

Keeping Up With

KEITH

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AN INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

I'd like to issue an invitation to the men in our church. I'd like to invite you to find a way to connect with some other guys in our church in a way that works for you, if you're not already doing so. It's one of those things that you won't realize how important it can be until you do it.

A few months ago, I was invited to be a part of a small group of men, mostly from our church. It's other dads, most of whom have kids about the same age as mine. We meet once a month early on a Tuesday morning. There's a pot of coffee on, and we read through some scriptures and talk about how some of their principles apply to our work, our family life and our personal and spiritual life. It's nice not to have to be "the expert." We're just some guys trying to figure some of these things out together. It has become a time that I value, and I try my best not to miss.

Are there some guys here in the church that you already enjoy spending time with, or that you'd like to get to know a little better? How might you create some time in your schedule to get together with them? Maybe you can come along to the men's breakfast groups that already exist on the 2nd Saturday or 4th Tuesday. Or maybe another time and activity would work better for you. Maybe you could form a foursome and set up a regular game of golf. Maybe you could go fish or kayak together, or take a hike. Or go for a run. Or read a book or watch and discuss a movie. Maybe you could grill some burgers, or meet up somewhere for coffee or lunch. Maybe you discuss some scriptures together or maybe not. Maybe you pray together or maybe you can simply ask each other "how can I pray for you?"

Call me crazy, but I have a vision for our church where all of us guys are involved in a small group of guys in some way. After all, that's what Jesus did. He got some guys together that he wanted to share his life with, and that group of guys kicked off a movement that has changed the world.

So what do you say? Will you find or form a group of guys to share life with in some way? Trust me, you'll be glad you did.

Pastor Dave

BLOOD DRIVE

AT KEITH MEMORIAL UMC

THE GATHERING

ALL DONORS RECEIVE A COUPON
FOR A FREE APPETIZER AT
TEXAS ROADHOUSE AND
A FREE T-SHIRT OR VOLS MUG

MEDIC
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 19
NOON -
7 P.M.

Journey to the Holy Land

Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked, to visit the places where he was born, lived, taught, died and rose again? Plans are currently underway for a journey to the homeland of Jesus. This trip will bring the scriptures and stories and signature events of our faith to new life for you. You will never read the Bible the same way again!

Sites: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Masada, Jerusalem, Mount Olives, Garden of Gethsemane

Dates: January 17-26, 2018 for the standard journey (or until January 30 for the four-day optional extension in Jordan)

Cost: \$2997 from New York City, plus airfare to NYC, passports, optional travel insurance (\$1389 for Jordan extension)

Deadlines: \$300 registration fee by September 1, 2017; full payment by October 17, 2017

For registration and more information about this "Holy Land Gold Standard Journey," including answers to Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the website of the group we will be traveling with, The Society for Biblical Studies, at www.sbsedu.org, or see Pastor Dave.



The mission of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a nurturing congregation, growing in faith and discipleship, witnessing to God's work in our lives and our world and reaching out to others in service and love for Jesus Christ.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

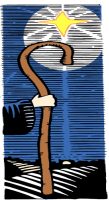


Trust Me!

Has someone ever told you "Trust me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on.

If you are seeking someone who will listen and know you can trust or know someone who is and would like more information on our Stephen Ministry and the encouragement we might provide to you or someone you know, please contact Pastor Dave at dgraybeal@keithumc.org or 745-2612.

SHEPHERDING MINISTRY



Shepherds should expect a call or email from their Staff Shepherd before the end of April. We need some feedback from you on how this ministry is working. Thank you for your time & interest in praying for our church members.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Shepherding Ministry, which includes praying daily for four to six families of our church, please call the church office or email barmstrong@keithumc.org. You will be contacted when the next Shepherding Ministry meeting is scheduled.

OUTREACH MINISTRY HOSTS MEAL FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Keith Church will be hosting a meal for local tornado victims on April 25 at 5:30 in the Activity Center. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. Sign up sheets will be available on the table by the church office. If you are unable to volunteer, but would like to support this event you may make a monetary donation by writing "Outreach Ministry" on the memo line of your check or on an offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate or bringing it to the church office. Please call Bev Stansell at 829-4037 or Susan Woods at 368-2310 with questions or for more information.

SEEKING: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Keith Memorial UMC seeks a part-time (20 hours/week) **Director of Children's Ministries** to coordinate a dynamic and comprehensive children's ministry program. Potential candidates should be enthusiastic, creative, and resourceful, with the ability to relate well with children from all backgrounds. Experience and a desire to partner with parents and volunteers to reach out to and engage children from infancy through fifth grade in the Christian faith and life of the church are required. Email dgraybeal@keithumc.org to request more information or a complete job description, and to submit a resume.

