



HOLY LAND TRIP INTEREST MEETING

ON AUGUST 7 YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL - All interested persons are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 7, at 6:00 p.m. for a one-hour informational meeting about a Mission Pilgrimage to the Holy Land scheduled for March 2014. Dr. Willis Britt, former senior pastor of Parkway Heights UMC and currently serving as Academic Dean of the Jerusalem Center for Biblical studies will open our time with a 10-12 minute power point presentation entitled: "Introduction to the Land and its People". Vicki will share several personal experiences from her recent trip to Israel and the reasons she hopes to begin leading ongoing mission pilgrimages to the Holy Land from our church.

Even if you will not be able to make the pilgrimage in 2014, please consider joining others for this evening of learning about the land where Jesus walked, taught, and healed. There will be time allotted for questions and answers with Willis and Vicki and there is no obligation from attending this interest meeting. If you come, you are encouraged to bring a friend from within or outside of our church family.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS INTEREST MEETING

Are you interested in serving our brothers and sisters outside of our community? Do you feel called to 'go' and build the Kingdom of God through building relationships with others outside of the United States? Momentum is building and the spirit is stirring. You are invited to join Vicki and Jeremy for a preliminary conversation about how we as a church can respond to the call to 'go'. This is an interest meeting, to clarify our call, to discern our next steps and prayerfully seek to grow in service. We hope you'll join us at 4 p.m. Sunday August 11th in the office conference room.

INVITING OUR NEIGHBORS

You all should have received a "Power of We" invitation card when you came in this morning. Everyone is invited next Sunday afternoon, August 11, to meet here at the Church at 5:30pm to walk and hand out these cards to our neighbors in the Oaks and the Avenues.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

There will be a Workshop on Centering Prayer Saturday August 17th, from 9:30 to 3:30 at Trinity Episcopal Church. Centering Prayer is a way of prayer through intentional silence. The goal is to listen for God and be renewed in the practice of silence. Pre-Registration is requested, lunch will be provided, and the cost is \$35.00. Contact the Church Office for registration information.

*We Express Christian
Sympathy to...*

**the family and friends of
Charlie Blanks**

of Greenville, MS

who passed away Thursday, July 25, 2013
John Blanks (brother) & Babs Faulk (sister-in-law)

AUGUST HUNGER OFFERING

Stop Hunger Now

BACK TO PRESCHOOL!

Preschool Open House
August 29 at 10:00am

First Day of Preschool
September 3

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Stop Hunger Now packing event
will be on September 22, 2013 at 10:00am.

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

BACK TO MAIN STREET BBQ

Fall back to Main Street as we kick off our Wednesday night activities with Southern style BBQ, Fellowship, and Fun (no regularly scheduled enrichment classes will be offered this night). Mark your calendars and make plans to attend, Wednesday August 21st beginning at 5:30 pm, as we welcome everyone back! Dinner will include a quarter chicken with baked beans, potato salad, roll and dessert. The cost will be \$6 per person. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Promotion Sunday and Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles will be Sunday, September 8th. If you have a rising 3rd grader (or older who has not received a Bible and would like to during this special event), please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, or the church office to ensure we have all children included in this long standing tradition within the United Methodist Church.

Communion Sunday - All children will remain in the sanctuary during the entire 11:00 worship service, and receive the Lord's Supper as a family. Nursery is available for our preschool children if necessary.

Acolyte Training - If you have a child 3rd grade - 6th grade interested in serving as an acolyte, during the 11:00 worship service, please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, or call the church office. An acolyte training session will be held on Sunday, September 1st, during the Sunday school hour.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday school meets at 10 a.m. upstairs in Ferguson

No Sunday Night Youth activity this week

Wednesday, August 7th - Youth Work Day 2-5 p.m. in Ferguson and Holy Land Trip Interest Mtg. 6 p.m. (16 and older)

IMPORTANT DATES

August 18th - Sunday Night Kick-off 5 p.m.

August 21st - Wednesday Night Kick-off 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 25th - Parent Meeting during the Sunday School hour



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