



Dear Church Family,

Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord in all thy ways, and lean not upon thine own understanding." We live in the age of the individual. Me, my, and I tend to be in charge on a daily basis for a lot of folks. Opinions flood the internet. Even for the Christian, doctrines and teachings abound. This state of affairs is no surprise. God's Word tells us that in the last days many will be swept by "every wind of doctrine."

Jack is a Jack Russell Terrier. Therefore, he is very active. He could be the poster child for the breed! Two things are true in our relationship. Jack loves me, but he also trusts me. I do everything for him. Without me he'd be a goner, kaput! This is because he has no sense. (I tell Jeannie he needs counseling.) He knows no fear and "size matters not." He is just as likely to go after a Pit Bull as a mouse. My voice is his only leash when we are together because he trusts me. It took time and patience for him to learn to listen (and he often needs reminders) but, because he loves me and trusts me, he survives in spite of himself! Does this sound familiar?

It really is all about love and trust - but there is a potential problem. We can love without trusting. Many more people love God than trust Him. Only when we trust Him will He become Lord of our lives. Only then will we listen to His voice. Only then will we receive His Word fully.

I know that there are many choices and perspectives, but if I'm not to "lean on my understanding," then what? That's easy. Trust in the Lord always and forever. He is our "very present help in times of trouble" and He is our "burden bearer." Receive Him today afresh and anew and He will direct your path.

Grace His peace,
Pastor Ralph

Children & Youth

Children & Youth—Sunday Nights: Sunday nights are hopping with over 180 children, youth, and leaders attending. But, we welcome more—so bring a friend and show them how the Holy Spirit is moving at NUMC! We will not meet on the 8th (night of rest) or the 29th (Trunk or Treat).

Confirmation: Confirmation is the process by which our youth affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and become members of the United Methodist Church. This is encouraged for any youth that attends NUMC as their primary church and is spiritually ready and mature in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His church. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, Oct 1 at 4pm in Cockrell Hall to learn more. Classes begin on the 15th at 4pm in the Library.

Pumpkin Patch: Finally we're just a few weeks away from the Pumpkin Patch! Youth should sign up online (WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/GROW#CAMP4KIDS) to volunteer and help raise funds for camp, retreats, and mission trips.

Children & Youth Email Updates: The best way to stay updated on children and youth events is through the weekly email Updates. To get on the distribution list, contact nichole@nashvilleumc.net (King's Kids), ps1powell@suddenlink.net (Youth PAC), or kaitlyn@nashvilleumc.net (Pathfinders).

Discipleship Retreat: Both Youth PAC and Pathfinders will attend this retreat on Nov. 10-12 at Camp Oakhill in Oxford, NC. It will be a weekend of fun, fellowship, learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and what Jesus teaches us in His Word. Total cost for the retreat is \$100. Final payments are due by Oct. 22.

Shine On! Invite a friend and join Luke and Kaitlyn on Wednesday mornings for breakfast and Bible study. We meet at the Sheetz on Old Carriage Rd. at 6:15am.

Sunday School: Build lasting friendships and explore and learn strong Biblical teachings. In these groups, you'll feel free to join in discussions of Bible topics and share your insights. High School meets in the Basement, Middle School meets upstairs in A201, and Children meet in the classrooms behind Braswell Hall at 10am every Sunday.

Safe Sanctuaries Training: Wayne Lamm will offer one more training session for the fall on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30pm in Cockrell Hall. Training is required annually for everyone working with children or youth ministries. This will be the last class offered in 2017, so be sure to come if you haven't had training this year.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: We are in need of a teacher for our middle school class. We also need someone to join the teaching rotation in our 2nd/3rd grade class. Materials are provided; you just need to love Jesus and kids! Contact Nichole Huff (nichole@nashvilleumc.net) or Katherine McKeel to help.

Pathfinders Fall Retreat



I'm Allison Smith, and I'm in 10th grade at Nash Central High School. I've been on many retreats with our youth groups; the last one I had the privilege of attending was Fall Retreat at Camp Willow Springs.

The week before the retreat I did not want to go. I was caught up in the world wanting to stay home for a football game. During the first worship service, Pastor Luke talked about Exodus 3:1-12 when Moses is in his everyday life, but God uses a burning bush to bring him away from the 'normal' life he was used to and go talk to Pharaoh. When Moses said he couldn't do it, God responded "but I will be with you." Once I heard this I knew it was for me to listen, go away from my normal life, take time for God and not worry what others were thinking about me because God is always with me. Then Pastor Luke took another step and gave us the option to give our phones up for the weekend, and hang out with the people we wouldn't normally talk to. He didn't make us give up our phones—it was our decision to not have that distraction and know that we made the choice to do it.

