

## Step By Step Ministry Update

Step by Step will be closed Monday September 3, 2018 to observe Labor Day.

Our Fall curriculum starts Tuesday September 4, 2018.

Step By Step's fall picture day will be sometime in September, date and time to be announced.



September 5th at 6:30 pm the new District Superintendent, Lynn Dyke will be here to meet with the S/PPR committee. However, **everyone** is invited to this meeting. We have been asked to consider some questions.

How are people responding to this change in pastors?

How are you getting to know each other?

What gifts have you discovered in each other?

If you have a hope for your church, it is ...?

If you have a concern for your church, it is ...?

What word of caution, advice, or concern might you offer your new pastor?

A year from now, what are one to two ministries or changes or goals that you would expect should be accomplished?

District Superintendent Lynn Dyke will also be at FUMC on Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm to lead a Church Conference voting on moving to a simplified structure.

## Way-to-Go

Do you need a way to go? If so, there may be an answer to your dilemma! Our transportation ministry assists in transporting church members to such places such as doctor appointments, the grocery store, or to other nearby places. There is no cost for this service.

However, a minimum of 48 hours notice is required. For more information, or to schedule a ride call Ann Knott at 417-466-8575.



Do you surf the web? Have a Facebook page? Well, you can get an update on what is going on at Church on our website: **www.mtvunited.org** or like us on Facebook.

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at: [office@mtvunited.org](mailto:office@mtvunited.org)

or drop off your item in the "website/social media" mailbox outside the church office.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the volunteer sign up sheets on the cabinet by the Sanctuary doors. There are still opportunities to:

- count money
- usher
- operate the PowerPoint
- and drive the bus.

The Children's Sunday School sign-up sheet is available for September through November. The Fall curriculum is in and it is VERY easy to use. If you have had the Safe Sanctuary training you may join us in teaching our amazing young children. It is a rewarding task and you will enjoy it. Please sign up for a few Sundays if you can.

## Adult Sunday School

FROG Sunday School class is currently studying the book of Colossians. We normally have 6 to 8 people in the class but we'd love to add to that number. We meet in the Fellowship hall immediately after worship. Grab your Bible and join us as we allow the Holy Spirit to teach and bless us every week through His Word.

## UMW

September is here and we are back on schedule. Ann Knott is our hostess this month, and she has chosen Greenfield for our meeting on September 11. She has arranged for us to tour the Greenfield Opry House and have lunch at their Intermission Café. We will meet at the church at noon and carpool to Greenfield. We welcome any and all ladies; bring a friend if you like.





## Youth News

### We have a Winner!!

The winner of the baby quilt is Ann Knott!!

### Sunday School

Summer is over and School is back in session.  
We will have Sunday school EVERY Sunday til 11 am.

We will be studying AD Bible Series:

The study takes place immediately after the events of the Bible Miniseries,  
beginning with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus,  
and continues through the first ten chapters of Acts.

### Youth Bible Study

Wednesday night Youth every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:15.  
We will have dinner at 5:30 then a Bible study : "Soul Surfer" by Bethany Hamilton

**Lessons include:** Searching for something bigger (understanding God's plan and purposes)  
Trusting God in the impact zone (learn how to keep faith strong)  
Getting back in the water (facing life's challenges)  
Catching the ride of your life (embrace God's plan)

### Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us on Sunday Evenings at the Church  
Study begins at 5 pm with a potluck dinner at 6 pm

**Seamless: Understanding the Bible as one complete story**

**By Angela Smith**

In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible. Tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

## Mark's Message

Wow! These last few weeks have flown by...and so much is happening here at MTV! MTV, by the way, is our new shorthand for the church name. You'll notice its part of the new website, and logo. It's an easy way for us to share, and an easy thing for those we are trying to reach, to remember. Along with our new domain goes new email addresses as well. You might notice that our website now has a place where folks can ask questions and collect more information about the church

at [info@mtvunited.org](mailto:info@mtvunited.org)!

Lynn and I have new emails as well.

Hers is [office@mtvunited.org](mailto:office@mtvunited.org)

and mine is [pastor@mtvunited.org](mailto:pastor@mtvunited.org).

All the old email still works, but as we direct people to engage with the new website (and I hope you will!) let's guide them to the new, consistent, email addresses.

September is filling up quickly. I am excited to tell you about our Biker Sunday coming up on 9-23! If you ride, we ask that you ride that morning and be sure to wear your bike and Harley gear! We'll have two different chapters of the Christian Motorcyclists Association here and will be reaching out to bikers in the area. I am excited to use this special Sunday to reach folks for Jesus!

Be sure and check out the website and calendar for more info and events!

