

### HELP WELCOME THE PASTOR'S 1ST GRANDCHILD!

Sunday, May 25th 12:00 - 2:00pm  
in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited!  
Stop in to congratulate Evelyn & Taylor Blocker  
on the upcoming birth of their son  
**Colby Brayden Blocker**  
They are registered at Babies-R-Us & Walmart.



### ADMINISTRATIVE / WORK AREAS

Meetings in May  
**May 4th**  
4:00 Outreach,  
5:30 Church Council  
**May 18th**  
4:00 Finance, 5:30 Children's  
Ministry

### TOSS IN TOWELS

Bring any and all towels (slightly used or new) to help stock the shelves of Pensacola United Community Ministries and Camp Happy Sands. Also, as you travel, collect the unopened soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. (each mornings of your stay clear the counter of these and you will be supplied with a new set for the next day). Bring all that you don't use and place in the containers in the front hall.

### Sharing Second Saturdays

Please put "GSUMC" on your calendar for 2014's 2nd Saturdays. We have a variety of hospitality and outreach activities planned - dinners, festivals and concerts as well as mission workdays (Feb/June/Aug/Nov) with our partner, Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries. Volunteer to help or come and enjoy; always invite your friends and neighbors! We are "Sharing God's Love" through Gadsden Street UMC!

### Calendar of Special Events

#### **Sunday, May 4th**

4:00pm Outreach Meeting  
5:30pm Church Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday, May 7th**

6:00pm Safe Sanctuaries Celebration

#### **Saturday, May 10th**

5:00pm Mother's Day  
Steak Dinner

#### **Sunday, May 18th**

4:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
5:30pm Children's Ministry Meeting

#### **Saturday, May 31st**

4:00 - 7:00 Fish Fry to benefit  
Leona Salter  
Memorial Playground

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### SENIOR ADULT SRIES MONDAY AFTERNOONS, 1:30-2:30p

**Please invite friends and  
neighbors. For Seniors and/or  
their families.**

### Abuse, Neglect, & Exploitation

#### May 5

#### Hospice Care - May 12

### **"SAS" winding down for the summer....but not exercise?**

The final seminar of this spring's "Stretching Brain & Body" series is May 12. Pastor Bobby has encouraged us to continue to offer senior educational outreach activities such as this, in addition to Young at Heart's monthly social and entertainment. We would love your ideas for the fall! There is interest in continuing Tai Chi once a week on Wednesdays before our evening dinner & program. If there are sufficient numbers we will continue through the summer. Please notify Donna Pruett if you are interested or if you know of others who would like to attend - and share your ideas for the next "Senior Adult Series theme!"



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# *Tidings* May 2014

## GADSDEN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### From The Pastor:

#### STRESS OR DISTRESS

I read an article recently on the benefits of stress. While we usually hear of the negative side of stress, we tend to forget that this common human condition can be creative in certain situations. In fact, most of us function better when we have some motivating tension. Stress becomes distress when it is constant and/or experienced to a degree of intensity inappropriate to the situation.

A pastor friend of mine shared the following true account out of his own childhood: "My grandfather was a good violinist. He called it "fiddle playing." When he was preparing to play, he would tighten the strings of the violin. When he finished playing, he would loosen the strings. He knew that leaving the strings tight would warp the instrument. We have all heard of nervous people being 'tight as a fiddle string.' People are like that."

How true that statement is. If we go through life 'tight as a fiddle string' all the time, it will eventually warp the instrument. That's the problem with tension. It's important to get 'keyed up' to make beautiful music whether you're preaching, playing ball, preparing for a meeting, or fiddling. It is, however, dangerous to stay 'keyed up' all the time. If we stay in charge of our stress, we will not warp this beautiful instrument God gave us.

I share this article with you because the times in which we are living can be (and are) stressful for many people. The television and news constantly bombard us with stressful information. My hope and prayer for each of you is that you will 'tighten the strings' when the situation calls for it - but don't forget to 'loosen' them in order to keep the instrument of your body, mind, and spirit tuned to God.

