

MISSIONARIES

David
Café 1040

The Bookers
Amazima Ministries

SUNDAY SERVICES

Blended Worship
8:30 a.m. in the Music Suite
Modern Worship
9:45 a.m. in the Ministry Center
(Live-Streamed & Archived on our
Facebook page: @foresthillsmacon)
Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to include information in our next newsletter, your information must be submitted by the third Wednesday of the month. You may email Stephanie Davis with your announcement at stephdavisdesigns@gmail.com.



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Jean Holland
James Hurley

6 Jimmy Arnold
Tommy Williams
Paula Wingers
Kathryn Wehunt
David Morgan

8 Virginia Register

9 Sam Gandy
Sarah Teipel
Gail Mendez

10 Sarah Allmond
Eddie Whitten
Victoria Spinks

10 Barry Darnell
Hal Clarke

11 Connie Donald
Kristen Stone

12 Marie Newman
Rebecca McAleer
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13 Gene Kinard
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Jack Knight

14 Holly Oxford
Gerald Mullis
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16 Beth Wilson

17 Marianne Johnson
Sherry Sanders
Carissa Claxton
Lynn McMullen
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18 Beth Reynolds

19 Taylor Frankum
Hannah David

20 Brittany Jones

21 Margaret Bell
Susan Gordon
Scott Poupard
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22 Dale Freeney
Gary Yeomans
Drexel Shelton

23 Angie Barwick
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24 Sarah Jane Thompson
Rebecca Thompson
Trish Dunaway

26 Robert Seay

27 Eloise Lord
Harold Wilson
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28 Laura Wanamaker
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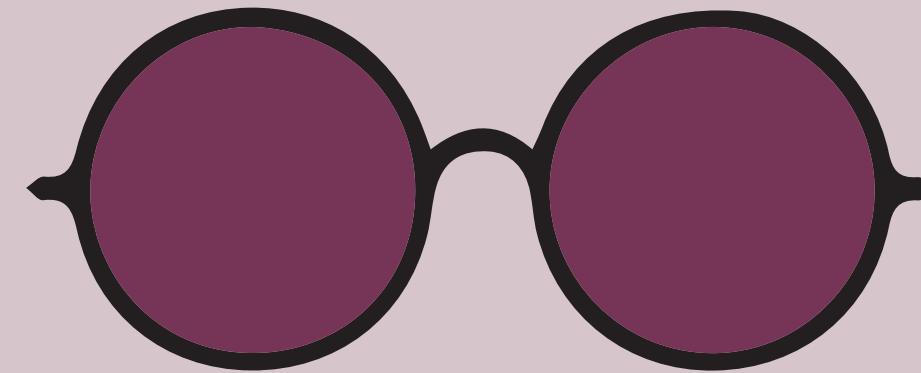
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CONNECT

September 2018

FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping each other take our NEXT STEP closer to Christ



SEEING GOD WITH NEW EYES *a women's retreat*

Dates: Friday Evening, October 26 - Sunday Morning, October 28

Location: New Ebenezer Retreat Center located near the beautiful city of Savannah

Cost: \$200

Ladies, save these dates for our awe inspiring retreat this fall. We will begin on Friday with supper and finish on Sunday morning with plenty of time to get back for fall activities that evening.

This year's speaker is the Rev. Josh Bizzell of First UMC in Warner Robins. Josh comes with a heart for helping others grow deeper in their relationship with God on a daily basis. He will guide us in considering how we might see God with new eyes and an uplifted faith.

Lodging is cabin style with each room housing two persons and a private bathroom. Be on the look out for registration forms available this month. Invite a friend, sister, co-worker, mom or any lady you know who wants to take some time away to refresh their soul.

Registration forms available around the church.
\$50 deposit due at time of registration to hold your spot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6
Summer Day Apart for the Soul
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

September 9
Third Grade Bible Presentation
9:45 and 11:00 Services
Grief Share Begins
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

One Step Worship
6:00 p.m., Ridge Campus

September 11
Good Timers BBQ and Games
6:00 p.m., Ministry Center

September 15
Youth Board Game Night
5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Ministry Center

