



SPECIAL GUEST

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE HAWKINS PRINCIPAL DONNA SCOTT Join us on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00pm as we hear from the Principal of Hawkins Elementary. Ms. Scott was selected by her peers as 2013 Hattiesburg Public School District Administrator of the Year and will now serve as Hattiesburg's nominee for the Mississippi Administrator of the Year. Hawkins Elementary recently had a two-level increase in state test scores. Through our partnership with Hawkins, we sponsor pizza parties for honor roll students as part of an incentive program. Our next party takes place on Friday, October 25th. This is a great opportunity to encourage these students to do their best academically. If you are available between 1:15 and 3:00pm and would like to serve, please call the church office at 601-582-5557 to sign up.

PRIMETIME

"FALL" IN LOVE WITH ENTERTAINING!! Over the years most of us have stopped inviting guests on a regular basis into our homes. Meetings, gatherings and even a cup of coffee with a friend are being arranged at another location. At the Next Prime Time, Catherine Strange will be showing us easy Decorating and Entertaining ideas using the beautiful fall materials God has provided, resulting in the return of JOY and FUN in inviting others in to our homes!! Join us on October 8th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. To make a reservation for lunch, please email info@mstreetumc.org, call the church office at 601-582-5557 or sign up during worship.

MAIN STREET PRESCHOOL NEWS

TREK & TREAT 5K AND FALL FESTIVAL On your mark, get set, GO! Our first annual Trek & Treat 5K and Fall Festival, benefiting Main Street UMC Preschool, will be Wednesday, October 30th, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will offer BINGO, Cake Walk, Carnival Games, Hot Dogs, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Costume Contest, Face Painting, and so much more! Race registration and Sponsorship forms can be picked up throughout the church, or online at www.mstreetumc.org. We also have many opportunities to serve and support this wonderful ministry. For more information, please contact Maria Askea at maria@mstreetumc.org.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK - AN INVITATION FROM A D HUNT Last February a tornado damaged the property of our members, friends, and neighbors. Our church responded with our volunteers cleaning up debris, providing support and prayers, and financial assistance. A Recovery Fund was established and over \$18,000 was given. A committee awarded over \$10,000 to our church members and friends in need. Almost \$8,000 was given to several downtown neighbors.

Now I am asking for your help again. A large need still exists for people without insurance, without FEMA and MEMA assistance, and without resources from family and friends. The United Way, The Area Development Partnership and R3SM have asked our community to expand Make a Difference Day to a full week- Make a Difference Week. Beginning October 20, 2013, please join in a community prayer and a special offering for those still with unmet needs.

If you choose to volunteer your work, you can go to VolunteerHattiesburg.org to sign up. Thanks for this second mile giving.

*We Express Christian
Sympathy to...*

**the family and friends of
Faye C. Hunter**

who passed away on September 24, 2013
Ellen Hunter Ruffin (daughter)
Hunter Ruffin & Mary Stephens Ruffin
(grandchildren)

OCTOBER HUNGER OFFERING

Extra Table to benefit Edwards
Street Food Pantry

EXTRA TABLE is a non-profit organization committed to ending hunger by providing food pantries, like Edwards Street Food Pantry, and soup kitchens with the food they need to feed the hungry. Join us in the fight against hunger! Make your check payable to Main Street UMC and mark it "Hunger."

Save the Date...

Empty Bowls Hattiesburg 2013
Saturday, October 12
11am - 2pm and 4pm - 9pm
at Main Street Books

ARC FUNDRAISER

Golf balls are still available. Please call the church office or see Tina Hoda if you would like to buy one.

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

Our guest speaker will be Donna Scott, Principal of Hawkins Elementary School

Ongoing Classes Men's Small Group Study led by Joey Hurston 0-201, Women's Small Group Study led by Becky Hurston 0-202, 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

TREK & TREAT 5K AND FALL FESTIVAL SERVING OPPORTUNITIES How will you serve to show support of the preschool and children's ministry? A list of opportunities is now available and located throughout the church and online. Please make yourself familiar with the ways you can be a part of these ministries, then contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, to sign up today!

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday school meets at 10 am upstairs in Ferguson

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

5:30 - 7:30 Sunday Night Youth Group meets in Ferguson

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 20th - Parents vs. Youth Challenge @ the Norman's

November 1st - 3rd - Fall Retreat, Timber Creek Camp, Morton Mississippi

REFLECTION STORY: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

My diagnosis of breast cancer came as a complete shock after a routine yearly mammogram in mid-January. I started my first chemo treatment on February 4. Sometime after my 2nd treatment, Vivian Pierce gave my daughter, Lorin Jones, a beautiful prayer shawl to pass along to me. It has been with me to every treatment since and will most definitely be with me on my final treatment. I stretch it from my neck to my feet and cover my body with God's warmth, love and blessings it represents. It helps calm my anxiety and gives me a sense of peace and well being. Thank you all for your ministry to myself and many others. And a special thanks to Patty Williamson and Tina Hoda, whose hands made my shawl and hat. My former neighbor and friend, Gai Corley, and I had many conversations about my joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry someday. I once knew how to crochet, but it has been 25 years since I tried, maybe I can learn again?

Every time someone extends an act of love and kindness to me, like the shawl, I am so very humbled. What a loving provision God made when He put concerns for my welfare on the hearts of others.

In His Grip,
Carolyn Singletary



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

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