This weekend I realized we all have to go "off path" from our normal lives like Moses to be able to grow closer to God knowing he is with us the whole way.



Lindsey Ray and Allison Smith enjoying some quiet time at Fall Retreat.

Note from Nichole

City Moms Fellowship – Nashville

Twice a month for the past year and a half or so, I've shared a table with ten women from across Nash County. All moms thick in a season of mothering littles. All with a heart for Jesus and seeing His love permeate Rocky Mount and its surrounding communities. Together we laugh and we cry, sometimes simultaneously. We break bread and study God's word. We fellowship. We pray for one another. We breakdown walls and expose vulnerabilities. We talk marriage and mothering. We go deep, intentionally working to lift one another up and sharpen one another's walks with Christ.

We are all different, from careers to education to family structures. We don't all attend the same church or have the same spiritual gifts. Our children vary in ages too – even our age differences span a decade or more. We each have different struggles, but recognizing that we all struggle, our table is one of acceptance. It's one of both love and accountability. One where both grace and truth are served alongside a cup of coffee and a slice of dessert.

We are all busy women, barely able to keep our heads above water most days. We're all balancing the responsibilities of *children* (and all that comes with them, from fevers to homework to sports schedules to bedtime routines), and *relationships* (from marriages to extended families to friendships), and *duties* in and out of the home. We're all *tired* (from said balancing). But because we're in a covenant relationship with one another and to our small group, we show up. We show up to our bi-monthly dinners, and more importantly, we show up for each other when life gets hard. When babies are born. When husbands lose jobs. When loved ones have cancer. When our families are faced with mental illness or addiction or loss.

We open up our homes and our Bibles. And in doing so, somewhere over the past year and a half, across dining room tables filled with nourishment both for our bodies and souls, we have formed deep friendships that embody Hebrews 10:24-25:

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another —and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

If you are a mom thick in a season of mothering, if you're worn out and weary and in search of becoming part of an authentic community of Christian women, and if you love Jesus and want to grow deeper in your walk with Him, I encourage you to join a new women's small group that I'll be launching at NUMC this fall. If you're thinking that you don't have the time, it's probably all the more important that you make it. Invest in your spiritual development. In friendships. In fellowship. Pull up a seat at this new table and commit to it, trusting that God is at work in your life. Email me at nichole@nashvilleumc.net to learn more.

In His Love,

Dr. Nichole Huff, Director of Children and Family Ministries

New Room Recap

The NUMC staff doesn't just consider the church as a place of employment, but a ministry. They have all been called, many giving up more lucrative careers and dedicating their lives to use their gifts to advance the Kingdom of God. Working at the church, especially one where you also worship, can be especially rewarding and challenging. The responsibility of caring for and being entrusted with the bride of Christ – His Church – is an honor and a mission.



Amazing worship led by Mark Swayze and the ministry team from The Woodlands UMC.

The UM Conference requires that churches provide continuing education to their pastors. In 2016, Pastor Luke chose the New Room Conference - a 3 day event of leaders around the world who have stories and teachings of Spiritual awakenings in their churches. We are thankful for a Staff/Parish Relations Team that is also concerned about the Spiritual health of the entire staff and servants. They sent six to this year's conference in Nashville, TN. (Pastor Luke, Gary Rapp, Kevin Shaw, Jackson Rollins, Kaitlyn Beal, and Dana Nethercutt).

The theme for the conference was "Come On!" Like an earthly father encourages a child, your heavenly father wants you to *Come On* – pray, fast, spend thoughtful time in His Word, and encourage others. Call out to the Holy Spirit to *Come On* – fill the church with His love and power. We returned to the 'original' Nashville overflowing with the Holy Spirit. We learned that there is more for the asking and we pray feverently and with expectation for the Holy Spirit to move through NUMC.



Jackson Rollins and Pastor Luke take notes during a presentation

Although they fed us well with snacks, cookies, and lots of coffee – we came back hungry. When we are fed in the earthly realm, we are satisfied. When we are fed in the Spiritual realm – we want more and just grow hungrier. Our prayer for NUMC, is that we will continue to grow, be hungry, worship powerfully, and pray for the Holy Spirit to move through our church family and flow out into our community and the world.

The Costa Rica Experience

*Church Growth,
Spiritual Growth,
Personal Growth.*

Submitted by Reid Hildreth

I have been going to Liberia, Costa Rica for 10 years helping to build the facilities of a growing church. My wife Wanda first went to this location in 1999 when the church was a planted house church with a 20-person congregation.

Every year Wanda would return from her trip spiritually refreshed, having enjoyed the fellowship of her building team members and having reconnected with friends within the growing church. She was always looking forward to returning the next year.