September 16
Connection Power Meeting
6:00 p.m., Room 98

September 21
Walk to Emmaus September
Cluster Meeting
7:00 p.m., Ministry Center

September 23
Elementary Children Sing
9:45 and 11:00 Services

Come to the Garden
6:00 p.m., Garden Room

September 30
Youth Serving at Centenary
6:00 a.m., FHUMC

Pre-K Children Sing
9:45 and 11:00 Services

Good Timers Trip Meeting
2:00 p.m., Music Suite

* Registration Required at
www.foresthillsmacon.com

GRIEF SHARE® FALL GROUP

When you lose a loved one, your life changes. The road you are walking may be one of sadness and pain and lots of changes. Grief Share offers a 13 week small group experience with guided study book to invite participants to know they do not walk this road of grief alone. These materials and group meetings help us to embrace the promise that our mourning will be turned to joy. Trained and experienced Stephen Ministers will facilitate this new group. If this speaks to you or someone you might know, you are greatly encouraged to be a part of the Grief Share experience.

Grief Share Group is set to begin on Sunday, September 9 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. lasting 14 weeks.

COME TO THE GARDEN

Join our group of Forest Hills gardeners as we have a brief devotional, discuss how to get our gardens ready for both winter this year and spring next year, and enjoy fellowship and simple snacks this month. We will meet in the Garden Room on Sunday, September 23 at 6:00 PM. This group is open to anyone of any age and any skill level...we hope you will join us!

ONE STEP... WORSHIP SERVICE

Bring a friend along with you for our One Step service this month as we enjoy a brief message, awesome music, and great fellowship. We will meet at the Forest Hills Ridge Campus on **Sunday, September 9 at 6:00 PM** and we will share updates on our progress with new partnerships.

SUMMER DAY APART FOR THE SOUL SEQUEL

Thursday, September 6 from 10:00-11:30am

Thanks to all who participated in our Summer Day Apart for the Soul mini-retreat. We will have our follow up session on Thursday, September 6 at 10am. Bring your Set Your Heart Free book and your Bible. May God richly bless you as you spend intentional time in prayer this month.



FALL BIBLE STUDIES:

The **BOOK OF PSALMS** is the primary text for this study. We will encourage each other on our Christian journey and pray for enhanced discipleship as we study the prayer and praise book of the OT.

When: 6:30-8:00 PM on Wednesdays in Room 125
Start Date: August 29//**Cost:** \$12

Mom's Bible study will begin Sunday, September 9th at 5pm for 7 weeks. We'll continue reading through A Mom's Book of Encouragement. Email Jessi at jessitimmerman@foresthillsmacon.com to register.

TEN MEN OF THE BIBLE BY MAX LUCADO
Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 PM // September 11 Room 97 // Facilitator: Joe Trupia

The men depicted in the Bible were not perfect by any means. We find story after story marked by scandal, failure, and intrigue. Yet we also find many stories of men who were able to look beyond their circumstances, completely trust in the Lord, and follow Him wherever He chose to them. Like us, these men made both good and bad decisions along the way—and experienced both good and bad consequences—and we find our struggles and hopes in the pages of the Bible that tells their stories.

Backpack ministry

by Brenda Lambert

We are in full swing of shopping, packing and delivering this new school year. Many of the schools have increased their numbers so we could use more volunteers to pack bags of food. We are also in need of 1 or 2 volunteers to drive the van to L. H. Williams school once a month at 7:00 on Friday. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Brenda Lambert at 747-2348. We are grateful to JOY FM 102.1 for choosing our Backpack Ministry to be the recipient of their promotion to feed hungry children. Thanks to all who participated and brought food. We look forward to a bountiful and blessed year with our children and their schools.



MISSIONS OFFERING

by Sherie Moses

Wesley Foundation of Macon is the focus of our September Missions offering. Macon is blessed with 3 colleges and The Wesley Foundation seeks to be a spiritual home for all college-aged students in Macon, allowing students to grow spiritually by worshiping freely, following Christ, and serving with an impact. Brandon Tolle, who we see at Forest Hills, is the Campus Minister of Wesley Foundation.

They have a Wesley ministry on each of the three main campuses in Macon: Mercer University, Wesleyan College, and Middle Georgia State University. Their goal is to provide a space for all college-aged young

FOREST HILLS UMW

by Charlene McAleer

United Methodist Women's circles will begin their monthly meetings in September after the summer break. All circles welcome returning members, visitors, and new members. And if you used to be active but have drifted away due to other temporary commitments, we encourage you to come on back and join us again! We've been missing you!

ESTHER CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, September 13 (2nd Thurs.) at 7:30 PM in the Garden Room.

MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, September 13 (2nd Thurs) at 10:00 AM in room 97.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, September 10, at 2:30 PM due to Labor Day being on their usual first Monday. Contact Helen Hunnicutt for location, 478-477-3207.