Keith Youth

Upcoming Youth Events

For more information, or to get on a text-out or email list, please call or text Harrison at 507-7492.

- ▶ **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** for Bible Study in Youth room
- ▶ **Sundays at 6 p.m.** for snack supper & Youth fellowship in the Activity Center.
- ▶ **Mondays at 7:30 a.m.** for Senior Youth devotional
- ▶ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 15, Youth are needed to help from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hot dog lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. and Egg Hunt will begin at 1 p.m.
- ▶ **Senior Sunday Service:** Sunday, April 23, 10:35 a.m. in The Gathering; lunch for graduating seniors and their families will follow the service
- ▶ **Mother's Day Bulletin Project:** Youth volunteers are needed April 24 - May 11 to complete this project!
- ▶ **Cleveland District Youth Rally:** Sunday, May 7
- ▶ **Middle School Mission Trip:** Friday, June 9 - Monday, June 12; sign up with Harrison by April 30!
- ▶ **High School Trip Details:** Coming soon! Stay tuned to youth.keithumc.org!

Visit YOUTH.KEITHUMC.ORG for more information and a complete schedule of upcoming events!

Entry forms for the annual Mother's Day Booklet, a Keith Youth fundraiser, will be available in the church office beginning Sunday, April 23.



★ The **Keith Children's Choir** will sing in both 10:35 a.m. services on Palm Sunday, which is April 9. All children planning to sing that day should arrive by 10 a.m. and meet in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Katie Torbett, children's choir director.

★ The **Keith Church Puppeteers** invite you to join the fun each Sunday at 3 p.m. in The Gathering! Learn how to "talk with the hand" and "talk to the hand." The group is seeking children ages third through eighth grade who are great readers eager to become puppeteers. To sign up, email Tracy Graybeal at tgartma@gmail.com, text her at (423) 368-2576 or come to puppeteers at 3 p.m. Sunday!

★ You're invited to attend **Wednesday Night Bible Studies** and **Children's Choir** each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Be a part of these UMM activities and events ...

- ◆ **Monthly Meeting & Breakfast** at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 8 in the Activity Center. All are welcome to attend. Mary Brown, local coordinator of the Remote Area Medical (RAM) event scheduled for July 8 - 9, will be the guest speaker.

RAM is an organization based in Knoxville that provides free medical assistance to people around the world with major emphasis on dental care and optometry. Mary will discuss the areas in which volunteers are needed. It is estimated that 1,000 - 1,500 people will attend the RAM event in Athens.

- ◆ **Blood Drive**, Noon - 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 in The Gathering, the UMM are partnering with MEDIC to host a blood drive, which is open to the public. You may drop in at any time to donate. All donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer from Texas Roadhouse and a t-shirt or Vols mug.



- ◆ **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, 8 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, Shoney's of Athens

For more information, call Terry Ulm at 744-8120



Make plans to take part in these upcoming events ...

- » **UMW Executive Meeting**, April 11, 2 p.m., Conference Room
- » **UMW Spiritual Enrichment Experience**, Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21, Lake Junaluska. *This will be the last time this event is held at Lake Junaluska.* Come renew, relax and rejoice at the lake for the 43rd annual Spiritual Enrichment Experience. The event will feature guest speaker the Reverend Grace G. Hackney, an elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the founding director of Life Around the Table. Musical leaders will be Bryan Underwood and Loretta Bowers. For more information, visit http://holstonumw.org/?page_id=130.

Join us at the monthly meeting of any of our five Circles:
Catherine KeithSecond Monday, 10:30 a.m.
Dana Higgins.....Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Jewell Second Monday, Noon
Susanna Wesley/BSWSecond Tuesday, 10 a.m.
The Sisterhood..... Fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all of the prayers, support, care packages and love you have shown us as we have gone through this. We have so been lifted!

Can't wait until we can be back where we belong in our seats, but it will be a while. Please continue your prayers!

Thank you again for all of the prayers and cards! The flowers from Sunday are beautiful! It brightened Jay's room. We appreciate such thoughtfulness and caring!

Yours In Christ,
Jay & Susan Carter

Keith Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and concern for my son, Craig, during and following his surgery. He is home now and doing well.

Sincerely,
Elinor Harwick

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHILDREN'S DAY & SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP LOOKOUT

All elementary age children, and their parents, siblings, grandparents, and Children's Directors, are invited to participate in the **2017 Children's Day at Camp Lookout**. This will be a day of fun and fellowship with crafts, games, and worship all led by the Camp Lookout 2017 summer staff. Group registration sheets and individual health forms (found here: <http://www.camplookout.com/childrens-day.html>) are needed for each child to attend. For more information, please call (706) 820-1163.



