



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 this Sunday at 4 p.m. 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 Sunday, 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.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

STOP HUNGER NOW - Our next Stop Hunger Now packing event will be on Sunday, September 22nd. Our need for volunteers are as follows:

September 1st, 8th and 15th - man the 'sign up' tables before and after each worship service.
September 22nd - set-up, pack meals or take-down for the Stop Hunger Now Meal packing event.

ALDERSGATE BACKPACKS- This ministry is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school holidays. Food packages are given to the children every Friday. It usually takes less than thirty minutes once a month on Friday afternoon to be a part of this important ministry. We also need a volunteer with a truck or SUV on the third Thursday of each month to pick up the backpack meals from the Community Center at Palmer's Crossing. Our need for volunteers are as follows:

August 15th - pick up backpack meal boxes from Palmer's Crossing
September 6th - take backpacks to Aldersgate

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. If you are willing to help or just need more information, please call Mickye at the church office and let her know when you are available.

*We Express Christian
Sympathy to...*

*the family and friends of
Dr. Larry Joe Hammett*

who passed away Sunday, August 4, 2013

Patsy Hammett (wife)

*Randy (son-in-law) & Susan (daughter) Wilmore
of Alexandria, LA*

Michael (son) & Christy (daughter-in-law)

Hammett of Hattiesburg

Holly Hammett (daughter) of Hattiesburg

Craig (son-in-law) & Anne-Marie (daughter)

Cancienne of Austin, TX

BACK TO MAIN STREET SUNDAY
Join us next Sunday, August 18, for our new
sermon series, *The Power of We*.

AUGUST HUNGER OFFERING
Stop Hunger Now

BACK TO PRESCHOOL!
Preschool Open House
August 29 at 10:00am
First Day of Preschool
September 3

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 a Southern style BBQ and a friendly game of Fellowship Feud. We will have two teams, staff vs members, face off in a friendly game to see who can name the most popular responses to survey questions based on the Bible. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend, Wednesday August 21st beginning at 5:30 pm. 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.

PRIMETIME SUMMER OUTING

On Friday, August 23rd we will tour the lovely First United Methodist Church of Richton, MS on our way to Fulmer's Farm and General Store. The only cost for the trip is \$12.00 per person for lunch. Reservations are required. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 am. If you would like to go, or need more information, please call the church office no later than noon on Monday, August 19th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Blessing of Backpacks - Today there will be a brief, but powerful Blessing of Backpacks for our children going back to school, during each worship service. All are encouraged, preschool through college, to bring their backpack to their respective service, as we will offer a blessing and prayer over them, and the students, as they begin a new year.

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.

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 Sunday, August 11

Sunday Night Kickoff! August 18th at 5 p.m

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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



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