The worship in church is "charismatic," joyful, and expressive. The music is in parts lively and reverent. The preaching is always powerful, translated or not. The Holy Spirit is always present.

Going back to the same location each year is a different experience from most "one and done" mission/building trips.

The blessings of sharing in the lives of the people in the church year after year is special. Our teams share in every aspect of life with our Christian brothers and sisters in Costa Rica. Language communication can sometimes be a challenge, but not a barrier to expression. Sharing photographs, small gifts, smiles, laughter, jokes, hugs, and tears are a part of every visit.

Each trip is different. But they are all the same in some ways.

Church Growth- We get the opportunity to help grow God's Kingdom by helping to expand the facilities of the church and its mission.

Spiritual Growth- We get to join in the fellowship of the church universal. Enjoying worship and fellowship with other Christ followers who live in a different culture than we do. We also get to share our faith with our team members and deepen those relationships.

Personal Growth- We get to experience another culture and experience a different part of our world. This changes the way you view things when you return to your home.

All of this together makes each and every trip to Costa Rica a learning and growing experience, an experience that ultimately influences who I am as a person and as a Christian for the better.



WCA Simulcast



It's not too late to register for the Wesleyan Covenant Association ("WCA") 2017 Global Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. NUMC will be hosting a live simulcast from The Woodlands United Methodist Church, near Houston, TX.

Join us as we commit to becoming an apostolic movement advancing the Kingdom of God globally. We will experience powerful worship, inspiring preaching, and passionate messages as we seek the face of God and surrender to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Doors open at 9:00am. The simulcast will begin at 10:00am and concludes at 4:00pm. Register at www.WESLEYANCOVENANT.ORG. NUMC is a member of the WCA, so everyone from our congregation is eligible for the \$30 discounted price.

October Events



The pumpkins are coming! The shipment arrives on Friday, Oct. 13 and we'll have our first day of sales on Saturday, Oct. 14. Come for games, hay rides, and fun! Hours: Monday-Friday: 11:30-7:30, Thursday 11:30-6:00, Saturday 9:30-7:30, and Sunday 1:00-4:00.



Invite a friend and come out for the Youth PAC Sponsored Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 4-6pm. We'll have inflatables, games and more. Everyone is encouraged to bring their vehicles, decorate their trunks, pass out candy and/or donate candy. Sign-ups and a donation box for candy are in the Gathering Area.

Events

Methodist Men's Breakfast: Our October UMM Breakfast will be on Sunday the 8th at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall. All men are invited for great food, fellowship, and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

Boston Butts: The Methodist Men will be grilling Boston Butts on Nov. 18 for Thanksgiving. Tickets will be available beginning Oct. 8 for \$30. Tickets can also be purchased at the church office, Monday-Friday from 8am-noon.

Cantata: Our Cantata, Peace Has Come, will be on Sunday, Dec. 10 at our 11:00 service. This Cantata follows the journey of those who experienced that first Christmas night and found peace in a new and fresh way. Be a part of the choir and help sing praises to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Rehearsals start Oct. 11 at 6:30 in the Choir Room.

Defying Gravity: We hope everyone is enjoying this study as we look at our "wants" and "needs." Pastors Ralph and Luke are delivering weekly sermons and we'll have a time of commitment on October 15 to make a pledge of your time and gifts to support the ministries of NUMC in 2018. If you've missed a sermon, listen online at WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET.

S.A.M.: Senior Adult Ministry will have their monthly meeting on Oct. 17 at 12pm in Cockrell Hall. Guest speaker is Rev. David Joyner from Red Oak United Methodist Church. Meal is \$5 at the door. Contact Victoria at 459-2396 for more information.

Hot Topics: Join Luke and Nichole for Hot Topics on Oct. 18 at 6:30pm. From jack-o-lanterns to Santa, this month we'll discuss being a Christian parent during secular holidays, balancing fact and fiction. Childcare will be available.

Vow Renewal Ceremony: Brian and Denise Lindquist will be having a vow renewal ceremony on Oct. 21 at 2pm in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Cockrell Hall. There will be a special time in the service for all guests to renew their wedding vows. Everyone is invited. RSVP to Brian at link2brian@aol.com or 252-314-7211.

Mission Trips: *Appalachia Service Project* 50th season is the summer of 2018. Planning and registration is underway. Please contact Lewis Smith at 252-903-9849 or eatnsmoke4u@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for this Mission Team. The *Costa Rica Mission Team* has scheduled their trip for January 19-29, 2018. Contact Reid Hildreth (373-1131) or Dennis Coggins (908-4033) for more information about this team.

Charge Conference: Everyone is invited to the Southeast Sub-district Charge Conference on Oct. 22 at 4:00, First UMC in Rocky Mount. We'll be celebrating the many ways that God has blessed area Methodist churches over the past year.

