



## PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION

We will be dedicating the Prayer Garden next Sunday, February 26th, after the 11:00 worship service. Please plan to come. Walking the Prayer Labyrinth would be a wonderful Lenten discipline, and dedicating it all to the Lord is a great beginning!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, and you have two opportunities to observe this special day: First, at noon, in a joint worship service at Trinity Episcopal, just a few blocks from Main Street, and then at 6:00 PM in the Main Street sanctuary with our congregation. Todd will be preaching both services. All are invited and welcome at either service to begin the 40-day Lenten journey of personal reflection and spiritual preparation before Easter.

## GUMBO COOK OFF

Make plans to join us on Sunday, March 5th, in the Fellowship Hall! Bring yourself and your best gumbo recipe! Our 11:00 Sanctuary Service will be a joint service with Cottrell CME, and they will join us afterward for the competition and meal. Donations from this event will go to support local recovery efforts and a portion will go to assist Cottrell CME as they rebuild. Sign up to compete in your Sunday School Class, in the Narthex, outside the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office.

## BLESSINGS ON YOUR JOURNEY

Brock Hurston, son of Becky and Joey Hurston, departs this week for a two year commitment to the Peace Corps. Our love and prayers go with you, Brock. We love you dearly at MSUMC!

## MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to Aldersgate Troop 50 and all the Scouts at Main Street United Methodist Church, who have worked to instill good character and sacrifice into their lives. We are proud of all of you.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$265. Your donation will help us to provide more than 9,000 servings of food to our hungry neighbors right here in Mississippi. Your continued support of our biblical mission helps us grow closer in our efforts to end hunger in our state. Thanks again, and please follow us on Facebook to see us at work.

Yours in Christ, Andy Lemmon, Society of St. Andrew

*Congratulations to...*

Casey & Josh Goldman  
on the birth of their daughter,  
**ELIZABETH JANE GOLDMAN**,  
who was born February 7, 2017  
weighing 6 lb. and 10 oz.

*We Express Christian  
Sympathy to...*

the family and friends of  
**SYBIL WANSLEY**,  
who passed on February 8, 2017  
Irby Wansley (husband)  
Hal (son) and Joyce Wansley

&

the family and friends of  
**BERNICE FRALEY**,  
who passed on February 10, 2017  
Pam Moore (granddaughter)  
Steven, Brett & Alexa  
(grandchildren)

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING**  
**Diapers for Honduras**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
8:30 Early Sanctuary Worship with  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays  
9:00 Contemporary Worship with  
Holy Communion (The Fellowship)  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Sanctuary Worship  
with Holy Communion the 1st Sunday

## DISASTER RELIEF

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We, at Main Street, believe that service is part of discipleship. We serve because God has given us the ability and the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and to give back out of the abundance that God has given us. We have, in front of us, the opportunity to connect directly with our brothers and sisters through disaster relief. Please make plans to serve somewhere over the coming weeks and months. There is something for every age and ability.

### **UMCOR Special Offering:**

We are still receiving donations for UMCOR. If you would like to give, please make your check payable to Main Street UMC and mark it "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

### **Disaster Cleanup:**

For any that want to help with disaster cleanup, we have a team interested in going out regularly through UMCOR. If you would like to be a part of that team or lead a team for a week, please contact Sean McGee at sean.mcgee@bxs.com.

### **Volunteer Dinners at R3SM:**

We served two fantastic meals at R3SM last week, and we offer a huge "Thank You" to the families that provided them. Please continue to check the newsletter for more opportunities to feed overnight volunteers at R3SM.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

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**Parents Night Out—February 26th from 3:00-7:30 PM. Children, K-6th grade, will see the new release "Rock Dog" at the Grand Theatre, and then come back to the church.** Abi Allen, Program Coordinator for Hattiesburg Arts Council's smART Space, will join us and work with the children on an art project.

**A nursery and childcare will be provided from 3:00-7:30 PM for infants through preschool age children at the church.** They will watch their own movie and enjoy a special art project. Pizza and snacks will be provided for everyone.

Parents Night Out would be a great way to invite friends and their children to get to know our children's ministry and enjoy a night out for themselves! See Alan to sign up, before or after the 11:00 AM worship service in the Narthex, or email alan@mstreetumc.org. **Deadline to register is this Wednesday, February 22nd. The cost is only \$15 per child for the movie, childcare, supper, transportation, and the art project!**

## YOUTH NEWS

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**Sunday Night Youth Group**—Sunday Night Youth group will meet from 5:30-7:30 PM in Ferguson. Don't be late! King Cake for everyone at 5:30 PM.

**High School Bible Study**—will meet Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the home of Christy Morris and Will and Josh Ingram.

**Girls Retreat**—is scheduled for March 3rd and 4th. Registration is now open. Links have been sent to parent emails and available on social media. Registration closes Sunday the 26th.

**Thrift Store Prom is Next Sunday**—Students are invited to join us for a fun, tacky, exciting night. Head to the thrift store or the back of your parents closet for some retro threads and get ready for a fun night. The fun starts at 5:30 PM. Let Jeremy know if you have any questions.



*Our Purpose is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

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