



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY, Prepare for the season of Lent by attending Ash Wednesday Worship. *"Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God..."* (Joel 2:13a) Lent is a 40-day season in the church which can be used to reconsider your priorities, reconnect with God, and renew your commitment to follow Jesus Christ. The ashes that are used to mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross are made from the burnt palms of Palm Sunday. New beginnings often come from letting go of old false things. Every Lent is an opportunity to leave behind resentments and burdens so that we can make another start!

PRIMETIME

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH we will meet at Main Street UMC at 11:00am, and travel by vans to William Carey University for a tour of the campus and lunch in the cafeteria. The cost will be \$7.00 per person. The deadline to make reservations is noon on Monday, March 3rd. This will be our only meeting in March due to Spring Break.

HONDURAS MISSION

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HONDURAS MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION TEAM! We have collected around \$1700 for this mission trip. Even though we get the diapers at a reduced bulk rate, the price has gone up this year. We still need about \$300 to cover the cost of diapers and safety pins. Anything collected above that will go to medical and other supplies. If you would like to help with this mission, please make your check payable to Main Street UMC and mark it "Honduras Mission." Thank you!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE in our next study, beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 10:00am, in Ferguson Annex. The group will begin the Covenant Bible Study, newly released by Rev. Shane Stanford and Rev. Christine Chakoian. This 24-week study, covering both Testaments, begins with a 20 minute video, and continues with group discussion. Each class lasts 90 minutes. You can sign up for the entire study, or begin with just the first 8 weeks which is devoted to "Creating the Covenant - Exploring How the Covenant Community is Created." Each 8 week study guide is \$20, or you may purchase all three together for \$50. Questions? Contact Susan Steadman at 601-261-3847 or steadman@megagate.com. View sample lessons and video at www.covenantbiblestudy.com. Please call the church office at 601-582-5557 by March 31st to reserve a place and to order your book.

*We Express Christian
Sympathy to...*

the family and friends of
C. L. AUSTIN, M.D.
who passed away on
February 20, 2014
Merry Lowry Austin (wife)

Thank You...

What a blessing your faithful support is to the ministries of Edwards Street Fellowship Center! Your generous gifts help sustain our food pantry, children's programs, thrift store, and so much more. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with your neighbors in need.

Save the Dates...

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 13th

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 4th

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

May 11th

HUNGER OFFERING

Edwards Street Food Pantry

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 Relaxed Sanctuary Worship
9:00 Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion (The Fellowship)
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Sanctuary Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OFFERINGS

5:30 - 6:00 Bring Your Own Dinner and eat with your church family in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 - 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary

Nursery for infants through 2 years old

7:15 - 8:00 Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

The Silent Auction items, for our very first Art Gala, are coming in and you won't want to miss out on the opportunity to bid on these wonderful pieces. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Youth Sunday School meets weekly at 10:00am upstairs in Ferguson

Youth Group meets from 5:30 to 7:30pm for the last week of the series "The Elephant in the Room"

NextSteps and Confirmation will not meet this week due to Ash Wednesday Worship

Awakening April 4 - 6, 2014. This is our local, in-home retreat that we participate in each year with other local United Methodist Churches. This two night event will have a direct focus on loving and serving our neighbors right here in the Pine Belt. The cost is \$25 per student. We need lots of help. Contact Jeremy to provide a host home, transportation or serve as a chaperone.

It is time to register for lots of exciting things set to happen in Youth Ministry!

Please visit mstreetumc.org/youth-ministry/ where you can

*R.S.V.P. to Spring Break Events (students must reserve spots)

*Awakening Weekend (April 4-6)

*Mystery Trip 2014 (May 30 - June 4)

*SIFAT Learn & Serve (July 13-18)

All of these event registration opportunities close soon!

REFLECTION STORY: ALDRERSGATE MISSION

There are few things more inviting than seeing a first grader's crooked smile and hearing the words, "Bet you can't catch me!" And inviting is precisely the word I would use to describe Aldersgate Mission. It is now six years since I first experienced the Aldersgate community, and sometimes I simply have to pause in gratitude for the little yellow building and its unruly children that will forever hold my heart. What began as a tentative affection has now transformed into a deep, deep love. The students of Aldersgate are each so unique, and their individual stories and personalities have impacted my own life and the lives of so many others. As we celebrate the years of work invested in this one branch of the active body of Christ, we must not only remember all those who have served within, but we must also remember gratitude for all those grown within. Students and servants alike.

Emily Holland



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

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