
NEWS FROM MCCK

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 9 (1-3 p.m.)

Our semi-annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9 during the potluck lunch and will begin after all have been served.

Cassi W. has resigned from the Board of Directors. We are thankful for her many years of dedicated service. We will be voting to elect someone to fill this vacancy (term ends Spring 2013). Nominations for candidates will be taken from the floor. People seeking the position must be members in good standing for at least 6 months and not be related to another board member. Employees of the church and clergy candidates cannot serve on the board.

We will hear reports from our pastor, board, treasurer, and conduct other business. The 2012 budget will be presented for your review, amendment and approval.

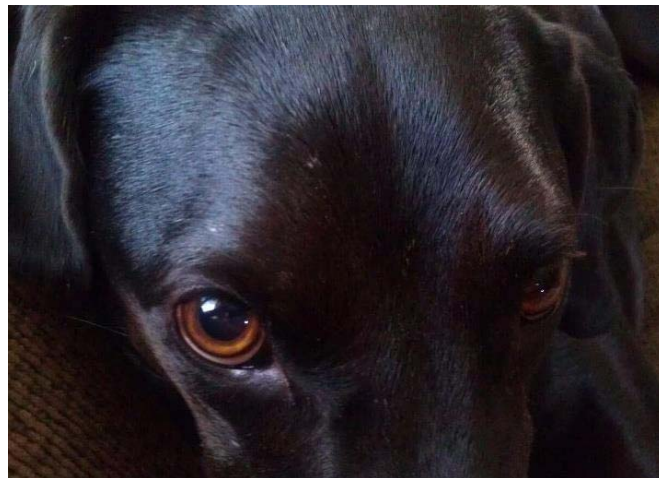
All MCCK members are expected to attend and be a part of the decision-making process. Note that only active members may vote. An active member is one who has completed the membership class, signed the membership covenant and been inducted into membership in a worship service. Inactive and former members are not eligible to vote but are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions.

MCC KNOXVILLE IS COMING OUT

MCC Knoxville is coming out! We want your stories of how you came out and how that has impacted your life. We are asking that you either create a brief video or write your story to give a message of hope and help minister to others in the coming-out process. We will be producing a video

with your stories to be published in our new booklet and distributed throughout East Tennessee's LGBT community. If interested please see Rusty H or Ted L and email your submission by Oct. 16 to youngadults@mccknoxville.org.

SERVICE for the BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The 6 p.m. service on Oct. 2 is devoted to animals. You are invited to bring your pet(s) when we celebrate the unique role they hold in our lives as well as the unconditional love they bestow upon us.

"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

-St. Francis of Assisi

The Blessing of the Animals is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. As GLBT persons, we often consider our animals our "babies." The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship and sweetened as animals have the ability to love unconditionally.

Pet Memorials and Honorariums

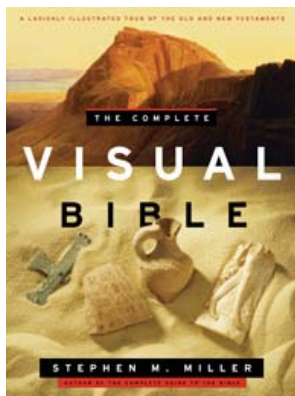
The Poised for Greatness (PFG) campaign will accept memorials and honorariums for our furry, feathered and finned friends.

Donations are tax-deductible and may either be placed in envelopes (located on the PFG easel) or submitted to the church office. Please include the names of the animals being honored or remembered as all donations received by Oct. 6 will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, Oct. 9.

COMING SOON!

The Complete Visual Bible Community Book and Bible Study Starting January 2012

Have you ever tried to read the Bible through and conked out when you read Leviticus with all those bloody animal sacrifices?



Well now you can let Stephen M. Miller take you through the Bible in an exciting journey. We read the Bible, the chapters from Miller's book and then we discuss – no agenda, no rush – we take our time and enjoy one another's company!

Bob Galloway and Wayne Sacchi will moderate.

When: The first Thursday of every month (starting January 2012) (Only once a month)

Duration: Until we complete the book – at discretion of the group

Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Coffee and Tea will be served

Place: Wayne Sacchi's apartment

Cost: It's open to all adults FREE

Textbook: "The Complete Visual Bible" by Stephen M. Miller (Barbour Books 2011) Books on sale at the Church for \$13.43 (retails for \$19.99). You do not have to attend to purchase a book.

Registration: Signup sheets for the book study will be on the church welcome table.

For more information on the book, go to:
www.CompleteVisualBible.com

ACT GROUP MINISTERS TO MANY

The next monthly meeting of ACT (Acceptance, Compassion, Tolerance) will be Saturday, Oct. 22 at 5-7 p.m. at the church. **Ray E will guide those attending through Mandalas.** Used "... in psychoanalysis as a symbol in a dream, representing the dreamer's search for completeness and self-unity," Mandalas can also represent where a person is on their life journey. If you are interested tell Cynthia H (clhalltn01 @ aol.com or 865-851-7006) or Ray in person, so he will know how many art supplies are needed.

Please bring finger foods and desserts to share.

The deadline for **donations to ACT's Strength for the Journey collection** is Oct. 9. List of items needed is on the donation box, as well as on the round table by the door. These are personal items to enhance the dignity and comfort of the attendees, that they may not be able to afford themselves. "Those who can't or don't have time to shop, but would like to donate, can give us the funds and we'll go shopping," Cynthia said.

The November meeting is at the church, 5-7 p.m., Nov 12. Led by Cyndi S, subject will be announced.

