



The Spreading Flame

Ellendale United Methodist Church



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“The Prophet of the Long Road”

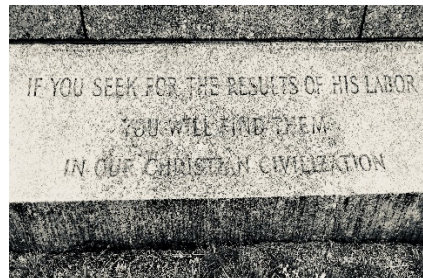
In the few hours I had before my flight returned from Washington, DC home to Memphis, I wanted to make sure that I saw the place where Francis Asbury, the first Methodist bishop in America, is memorialized. It’s at the place where 16th Street and Mount Pleasant Street meet in Northwest DC. The memorial, which features a life-size statue of Bishop Asbury riding a horse, was unveiled in 1924. Included among the inscriptions on the statue is the nickname that has been given him – “The Prophet of the Long Road.”



Asbury was called this primarily because of the many, many miles he traveled on horseback spreading the gospel throughout the 13 colonies that would become the United States of America. It is estimated that he averaged 6,000 miles per year traveling from the time he

arrived in America in 1771 until the time of his death in 1816. That number is astounding when you consider the pace of travel during that time period.

But there’s another side to what it meant for Asbury to be “The Prophet of the Long Road”, and I think this was conveyed in President Coolidge’s address at the dedication of the memorial. President Coolidge said, “He is entitled to rank as one of the builders of our nation”. Asbury not only sought the betterment of the institutional church, but also considered part of his calling to take part in building a more wholesome society. Following God’s directive through the prophet Jeremiah (29:7), Asbury would “seek the welfare of the city” and countryside and nation to which he felt called and appointed. And this was a call not for the short-term but for his whole life – for the “long road”.



“If you seek for the results of his labor
you will find them
in our Christian civilization”

In 1785, Francis Asbury sought and was granted audience with George Washington and impressed upon the future president Asbury’s desire to see slavery abolished. Yet this activism was not merely a partisan movement but was grounded in Asbury’s understanding of and devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ, which he broadcast throughout the countryside in word and deed.

This is part of what I meant on Pentecost Sunday when I said our call as Christians is found in being filled with the Holy Spirit so that we might “Go Public” with our faith in building a better world – to seek the welfare of the workplace(s), the city, the area, the state, the nation, and world in which we are called and appointed to serve.

How is God calling you to “go public”? What relationships has God given you so that you might be ranked as a “builder” of a better world for the glory of God’s kingdom? How might you also be a “prophet of the long road”?

Peace +
Pastor Jeff

CONNECTION YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We look forward to seeing each of you in Sunday School at 10:00am .

GOD IS LOVE, JESUS IS LORD, and YOU ARE LOVED
in the Ellendale UMC Connection Youth.



Sunday School Teachers

We need you to teach our young disciples. We are asking for **you** To sign up to teach for one month out of the year. Please sign up by the Fellowship Hall entrance or contact Nilse at 901-674-2577 or ngilliam@ellendaleumc.com

VBS is coming up!

Our VBS theme is **Game On!** It will center around 2 Peter 1:3. It will talk about what it really means to win in the game of life.

We are asking for you to pray about how you can get involved. We need some people to:

-pray for the volunteers, kids and families.

- put signs on their yards to let the neighbors know about VBS.
- contact last year's participants and invite them to come back.
- help spread the word through social media.
- hand out flyers to schools and sports groups.
- volunteers to help during VBS.

*What can you do?
Let us know!*

Action Kids:

We are starting a brand new class for our 9-12 year olds during our Children's Church time on Sundays. We will be using the Action Bible curriculum. This class will prepare our older kids to make the transition to our youth group. If you would like to help, please let us know! We meet every Sunday, except the 1st when we invite the older kids to join their families for worship.

Lakeshore

If you would like to send your child to a camp this summer or attend it with them, please let us know asap. Some dates fill up quickly and we want to make sure our kids are included. Due to the generosity of our church, the cost of the camp will be covered. For more information on available dates, please visit:

Lakeshorecamp.org

Important Dates to remember:

July 8: VBS Meeting after the 11:00am service

July 16-20: Game On VBS

Acolyte Schedule:

1st Sunday:

Sam and Julianne Rudy

2nd Sunday:

Julianne Taylor and Josh Kuhstoss

3rd Sunday:

Hope and Kendall Hayes

4th Sunday:

Alan Foster and Emma Bruno

5th Sunday:

Elijah Gilliam and Josiah Gray

Children's Church Schedule:

June

- 3 – Dennis Foster
- 10 – Angie Taylor
- 17 – Victor Foster
- 24 – Heather Summerhill

July

- 1 – Robin Bruno
- 8 – Dennis Foster
- 15 – Angie Taylor
- 22 – Victor Foster
- 29 – Heather Summerhill

Action Kids Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Kids stay in service
- 2nd Sunday: Matt Cooper
- 3rd Sunday: **Need a volunteer**
- 4th Sunday: Tricia Foster

*We are counting on your prayers, and we ask you to please spread the word about all of the great things God is doing with our children here at EUMC.



YouthVillages
MobilityWorldwide
20/20
Forgiveness House
Kairos



April Forbus Thompson

Madelynn Thompson

Mason Lee Thompson

20/20 Vision

Steering Committee Update

As you know, the steering committee began meeting last June and was tasked with an exciting project; to gather information, talk to church members and make recommendations to the church council on the next phase of improving our church campus.