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you." That's what we need more than anything else - His peace when life gets stressful.

I'm praying and pulling for you.

Pastor Bobby





### INTERCESSORY PRAYER GATHERING

Every Sunday at 4:45 p.m., Tom Deagan will be leading an Intercessory Prayer Gathering in the Sanctuary. Every Monday at 11 am, Jan Pauley will lead a Prayer Group in the Parlor. Prayer changes things! Join Tom or Jan each week to lift up your prayers, personal or general.

### RECURRING EVENTS

**Wednesday Evening Fellowship** - 5:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

**Chancel Choir** - Wednesday 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

**Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesday 6:00 pm in Conference Room

**Intercessory Prayer Gathering** – Sunday 4:45pm Sanctuary & Monday 11am Parlor

**Community Home Group** - Every other Friday 6:00 pm at Tom & April Deagan's residence 450-5224 or 450-9983

**United Methodist Women** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**United Methodist Men's Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**Pray & Play** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1:30pm in Library

**Young at Heart** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**UMW Day Circles** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday ask for time and place

**UMW Night Circle** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 6:30 pm in Gathering Area

**Staff Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10:00 am in Conference Room

**AA Meetings** - Every Tuesday & Saturday 8:00pm in Library



## Secret Pal Ministry

**ATTENTION ALL LADIES 18 AND UP!** We are beginning a new ministry just for you! The Secret Pal Ministry is an opportunity to connect to one another and have fun while keeping it a secret all year! If you would like to take part in this wonderful friendship ministry, please contact the office so that a form can be sent to you. We will receive these forms until the end of May only so contact the office ASAP to get yours in! For all of the details or more information, please contact Faith Ellisor at 850-217-0182 or the church office.



### GSUMC Outreach Ministries through Donations

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday communion donations go to these organizations: Loaves & Fishes, United Ministries, and Waterfront Rescue Mission. There are donation

boxes in the foyer for LPCA, Manna Food Bank, and PUMCM. Wednesday night birthdays support Heifer International. Classes and other groups have special projects they support and promote at various times. We are a giving congregation...through prayer, gifts, and service.

### STRENGTHENING OUR PILLARS

Worship is led by Sherri Demeter, Outreach by April Deagan, Hospitality by Marti Lovering, and Discipleship by Donna Pruett. The work areas meet at least quarterly (on Sunday evenings) and in between as needed to accomplish their priorities. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday "potluck" covered dish suppers will be hosted by each area in turn, and the focus of conversation for the evening will be around that "pillars" goals and strategies.



### ANGELS AMONG US

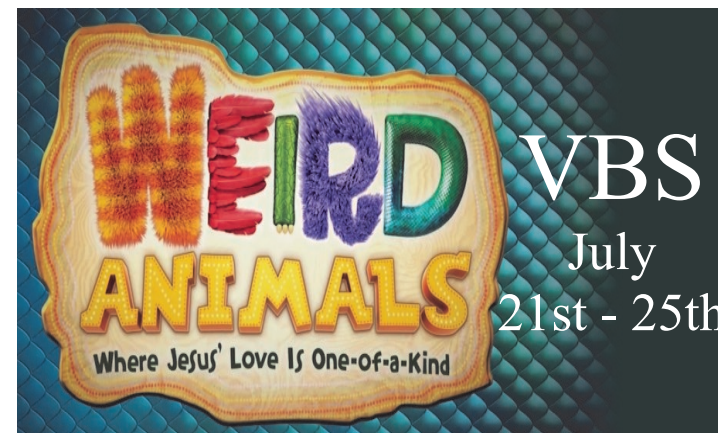
Do you have a service of any kind which you want to share with those persons in need? Services: Handyman, maid, tutor, senior sitting/companion, driving someone to the doctor, etc. Please contact [gsmail@gadsdenstreetmethodist.com](mailto:gsmail@gadsdenstreetmethodist.com) or the office at 433-0014.

### **Wednesday Night, May 7<sup>th</sup>** **"Celebrate Team GS!"**

Help us honor our 25 Safe Sanctuary volunteers and staff this special night by coming to dinner and staying for a special program focused on our Children's and Youth Ministries from 6-7pm. Our usual studies and crafts group will not meet this night.