United Methodist Women
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adults to have a place of worship, no matter what school or stage of life they may find themselves.

The main weekly worship meets on Tuesday nights at Mercer/Centenary UMC. Everyone is welcome to come! There is also a weekly worship service held at MGSU and a weekly fellowship gathering at Wesleyan College! Much of what they do as a ministry is funded by their generous donors. In addition to our Missions offering, you could sponsor or provide one of their monthly meals or snacks. We all know how much college students respond positively to food! Or fill needs for Bibles, worship supplies, Foundation upkeep, etc.

You can contact Brandon at wesleyofmacon@gmail.com.



WAYS TO Keep Faith Alive

Buy a five dollar fast food gift card. Give it to a homeless person you see.



Macon Outreach is collecting **SMALL BOXES OR INDIVIDUAL PACKETS OF GRITS OR OATMEAL** for those in need. If you are able to donate, please place your items in the Missions Cabinet at the canopy entrance.

DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS (PS. 96:3) THROUGH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Did you know? More than 157 million shoebox gifts have been delivered to children in over 160 countries since 1993! Each of those boxes has been presented to the child by a ministry in their home community where the gospel is shared in the child's native language. When you think that those shoeboxes have impacted not just individual children but entire families and communities, we can give God great thanks and praise for empowering us to pack shoeboxes full of encouragement and love to children for whom Christ died!

However, since the population of the world has increased by almost 2 billion people since 1993, we still have a mighty work in front of us to reach children with the gospel through this ministry. Won't you join our efforts by continuing in prayer for the 157 million who have already received shoeboxes and the approximately 12 million more who will receive boxes this year? How about praying for all the volunteers who get the boxes from here to there, and for the ministries there which may even now be facing persecution for distributing those shoeboxes? Or—best idea of all—once you have been praying, why not take the leap of faith and joy by packing shoeboxes yourself? All of us experienced shoebox fillers will be glad to show you how! And, "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." Ruth 2:12

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!!

Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, October 6, at 9:00 a.m.** to unload pumpkins. Enjoy fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts as we begin our 23rd year of PUMPKIN PATCH. Volunteers may sign up on the Pumpkin Patch Board at church or online at foresthillsmacon.com (click on scrolling image of the pumpkin patch). If you need more information, please call Juanita Burger 477-1807.



TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR KAIROS

by Sherie Moses

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND WE'RE HAVING A TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR KAIROS IN SEPTEMBER!?!?

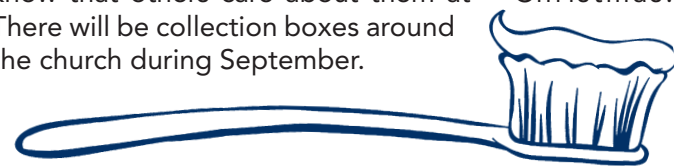
How crazy is that?

We're getting a head start on Christmas this year and we're asking your help! Our men's Kairos team is already involved in ministry at Baldwin State Prison to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Forest Hills supports them with handmade pictures and cards, homemade cookies, and drinks. At Christmas time the Chaplain tries to make the season extra special for these inmates. There are around 1,000 men there and many of them are indigent and really need hygiene items. They try

to give each inmate a gift bag with soap, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

This is where you come in to make this happen! Help us collect these items. Maybe your Sunday School class could pick an item to collect! Your family could decide to put together enough items to make 3 or 5 or 10 bags! How many BOGO articles of shampoo or deodorant can you find in the local stores? Keep your eyes open for special deals.

Jesus tells us that when we minister to the prisoners it is as if we are ministering to him. Let's help these men know that others care about them at Christmas! There will be collection boxes around the church during September.



FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Month of July 2018:

Monthly Budget	\$91,211.15
July Revenue	\$91,994.68
July Expenses	\$84,738.73
2018 YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$21,575.25)
July Apportionments paid	\$9,185.41
2018 Apportionments paid	\$64,297.87

2020 Debt Elimination:

Original Bldg Loan Amount	\$1,834,899.90
Monthly Bldg Loan Payment (8/1/18)	\$5,500.00
Bldg Loan Balance (8/1/18)	\$63,980.60

FH KIDS MINISTRY

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS Sunday, September 9

If you have a child who is enrolled in 3rd Grade this year, be sure to register them for our Third Grade Bible Presentation. On this day, your child will be presented with their very own Hands-On Bible (New Living Translation). This is a gift to your child from their church family. Be sure to go online and register today!



