

THE GOOD NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI

From the Pastor's Desk

It is the new year. It's a time for reflection and motivation. For most of my life, I can remember folks making New Year's resolutions and vowing to stick with them. Then, by the end of January, they've forgotten about them altogether and gone back to their old routines. It's pretty obvious that we are all creatures of habit even when those habits are counterproductive and destructive.

I can't remember which preacher, teacher, or adult told me that whatever you feed the most grows the biggest. It was a great lesson though. The lesson in that is that priorities determine our destination. Where we invest energy, passion, and effort determines our outcome.

This year where will you invest yourself? Where do you want to end up? What part of yourself do you want to grow? What are your priorities? I hope you'll do more than resolve to get deeper in your spiritual walk and with others. I hope you'll actually do it! If you invest energy, God will bless your effort and make it a part of your routine.

May you have a blessed 2018 as we make strides to grow closer to God and each other!

Keith

Dear Church Family,

Our family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks for the loving care of phone calls, memorials, food, cards and prayers offered up for the loss of our mother and wife Carolyn Noell Meacham.

Robert H. Meacham,
Kerry & Joann Davis and family,
David & Stephanie Meacham and family.

January Flower Calendar

January 7 *** Open***
January 14 *** Open ***
January 21 *** Open ***
January 28 *** Open ***

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call the church office (562-5214) and reserve a date.

The 2018 sign-up sheet is in the Grand Hall.

Ministry Volunteers for Sunday, January 7

MUSIC: 8:45 a.m. "This is the Day" ... "Immortal, Invisible" ... "10,000 Reasons" ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

MUSIC: 11:00 a.m. "This is the Day" ... "Angels From the Realms of Glory" ... "What Child is This?" ... "Alleluia"

- TODDLER (Age 1) NURSERY 8:45 a.m. — Dan & Anna Clark
11:00 a.m. — Julie Brasher and Kelly Lacey
- TWO YEAR OLD NURSERY 8:45 a.m. — Peggy Williams and Sherry Whitten
11:00 a.m. — Sara Whitten Atwood and Michele McCain
- PRE-SCHOOL (Age 3/4) NURSERY 8:45 a.m. — Ellen Clark
11:00 a.m. — Jennifer Hendrix and Abi Pope
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH 8:45 a.m. — NO Children's Church
11:00 a.m. — NO Children's Church
- USHERS 8:45 a.m. — Jimmy Dorr and Terry Spence
11:00 a.m. — Steve Williams, Lee Pinkston, Ray Glosson, Russell Sowell
- GREETERS 8:45 a.m. — David & Mary Ann Burkhead 11:00 a.m. — Ushers
- AUDIO/VISUAL 11:00 a.m. — Jeff Chadd
- OFFERING COLLECTORS Terry Stull and Calvert Shideler
- MONDAY MORNING OFFERING COUNTER Clarann Spence
- ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION PADS Kay & Russell Sowell and Clarann Spence
- FELLOWSHIP TIME Joy Sunday School Class
- WELCOME DESK Eric McAlexander
- BUILDING LOCK-UP Pat Ludlam

Schedule of Activities

Sunday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Methodist Men's Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Hour
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. McClure Connect Group

Thursday January 11

9:30 a.m. Explorer's Bible Study

Friday, January 12

Youth Leave for Elevate

Sunday, January 14

7:30 a.m. Mugs & Muffins
 8:45 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Hour
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. J.A.M. — Children's Activities
 Sexton Connect Group
 5:30 p.m. McClure Connect Group

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. UMW — Potluck

Wednesday, January 17

5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Supper
 6:30 p.m. Studies and Activities
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.



CLOSED FRIDAYS

CAMPBELL BOX TOP COLLECTIONS

Please continue saving your Campbell box tops. The United Methodist Women sent 300 to Red Bird Mission, making a total of 900 for the year. You may turn these in to the church office or leave on the table in the grand hall.

