



## 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](http://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](mailto:maria@mstreetumc.org).

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

**A CONTINUING TRADITION** of Worship, Fellowship, and Celebration of Commitment. You and your family are invited to join us on Sunday, November 10th for a special day of worship and celebration. Cary Stockett, former associate pastor of Main Street UMC, will be our guest preacher for one combined worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. (no 8:30 or 9 am worship, or Sunday School on this day). Immediately following worship, everyone is invited to be our guest for the Celebration Luncheon at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. There is no charge for the Consecration Lunch, but as faithful stewards of our budgeted church funds, we will continue this year to invite persons to help sponsor this once-a-year church wide event with second-mile gifts designated "Consecration Sunday Lunch".

Our 2013 Stewardship Theme is: Dare to Share: Growing in Love, Generosity, and Grace. At Main Street UMC, we always emphasize giving as a spiritual discipline. Since generosity flows from our relationship with God, the first step toward becoming generous is to put God first in our lives. This year we will be blessed to receive email devotionals and spoken personal testimonies from lay members of our congregation throughout the stewardship season.

Please mark your calendar now and make plans to be with us on November 10th at 10:00 am for combined worship and for the Celebration luncheon following. Consecration Sunday is one of the only times each year that our entire church family comes together for worship and fellowship. We look forward to your participation. John Griffith, Stewardship Team Chair

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

**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](http://VolunteerHattiesburg.org) to sign up. Thanks for this second mile giving.

**THE GIRLS CLUB AT EDWARDS ST. FELLOWSHIP CENTER** needs drivers to take girls home from the center on Tuesdays from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Call Laurie at 601-466-0445 for information and to volunteer.

*We Express Christian  
Sympathy to...*

*the family and friends of  
Gloria Faye Alston*

*who passed away on October 1, 2013  
Greg (son) and Betsy Alston  
Gregory, Preston & Caroline (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."

## 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](mailto:beeps3@aim.com)

*Save the New Date...*

Aldersgate Open House  
Sunday, December 8th  
(Previously scheduled for Oct. 20th)

## 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

THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH DUE TO FALL BREAK  
Chancel Choir will meet at 7:00pm

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Calling all Musicians - The children's ministry will begin rehearsing for the role they will play in the White Christmas service, scheduled for December 15th. We will be incorporating singing with instrumentation, for the pieces selected. If you have a child who currently plays a specific instrument, and/or enjoys singing, please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, to learn more about being a part of this wonderful way to praise Him with song.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday school meets at 10 am upstairs in Ferguson  
Youth Group meets from 5:30 - 7:30pm in Ferguson

Join us for our annual Youth Family Challenge! This is an incredible evening of fun, games and friendly competition. We are blessed to be hosted again this year by Cliff and Julie Norman. Please make plans to be with us starting at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 20th.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 16th - "Next Steps" will not meet due to Fall Break  
Sunday, October 20th - Parents vs. Youth Challenge @ the Norman's  
November 1st - 3rd - Fall Retreat, Timber Creek Camp, Morton Mississippi

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## WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

THANKS TO THE TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY of our church family during our September Food Drive for Edwards Street Food Pantry, we collected \$330.00, and food equal to the amount of \$555.60. You have provided meals for 370 people! Thanks for your continued faithfulness in meeting the needs of those in our community who do not have enough to eat!

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## SERVING STORY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

I was asked to write a serving story about teaching Children's Sunday School. This request came about two weeks ago and I have struggled with it. I don't know what to say. I realized this is because I don't really feel like I am serving. The definition of serve is to work for or to be a servant to. It seems to me that serving would be hard and require sacrifice. Children's Sunday School is not hard and requires no sacrifice.

My husband, Ryan, and I are starting our third year teaching Children's Sunday School. We were promoted on promotion Sunday this year too and are now with the fifth and sixth grades. There are amazing, witty, smart, silly, caring, and all around fantastic children in this church. I love starting my week sharing the Bible with them and listening to what they have to say. Occasionally I get to referee a game of foosball, play ping pong, discuss the differences between Cheez-its and Cheese Nips, and guess some letters in hangman too. This is definitely not what I think of when I think of serving, it is just having fun spending time with awesome people. I hope you all get the chance to know these wonderful children. They are a blessing to me and to our church.

Anna Copeland



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