



The

Methodist Message

# Metter United Methodist Church

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August 2018

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## **“Back to School”**

With school starting back this month, we have a lot going on at the church. We especially have a lot planned for Sunday, August 12. I will begin a new series listed below. That day will also be Promotion Sunday as we recognize our 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders with bibles.

I am also asking all students to bring their backpacks to worship that Sunday. We will have a “Backpack Blessing” and something to give you to go on your backpack for the school year. I can’t wait to see what God does during this new school year!

On Wednesday, August 15, I will introduce the adults to a study on Romans. This is put together by Dr. Ben Witherington. It is a twelve week study and the study book will be provided for you.

Sunday, August 19, I am beginning a 12-week Old Testament Study. This will be on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm. There is a book that goes with the study that you can purchase at the church for \$20. The study is put together and the video sessions are led by Dr. Sandra Richter. Those of you who took the Ruth Study in the spring will remember how engaging she was as a teacher. A nursery will be provided. I hope you will join me on Sunday nights beginning August 19. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

### **“Back to School: A Wesleyan Covenant Sermon Series”**

August 12 -- “School Clothes”

Genesis 1:24-31

August 19 -- “Assigned Seating”

John 3:22-30

August 26 -- “Homework”

Matthew 5:1-12

September 2 -- “Lunchbox”

Philippians 4:4-7, 10-13

September 9 -- “Graduation”

Revelation 21:1-5

### **Welcome to our Young Clergy Academy Intern**

Beginning August 1, we have an intern who will be working at MUMC thru April 31<sup>st</sup>. However, you should already know who he is. Tripp Anderson, our Youth Director, is exploring the call to ministry through our Conference’s Young Clergy Academy. This is a program that pairs college-aged young adults with churches and ministries throughout the South Georgia Annual Conference. For Tripp, he is going to preach some, visit alongside me and learn the ropes of pastoral ministry. Tripp will still carry out all of his responsibilities as Youth Director as well as finish his last year at Georgia Southern University.

As a part of his internship, Tripp will have office hours. He will be at the church and around the community on Tuesdays from 2-5 pm, Wednesdays beginning at 4pm until end of Wednesday Night activities and Thursdays from 2-5 pm.

I invite you to encourage Tripp however you can as he seeks out God’s calling on his life through the ministry of Metter UMC.

God Bless!

*Rev. Allen Cason*

## Prayer Concerns

Sandra Chandler	Evelyn Warren
Ronnie & Connie Harden	Gail Lowe
Jerry Lott	J.L. Ward
Harmon Woods	Joe Neville
Annette Cannon	Kay Miller
Bobby Lynn	Roxanne & Destiny Durrance
Ricky Stanford	Louie Reese
Janna Stanford	Gail Ward
Louisa Hensley	Jo Jordan
Becky McArthur	George White
Nestor Velasquez	Charlene Colvin
Chris Clifton	Tom Young
Autumn Chicola	Natalie Edenfield
Gene Scott	Julian Smith
Jim Greene	Jeffrey Baxley
Ricky Rigdon	Doris Cook
James & June Rushing	Ben Heaton
Tammy Brannen	Ozzie Deason
Tonya Willoughby & Family	

### Families who have lost loved ones:

Mary Mincey Family	Alivia Cox Family
<b>Military:</b> Dan Chicola, Trey Neville, Heath Stuckey	
<b>Missionaries:</b> Whatleys (Navajo), Nelson (I See Jesus Ministries, Panama), Shafes (Mission: Hope-Congo), Coker/Cook Family (Thumbs UP Mission)	
<b>Homebound:</b> Annie Will Watson (Azalea Healthcare), Helen Sparks, Joe Minchew, Ben Heaton, Sandi Dowd, Jean Hensley, Betty Bell, Jeannette Peterson	

