



## VOICES FROM THE WILDERNESS

For the six Sundays of Lent, we will examine the lives of Joseph, David, Elijah, Abraham, Ruth, and Jesus to gain valuable insight for our own lives as we journey with the theme *Voices from the Wilderness*.

Many biblical characters experienced life's desolation during their life journeys—their own unexpected and unofficial seasons of Lent. The wonder of our scripture is that human beings are portrayed—"warts and all"—with faults, struggles, losses, and victories. Please come and share in these 40 days of examining our lives by examining the lives of those who are forerunners of our faith.

The lives of these characters are rich—offering us more insight into our lives than one sermon can give. Daily devotions will be available that will enrich your Lenten journey by leading you through short meditations and reflections about the characters we will identify with each Sunday. Limited printed copies will be available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The devotions will also be available online through email and our website. May God grant us wisdom and insight on our Lenten journey.

## CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2016

In case you missed it, our confirmation process has begun for 2016. On January 29th, ten of our students began an incredible experience together as the confirmation process began with a retreat at the farm of Dr. Ricky and Jere Clark. These students will meet weekly over the next many months as they discuss, question and explore the core foundations of Christian faith. Surrounded by loving families, devoted mentors and a compassionate church community, these young adults will continue to blossom in our midst.

I hope we all will hold the following confirmands close to our hearts and constant in our prayers. It truly is a blessing to walk with young people as they grow, discern, and become the incredible folks God desires them to be. **Confirmands:** Laine Donald, Jane Granberry, Anna Philpot, Maddie Molpus, Emily Nichols, Maggie Nichols, Gray Phillips, Jack Riley Grace, Brady Logan and Jackson McGee.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your financial support through 2015 and always. Our general fund goal for 2015 was \$1,260,000 which included contingent reductions in certain budget ministries. We received \$1,298,233 for the year and were so grateful to be able to use that \$38,233 budget surplus to fully fund those ministries that had been reduced. Our expenditures for the year totaled \$1,295,785 so we were able to pay all the bills and still have a carryover of \$2,448. Thank you for your abundant generosity and your help in making disciples for Jesus Christ!

*We Express Christian  
Sympathy to...*

the family and friends of  
**MICHAEL EARL HUMPHREYS**  
who passed on February 14, 2016  
Ray (brother) & Michelle Humphreys  
Chan (nephew) & Lindsey  
Humphreys

### SUNDAY'S MAIN EVENT

**Children & Youth**

will meet from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

**Covenant II Study**

will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the  
Upper Room Sunday School Class

### FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

**Honduras Mission**

If you would like to give, please make your check payable to Main Street UMC and designate it by writing Honduras on the memo line.

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - will meet upstairs at 10:00 AM.

**SUNDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT** - will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM. Pick up is in the Main office at 7:30.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - Rehearsals for Palm Sunday will be during the Sunday School hour each week.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We have had a few people sign up, but still have room for more! Please call the office or email Laurel at [children@mstreetumc.org](mailto:children@mstreetumc.org) if you would like to get involved.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Will meet upstairs in Ferguson at 10:00 AM.

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** - Join us at 5:30 PM in Ferguson. We will spend the rest of the school semester hearing from different voices as they share with us the "One Thing" they feel is important. What a phenomenal way to connect across generations, and be challenged in the process. Make plans now to attend!!

**CONFIRMATION** - meets at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays.

# TAKE ON SOMETHING DURING LENT

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Have you thought about "taking something on" during Lent, and are you looking for a place to serve? Are you looking for a way to express your membership vows to commit your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness to this church and community? If so, we want to inform you of several serving opportunities available during the season:

**Aldersgate Mission:** Assist with Compass Learning and homework help. Weekdays 3:00-5:00 PM. Contact Mary Jo Jackson or Rev. Linda Dixon, 601-582-5557.

**Worship Service Greeter:** Greet members/guests as they enter worship services in the sanctuary. Contact Patty Robinson, 601-582-5557.

**Food Ministry:** Stock our freezer with soups, casseroles, side dishes, and entrees to go to families in need of a hot meal. Contact Patty Robinson, 601-582-5557.

**Edwards Street Fellowship Center:** Pharmacy Screeners, ESFC Thrift Store, Harvest Helpers and Saturday Health Clinic front desk or Food Pantry Volunteers. Contact Laurie Herring, 601-544-6149.



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

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