



YOU'RE INVITED

COME CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING!! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Church will provide Turkey and Dressing, but we do ask that you bring your favorite dessert, side dish, or vegetable. Following the meal, Vicki will lead a bible study, "The Practice of Gratitude: Preparation for the Holidays". Our children will meet to continue to rehearse for the upcoming White Christmas Service. Youth will meet upstairs in Ferguson for "Next Steps." The Chancel Choir and Adult Classes will not meet. Please make a reservation by signing the pew sheet, calling the church office at 601-582-5557 or emailing info@mstreetumc.org.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday, November 24 at 6:00pm. Please plan to join several Hattiesburg area congregations as we gather to give thanks and present an offering to benefit the Breadbasket Ministry. Pastor Dwayne Higgason will be the guest speaker. A reception will follow the service.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

A GREAT DAY OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. It was wonderful to have over 300 of our church family come together in worship and fellowship. Thank you to all who participated and have already submitted an Estimate of Giving card for 2014. We realize that some could not be with us and want to offer each of you the opportunity to participate in the financial support of our church's ministry in 2014. Estimate of Giving cards are located throughout the worship areas. We need your help as we continue to live out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR ALDERSGATE FAMILIES Many don't have as much to be thankful for as we may have. One of the best ways to show gratitude for all we've been given is to pay it forward. Let's work together and help some families at Briarfield enjoy a Thanksgiving meal! We're collecting donations to provide Thanksgiving baskets for about 40 families and each basket costs \$45. Come by the tables in the halls outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and see the spread. Your monetary donation will help make it all possible. See Laurie Herring for more details.

THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22ND, OUR CHURCH WILL HOST "THE HAPPENING" for 100 youth! The food ministry will provide lunch on Saturday the 23rd. (See back page for more details about "The Happening.") I am asking for your help. I will need lots of salad, chicken spaghetti casseroles, desserts, rolls and HELP to serve that day. Please contact me, Shannon Wiggins at 601-549-8102 or swiggins67@bellsouth.net to let me know if I can count on you to cook and/or serve. I need to finalize these plans by this Sunday. This is a great way to serve and help out our youth program! Thanks again for all of you that always help us out!

OUR RESPONSE TO THOSE IN NEED

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK Once again, the Hattiesburg community responded to a need! During Make a Difference week, 257 volunteers contributed over 1,900 hours of labor to help our neighbors. Main Street made additional gifts and our total giving now totals \$19,015.00 The R3Sm committee is over half way through closing the cases it has. Thanks again Main Street for helping and going the second mile.

STOP HUNGER NOW PROVIDES RELIEF FOR THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN Main Street UMC has supported Stop Hunger Now for several years and because of that and the support of so many others, there is food ready to be shipped. Stop Hunger Now will send one million meals, with the first shipment of 285,000 meals leaving from the U.S. this week. Thank you!

Welcome New Members...

John & Kathryn Cooper
J. O., Sarah, and Rebekah Cooper
Rick & Alison Stevens

Save the Dates...

White Christmas
December 15th
6:00pm

Christmas Cantata
December 22nd
11:00am

NOVEMBER HUNGER OFFERING

Thanksgiving Baskets for Aldersgate

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th and will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BETH VICKERS CIRCLE

Will meet on November 20th at 9:45am at the home of Lonnye Norman 406 Beverly Lane, Hattiesburg

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 Open for Silent Prayer in the Prayer Chapel (Prayer Guides Available)

5:30 Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by "The Practice of Gratitude: Preparation for the Holidays" led by Rev. Hughes
The Chancel Choir and Adult Classes will NOT meet so that everyone will have time to eat and fellowship

Nursery will be provided for infants through 2 years old

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

K - 6th Grade, Choir Room with Mrs. Maria and Mr. Tim

CHILDREN MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

The children are preparing for their part in the annual White Christmas service, on December 15. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening, from 6:00-7:00pm, in the choir room.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Night Youth Group 5:30 - 7:30 Ferguson Annex

Wednesday Night Next Steps 6:00 - 7:00 Ferguson Annex

Breakthru Registration is now open! January 17 - 20, 2014 at Timber Creek Camp. A \$50 deposit is due on December 1st.

Happening #71 at Main Street UMC November 22-24th

The Happening is a weekend with Christ for the youth in our communities. The Mississippi Happening serves students from the Jackson area and south thereof. This Christian retreat provides area youth with an opportunity to explore and share their faith with their peers and others from within their communities. The Happening brings an awareness of Christ to young people, and fosters a committed relationship to Him.

The Happening Team is comprised of former candidates, adults -young and old-, youth directors and religious leaders. This group of Christian role models is truly the backbone of the Happening, serving the candidates in various capacities, ranging from kitchen, setup and teardown, to music, prayer and team leadership. The team becomes a family from which the candidates draw strength, inspiration and guidance on the weekend; a source they commonly turn to even after the weekend is over.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Dear Main Street, First, I want to say thank you for having Aldersgate at your Trek and Treat. We really enjoyed it! I like the fact that everybody had a good time, and bonded. I loved the idea of doing the 5K. There were a lot of creative costumes. You have a great photographer. I believe that the little kids really loved the horse and pony rides. Everyone just loved it. Thank you so much for inviting Aldersgate.

Wanetta Theodore, 8th grade

A SERVING STORY: STOP HUNGER NOW

Stop Hunger Now is one of the amazing ways that Main Street UMC shows how we are the hands and feet of Christ. If you've never been to one of the packing events, you've certainly missed out! Young members, seasoned members, visitors, and clergy all working together as runners, sealers, packers, and heavy-lifters to help carry out Stop Hunger Now's mission to end world hunger in our lifetime. As we are busily filling our bags with rice, or making sure the vitamins get packed we are reminded by the booming sound of the gong that we've packed 1,000....3,000....5,000 meals!!! We clap and yell with excitement!! Meanwhile...meals from our previous packing event make their way to Haiti, as well as victims of the recent typhoon, where people will clap and yell with excitement because they know they will not lay down hungry tonight. Join us at our next packing event, you'll be glad you did!

By Barton Stephenson



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

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