### Our Stewardship: Sun., 7/1 - Sun., 7/29, 2018

	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29
<b>Attendance:</b>					
Sunday School	43	39	43	61	46
Morning Worship	76	88	99	111	99
<b>Offering:</b>					
Sunday School	\$28	\$39	\$35	\$56	\$23
Morning Worship	\$5347	\$3408	\$6392	\$3502	\$3929.25
Communion Fund (7/1)					\$114
Wesley Foundation (7/1)					\$50
Back Pack Buddies (7/8)					\$47.74
Wesley Foundation (7/8)					\$725
Wesley Foundation (7/15)					\$945
Methodist Children's Home (7/22)					\$92.63
Operation Christmas Child (7/29)					\$52.51
Wesley Foundation (7/29)					\$100

**Endowment Fund Balance: \$ 31,166.62 (as of 3/31/2018)**  
(goal \$100,000)

**Year to date contributions: \$ 165,732.00**  
**Year to date expenses: \$ 151,796.98**  
(Amounts reported are through July 30, 2018, and July payroll is included.)

**August Birthdays:** Charles Chandler (8/1), Ed Boyd (8/3), Mark Bland (8/4), Nancy Norton (8/8), Lynette Long (8/9), Kathy Martin (8/10), Banks Booth (8/10), Broni Gainous (8/11), Charlie Woolf (8/11), Bill Clance (8/13), Pam Monroe (8/13), Kelton Cook (8/16), Amy Hendrix (8/17), Sheryl Bridgers (8/19), Atticus Lanier (8/21), Joe Minchew (8/21), Steve Powell (8/22), Fran Rockowitz (8/23), Margaret Franklin (8/24), Gail Ward (8/26), Corey Carpenter (8/30), Monica West (8/31)

**August Anniversaries:** Jay & Sheryl Bridgers (8/5), Kelton & Doris Cook (8/7), Dorsey & Pam Smith (8/8), Paul & Beverly MacGregor (8/23), Jimmy & Ann Trapnell (8/24), Frank & Margaret Franklin (8/24), Dan & Angie Henderson (8/26), Chris & Monica West (8/27), Greg & Tammie Strickland (8/29), Dan & Autumn Chicola (8/31)

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

**Sunday School** – 10 AM  
**Morning Worship** – 11 AM  
**Men's Small Group** – 5:30 PM/4 PM beginning 8/19  
**Old Testament Study** – 6 PM – beginning 8/19  
**Youth** – 5:30-7:30 PM

### Monday

**The Bridge** – 9 AM-11 AM  
**Bend and Stretch** - 4:30-5:30 PM  
**Monday Night Bible Study** - 6:30 PM

### Tuesday

**Nursing Home Singers** - 2:00-2:45 PM

### Wednesday

**Prayer Shawl Group** – 1:00 PM  
**Family Night Supper** – 6 PM – beginning 8/15  
**Children/Youth/Adult Groups** – 6:30 PM – beginning 8/15  
**Youth** – 6-7:30 PM – 8/1 & 8/8  
**Choir** - 6:30 PM

### Thursday

**The Bridge** – 9 AM-11 AM

### Friday

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday monthly- Methodist Men's Breakfast** 8:00 AM – in the Social Hall  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly** – **Methodist Men's Supper** 6:30 PM – in the Social Hall

Youth will be back on their regular schedule starting in August. Sunday nights will be from 5:30 until 7:30, and Wednesday nights will be at 6:30. Youth who plan to eat supper on Family Night are asked to make reservations.

The next Youth Worship service will be September 9<sup>th</sup>.

We need volunteers to provide our snack supper for our youth on Sunday nights. Let me know if you would like to volunteer.

Tripp Anderson

**Church Office Hours** – The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 12:30 PM.

**September Newsletter Deadline** – Please submit any news and information for the **September 2018 newsletter** to Suzanne in the church office by Monday, August 27, 2018.

**Sunday Servants** - To have names added to or removed from the usher, acolyte, children's sermon, children's church, or flowers list, please contact the church office (912-685-2777) or see Miriam Edenfield.

**Flowers in the Church**- Letters with the new assignments for altar flowers have been sent from the church office. The new schedule begins with September 2018 and runs through August 2019. If you are a participant and did not receive your letter, contact Suzanne in the church office at [info@metterumc.com](mailto:info@metterumc.com).

