More Than a Handshake

I have confessed to you my routine for beginning each day with God in the same manner. I rise early, read a psalm, say a prayer, and off to the coffee pot I go. But then, it’s Mac time, time to hit my “Bleacher Report” app to catch the latest “goings” on in the sports world. I don’t know why. I guess I’m just enticed by the competition and drama that is inherent in every game. And, well, it just seems to me that sports mirrors life.

Recently, maybe because it’s the end of baseball season, I read an article recounting special baseball moments in history. It seems 70 years ago the Brooklyn Dodgers put Jackie Robinson in their lineup making him the first black baseball player to play in the Major Leagues. That was drama in of itself. But the real drama came as he was crossing home plate after his first professional home run. You see, in baseball the custom is for the entire team to stand at the dugout and offer congratulations to the batter following a home run, and everyone was on pins and needles wondering what would happen next. Would the team turn their back or would they offer the customary embrace? It didn’t take long to find out. The on deck hitter, George Shuba, strode to the plate and offered a congratulatory handshake as his teammate Robinson crossed home plate. And with that one act, the barrier had been broken. That handshake, by the way, has been dubbed “A Handshake for the Century”.

It is extraordinary the power of a simple handshake. Here at Milledgeville First UMC, we are blessed with a regular number of visitors who give our church a go. They come, wondering if we might be a fit for their family. Remember when you first came, they have the same questions. Try to imagine their first impression. This is a big and active place. The most welcoming thing we can do for people who visit is to extend our hand and let them know how glad we are that they are here.

One more thing, to help them know you, to help them be more comfortable, I want to invite you to wear your name tags as often as possible. Your Evangelism Committee is going to help you with that. Shortly, you will see a couple of magnet boards (you choose, in Sunday School area or in Narthex) where you can leave your name tag and pick back up on Sundays.

It helps, doesn’t it, when you are able to know someone’s name. Thank you for all you do here to make Milledgeville First UMC such a special place.

In His Service,

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**Financial Report**

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**Sunday’s Scripture Lesson:**

Matthew 5:13-16

“No Substitute for You”

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**Missed church?**

See last week’s sermon “ONLINE”

www.milledgevillefumc.org!!
**Children’s Corner**

The Scream retreat was a big success! We had 15 kids and 4 chaperones to attend. God blessed us with beautiful weather, safe travels, and lots of fun as we praised and worshipped our Great and Almighty Father. I want to thank Jessica Beck, Andrew Hayes, Sam French and Hannah Bentley for their commitment to our kids. We together made a great team and I am so thankful for each of them! I also want to thank my parents, Stan and Janet Mauldin, who so graciously offered to drive one of our vans.

Please check out and like our Facebook page, FUMC Children and Family Ministry.

Remember this Wednesday is “Another Night on Broadway. This is a special evening that we will all spend together. Kids Jam will not meet and children will enjoy the program with their families.

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**Mark your Calendars**

- **No Kids Time** - October 9 (Fall Break)
- **Family Fall Festival** - October 16, 4-7 (volunteers needed)
- **Kids Halloween themed games and activities** - October 26th.
  Come dressed in your favorite friendly costume and enter a contest to win prizes.

Blessings, Shannon

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Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recovery from knee surgery.

Cynthia Boland

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**Pumpkin News**

Pumpkins will be arriving on Monday, October 10th, at 5:00 pm! We need lots of helping hands! Please plan to come and help unload pumpkins. Don’t forget to bring your gloves! Volunteers are needed to sign up this Sunday in the narthex to work in the pumpkin patch!

Contact Holley Vaughn 478-456-8711 for more information.

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**No Sale Yard Sale**

Time to clean out those closets again! No Sale Yard Sale is Saturday, October 22nd. Informational fliers are available in the Narthex.

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**Fall Festival**

Family Fall Festival volunteer form included as an insert for the newsletter. Volunteers are needed in numerous capacities. Just check a time your available to assist. We look forward to a fun evening with families and children.

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**Youth Happenings**

We hope you are having a great week! Come this Sunday at 6:00 pm to hear our youth volunteer, Justin Seymour, give the message at youth.

***This Wednesday, the youth will be attending “Another Night on Broadway”. We will stay in the worship center for the program!!

**Announcements:**
- **October 1st** – Walk Through Bethlehem Building 9:00 am.
- **October 7th** – 5th Quarter.
- **October 16th** – Fall Family Fun Day.

**Reminder** – Wednesday Night Youth Activities are now from 5:45 to 7:00 pm.
**Programs**

**September 28, 2016**

**Dinner:** Taco salad and trimmings  
**Children:** Same  
**Program:** Pastor Mac  
**Host:** Agape SS class

Please drop this form in the collection plate or call church office before Tuesday at 12 pm.

| Name:  |  
| Adults $7  |  
| Kids reg. $3  |  
| Kids meal $3  |  
| College students free w/ ID.  |

**Special Gifts**

*A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Milladene Grant by:*
- Sandra & Carl Mixon  
- Win & Dot Sibley  
- David & Lynne Childs  
- Betty Sue Hemphill

*A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Bob Vedder by:*
- Angie Duke  
- Family of John Williamson  
- Norma Veal & family  
- Betty Sue Hemphill  
- Bruce & Kathy Culppepper  
- June Veatch & Kari Britt  
- David & Lynne Childs  
- Win & Dot Sibley  
- Paul & Courtney Hitchcock  
- Harold & Brenda Mason.

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- Michael & Cathy Duke  
- ORMC Pink Bow Gift Shop  
- Mr. & Mrs. George Edwards

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**Worship & Music**

*Serving This Weekend: September 25th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost*

**Acolyte/Acolyte Parent**  
Millie Gray Chapman & Sara Johnson/Autumn Chapman

**Altar Guild**  
(8:30 & 11:00) Nancy Brown, Daphne Epps, Carol Vance & Sally Thrower;  
(9:30) Courtney Hitchcock

**Sound Technicians**  
Mark Paulish, Paul Hitchcock, Dwayne Morgan & Jeff McAfee

**Ushers**  
(11:00) Jimmy Youngblood (capt), CJ Brown, Bill Dunlop, Ed Hall, Richard Moody,  
Ed Robinson
“The Milledgeville First United Methodist Church’s mission is to serve Jesus Christ, Share God’s word, grow in faith, and love one another.”

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

**THIS WEEK AT MILLEDGEVILLE FIRST**

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**Attendance Report—09/18/16**

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