STEWARDSHIP

December 31, 2017

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2017 Operating Budget	\$568,036.00
Received to Date	\$499,735.29

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Sunday School	118
8:45 a.m. Worship	68
11:00 a.m. Worship	86

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING OF CANCER

Bernadean Taylor Morganti
 Renee King (teacher at Magnolia Heights)
 Pat Cherry (sister-in-law of Turner and Beth Hughey)
 Tina James (daughter-in-law of Johnny & Bonnie James)
 Don Simpson (brother of Vera Gaines)
 Hilda Young (friend of the Tim & Brenda Sexton)
 Valerie Wilson (daughter of former member Bob Wilson)
 Steven Owens (nephew of Robert & Cristen Barnard)

Johnny Clark
 Ali Moore
 Sue Harper
 Jim Tesar
 Proby Dulaney (friend of Bill & Lynda Battle)
 Bill Smith (friend of Butch & Glenda Rhodes)
 Don Mayo (friend of Bubba Terrell)
 Steve Spencer (uncle of John Spencer)
 Joann Barnard (mother of Robert Barnard)
 Kaiden Hughes (friend of Godbold family)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Pat Hightower (mother of Heidi Terrell)
 Vivian & Noel Blankenship (friends of Inez McMichael)
 Mrs. Tom Howe (mother of Ricky Howe)
 Owen Torti (grandson of Gene Torti — friend of Glenda Rhodes)
 Barbara Rone (niece of George & Martha Rone)
 Frank Collins (friend of Cliff & Nicole O'Conner)
 Runt McMinn (father of Rachel Jackson)
 Ronnie Taylor (friend of Len Durr)
 Duncan Paulk (grandson of Frank & Signy Givens)
 Renee' McCollum (sister of Inez McMichael)
 Don Smith (grandfather of Zack Smith)
 Lisa Lucius (friend of Mary Ann Walker)
 Albert & Fay Tomlin (friends of Peggy Williams)

Joe Whitwell
 Lee Bourland
 Kam Spencer
 Dr. Jim Taylor
 Brandon Freeman
 George & Martha Rone
 Horace Hankins
 Johnny Miller
 Shelton Ingram
 Len Durr
 Emma McCulla (friend of Susan Rippee)
 Cohen Perkins (grandson of Sarah Perkins)
 Wanda Clements
 Pat Hardison
 Pat Gabbert
 Kathryn Gabbert
 Sonia Young
 Sandra McCrary
 Bob Meacham
 Durward Brewer
 Abbey Climer
 Aker Family

AT HOME

Jim Coyle Ernestine Smith Max & Sue Walker

NURSING/RETIREMENT HOME

Jessie Anna Puryear (Madison)
 Rosalie Maclean (Baptist Reynolds Hospice House, Memphis)
 Sue Anthony (Providence — mother of Marvin Lishman)
 Joanne Veazey (Carriage Court-Memphis)
 Bernie Taylor (Germantown—The Village of Germantown)
 LeeDell Dowdle (mother of Mary Claire McClure)

MILITARY SERVICE

Landon Riley (great-grandson of George & Martha Rone)
 Rodney Riley (grandson-in-law of George & Martha Rone)
 David Meacham (son of Bob Meacham)
 Brian Englund (nephew of Val Lyle)
 David Neal (brother of Beth Dickerson)
 Clay Burns (friend of Susan Baker)
 Tyler Williams (Korea — cousin of Charlee Roll)
 Bobby Weeks (grandson-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eoff)
 Members of Mississippi National Guard Units

Please contact the church office when changes need to be made.

Please report to the church office any changes that need to be made to our Prayer List.

LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

Sign up for the Lay Servant School, scheduled for February 17th at Hernando UMC. this opportunity is sponsored by the Desoto Cluster but the faculty is from The Methodist Hospital! The classes that will be offered are: Avoid Burn-out In Ministry, Living With Alzheimer's, Mental Health and the Opioid Epidemic, and Power To Forgive is Power to Heal.

ANYONE is welcome to attend, you just have to register by calling the district office. Even if you are not a part of the lay servant ministry in our district, feel free to attend.....

One of the best features of the day, is that it is FREE! All we ask is for a donation that day for your lunch.....

