



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UMCOR

The news out of the Philippines is overwhelming. Destruction is seen everywhere according to the news reports. Our response to the disaster often goes in one of two directions. The first direction is to just shut the event out of minds and hearts. So we end up doing nothing because we do not want to get involved or we don't think our little bit will help much. The second direction is that of immediately sending money to the first organization that pops up on the television screen or internet. Responding with generosity is a great thing, but some charitable organizations will end up giving very little of the funds to the need. As United Methodists, we have a terrific system for helping with disaster relief through the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

UMCOR is already at work in the Philippines, but so much needs to be done. The good news is that every penny you give to UMCOR goes directly to relief. Administrative fees come out of our Mission Shares and designated funds. You can feel confident in giving through UMCOR. If you would like to help with relief in the Philippines, please mark your check "typhoon" and we will make sure 100% goes to help those in need.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR ALDRSGATE 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.

BROWNSTONE'S THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve on the meal line, take items to the tables and clean up afterwards. If you'd like to give an hour or two of your time on Thanksgiving, please call the church office and get on the schedule.

ALDRSGATE WISH BOOK Each year, Church members make a wonderful difference in the life of a child by allowing one of their Christmas wishes to come true. If you'd like to sponsor an Aldersgate child by purchasing a gift through their Wish Book selection, please stop by the table outside Fellowship and Sanctuary worship areas. Please bring your wrapped gifts to the church office no later than Wednesday December 11th. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY DINNER It is that time of the year again. As we get closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus, we also need to prepare for our annual Christmas Day Dinner. This started small, but has grown over the years. We would love to have anyone who wants to help plan the dinner and bring some new ideas. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE in worship for you to reserve Christmas Poinsettias in memory or in honor of your loved ones at the cost of \$14.00 per plant. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall December 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Congratulations to...

Ken & Alison Crumpton
on the birth of their son,
SAMUEL CLARK CRUMPTON
who was born on November 13, 2013
weighing 7 lbs. 7 ozs.
He is welcomed by proud
Grandparents Russell & Sally Roberts
and
Great Grandmother Alice Provost

**OUR ANNUAL CHARGE
CONFERENCE** will be held on
Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 pm

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

MAIN STREET UMC PRESCHOOL
Will not meet the week of Thanksgiving

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 are NO Wednesday Night activities this week due to Thanksgiving.

CHILDREN MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

All children will continue to rehearse for their part in the annual White Christmas service on Wednesday, December 4th and December 11th, from 6-6:45 pm. The Preschool children will begin, and end, in their downstairs classroom, and the K-6th graders will begin upstairs, in the choir room.

You are cordially invited to **A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR JESUS!**

When: Sunday, December 22nd during the Sunday School hour

What to Bring: We will be collecting items for children who will be spending the holidays in our local hospitals. Some suggestions are: warm and fuzzy socks, blankets, stuffed animals, activity books with crayons/markers, and puzzles. Children may bring their items any time from now through December 22nd.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Youth Sunday School will meet in the Fellowship Hall this week (11/24) due to 'The Happening' Meet Mr. Kevin there.

Sunday afternoon/evening (11/24) we will meet at the Norman's for Frisbee, pizza and a bonfire. Directions to the Norman's have been emailed to youth families and will be given to students Sunday morning. Please help provide drinks and chips. Pizza will be provided. Frisbee starts at 4:00, food and bonfire after dusk.

There are no Wednesday night Youth Ministry activities this week (11/27) due to Thanksgiving.

***BREAKTHRU REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**, registration ends December 1st. Contact Jeremy with any questions. \$50 deposit per student.

A SERVING STORY: USM WESLEY LUNCH

On November 14th, Main Street UMC provided pizza and desserts for over 130 students and staff at USM. Lunch went great! Several custodial/grounds staff came and ate and were welcomed by the students. Almost all of the desserts were consumed. Thanks to Mark Hust, Laurie Herring, James Stokes, Jeremy Knight and Paul Roller for serving. Thanks to Kevin Chapman at CiCi's Pizza for the good deal on the pizzas. Special thanks to the dessert makers: Maxine Dement, Kathy Emmons, Betty Bly Hatten, Cathy Roberts, Patricia Cameron, Laurie Herring, Alice Chambers, Vicki Copeland, Linda Boutwell Griffith, Debra Hunt and Babs Faulk. Thank you for partnering with us to reach college students with the love of Christ!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you so much for sponsoring a Thursday Lunch for the USM Wesley Campus Ministry. It is a great opportunity each week to sit down and fellowship with the students at Southern Miss and to offer them a free meal. Thank you for giving of your time, energy, and money to support the spiritual walk of college students on the campus of Southern Miss. We are blessed to have the support of so many in our community. We would not be able to do ministry without your help. Thanks again!

Amazed by Him,
Patrick Hutto, USM Wesley Director



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

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