The 20/20 Vision presentation was shown to each Sunday school class and also presented in an open meeting for any and all church members to attend. During this time period, the committee was talking and more importantly listening to church member feedback. We received many good ideas on what our church could look like in the years to come. This was the source of the content of our 20/20 Vision survey.

The top 3 suggestions from the survey were:

1. Education building updates.
2. Renovations to the main church building.
3. Reconnecting with inactive members.

The committee has selected two architectural firms to interview. The firm we select will do an evaluation of our facilities and make recommendations to us on needed improvements. These recommendations will be presented to the Trustees and the Church Council for approval prior to any work being done.

More updates will follow as the project progresses.

I just want to thank all church members for participating in the 20/20 Vision survey and I look forward to the completion of the next phase of improvements to our church.

June 3

1 Samuel 3:1-20
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:45-15)
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 17

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
 Psalm 20 or Psalm 72
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 24

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

Schedule

Sundays

8:45am	Worship Service
9:30-10:00am	Meet & Greet
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship Service
4:00 PM	Connection Youth

Tuesdays

6:30pm	Cub Scouts
7:00pm	Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

5:30pm	Bells Practice
6:30pm	Choir Practice

Special Dates for May

June 6	Summer Reading Program
June 6	United Methodist Women
June 10	United Methodist Men
June 13	Summer Reading Program
June 17	Father's Day
June 20	Summer Reading Program
June 24	Walter Plant Concert
June 27	Summer Reading Program

June 29, 2018

Kenny Prestage

Chairman

Ellendale UMC Steering
Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the United Methodist Men is June 9 at 6:00 pm. All men are urged to attend.

Will Hair, UMM

The next scheduled meeting of the United Methodist Women is Wednesday, June 6, at 1:00pm in the Church office conference room.

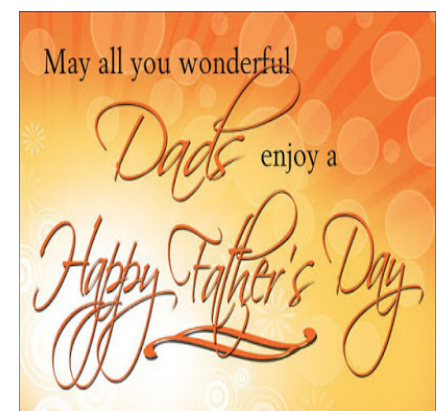
Love,
Cindy

Ellendale



<u>To</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>On</u>
June Alder		01
Cassey Day		02
Jackson Lewis		02
Deloris Fuller		04
Jennifer Davis		06
Louise Atkins		06
Bo Johnson		06
Linda Strickland		09
Amy Paule		10
Brayden Johnson		10
Pat Barnes		14
Judy Driver		15
Robin Boles		15
Annie Belle Williams		15
Tyler Brown		16
Pauline Thompson		16
Shawn Phillips		17
Andrew Griffy		17
Tyler Vernon		17
Nathan Howell		18
Cameron Stephens		18
Andrew Atkins		19
Dwight Davis		19
Julie Ann Taylor		19
Drew Stanford		21
Savannah Roper		23
William Sanders		23
Juanita Quick		24
Caleb Bogan		25
Michael Clariana		25
Brian Clariana		25
Irene Parker		27
Heather Edwards		28
Lauren U'Ren		28
Frank Lowry		28
TJ (Casper) Logan		29

<u>To</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>On</u>
Kenny & Tess Futrell		02
Greg & Amy Paule		03
Bill & Tricia Clariana		06
Roy & Pat Hubbard		06
Bob & Tina Johnson		07
Mickey & Lana Johnson		07
Chuck & Regina Geno		08
Bill & Deloris Fuller		09
Kurtis & Diddle DeMilt		10
Andrew & Darby Klink		10
Bo & Tiffany Johnson		14
Shannon & Stacey Rico		18
Andrew & Amanda Griffy		20
George & Kandy Sykes		23
Robert & Marcia Fly		28





In the past few months, Congregational Care has been busy implementing new programs and modifying existing ones.

Mending Hearts

is a team of those who are committed to offering love and fellowship to those members of our congregation who have recently lost a spouse. Their work is special and I want to thank them for their dedication.

The Card Ministry

has had a change of leadership. Linda Johnson has agreed to become chairperson. I want to wish her well as she begins a new calling. Thank you Linda!

Home Communion

I am grateful for all who have become part of this ministry.

Watching the growth of the Congregational Care Team has been a joy and, to all, your willingness to serve is appreciated.

I am in need of your help. The **Home Visitation Group** is looking for volunteers. Please

call me if you have questions about this opportunity to serve.

Barbara Stevens
Congregational Care Chairperson



The Worship Committee has many members and friends that are always doing a wonderful job decorating for Ellendale!!!

Cindy Foster,
Leader Worship Committee



Greta Thompson by:
Memphis Assoc. of Realtors

Evelyn Carlson by:
Richard Carlson



Madelynn Thompson by:
James & Elizabeth Darby

Mason Thompson by:
James & Elizabeth Darby



Leslie Noah and family in
the loss of her
Grandmother,
Sara Patterson

*All who have lost a loved
one or a friend.*

E-mail Prayer Chain
To put a pray request on E-mail send
it to:
EUMCprayerlist@googlegroups.com
Prayer Room combination 1-5-2

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call Anabel Copeland at 373-9130 to place your order. Please pay Anabel Copeland in advance. Also, please call the church office to let us know the

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