Events

Prayer Watch: Join with others at NUMC for anyone desiring to pray for the Eklesia, NUMC, our nation, state, government, and for individual needs. This group will meet monthly on the fourth Friday at 6pm in the Parlor. Come on Oct. 27 for the first session. Contact Marilyn Poll (252-452-3006) with any questions.

All Saints Day: We will celebrate All Saints Day on Oct. 29. On this day, we'll remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. Bring a picture of a loved one to display as we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith.

Operation Christmas Child: OCC boxes will be available beginning Oct. 22. Instructions for filling boxes and shipping donations will also be available. Boxes are due back by November 12.

Youth Worship: Our youth have a worship service as part of their Sunday night activities. Everyone is invited to the basement from 6:15-6:45 for music led by the youth band, scripture, and sermon by Pastor Luke.

Prayers with the Pastor: Join our Prayer Warriors every Tuesday morning at 7am in the Parlor as we pray for those in our congregation and community.

Men's Bible Study: Our Men have a Bible Study every Tuesday at 8:30am in the Bus Garage. This study includes men from several other churches in our area. Come study God's word with others who are growing in their faith.

prayers

Do you have a prayer request or want to pray for those in need? Join our **Prayer Chain**.

Contact our office at 459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net to be added to the email or phone distribution list.

Submit prayer requests to 252-459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net. Join our Prayer Warriors on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am in the Parlor for Prayers with the Pastor. They'll be praying for our community, country, and all known prayer requests in the church.

stay connected

Get schedules for Children, Youth, and Adults at our Information Centers located at both entrances.

You will also find brochures on various ministry groups, Church Council Minutes, and more.

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Facts & Figures

Attendance

Contemporary: 263
Traditional: 89
Thursday Nights: 56
Sunday Night Youth Worship: 62
Average of all Services: 443
Includes combined
and special services.

Team Meetings:

- Oct. 3 Trustees, 7pm : A205
- Oct. 4 Admin Chair Breakfast
6am : Oak Level
- Oct. 8 Stephen Ministry
5pm : Men's Bible Class
- Oct 11 Audit Team, 7pm
Library
- Oct. 17 WDS Meeting
6pm: Chapel
Finance, 7pm : Parlor

Do You Have an Upcoming Event?

All events should be scheduled using the Church Event Form located online at NASHVILLEUMC.NET/RESOURCES. Hardcopies are available in the work room.

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 8:30am Contemporary Service
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Service
- 4:00pm Youth Band Practice : Basement
- 5:00pm Children & Youth
- 6:00pm Ralph's Small Group
Bus Garage
- 6:15pm Youth Worship : Basement

Monday

- 7:00am WICK Emmaus : Hardee's
- 6:30pm Disciple II : Men's Bible Class
- 7:00pm Bells of Praise : Handbell Room

Tuesday

- 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor : Parlor
- 8:30am Men's Bible Study : Bus Garage
- 10:00pm & 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study
Basement
- 7:00pm Praise & Worship Band Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage

Wednesday

- 6:15am Youth Bible Study : Sheetz
- 6:30pm Choir Practice : Choir Room
- 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study : Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Rockfish Practice
- 8:00pm NA : Bus Garage
- 8:00pm NarAnon : TBD

Thursday

- 6:30pm Thursday Praise & Worship
Braswell Hall
- 7:30pm Windows Bible Study : Library

Saturday

- 10:00am La Estrella Ministry
4118 W Hwy 97, Stanhope

Special Dates

Oct. 1 - Youth Confirmation Parent Meeting
4pm : Cockrell Hall

Oct. 2 & 5 - NUMC @ Compassion Café
11am : Bus Garage

Oct. 4 - One Day w/ God Training
6:30pm : Cockrell Hall

Oct. 6 & 7 - One Day w/ God
Braswell Hall

Oct. 8 - UMM Breakfast
7:30am : Cockrell Hall

Children & Youth Night of Rest

Oct. 13 - Pumpkins Arrive, 4pm

Oct. 14 - Pumpkin Patch Begins!!

Hours:

Monday-Friday 11:30-7:30

Thursday 11:30-6:00

Saturday 9:30-7:30

Sunday 1:00-4:00

WCA Simulcast

9am : Braswell Hall

Oct. 15 - Stewardship Commitment

Confirmation Begins, 4pm : Library

Oct. 18 - Hot Topics
6:30pm : Basement

Oct. 21 - Lindquist Vow Renewal
2pm : Sanctuary

Oct. 22 - Charge Conference
4pm : First UMC, Rocky Mount

Oct. 25 - Safe Sanctuaries
6:30pm : Cockrell Hall

Oct. 27 - Prayer Watch
6pm : Parlor

Oct. 29 - All Saints Day
Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm

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