2018 SERVICE IN MINISTRY

Sign up sheets have been placed in the Grand Hall so that you may sign up for the areas of ministry in which you would like to serve. Please stop by and register your service.

MUGS & MUFFINS

Sunday, January 14 @ 7:30 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited.

Building Security

We are still finding doors that have been left unlocked from activities over the weekend and during the week. For those of you who have keys to the building, please help us maintain safety by using your key to lock the building when activities have concluded for the day. A schedule is made for the purpose of having someone responsible for locking up after the morning activities and Wednesday night activities. Everyone who has a key to the building is on this list.

Also, if you unlock a door just to come in for a few minutes, please make sure if locks behind you when you leave. Some of our doors are a little stubborn and you have to make an effort to close them in order for them to lock. It's an erring feeling walking into the building when the doors have not been locked at night.

Church Directory



FINAL CALL

This is the final call for the pictorial directory. If you would like to have your picture included and have not had your picture taken, please contact the church office (562-5214) so an appointment can be made.

This is probably the best pictorial directory we've ever had, thanks to the diligence of Peggy Williams.

We'd like it to be as complete as possible, so let us take your picture to include with our church family directory.

ONLINE GIVING

Ever get tired of writing checks, forgetting to bring your check to church on Sunday? We have just the solution! You can sign up to use online giving. You have the ability to set your donations up as a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You establish to amount and the date which you want the donation to draft from your account. You have the choice of using a debit or credit card, or draft from your checking account. Your transactions are safe and secure.

This manner of giving is a way to insure that the church receives your donation even if you are out of town.

Log onto the church's website (www.senatobiafumc.org) and click on the link that says "Giving". It will take you straight to the E-Giving site. Register your information and begin the process. It's really easy.

If you need any assistance, please call the church office.

Side Note:

I have been using this manner of giving for a couple of years now. One thing about this way of donating, is that my giving has been more consistent. I have even been able to grow my giving by using online giving.

Glenda

January, February & March at a Glance

January

- 5th Office begins closing on Fridays
- 7th Methodist Men's Breakfast
- 11th Explorer's Bible Study resumes
- 12th Youth leave for Elevate Conference
- 14th Mugs and Muffins meet
- 15th Office Closed — Martin Luther King Day
- United Methodist Women meet @ 6pm (Potluck Supper)
- 17th Wednesday Night Activities resume
- 28th District Leadership Training Event, 2-4 p.m. at our church

February

- 2nd Cosmopolitan Club meeting (Norfleet Room)
- 4th Methodist Men's Breakfast
- Bridal Shower for Sharon Durr
- 11th Mugs & Muffins meet
- 14th Community Lenten Services begin
- Ash Wednesday Service
- 19th Office Closed for Presidents' Day
- 24th District Lay Servant School

March

- 4th Methodist Men's Breakfast
- 11th Mugs & Muffins meet
- 12-16 Spring Break
- 25th UMW Bake Sale
- 29th Tenebrae Service
- 31st Easter Egg Hunt

Sermons to be Live Streamed Soon

We will have the ability to Live Stream our 11 o'clock worship service in the next couple of weeks. Go to our website (www.senatobiafumc.org) and click on the tab "message & media".

You can also watch a video version of the service on the website at this time. They are usually posted on the Monday following the service.



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Leadership Training

Please mark your calendars for January 28, 2018, 2:00, at Senatobia First UMC. This will be the day of our annual leadership training. (call office before 1/17 to register) The following areas will be covered:

1. Rickey Haynes — Trustees
2. Keith Keeton — Finance and Treasurers
3. Lay Leadership and Intentional Discipleship — Cristen Barnard and Scott Larsen
4. S/PPRC — Larry Hilliard

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 7 @ 7:30 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall.

All men are invited.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, January 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Supper

Special program presented by Judy Smith

Wednesday Night Supper Schedule

If you would like to volunteer your time by preparing the meal for our Wednesday Night Activities, please use the sign-up sheet that is posted in the fellowship hall beside the beverage table.

Wednesday Night Activities Resume January 17

- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Studies and Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Watch the bulletin and next newsletter for information on the adult studies available.