Also, registration for summer camps is now open! The **Camp Lookout Summer Ministry** is designed to instill within our campers love for God, love for self, and

love for others. The outdoor setting and the camp-oriented activities are the avenues for experiencing the great blessings God has in store. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.camplookout.com/summer-camp.html> or call the registration office at (423) 929-9037.

STEWARDSHIP

"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness."

With our Prayers:

Please remember all members who are homebound, as well as those who are hospitalized or living in a skilled care facility.

With our Presence:

	March 19	March 26
Sunday School:	112	124
Sanctuary Worship:	156	156
The Gathering:	139	184
Total Worship:	295	340

With our Gifts:

	2014 - 2016 YTD Average (February)	2017 YTD (February)
Receipts	\$113,276	\$115,940
Expenses	\$116,693	\$116,519

With our Service:

	Palm Sunday April 9	Easter April 16	Senior Sunday April 23	Confirmation Sunday April 30	May 7
Acolytes	8:30 a.m. Mandy Jones 10:35 a.m. Jaylin Coffie Parker Willis <i>Crucifer</i> McCall Willis	8:30 a.m. Michael Pledge 10:35 a.m. Parker Willis Cameron Zemer <i>Crucifer</i> McCall Willis	TBD	TBD	TBD
2s, 3s & 4s Nursery	Helen Stephens	Lisa Whitlock	Indhira Hulslander	Kelly Montooth	Barbara Brazer
Children's Church	Veliska Thomas	Morgan Fesmire	Brandi Armstrong	Kelly Zemer	LeAnn Liner
Greeters The Gathering	David & Joy Rymer	Tim Womac & Shawna Hart	Lingerfelt Family	John & Marty Boyd	Faunt Family
8:30 a.m. Ushers	Jim Dodson Doug Fisher	Scott Bandy Phil Fletcher	Dean Baggett Bill Emendorfer	Michael Mayfield Bill Tindell	Myron McCleary C.H. Wilson
10:35 a.m. Ushers	Richard Leamon Stuart Sullins Mike Bevins Harold Masengil Chris Liner	Tom Hamilton Ben Riden Cary Davis Rob Davis Ronnie Vinson	Hal Buttram George Cinci David Ray Trey Sullins	Larry Rhodes Curtis Crafton Darrell Dumont Carter Runyan Bob Whaley	Doug Jones Camm Garrett Tom Hughes Johnnie Carter
Donut Church	<i>April:</i> David Harrod Memorial Class	<i>May:</i> Open Door Class	<i>June:</i> Young Adults with Experience Class	<i>July:</i> Horizons Class	<i>August:</i> Adult Bible Class
UMW Gift Card Sales	<i>April:</i> Catherine Keith	<i>May:</i> The Sisterhood	<i>June:</i> Jewell	<i>July:</i> Dana Higgins	<i>August:</i> Susanna Wesley

Stay up to date on all Keith News & Events by finding us here ...

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KeithUMC

Calendar of Events: April 2017

Monday, April 3

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Ensminger Hall

Tuesday, April 4

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
6:30 p.m. Dana Higgins Circle
7 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
10 a.m. Book Club, Conference Room
12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Communion, Prayer Chapel
4 p.m. Prayer Group
6 p.m. Verse-by-Verse Study of Hebrews, Ensminger Hall
6 p.m. Children's, Jr. Youth & Youth Bible Studies & Children's Choir
6 p.m. College & Young Adult Fellowship Night, Hart Home
6 p.m. Handbell Choir
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
Noon Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall

Friday, April 7

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
Noon Al-Anon

Saturday, April 8

- 8 a.m. UMM Monthly Meeting & Breakfast, Activity Center
Mary Brown of Remote Area Medical will be the guest speaker

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Donut Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Modern Worship Service*
10:35 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service*
3 p.m. Puppeteers leave for Alcoa UMC Talent Show
6 p.m. Youth Fellowship, begins with snack supper, Gym
6 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall
**Children's Choir will sing in both services*

Monday, April 10

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
Noon Holy Week Service at Keith Memorial UMC
Lunch will follow in the Activity Center
5:30 p.m. Vision Team Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, April 11

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
Noon Holy Week Service at Allen Memorial UMC
2 p.m. UMW Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Dana Higgins Circle Dinner for SW & BSW Circles
Ensminger Hall
7 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
Noon Holy Week Service at St. Mary Catholic Church
4 p.m. Prayer Group
6 p.m. Verse-by-Verse Study of Hebrews, Ensminger Hall
6 p.m. Children's, Jr. Youth & Youth Bible Studies & Children's Choir
6 p.m. College Women's Bible Study, Hart Home
6 p.m. Handbell Choir
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
Noon Holy Week Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 14: Good Friday

