

MEET THE CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kenneth L. Faught Pastor	Pam Olivio Secretary	Ed Hatfield Custodian	Karen Hendricks Music Director	Donna Prater Music Accompanist
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From the Pastor: "Wishing the Church a Happy New Year"

WHAT DO WE WISH for our church in the coming year? What do we wish for our families? Some of you have heard me say that we really want three basic things for our children (and grandchildren): we want them to be safe; we want them to be healthy; we want them to be happy. I wish the same things for our congregation in 2011.

I WANT US to be safe. By "safe" I do not mean that I want us to be unwilling to take "risks" for the sake of the gospel and our witness in the world. I mean that I want LaFollette United Methodist Church to be a place where *anyone* (rich or poor, young or old, struggling or prospering) can come and find love and acceptance and be valued as a child of God and as a neighbor and friend. I want you (and others) to come to church and know that you will not be berated and scolded (though I may have to "exhort" you occasionally). When someone walks into our building I want them to know that they will find genuine compassion and understanding, and that the "good news" of the gospel will be offered in the safe haven of genuine Christians.

I WANT US to be healthy. "Healthy" in the Christian context implies that we are "*strong* in the Lord" and "*growing* in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ". We are, as true Methodists like to say, "going on to perfection". We are, as John Wesley encouraged, striving to "do no harm, do all the good we can, and stay in love with God". Healthy means taking good care of "the body" by being faithful in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. A beloved seminary professor emphasized to us the importance of the Five Principles of [Healthy] Relationships. Based on the writing of Wayne Oates, he talked about "knownness versus anonymity" – "caring versus using" – "integrity versus duplicity and deceit" – "responsibility versus irresponsibility" – and "durability versus separation and estrangement". That's seminary-speak for the fact that healthy churches have members who know one another, care for one another, are honest with one another, accept responsibility for one another, and are committed to one another.

I WANT US to be happy. So does Jesus. He spent so much time telling us how to be "blessed"! In my mind happiness and peace are linked. In order to be happy an individual (or a congregation) must have peace with God and peace with one another. The Roman idea of peace was "peacekeeping" – an "enforced" peace (something of an oxymoron). You must be at peace or we will attack you! It's much like the Colt revolver used in the old west – it was called a "peacemaker"! The Greek idea of peace was "ease of mind" – having things resolved and owning a philosophy of life which allowed for a life without inner turmoil. The Hebrew idea of peace was (and is) "shalom". Shalom conveys the sense of wholeness (and health). Life is balanced and meaningful. Joy is an option. Healthy congregations not only suffer together and serve together, they are also able to celebrate together. We need the ability to laugh with (and sometimes at) one another!

THINK (BRIEFLY) ABOUT the alternative. Who wants a church that is unsafe, unhealthy, and unhappy?! Part of our witness to the world is to be a healthy congregation. Let's help one another be healthy. Right here. Right now.

*Call me when you need me. I will come.
~Kenny*





Services

Our Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
(Classes for all ages)

Morning Worship
10:45 a.m.

TV Broadcast
5:00 p.m.

(Comcast Ch. 12)

Monday
Joyful Carillons
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Children's Choir
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Celebration Chimes
5:00 p.m.

Pot Luck
5:45 p.m.

Bible Study
6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice
7:15 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

Parents
Morning Out
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF FAITH
1st Wednesday
of each month

Happy Birthday

Nolan Baird	1/1
Jim Lynch, Jr.	1/1
Steve Claiborne	1/2
Janet Claiborne	1/3
Jeff Ellison	1/4
Parker Troutman	1/7
Donna Baker	1/8
Ruby Lynch	1/8
Kenny Bartley	1/10
Andrew Prim	1/10
Cindy Carter	1/11
Missy Troutman	1/12
Phillip Troutman	1/12
Luke Kirkland	1/13
John Brown	1/16
Annette Kincaid	1/16
Dorothy Michaels	1/18
Mary Mentis	1/19
Jerry Troutman	1/21
Pat Stockwell	1/22
Elizabeth Tamer	1/24
Emily Tamer	1/24
Shirley Rogers 1/26	
Todd Shaw	1/28
Julia Ayers	1/30
Stella Muse	1/30
Hanna Winchester	1/30



Happy Anniversary

Bill and Syondra Cox 1/10



REHEARSALS RESUMES

Joyful Carillons

Monday - January 3, 2011- 7:00 p.m.

Children's Choir

Wednesday - January 5, 2011 - 3:45 p.m.

Celebration Chimes

Wednesday - January 5, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir

Wednesday - January 5, 2011 - 7:15 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE:

The Church Office will be
closed on Monday
January 17, 2010

MISSION COMMITTEE

MEETING

THURSDAY

JANUARY 13,

7:00 p.m.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Wednesday

January 5, 2010

11 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

(Pot Luck)

Speaker: Emily Noss



MISSIONS LUNCHEON

January 2 (Noon)

Menu

Sloppy Joes and Fixin's
(Chips, Veggies, Drinks)

(All donations go to
support missions work
locally and globally.)



January 13, 2010

at 10:00 a.m.

IN HONOR OF

Given By
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Cowart
Given For
Bob & Mary Jo Jenkins

Given By
John & Raewy Snoderly
Given For
Kenny, Chrissy & Sarah Grace

Given By
Keith & Marie Kile
Given For
Bob & Jenny Kile
Vickie Kile
Chuck and Andrea Stump



MEMORIALS

Given By
Aline Ridenour
Ann Dubose
James Higdon



Given For
Nell Griffiths
Harry Vesta
Evan & Inez Higdon

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



WEDNESDAY

NIGHT

BIBLE

STUDY

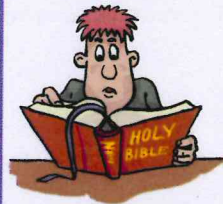
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RESUME

Wednesday

January 12

6:30 p.m.



Beginning in January, 2011, **FELLOWSHIP**, our monthly church newsletter, will be sent by *e-mail* and posted on the church website at www.lafolletteumc.org. This will mean significant savings in terms of both time and money. Copies of the newsletter will be *delivered* to our members in nursing homes and assisted living, and to those who are homebound. Additionally, copies will be available on the table in the narthex and may be picked-up in the church office. If you do not have e-mail or will be unable to receive a copy by one of the alternative methods of delivery, please contact the church office at (423) 562-7348.