

Announcements for Sunday, January 21st - Saturday, January 27th



Memorial United Methodist Church

Today

(SWEL) Single Women Enjoying Lunch

Single women or women who attend church alone are invited each Sunday to join SWEL, after church for lunch! This month, the ladies will lunch at Fernandina Beach Golf Club, on Bill Melton Rd. at 12:30PM. Please RSVP to Marilyn Perkins at mjperkins1@comcast.net.

This Week

M&M's January Dinner, January 25th

The Mature & Methodists will hold their next monthly dinner this Thursday at 6:00PM in Maxwell Hall. Our own Kay Stephens will be the guest speaker and update the group on the Porch de Solomon mission. An enchiladas dinner will be \$8.00. Please RSVP to Mary Cillo at squarerod63@att.net or call 904-335-0902.

Help Feed the Community: Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event, Jan. 27th

In line with Memorial's calling to help feed the community, we are supporting the Rise Against Hunger Event, January 27th, 10:00AM - Noon at the Atlantic Avenue Rec Center. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals for those in need. It's an easy way to really do something positive for the community. You'll see many friendly, Methodist faces there so be sure to stop by and be a part of making a difference!

Living Our Calling

Watching young people learn to help lead worship is always a wonderful thing, especially when they are learning alongside their parents. Last Sunday, 12 children and their parent went through acolyte training together. Parents learned alongside their children all the duties and expectation of an acolyte during worship, including how to light the candles and put on the robes. Engaging children in worship from a young age is important at Memorial. And when that engagement is supported by their parents and church family, it can lead to a lifetime of leadership within the church.

Planning Ahead

- Jan. 25th** - *M&M's Monthly Dinner, 6:00PM in Maxwell Hall*
- Jan. 27th** - *Rise Against Hunger Event, Rec. Center, 10:00AM*
- Jan 28th** - *Child & Youth Protection Training, 12:15PM, Multipurpose Room*
- Jan 28th** - *Confirmation Classes Begin for Adults and Youth, 3:30PM*
- Jan. 30th** - *UMW Annual Dinner, 6:00PM, Maxwell Hall*
- Feb 3rd** - *Praying in Color Event, 9:00AM - Noon, Multipurpose Room*
- Feb. 3rd** - *Youth Trip: Rebounderz in Jax*
- Feb. 4th** - *Pastor Riley Short's first Sunday Preaching at Memorial*
- Feb. 4th** - *Taizé Worship, 6:00PM, Trinity*
- Feb. 14th** - *Ash Wednesday Worship, after dinner, 6:15PM, the Sanctuary*
- Feb. 18th** - *Bloodmobile at Memorial*
- Feb. 18th** - *Pastor Beth's Retirement Reception. 2:00PM in Maxwell Hall*

Have a Church-Wide Announcement to Share?

Email the **Who, What, Where, When, Contact & RSVP info** to CarrieMac@mumconline.com **TWO Sundays before** it should run.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Messages for Pastor Beth's Retirement Reception Do you have a special memory of Pastor Beth's time with us at Memorial? Please write notes or cards for Pastor Beth to show your appreciation for her. Baskets will be in the back of the Sanctuary and on the table by the doors in Maxwell Hall and your messages can be placed in those. They will be presented to her at her retirement party on February 18th at 2:00PM in Maxwell Hall.

Child & Youth Protection Training, January 28th Do you work or volunteer with children or youth at Memorial? It's time again for the mandatory required training, January 28th at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. All new volunteers who work with children must attend. All current volunteers are due for this annual training and will also need to attend. Please contact Pastor Carrie with questions.

AARP Driver Safety Course Memorial will sponsor an AARP Driver Safety Course on February 20th & 21st, 9:00AM to 12:15PM to be held in the multipurpose room. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. The course is open to the church and community. Most auto insurance companies offer a discount on premiums with a completion certificate. Please call the church office for more information or to RSVP.

Share the Gift of Stephen Ministers Do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are available to them, too. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. They meet weekly with their care receiver to listen and provide emotional and spiritual support. Women are paired with women, and men with men. The relationship lasts as long as the person needs. For info., contact Carol Dunnagan, 904-261-6484, or Pastor Drew.

Memorial United Methodist Women's (UMW) Annual Celebration, Jan. 30th All women of Memorial are invited to this celebration and potluck dinner. Show off your culinary skills and bring a dish to share. Come enjoy the fellowship and learn about United Methodist Women and Circles at Memorial. Each Circle has a different personality that provides support to its members and focuses on missions and activities that suit the group. Childcare provided.

Praying in Color Workshops Looking for new ways to pray or how to engage with your creative side? Join Memorial and First Presbyterian Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00AM – Noon in the Multipurpose Room as we welcome Sybil MacBeth, the author of *Praying in Color*. The workshop is a \$20 donation. Nursery is available by request. join us again Sunday morning for a workshop for children and their parents/grandparents at 9:45AM at First Presbyterian. Sybil will teach us ways to engage with our children in prayer. RSVP to Pastor Carrie or the church office for either workshop. Books will be available for purchase at the event.