On Dec. 11, ACT will gather at a place to be determined to go caroling at two or three nursing homes. Anyone who would like to suggest a facility to visit should contact Bert K (home 865-288-7031 cell 713-203-9973).

In addition, ACT members will be knitting or crocheting **scarves for the homeless** during the next few months. Anyone who needs supplies, contact Cynthia. By the same token, yarn, needle or crochet hook donations will be gratefully accepted.

Contact Cynthia H (clhalltn01 @ aol.com or 865-851-7006) with any questions.



UT VS. GA ... A WIN FOR THE CHURCH!

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Georgia Bulldogs will roll into Neyland Stadium to take on the Tennessee Vols for the annual battle of the canines ... UGA vs. Smokey! Support your team and help pay down the church mortgage through the PFG campaign by pledging a dollar amount of your choosing per point scored by your favorite team. Please mark "TN vs GA" on your check or donation envelope.



FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL CLUB BONFIRE

When: Oct. 21, 7-9:30 p.m.

Where: MCC Knoxville

The Friday Night Social Club usually meets in the church on the fourth Friday of each month for an evening of snacks, gentle fellowship and fun. This month we will have a bonfire. Bring a lawn chair, a roasting stick, etc.

TRUNK OR TREAT FOR MCKK KIDS

When: Sunday, Oct. 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Where: MCC Knoxville

Description: The Children's Ministry is hosting "Trunk or Treat" for the MCKK kids after the 11 a.m. worship service Oct. 30. Adults are asked to decorate the trunk of their car with Halloween themes and have candy and healthy snacks to hand out. Kids will dress in their Halloween costumes after the service. For all participants, homemade chili and hotdogs will be served prior to the Trunk or Treat. Please invite other families to MCKK for the worship service and to "Trunk or Treat." We will have someone available to talk about our children's ministry with visiting families. Contact Lisa J (children @ mckknoxville.org) if you have any questions.

WORSHIP SUMMIT, HOUSTON, TX

An exciting opportunity to learn more about worship and worship planning is available from the denomination! The Worship Summit promises to be just as exciting and beneficial to the life of our local churches as the first two have proven to be (Size Summit and Program Summit). Through evaluating worship in 97 MCC churches as part of the Size Summits, we have learned a number of things we believe can assist all our churches in offering more powerful and relevant worship.

When: Nov. 11-12.

Cost: \$40 per person, up to 6 registrants from the same church; \$25 per person, 7 registrants or more. If interested, please talk to Pastor Jill.

MEN'S GROUP* TOPICS

Oct. 3 – National Coming Out Day (Oct. 10)

Oct. 10 – 19th Birthday potluck (usual time and place)

Oct. 17 – Don't Ask Don't Tell Policy and history, Guest Autumn Lowery


Oct. 24 – "Butching It Up"

Oct. 31 – Halloween: Gay Man's Holiday? (costume optional)

**Meetings each Monday 7:30-9 p.m. at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike*



Calendar of Events

Event	Date
St. Ninian meal and worship	Fridays, @ 6:30 p.m.
Walking Group (Lakeshore)	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays @ 6 p.m.
Bereavement Support Group	Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18; 6:30-8 p.m.
Congregational meeting	Sunday, Oct. 9, after all served at potluck
Potluck lunch	Sunday, Oct. 9, 12:30 p.m.
Potluck dinner	Sunday, Oct. 9, 7-8 p.m.
Columbus Day holiday	Monday, Oct. 10
National Coming Out Day	Tuesday, Oct. 11
Deacons' Food Pantry collection	Sunday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Deadline: Your coming-out story or video	Sunday, Oct. 16
Monthly Newsletter Deadline	Sunday, Oct. 16
Deacons meeting	Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Friday Night Social Club Bonfire	Oct. 21, 7-9:30 p.m.
ACT group	Saturday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m.
Strength for the Journey retreat	Oct. 24-28, Jonesborough
Board of Directors meeting	Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
MCC Young Adult Leadership Mentoring Retreat	Oct. 28-31 in Ellenton, FL
Trunk or Treat for MCKK Kids	Sunday, Oct. 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
	
	HALLOWEEN, Monday, Oct. 31



Lectionary

October 2	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
October 9	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
October 16	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
October 30	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

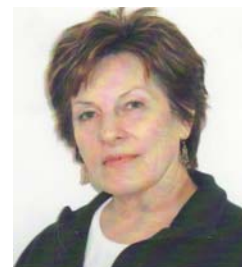
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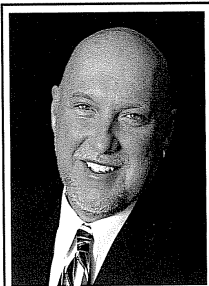
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permitting

Directions to MCC Knoxville

1. From I-40 west bound

- Take Exit 380 (West Hills)
- Continue through the first stop light (West Town Way)

From I-40 east bound

- Take Exit 380 (West Hills)
 - Turn right at the first stop light (heading to Montvue Rd.)
2. Turn left at next stop light (Kingston Pike)
 3. Turn right at the second stop light (Morrell Rd.)
 4. Continue straight through the next five stop lights (1.3 miles, finally crossing Westland Dr.)
 5. Turn right at the next 4-way stop (Nubbins Ridge Rd.)
 6. Continue 3 blocks
 7. Turn left on Tranquilla Dr. (at crest of hill)
 8. Turn right on Redeemer Lane
 9. Parking lot is at the top of the hill (through red brick gateposts)