- Church office closed*
Noon Holy Week Service at Trinity UMC
Noon Al-Anon
7 p.m. Good Friday Service, The Gathering

Saturday, April 15

- 12:30 p.m. Youth Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser at the Mayfield's Home
1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at the Mayfield's Home

Sunday, April 16: Easter

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, Market Park Pavilion, downtown Athens
8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Easter Service
9:15 a.m. Donut Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Modern Worship Easter Service
10:35 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Easter Service

Monday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool

Tuesday, April 18

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
7 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
Noon Medic Blood Drive, The Gathering, until 7 p.m.
4 p.m. Prayer Group
6 p.m. Verse-by-Verse Study of Hebrews, Ensminger Hall
6 p.m. Children's, Jr. Youth & Youth Bible Studies & Children's Choir
6 p.m. College Women's Bible Study, Hart Home
6 p.m. Handbell Choir
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
8 a.m. Older Adults Trip to Pigeon Forge
10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
Noon Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall

Friday, April 21

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
Noon Al-Anon

Sunday, April 23: Senior Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Donut Church
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:35 a.m. Modern Worship/Senior Sunday Service, The Gathering**
- 10:35 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch for graduating High School Seniors & Families**
- 3 p.m. Puppeteer Practice, The Gathering
- 5 p.m. Confirmand & Mentor Meeting, Ensminger Hall
- 6 p.m. Youth Fellowship, begins with snack supper, Gym
- 6 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall

Mother's Day bulletin forms available in church office today

Monday, April 24

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- 6 p.m. Adult Fellowship, Ensminger Hall, hosted by Ron & Mary Younger

Tuesday, April 25

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
- 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Shoney's
- 10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
- 5:30 p.m. Outreach Meal for Tornado Victims, Activity Center**
- 6:30 p.m. Dana Higgins Circle
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 26

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- 10 a.m. Book Club, Conference Room
- 12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Communion, Prayer Chapel
- 4 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6 p.m. Verse-by-Verse Study of Hebrews, Ensminger Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's, Jr. Youth & Youth Bible Studies & Children's Choir
- 6 p.m. College & Young Adult Fellowship Night, Hart Home
- 6 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
- 10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
- Noon Last Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall

Friday, April 28

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- Noon Al-Anon

Sunday, April 30: Confirmation Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Donut Church
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:35 a.m. Combined Sanctuary Worship Service**
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch for Confirmands, Mentors & Families**
- 3 p.m. Puppeteer Practice, The Gathering
- 6 p.m. Youth Fellowship, begins with snack supper, Gym
- 6 p.m. Last Fast Track Bible Study, Ensminger Hall

Monday, May 1

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- 5:30 p.m. Vision Team Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, May 2

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
- 10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out
- 6:30 p.m. Dana Higgins Circle
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, May 3

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- 10 a.m. Book Club, Conference Room
- 12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Communion, Prayer Chapel
- 4 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6 p.m. Verse-by-Verse Study of Hebrews, Ensminger Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's & Jr. Youth Bible Studies & Children's Choir
- 6 p.m. Youth & Parent Leaders Meeting, Cinema
- 6 p.m. College Women's Bible Study, Hart Home
- 6 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

- 8 am. Yoga, Sunday School Room
- 10 a.m. KCA Parent's Day Out

Friday, May 5

- 8:30 a.m. KCA Preschool
- Noon Al-Anon

Sunday, May 7

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Donut Church
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:35 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 10:35 a.m. Modern Worship Service
- Noon Acolyte Training & Lunch, Activity Center
- 3 p.m. Puppeteer Practice, The Gathering
- TBA Cleveland District Youth Rally

NEWS & NOTES

KCA SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

It's not too late to register for our summer Parent's Day Out and fall preschool and Parent's Day Out programs. Registration forms may be picked up in the church office or printed from our website at keithumc.org/keith-childrens-academy/.

ATTEND CONFERENCE FOR CARE GIVERS & SENIORS

All care givers and senior citizens are invited to attend a conference at McDonald United Methodist Church, which is located at 4836 Lee Highway, McDonald, on Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The conference will help you explore available resources, renew your spirit and obtain support. It will feature guest speakers, door prizes and lunch. Make a reservation by calling (423) 476-3800 or emailing revmarkbarber@gmail.com.

BE A PART OF JUBILATION 2017

Make plans to attend Jubilation 2017, a retreat for older adults (50+). The event takes place May 1 - 3 at MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge. You may pick up a registration form in the church office. Registration fees for the retreat, which include room, program, and Monday lunch (breakfast is provided by MainStay), are \$200 for a single participant or \$110/person for two participants. A \$25 discount provided by the church is available. Let the church office know if you are planning to attend so we are able to mail in the correct amount. Please see Jim Dodson for additional information.