



THE WITNESS

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Classic 'ValueTales' Books Donated to Church Library

Thanks to a generous donation from church members Steve and Bonnie Laycock, the church library is now the home for a series of more than 30 classic children's books that teach about a variety of values in fun and educational ways.

The books, called "ValueTales," were written by husband-and-wife team, Dr. Spencer Johnson and Ann Donegan Johnson (some of you may remember Dr. Johnson's book "Who Moved My Cheese.") Produced from the 1970s through the 1990s, the books were popular in a variety of settings outside libraries – families in particular used the books in their homes to teach children about the characteristics of each value.

According to Wikipedia, "each book gives a simplified and semi-fictionalized biography of a historical figure as an allegory, illustrating the value of a characteristic. Each volume is a white pictorial glossy hardback book around 60 pages long with a brightly colored cartoon of the figure, along with some anthropomorphic item or animal that narrates the subject's life throughout the book."

"We raised our children using these books, and what an impact," said Bonnie Laycock. "We wanted them to now make an impact on the lives of the children at the church."

Featured among the books the church library now owns are characteristics such as the determination of Helen Keller, the adventure of Sacagawea, the giving of Beethoven and the courage of Jackie Robinson. All in all, there were 43 books in the series. The

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**Series Offers Allegories
for Children to Learn
Values, Characteristics**



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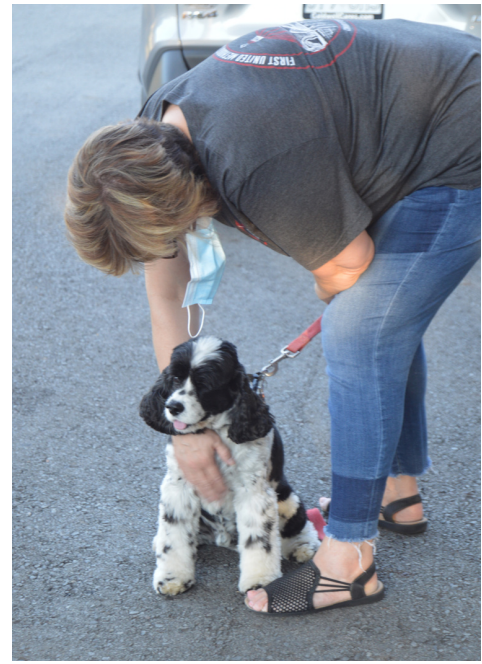
Sunday Worship

In-person worship:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall
11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Online worship:

9:30 a.m. Sundays
[www.facebook.com/
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www.conwayfumc.org



Blessing of the Animals

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More photos can be found on
Facebook at
www.facebook.com/conwayfirstumc



1610 Plan for C1Youth

From Zach Schrick,
Director of Youth Ministries:

We know that things look a little bit different this year; we also know that last year's money could not all have been utilized due to the cancellation of trips.

We are asking this year if you are already investing monthly with us that you consider continuing that investment. If you are not, then we ask that you consider investing in our C1Youth ministry here at 1610 Prince St. by investing \$16.10 per month for one year beginning Oct. 15 for a total of \$193.20.

We will use all the investments to send each youth to two conference events: Veritas, and Assembly. Our own spring retreat, ReConnect, and one summer mission trip for FREE!!

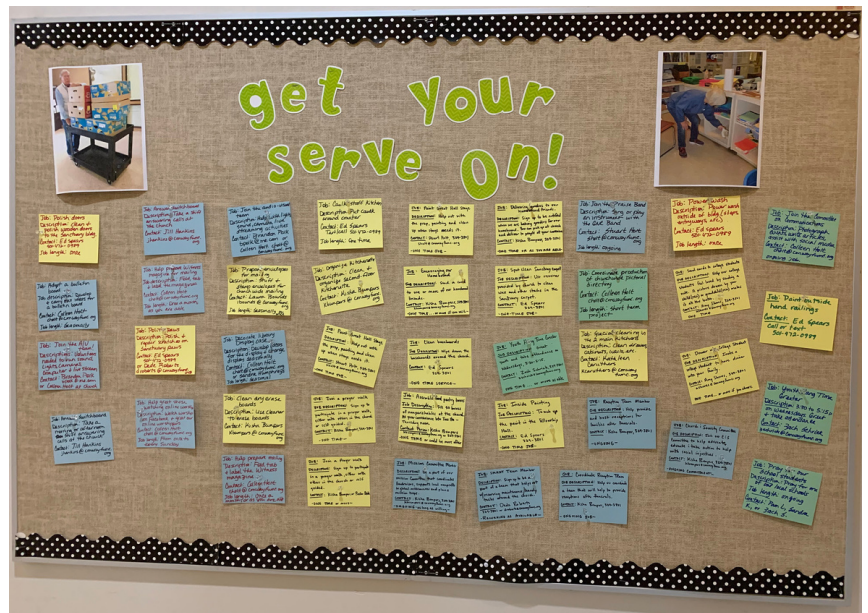
It's a commitment ABOVE AND BEYOND the pledges made to stewardship and Blessings to Blessings campaigns. The entire investment is tax-deductible. You can pay it all in one lump sum of \$193.20 for one, or \$386.40 for two, or \$579.60 for three.