#### **Craft Ministry Groups Continue**

"The Thankers" are enjoying helping with special projects for our homebound in addition to sending acknowledgements for local gifts and memorials. "The Card Folks" have appreciated Sherri Demeter sharing her many special gadgets that makes it fun to create our own cards to recognize special birthdays or to comfort the ill and grieving. The "Prayer Bead" group found their new resources helpful but want to focus on refurbishing our Christmon Tree by turning their talents to making new or repairing old ornaments. They will combine with the "Needleworkers" for at least monthly sessions between now and Christmas. "The Feeders" will continue to prepare non-perishable snack packs for hungry children while school is in session. Join us at the blue table on Wednesday nights! Share ideas of craft ministries that you would like to start. There is always room for more!



**Volunteers Needed**  
**for this year's VBS!**  
**July 21st - 25th.**  
**Contact Faith Ellisor**  
**850-217-0182**

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/gadsdenstreetumc/gpgs/volunteer.aspx>





**PLEASE  
COME JOIN US  
UMCOR CLEANING KITS**

On May 14th, our crafters will welcome assistance in preparing **UMCOR cleaning kits** for **Pastor Bobby, Winnie and Don Smith** to take to Annual Conference. We are also collecting monies for the United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria campaign for our birthday celebrations in April and May to help reach our district goals.

The Church has raised 80% of their \$75million goal!

Cleaning Bucket Materials

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid - Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned; do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner; advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
  - Liquid laundry detergent - one 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottles only.
  - Liquid household cleaner
- 12- 16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water - no spray cleaners.
  - Dish soap - 16 - 28 oz. bottle any brand
  - 1 can air freshener -aerosol or pump
- 1 insect repellent spray - 6 - 14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
  - 1 scrub brush -plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes - Handi Wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels
  - 7 sponges - no cellulose sponges due to mold issues
- 5 scouring pads - no stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
  - 50 clothespins
- Clothesline - one 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines; cotton or plastic
  - 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags - 33 - to 45-gallon sizes
  - 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves - should be durable enough for multiple uses
- 1 pair work glove - Cotton with leather palm or all leather



*ON THE MENU:*  
FRIED FISH  
COLESLAW  
HUSHPOPPIES  
CHEESE GRITS  
BROWNIES & DRINKS

**FISH FRY**

**TICKETS:**  
\$8.00 ADULTS  
\$5 CHILDREN UNDER 12

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 31st  
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

TO BENEFIT THE  
LEONA SALTER  
MEMORIAL  
PLAYGROUND



As May approaches, the Lighthouse students are excited about the upcoming Summer months. It is bittersweet for all of us as we will miss seeing each other's faces every morning. We have all grown to be a very close Lighthouse family.

The month of April was filled with lots of fun experiences. Mr. Lovering's science students made volcanoes and home-made "tornado" experiments. The art program has launched into a new category of FUN with the creation of oceanic mobiles and the use of recycled goods to create beautiful pieces of art! We also got covered in clay as the students used their hands to make ceramic works of art!

The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders love the "Young at Heart" group. The precious students look forward to their performances and now have a special place in their hearts for the men and women of this group. They have been praying for those church members that are in the hospital.

Although we have had a lot of fun times, the IOWA basic skills test was how we ended the month. Our children take an annual evaluation exam to test their knowledge and grade level performance. Each year, Lighthouse ranks very high with outstanding results. I attribute this to our highly credentialed and very patient teachers who always have a positive attitude with the children.

The Gadsden Street campus has been very pleased with the teachers that God has sent our way. We all look forward to the big **FISH FRY on May 31<sup>st</sup>**. We are hoping that all church members attend this very important event as it will assist us in revitalizing the LEONA SALTER PLAYGROUND.

The Lighthouse scripture of the month:

ISAIAH 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you...I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Thank you for all of your support.

May God Bless and Keep You,

Joanna Johannes

Head of School