**A New Year of MUMPS**— Our church preschool will begin their 2018-19 year on Tuesday, August 14 with a full slate of 14 children and 2 teachers. Hours are from 8 until 11:30 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Volunteers are needed to assist with snacks, special projects, and other events. Please contact Jo Buckley to become a MUMPS volunteer.

**MUMC Children who are attending MUMPS:**

*Maddie Beasley* – Jill Powell’s granddaughter  
*Tanner Cason* – Pastor Allen & Kristen Cason’s son  
*Charlie Lanier* – Luke & Susannah Lanier’s son  
*Cal Patrick Rivenbark* – JoJo & Brooke Rivenbark’s son  
*Erin Ward* – Jonathan & Wendy Ward’s daughter, James Edward & Gail Ward’s granddaughter.

**August’s Operation Christmas Child Item:** Each year when the beginning of school is nigh, the back to school sales begin. It’s a great time to pick up items for Operation Christmas Child. Crayons, pencils, pens, notepads, and other school supplies are appreciated by the children who receive boxes each year. When purchasing items for your kids, why not pick up something for a needy child in another part of the world? Happy Packing! *Kristen Cason*

**Children’s Fall Season Sunday School Teachers**

August 5 –	Elementary – Jo Buckley
	Middle – Kathy Martin
August 12 –	Elementary – Lynette Long
	Middle – Autumn Chicola
August 19 -	Elementary – Emily Burton
	Middle – Sandra Cardell
August 26 -	Elementary – Cortney King
	Middle – Nancy Norton

**Family Night Supper and Wednesday Activities** – *Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 PM* is the start date. Cindy Tootle, our kitchen director, has some great menus planned for this year. Make sure that you don’t miss out on any of the great meals. The price will remain \$5 per person or \$15 per family. In order to keep the prices low, it is imperative that standing reservations be cancelled when you or anyone in your family cannot attend. Be sure to make your reservations for dinner before noon on *Monday, August 13, 2018*.

**March Madness Tags Available** – Price tags for the annual March Madness sale are available in the church office. Sale chairperson Peggy Rivenbark suggests that items be tagged with prices as they are accumulated throughout the year. That way the job is easier when sale time rolls around. Remember that a minimum of 10% of sales goes to MUMC for local missions work. The 2019 sale will be on *Saturday, March 2*.

**Charge Conference 2018** – Mark this date on your calendars because Charge Conference is coming: *Sunday, November 11 from 4 until 6 PM*. The session will be held at the Chapel of the Georgia Southern Wesley Foundation.

**Splash in the ‘Boro Night** – The Northeast District United Methodist Churches will have a evening of wet fun at Splash in the ‘Boro on *Sunday, August 5, 2018, from 6:30 until 8:30 PM*. All churches in the district are invited to take part as the park is closed to all other visitors at that time. Be sure to take a towel because it will be a splashing good time!

**First Day of School Photos** – Pictures of students and teachers from MUMC’s congregation will be featured on the picture page of the September newsletter. Be sure to snap a photo of the kiddo’s (and/or teachers) and send it to the office at [info@metterumc.com](mailto:info@metterumc.com) or text it to 912-682-7044.

**Administrative Council** – The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be on *Sunday, August 12 at 4:30 PM*. Those needing to have an item placed on the agenda are asked to contact Allen Lanier, chair, or the church office.

**Teach the Teacher** – There will be a “Teach the Teacher” training session held on *Sunday, August 19* following Morning Worship. This is for the people who will be working with the children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Lunch will be provided and the program will end no later than 2 PM. For those who are not certified with Safe Sanctuary, that training will be held immediately after “Teach the Teacher.” Safe Sanctuary is required of anyone who works with children and/or youth in any capacity in programs of the United Methodist Church. For more information, see Stephanie Long or Pastor Allen.

**New Bulletin Format** – There have been some changes made to the weekly bulletin. