



EDWARDS STREET FOOD DRIVE

Help us stock the pantry at Edwards Street! We are asking that persons bring at least one of a particular item each of the five Sundays in September and place them in the little red wagons by the elevator, and in the fellowship hall. This will be a great way to visually remember our commitment and to involve children and youth in participating with us.

THIS SUNDAY: PASTA

NEXT SUNDAY: PASTA SAUCE

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Aldersgate's Compass Learning Computer Lab is now up and going! We are so excited about our new lab! It will now allow an entire class to work on Compass Learning. We are in need of volunteers in the afternoons. We meet from 3:30 until 5:00 pm each day. The children need help with homework, and we need assistance with Compass Learning. Mary Jo Jackson will be leading training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in this program, please contact the church office at Info@mstreetumc.org, or 601-582-5557.

STOP HUNGER NOW - Our next packing event will be on Sunday, September 22nd. Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals! There will be two packing shifts to accommodate folks who attend early and late worship services. Folks will also be needed to help set-up and pack-up. There are jobs suited to all ages and abilities. Supervised children, ages 6 and up, are welcomed. A nursery will be available for the first shift. Sign-up sheets are located just outside the sanctuary and fellowship hall, or you may call the church office to indicate your participation. This is always a great time of fellowship and accomplishment - plan now to serve!

PRIMETIME RETURNS

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 11:30am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and great fellowship. We are so happy to have Donna Runnels as our program. Ms. Runnels graduated from USM and has been a well known soloist throughout Mississippi. She is a member of Main Street UMC and is employed as the Financial Manager. Her mother, Gertie Runnels, is an active member of Primetime. Ed Walker will be the accompanist. To make a reservation, call the church office at 601-582-5557, email info@mstreetumc.org or sign up during worship.

BUILDING DEDICATION

You are invited to the dedication of the Armstrong/Branch Plaza on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi on September 13th at 10:00am. This building is between the old Business School and the Liberal Arts Building.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University! The first class will be on Thursday, September 19th, 5:30 - 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is approximately \$100. Call the church office to sign up.

*We Express Christian
Sympathy to...*

**the family and friends of
J'Nell "Tissie" Hocutt**

who passed away on August 23, 2013
George (son-in-law) & Janet (daughter)
Komp, Natalie Komp (granddaughter)
Brett Komp (grandson)

Welcome New Members!

Cheryl Calhoun
Ellis & Minda Purdie
Casey Powell
Chase Welborn

AUGUST HUNGER OFFERING

Stop Hunger Now

BACK TO PRESCHOOL!

First Day of Preschool
September 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 2
for Labor Day

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning September 3rd, the Tuesday Morning Bible Group will be doing a study on denominations....what others believe and why. The first few weeks we will look at Mormon, Scientology, Quaker and Amish. Then we will start on Adam Hamilton's book *Christianity's Family Tree* which will be available in the church office. We meet at 10:30 in the Ferguson Annex and would love to have you join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OFFERINGS

Wednesday nights are back in full swing! The following enrichment opportunities are available:

5:00 - 5:30 Sanctuary Open for Silent Prayer. The prayer team invites all who wish to pray in silence together to join them in the sanctuary each Wednesday. (Prayer Guides Available)

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

6:00 - 7:00 Adult Enrichment Opportunities and Classes

6:00 - 7:00 Youth "Next Steps" Bible Study

"The Power of We: Generosity" A Video based study with Core Values teaching by Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr. Discussion facilitated by Rev. Vicki Hughes.

Ongoing Classes Men's Small Group Study led by Joey Hurston O-201, Women's Small Group Study led by Becky Hurston O-202, Prayer Shawl Ministry with Edwina Stokes in the Parlor, Recovery for Everyone with Ron Reid in the Conference Room

Nursery will be provided for infants through 2 years old.

3yrs - PreK, room E-104 with Ms. Valerie for music and fun.

Children's Classes for ages 3yrs - 6th grade, 2nd floor Education Room, with Mrs. Maria and Mr. Tim. Children will be learning about God's rules of how we are to live through popular board games such as: Battleship, Checkers, Candy Land, Jenga, and Connect Four just to name a few. Each Wednesday, the lesson will begin with an ice breaker and include a memory verse, lesson, discussion, game play, and a take home activity. Once classes are completed, children will be taken to the playground, weather permitting, or game room until parents arrive. To ensure every child remains as safe as possible, we encourage you to depart from the door adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. This will provide the utmost safety to our families entering the parking lot area.

7:15 - 8:00 Chancel Choir

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.

Trek and Treat 5K and Fall Festival planning meeting will be Sunday, September 8th, at 4pm, at Main Street UMC. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring recognition and support to our preschool in a fun and healthy way. Please make plans to come and find out how you can be an integral part of making this event a huge success!

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

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

Sunday, September 1st - Labor Day Weekend (No Youth Activities)

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, September 14th - Project 6:8 at Aldersgate Mission

Wednesday, September 18th - Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser



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

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