SEPTEMBER 21 // 5:30PM-8:30PM

Nursery Age - 5th grade // Dinner provided
Register online at foresthillsmacon.com/children under upcoming events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! TRUNK-OR-TREAT Sunday, October 28, 4-6pm



SINGING IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

The Kid's Connect program is back in full swing and our children are practicing new songs to share with you. Come hear our **Elementary children on September 23** and our **Pre-K children on September 30** as they share one of their songs with us at the 9:45 and 11:00 services. We hope you will come support our youngest set of worship leaders.

DAD JOKES

How do pirates know that they are pirates?
They think, therefore they ARRRR!!!!

How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?
A buck-an-ear.

Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?
Because they spend years at C.

Submit your favorite dad jokes for next month's newsletter to jessitimmerman@foresthillsmacon.com.

KIDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER 2

Barbara Ricks
Carolyn Hurley
Sherie Moses
Jill Cole
Beth Walker

SEPTEMBER 9

Gail Mendez
Melanie Bentley
Brenda Lambert
Stephanie Martinek
Kay Hefner

SEPTEMBER 16

Marnai Boose
Andy Martin
Diana Hullings
Brandi Groebner
Kalyn Shreve
Laura Heacox

SEPTEMBER 23

Brian Utley
Andy Wilson
Ginny Dopson
Andy Martin
Rennata Wilson

SEPTEMBER 30

Volunteers Needed

THIS MONTH IN KIDS CHURCH:



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:23A, NIV

JUST A REMINDER

Committee Meetings:

- Trustees - 2nd Monday, 6:30PM, Conf. Rm.
- Staff Parish - 2nd Thursday, 6PM, Conf. Rm.
- Finance - 3rd Monday, 6:30PM, Conf. Rm.

Women's Ministry:

- Ruth Circle: 1st Monday, 2:30PM (call church for location)
- Martha Circle - 2nd Thursday, 10AM, Rm. 97
- Esther Circle – 2nd Thursday, 7:30PM, Bride's Rm
- Joyce Pyles Bible Study - Tuesdays, 4PM, Bride's Rm

Men's Ministry:

- Prayer Breakfast - Every Tuesday, 7AM, Min. Ctr.

Children:

- Kids Connect (3K-5TH Grade) Every Wednesday, 5-6PM, Kids Hall

Youth:

- Jr. High - Every Sunday, 4PM, Min. Ctr.
- Sr. High - Every Sunday, 5:30PM, Min. Ctr.
- 17:11 (Jr. & Sr. High) - Every Wednesday, 6PM, Youth Rm.

Older Adult:

- Singing Saints - Every Tuesday, 11AM, Music Suite
- Game Day - Every Tuesday, 12PM, Min. Ctr.

{FHUMC YOUTH}

CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS: We are offering a Confirmation class to any senior higher (9th-12th grades) who has not already been confirmed in the faith and/or baptized. Instead of adding another program hour (you're welcome, parents!), we are meeting with those students during small group times within regular program hours about every other week so that they can stay plugged in to their small group community. During the month of September, we will meet with the confirmands on the 2nd, the 16th, and the 30th. In order to be confirmed, we're asking students to make at least 6 of the 8 meetings, so mark your calendars! And go ahead and add Sunday, November 25th, as well as that will be the Sunday we confirm our students!

BOARD GAME NIGHT @ FHUMC: On **Saturday, September 15th**, we will take over the Ministry Center from **5pm-9pm** and host our first ever board game night! Bring your favorite game from home or show up empty handed and learn how to play someone else's favorite! We'll have snacks and drinks for all attendees as well. No registration is required, and it is 100% free!

The deadline to register for Fall Retreat is Wednesday, September 26th.

SERVING BREAKFAST @ CENTENARY UMC: We will round up a group of 10-12 to serve breakfast to some of the less fortunate population of Macon on **Sunday, September 30th**. We'll meet at the church at 6am, cook and serve breakfast, catch some HOT doughnuts from Krispy Kreme, and be back in time for the 9:45am service.

As always, you can stay informed of what's going on in the youth ministry by visiting our Upcoming Events page on the website!