*Mark Hansche*

First United Methodist Church  
Worship 9 am  
Sunday School 10 am

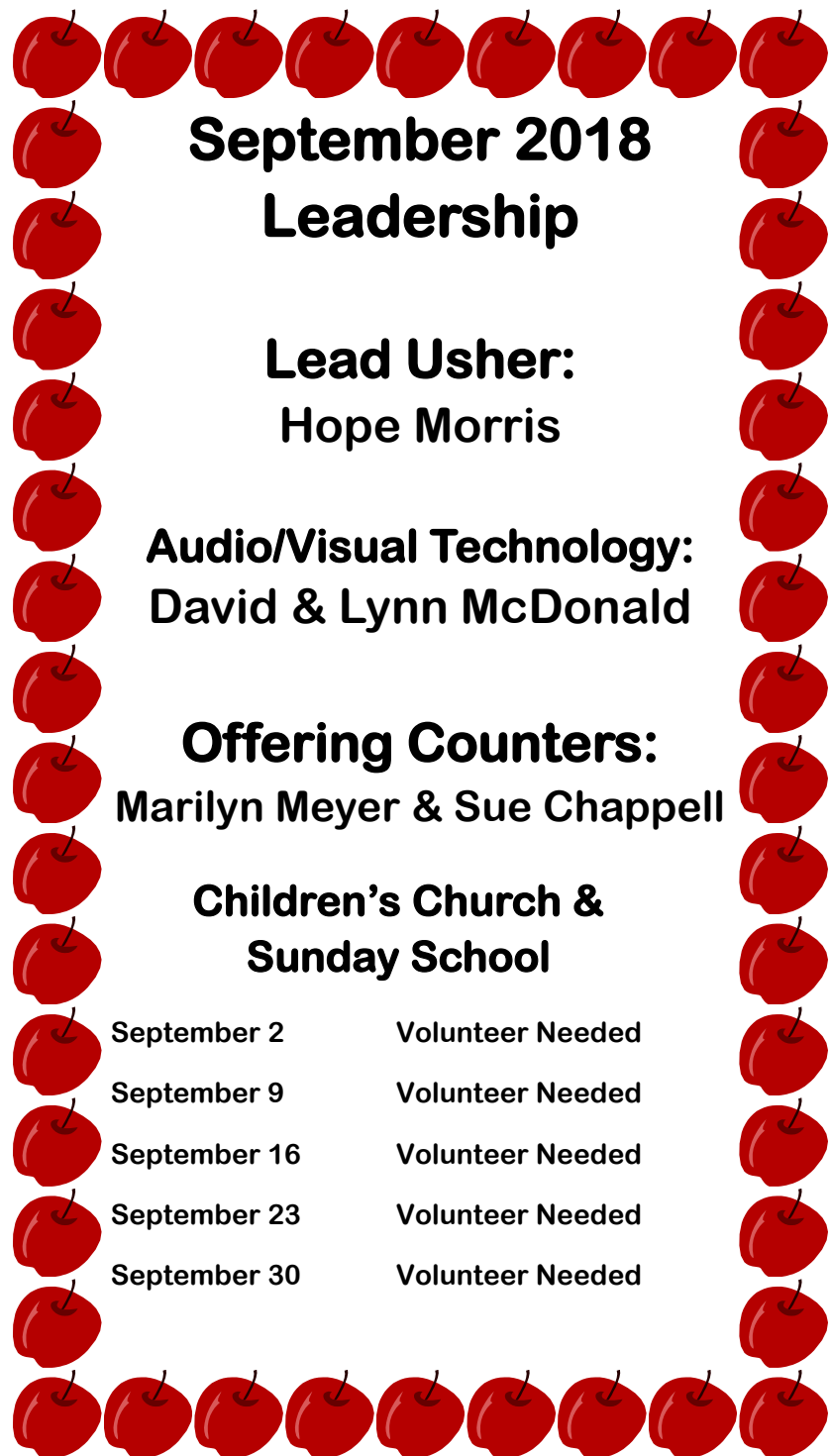
**Check Us Out Online!**

Check out our homepage at [www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org) and leave us a message!

**Save Your Best Choice!**

We sent in the last 1,000 labels this past month. We should receive our bonus shortly. Thank you to all who have saved the labels. Keep them coming and we'll soon have enough for the next batch.

Please make sure the number underneath the barcode starts with "70038", these numbers denote the Best Choice brand. You are appreciated and you are helping fund the education of our children.



**September 2018  
Leadership**

**Lead Usher:  
Hope Morris**

**Audio/Visual Technology:  
David & Lynn McDonald**

**Offering Counters:  
Marilyn Meyer & Sue Chappell**

**Children's Church &  
Sunday School**

<b>September 2</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

**September Devotion**

**Hope and Encouragement**

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

- [Romans 15:1-6](#)

What happens to people when they lose hope? They give up. They quit. Hope and perseverance go together. Hope is a future promise that keeps us going. It is the carrot before the donkey. Hope knows that there is a goal, and that the goal is worth pursuing, even through hardship and difficulty. If we don't have hope, we won't have perseverance.

Paul writes in Romans 15 is that everything in the Scripture—by which he means what we call the Old Testament—was written to instruct us in the Christian hope. Throughout the Old Testament we see God's faithfulness in spite of man's sin. We see the saints going through times of suffering and discouragement. We see the saints exiled to the wilderness, with no apparent future. But we also see that in time, God brings them back for greater service than before. The kingdom of God never shrinks; it may flow underground for a season, but it always emerges mightier than before. God is not going to be the loser in history!

Thus, with the encouragements of the Scripture before us (Old and New Testaments), we should have hope. And following God's example, we should encourage one another. Paul writes in [Romans 15:5-6](#) that we encourage one another when we live in unity, without being at each others' throats, and that a fundamental expression of that unity is worship. When we stand together to sing God's praises in the psalms and great hymns and prayers of the church, we encourage one another. The man who comes to worship downcast and beaten may emerge with new hope simply because of the unity of worship he has experienced.

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Monday — Thursday  
 8:30 to 2:30  
 Lynn McDonald  
 Administrative Assistant

# The Messenger

Mark Your Calendars

**September 3**

**Labor Day  
 Office & SBS Closed**

**September 5**

**S/PPR Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**September 10**

**Trustees at 6 pm**

**September 18**

**Ad Council at 6 pm**

**September 29**

**Emmaus Training**

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## Coming Soon!

October 8	Trustees
October 11-14	Apple Butter Making Days
	Men's Emmaus
October 16	Ad Council
October 19-21	Women's Emmaus
October 31	Trunk or Treat