Piano, Organ, Voice Lessons

There are still spaces available (including after-school times) to schedule weekly piano, voice, or organ lessons with our organist Jason Saugey.

He teaches here at First Methodist on Mondays through Thursdays. The lessons are for children and adults, all levels.

For details please email Jason: jason@conwayfumc.org.



Please take a look at the new FUMC Ministry Boards. They are filled with ways you and your family can be in mission and ministry together! The boards are located in the Sanctuary building near the elevator (pictured above), and in the Trinity Lobby. You can choose a card that includes details of a project to complete on your own schedule for the good of our church and community. Opportunities include outside and inside jobs, heavy lifting and no sweat jobs, church focused jobs and community involvement jobs ... there is something for everyone! Don't see what you want to do? Talk to Kisha or Pastor Dede. They will help you GET YOUR SERVE ON!

In Honor & In Memory

In memory of Mary Pat Cullum by: Bryan Haynes, Bill & Sue Higgs, Claudia Davis, Sam & Carole Teague, Mary Mitchell Circle, Kim & Ellis Arnold, Harold & Mary Henderson, Jan & Doyle Young, Kay Chappelle Moran, Stephanie Chappelle, Courtney Meena, Newcomers' of Conway, Skeet & Mary Jane Morse

In memory of Ruby Loyce Duke by: Dorothy Robins Light Sunday School Class, Pam Wren

In memory of Eloise Raymond by: Sam & Carole Teague

In memory of Brenda Collier by: Mary Mitchell Circle

In memory of Aleene Henson by: Mary Mitchell Circle

In memory of Dr. Ben Jordan by: Sam & Carole Teague

In memory of Gay Moore by: Bonnie Moore McNeely, Rick & Becky Rasnick

In memory of Tommy Taylor by: Pam Wren

In memory of Michael Martin by: Pam Wren

In memory of Irma Gail Hatcher by: Pam Wren

In memory of Andrew Stratton Poindexter by: Pam Wren, Nona Jo Spatz, Roger & Linda Mills

In memory of Wayne & Catherine Bussey by: Justin & Brooke McCarthy

In memory of Skeeter Kell by: Justin & Brooke McCarthy

In memory of Jean Churchill by: "The Bridge Babes".... Vickie Bailey, Mona Lea, Gwen Hathcock, Missy Shock, Carole Teague, Wanda Eason, Nancy Mulhearn, Pat Crowder, Hilda Malpica, Jamie Bird, & Thea Spatz

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

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books are perfect for older children to read themselves, or for parents to read to younger children.

Our church librarian Sandra Humphreys said she is "thrilled" to have the set in the library. "This set is priceless in what it can do for parents in teaching values that are often overlooked. There are so many ways to use it for discussion starters with children to get them away from their devices!"

"I was with a 4-year-old recently and used a book about loving people, and I asked her why she loved her friend. She had trouble with those thoughts at first, but soon she was naming so many reasons why she loved her best friend. She said she can't wait to ask her friend why her friend loved her. I wish I could hear that conversation!"

The books may be checked out from the church library. They are displayed on top of a white shelf that contains a variety of children's books on the south side of the library, near the elevator in the Sanctuary building.

Join Us for a Prayer Walk

Each Wednesday night from Oct. 6 through Nov 17, we will have a different prayer route and focus. We will walk, fellowship and pray for around an hour.

We will gather in front of the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. and return by 7:15 p.m. Routes will include praying for our schools, city, hospitals, etc. Prayers will be mostly on our own or within families. There will be opportunities for those comfortable to pray aloud in a group. Children are welcome with parent(s).

We can also provide a prayer guide if you would like to take a prayer walk in your neighborhood or elsewhere.

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