

### Tollers

This is a five-octave handbell choir that meets for rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday (excludes summer months). These ringers offer special music in our traditional services several times a year, and they also often accompany chancel choir anthems or hymn-singing. Ringing experience is not a requirement for joining this choir, but music reading ability is a must.

### OffeRing

This is our youth handbell choir. We meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:00. All youth with music reading skills are invited to be a part of this choir. We play in traditional worship several times a year, and we also travel with the youth choir on their annual summer choir tour.

### Children's Choirs

There is a place for children of all ages in the music program of FCUMC. These groups meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the school year. Although the activities offered to these children each week are varied, music is always a part of their time together.

**Sprouts:** 3-year-olds

**Wiggle Worms:** 4- and 5-year-olds

**CrossTrainers:** 1st and 2nd graders. The GPS4Kids Choir is an extension of the of the Wednesday night GPS4Kids group for grades three through five. This choir meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and is directed by Kathryn Paden. This group offers a spring and a Christmas musical complete with drama, sings in worship occasionally, and sings with the Chancel Choir in our annual Christmas program. The group requires registration in August and January, and all 3rd through 5th graders who are interested in music and role play are welcome to join.

### **Genesis**

This is our handbell choir for children in grades three through five. It meets each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and is directed by Kim Meade.

### **The Journey Worship Team**

This team leads worship in *The Journey*, our contemporary worship service. This group, which includes talented singers, musicians and multimedia designers and technicians, enjoys using their gifts to create an environment where people can authentically worship Christ. The band practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. (Summer meeting time is 7:00 p.m.) If you would like more information about this worship team, contact Mark Seals at mseals777@gmail.com.

## **Retirees Ministry at FCUMC**

FCUMC affirms the gifts and graces of all retirees in our church and community. The senior adult ministry focuses on spiritual growth, self-improvement, physical improvement and fellowship. The current ministry includes regularly scheduled programs, fellowship items, outings, medical transportation, medication assistance, a senior singles group, and assistance of a social worker as needed. Retirees need to feel engaged and connected to their church. This is the mission of the retirees' ministry at FCUMC.

## **Safe Sanctuaries**

Safe Sanctuaries is the name commonly given by local United Methodist Annual conferences and local churches to their individual efforts to make conference, district, and local church programs welcoming and safe for children, youth and older adults. The church schedules training sessions on a regular basis. During the training sessions, volunteers and staff are educated about the guidelines set up in our Safe Sanctuaries policies. We are proud to state that we have had approximately 500 staff and volunteers go through the training and screening process.

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## Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered biblically based program of recovery for all of those dealing with life's struggles.

Every Tuesday night, our night begins with fellowship in our "Sacred Grounds" coffee shop starting at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we have our contemporary styled worship service. Following our time of worship and teaching, we move to one of the following open share groups:

- Drug and Alcohol Addiction (Men and Women)
- Co-Dependency (Women)
- Family Support
- Sexual Integrity (Men)
- Life Hurts (Depression)
- Celebration Place (Kids from 5 to 13)

\* We also provide nursery for your little angels

For more information, please contact Pastor John Gargis at 865-310-4783 or [john.gargis@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:john.gargis@fountaincityumc.org).