



YOUTH SPAGHETTI SUPPER

JOIN US WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 in the fellowship hall for our annual Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser! As you may or may not know our ministry with Youth and Families continues to expand and grow in not only numbers but scope as well. Endeavors such as this simple fundraiser help so much to undergird the growing expenses that come along with the growth we are experiencing.

Please make a reservation to join us for a time of Church-wide fellowship as well as supporting an integral ministry we all share here at Main Street. In lieu of a set price per plate we will be collecting donations. In addition to the spaghetti there will be desserts as well as drinks (tea, lemonade and water). Call the church office at 601-582-5557, email info@mstreetumc.org or sign up during worship.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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!

EDWARDS STREET NEWS

EMPTY BOWLS HATTIESBURG 2013, a fundraiser benefiting the food pantry at Edwards Street Fellowship Center, is right around the corner! Empty Bowls will take place on October 12 from 11 am - 2 pm and 4 - 9 pm at Main Street Books, 210 Main St. in historic downtown Hattiesburg during Fall Art Walk. In exchange for a \$20 donation, patrons will receive a simple meal of bread and soup. They will also get to choose a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl as a reminder of all the hungry people in the world who have empty bowls.

Last year's inaugural Empty Bowls Hattiesburg was a tremendous success. In 2012, the event raised more than \$5,000 for the Edwards Street Fellowship Center food pantry. Those funds supplied multiple meals for over 1,000 local families suffering from hunger or food insecurity.

You are invited to join in the effort to fight local hunger by supporting Empty Bowls Hattiesburg. In addition to purchasing a handcrafted bowl for yourself, consider giving these unique gifts as Christmas presents. The wrapped bowls and accompanying information cards tell co-workers, neighbors, business associates, friends, teachers, and relatives that an empty bowl in our community was filled through the purchase of this gift.

ALDRERSGATE NEWS

UNITED WAY VIDEO FEATURES ALDRERSGATE COMPASS LEARNING PROGRAM

The United Way of SE MS just launched it's 2013-14 fundraising campaign. This year's video features the Compass Learning Program at Aldersgate Mission, which is funded by United Way. To watch the video go to Main Street UMC's web site or Facebook page. And remember to support the United Way either through your workplace campaign or your personal donation.

Welcome New Members!
Junior & Leslie Shows,
Riley Shows

SEPTEMBER HUNGER OFFERING

Stop Hunger Now

HELP STOCK THE PANTRY AT EDWARDS STREET!

THIS SUNDAY: CANNED MEAT
NEXT SUNDAY: PEANUT BUTTER

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Classes begin Thursday,
September 19th, 5:30 - 7:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date...

Sunday, October 20
Aldersgate's Open House
1:00pm - 3:00pm

ART AUCTION & FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT EVE'S HOUSE

September 21st,
12:00 Noon - 6:00pm
at True Light Baptist Church

BETH VICKER'S CIRCLE ...

...will meet on Wednesday,
September 18th at 9:45am
in the Conference Room.
Come join us!

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

5:00 - 5:30 Sanctuary Open for Silent Prayer (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 Opportunity and Classes

"The Power of We: Apprenticeship" 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 K - 6th grade, 2nd floor Education Room, with Mrs. Maria and Mr. Tim

7:15 - 8:00 Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The children, during the 11:00 worship service, are encouraged to Weight the Wagon with Canned Meats and help stock the pantry at Edwards Street! As they come down front, for Children's Teaching Moments, please have them place their items in the little red wagon. This is a wonderful way for them to get involved and participate in this important ministry.

Our Children's Church is offered for those ages 3 through 1st grade. We worship, on an age appropriate level complete with songs, a lesson, giving of our tithes, and prayer. The tithes collected are offered to the Purposeful Pony ministry, right here in Hattiesburg, MS. They provide therapeutic riding for persons with physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities. It is also their priority to ensure every person knows they are very precious to God, and He loves them with an everlasting love. For more information, please check out their website at www.purposefulpony.org or find them on Facebook at Purposeful Pony.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday school meets at 10 am upstairs in Ferguson

5:30 - 7:30 Youth Group on Sunday Nights! Meet us in Ferguson for fun, fellowship, worship and small groups

6:00 - 7:00 Next Steps Wednesday Night Bible Study

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 18th - Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

REFLECTION STORY: COVENANT CARE MINISTRY

We are blessed. The Covenant Care Ministry program provided a personal contact for our family to share our joys, our wishes and our realities of life. Through this kind relationship, we, together, built and grew our "church family". Our faith brought us together and kept us united. The relationship, also, joined us to other "church family" members, other ways of service and an awareness of the needs of our church. Not only did it connect the recipient; it also connects the program leaders. Through service like these and the numerous others at Main Street, we truly understand the church family. The bottom line is how very important each of us is to the circle of our church.

Understanding the meaning of "church family" was much clearer and meaningful. We knew firsthand the significance of our church family! Through this program, we realized the responsibility of 'being there' for each other in faith, kindness and stewardship.

Covenant Care Ministries happened to touch our lives in a special way. There is joy in knowing the many ways to serve the one church family of Main Street. It's an historic and beautiful home for our family.

Ron & Brenda Coker



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

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