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
FROM 5:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Menu: Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes,
Green Beans, and Peach Cobbler**

Sign up for Community Café by calling 478-477-1161. Reservations MUST be made by Monday, September 17th at 12:00 PM. *No Carryouts Available.*

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Forest Hills UMC receives many donations given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Acknowledgment of Forest Hills' gratitude is sent to each person who makes a donation. A letter of recognition identifying who gave a donation is also sent to the person or the family of the person who was honored/remembered. Here is a list of all who have been honored and remembered through a donation to FHUMC this past month:

In Memory Of: Guy Wilson **In Honor Of:** Paul Reynolds, Bill Roe

CONNECTION POWER MEETING

by Carolyn Hurley

Connection Power is a wonderful program that the fabulous Jeannie McKenzie designed for us last year. The program connects new visitors and members with people and programs which will specifically meet their needs and make them feel at home here at Forest Hills. We have run it as a pilot program in the 9:45 service over the last year with great success and would now like to open it up to the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

If you have been part of the Connection Power program and would like to continue ministering with us, or if you would like to join this team, please join us for a planning session for our upcoming year on **Sunday, September 16 at 6:00 PM in Room 98**. We have a number of ways that you can help with this ministry including sending texts or letters, planning events, hosting events, being a contact person, giving church tours, answering visitor questions, and passing out visitor packets and gifts.



WALK TO EMMAUS September cluster meeting will be held in the FHUMC Ministry Center on Friday night, **September 21st at 7:00 PM**. Please bring a covered dish to share and join in the fellowship.

GOOD TIMERS NEWS

OCTOBER TRIP MEETING

September 30 at 2pm in the Music Suite

Our trip is almost here. Please be in attendance for this important meeting where you will get all the information you need to prepare for our departures in October to the Ark and Creation Museums. We have a great group going and anticipate that God will be present in our travel and our fellowship together.

If you can not attend, please contact Teresa Edwards or Annette Barnette to get the info that you need prior to the trip dates.

BBQ SUPPER AND BOARD GAME BONANZA

September 11 at 6pm in the Ministry Center // Cost: \$8.00

Come enjoy a night of great BBQ and some fun twists on your favorite board games. It will surely be a winner of an evening if you are there. Sign up at the Good Timers table in the main hallway to let us know you will be in attendance. Guests are always welcome too!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlotte & Asbury Stembridge, Sr., Dillon Lewis, Betty Farr, Kate & Danny Rockwell and Family, Dr. Edsel Davis, Eloise McCullough, Candice Hancock, Wayne Smith (Karen Lebow's brother), Robert Seay, Carol Newberry, Chuck Brooks, Karen Lebow, Peter and Joe Coon, and Eugene Kinard.

Those serving in the military: Payton Smith (Army), Matt Parrish (Army), Chris Allen, Chris Belvin, Sgt. Daniel Brennan, Jeffrey Dyson, Rob Hunt, Justin Layman, Matthew Nylund, 1st Lt. Jamie Peacock, Kelley Sanders, SSgt. Stephanie Wammock, Bryan Caldon (Navy), Capt. Hunter Curl (Air Force), Zachary Dickson (Army), and Col. Frank & Susie Stanco.

Names will be removed after four weeks.

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 2

9:45 AM - Narthex - Ned Newman

9:45 AM - Canopy
Joe & Becky Middlebrooks

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Dan & Gracin Teets

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Back Door - Ann Crawford

11:00 AM - Narthex
Barbara Coon & Nancy Gandy

SEPTEMBER 9

9:45 AM - Narthex - Barbara Wolfe

9:45 AM - Canopy
Marianne Johnson & Sara Johnson

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Brenda Lambert & Carolyn Hurley

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Back Door - Barbara Ricks

11:00 AM - Narthex
Carolyn Scarboro & Barbara Stefano

SEPTEMBER 16

9:45 AM - Narthex - Amy David

9:45 AM - Canopy
Dot & Randy Rowland

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Amy & Andy Martin

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Back Door - Judy Whitley

11:00 AM - Narthex
Gerald & Teresa Stuart

SEPTEMBER 23

9:45 AM - Narthex - Melanie Parsons

9:45 AM - Canopy
Trice & Juanita Burger

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Tom & Ann Adkisson

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Back Door - Linda Brooks

11:00 AM - Narthex
Sheri Allen & Keith Hollingsworth

SEPTEMBER 30

9:45 AM - Narthex - Rob Gibson

9:45 AM - Canopy
Bob & Linda Brown

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Ron & Dianne Clark

9:45 AM - Ministry Center
Back Door

Julie Anne & Rebecca Jones

11:00 AM - Narthex
Linda Clark & Crawford Lovett