



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

STOP HUNGER NOW - This is always a great time of fellowship and accomplishment, if you haven't signed up but would like to participate, there is still a need for more volunteers. Set up and the first shift will begin after Fellowship Worship, the second shift will start after the 11:00am Worship service. Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals!

HELP RESTOCK THE FREEZER! The church freezer has been sharing food all summer with grieving families and shut ins. I know we have several babies due in the near future so I am asking you to help us restock the freezer. It makes my job so easy to be able to go to the freezer at a moment's notice and provide food! You are all so good about helping out.

As usual we always need potato and vegetable casseroles as well as meat. Large and small are always needed. Oh, and I have really appreciated those frozen breads and deserts. Just be sure to wrap really good and label cooking instructions! Thanks again for making my serving job so much easier. Shannon Wiggins

EMPTY BOWLS HATTIESBURG 2013

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 Empty Bowls raised over \$5,000 to fight local hunger.

MAIN STREET PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have welcomed all of our sweet preschoolers back and are getting busy with our fall activities!! We have several exciting events planned so please keep watching for information and ways we need your help as a congregation. It is not too late to join us if you have a preschooler at home. We have a dedicated staff of teachers and a wonderful group of children so please call the church office if you would like to enroll. Also, please feel free to schedule a tour if you would like to visit our classrooms. We have babies, toddlers, twos, threes and fours and you will be amazed to see them in action!! Exciting things are happening at Main Street Preschool and I invite each one of you to get involved with our program! Thank you for your support, Betsy Alston, Preschool Director

ALDRSGATE NEWS

UNITED WAY VIDEO FEATURES ALDRSGATE 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.

GENEROSITY SUMMIT WITH BISHOP JAMES SWANSON

October 4th, 10:00am at
Heritage UMC in Hattiesburg
Open to Lay and Clergy
\$10.00 includes lunch and snacks
Register at www.mississippiumc.org
Sponsored by the United Methodist
Foundation

SEPTEMBER HUNGER OFFERING

Stop Hunger Now

HELP STOCK THE PANTRY AT EDWARDS STREET!

THIS SUNDAY: PEANUT BUTTER
NEXT SUNDAY: POP-TOP MEALS

CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2013

There will be a slide show during the luncheon at the Convention Center and we need pictures (old & new).

Please email your photos to
Brandon Page at beeps3@aim.com

Save the Date...

Sunday, September 29

Preschool Sunday

Preschoolers will sing during the
11:00am Worship Service

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 - 6:00 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: Being the Church in Hostile Territory” with guest Professor Bennie Crockett

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

Sunday, September 29th - Roller Disco Family Event at Extreme Skate Zone, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

SERVING STORY: ARC SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI

The ARC is an organization for children and adults with developmental disabilities. We serve the entire family. Mothers Day Out is a free program for infants and toddlers with disabilities. Harper has been one of our babies for 3 years. We have after school daycare Monday through Friday, 3:00 - 5:00. We have our Rise and Shine Adult program Monday through Friday, 7:30 - 5:30. Different Respite are every weekend: Mens Respite 1st, Womens Respite 2nd, Childrens 3rd and Medically Fragile Children 4th (with nurse). There are buddy parties for the whole family most months during school. We just had our Tailgate party last Monday with over 100 attendees and next month we are planning a rodeo at the Forrest County Multipurpose Center with horses to ride and animals to pet. During the summer we have Summer Adventures for 5 weeks going swimming, bowling and to the movies. We had over 150 children, adults, staff and volunteers. We have had several Showstoppers where people perform and new this year is our praise band that we plan to have perform here during a Wednesday night in January or February. We are a non profit agency with no full time staff and most of our clients cannot fund raise the money needed. We are in the midst of our biggest fund raiser, the Golf Ball Drop and Tournament. Please buy a golf ball if you are able - one of our church families won \$20,000 by buying a \$100 golf ball! Mickye has applications in the office. If you play golf, please get a foursome and come play in the tournament at Canebrake or sponsor a hole. We can always use volunteers to play with children, help adults make pottery, repair our buildings or do yard work. Several of our youth work with us after school, on weekends or in the summer and we would love to put you to work!

Tina Hoda

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