



## The Nashville United Methodist Church

Introducing people to Jesus Christ, by teaching and maturing disciples for the transformation of the world.

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August 2017

### Worship Planner

Worship committee has posted the plan for the next 3 months.

8/6/17	L. Etzwiler Liturgist.	Message – Who Wants Leftovers?
8/13/2017	D. Weimer Liturgist.	Message – Whose Money Is It Anyway?
8/20/2017	S. Pringle Liturgist.	Message – Whose Money Is It Anyway? Part 2
8/27/2017	C. Houin Liturgist.	Message – Whose Money Is It Anyway? Part 3
9/3/2017	D. Wheatley Liturgist.	Message – What Concerns God Most?
9/10/2017	L. Etzwiler Liturgist.	Message – The Treatment of Brothers and Sisters in Christ
9/17/2017	D. Weimer Liturgist.	Message – Unlimited!
9/24/2017	S. Pringle Liturgist.	Message – It's Just Not Fair!
10/1/2017	C. Houin Liturgist.	Message – Don't Be A Phony? <i>World Communion Sunday</i>
10/8/2017	D. Wheatley Liturgist.	Message – The Parable of the Evil Farmer.
10/15/2017	L. Etzwiler Liturgist.	<i>Laity Sunday</i>
10/22/2017	D. Weimer Liturgist.	Message – Giving to God What Is God's.
10/29/2017	S. Pringle Liturgist.	Message – The Greatest Commandment. <i>Praise and Worship Sunday</i>
11/5/2017	C. Houin Liturgist.	Message – Seeing the Father's Love. <i>All Saints Day</i>
11/12/2017	D. Wheatley Liturgist.	Message – Did You Check the Oil?
11/19/2017	L. Etzwiler Liturgist.	Message – Sorting Out the Livestock.



### Finance Committee

During June donations to support our church slipped severely causing concern for the finances. The finance chair shared the concern with the congregation, including a graph showing the expenses and necessary income. The next month, July, donations were up enough to meet expenses! Thank you to the congregation for truly being a caring body of worshippers.

### Upcoming Events

We need persons to sign up for the Sunshine table. The children and persons attending Sunday School really appreciate a small snack between Sunday School and Church and after services.

A Church picnic is being planned for September 2017.

August 15 is a planned Mission Trip to All God's Children. Volunteers and Donations are needed. See Hazel Taft

The next Administrative Council meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2017. If a committee chairperson cannot attend, they should send a written report.

**Reminder** – The church provides free copies of Our Daily Bread to any church attendee who wants one. They are available on the table with the bulletins.



## Education Committee

Vera Humrichouser is now in charge of staffing nursery. Please let her know if you would be interested in taking a turn. Eleven children signed up for camp this year. Bible. In DiscipleLand Level Two, your children message for everyone. They will see how God will embrace the Bible – as God’s inspired and authoritative has preserved His Word to transform people on every continent. Kids will cultivate a deep appreciation for the richness and power of scripture, and the Bible will become their lifelong companion. Depend on the rock-solid Bible for God’s guidance!



## Trustees

The youth center downstairs is now finished. Some final trim was added. The church exterior was power washed in June. Enough funds were received to purchase propane for the 2017-2018 heating season. 1800 gallons was ordered. Being considered for future is new carpet for the basement level, repairs to the sidewalk at the parsonage and a replacement basement window for the parsonage. Eventually the siding on the original church building will need to be replaced. This will be a costly endeavor.

## Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will again this year be supporting the 5<sup>th</sup> grade farm tour. Vacation Bible School and other special offerings collected over \$700 for Hope to Liberia. The sad news is that the outreach fund is almost depleted. Funds for outreach come from a special offering at Christmas. Additional donations would be appreciated. Next meeting for Mission Committee will be September 18, 2017.

## Lunch Bunch

This quarter’s Lunch Bunch Schedule is:

August 23 - Picnic

September 27- Potluck

October 25 – Fall Harvest



## Message from the Pastor

I'm writing today on a subject that just came to me through an alarming news article on CBS News. A woman has decided to tie "the knot". Nothing too unusual about that right? Well, in this article, Erika Anderson, a 37-year-old from Brooklyn, New York, planned a formal ceremony with a white dress, flower bouquet, and walk down the aisle. Only, no one was waiting for her and that was just the way she wanted it. Anderson says she grew tired of people asking why she was still single, so in front of friends and family, she married herself. Self-marriage, or sologamy, is growing, partly because it's popping up in pop culture. The movement has gone global and companies are trying to capitalize. "Marry Yourself" in Canada offers consulting and wedding photography. A website called "IMarriedMe.com" was recently started. There, you'll find sologamy ceremony kits that include a wedding band, daily affirmation cards and vows. "I think it's increased over the years and it's something that is becoming more understood and more accepted", says one of the companies. Anderson married herself to celebrate independence and believes others should, too.

My friends, love as described in the Bible is quite different from the love that the world accepts as normal! Biblical love is selfless and unconditional, whereas the world's love is characterized by selfishness. Love does not exist apart from God and true love can only be experienced by one who has experienced God's own love firsthand. Romans 13:9-10, "The commandments, 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not covet,' and whatever other

*commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*" The statement "love your neighbor as yourself" is not a command to love yourself. It is natural and normal to love yourself—it is our default position. There is no lack of self-love in our world! The command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is essentially telling us to treat other people as well as we treat ourselves. Scripture never commands us to love ourselves; it assumes we already do. In fact, people in their broken condition love themselves too much—that's our problem! We are to take our eyes off ourselves and care for others. Christian maturity demands it. *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others"* (Philippians 2:3-4). According to this passage, loving others requires humility, a valuing of others, and a conscious effort to put others' interests first. Anything less than this is selfish and vain—and falls short of the standard of Christ. We love others based on God's abiding love for us in Christ. In response to this love, we share it with all whom we come in contact with—our "neighbors." Someone who is worried that she doesn't love herself enough has the wrong focus. Her concern, biblically, should be her love for God and her love for her neighbor. "Self" is something we want out of the way so that we can love

outwardly as we ought to. Amen?

In His grip,

*Pastor Larry*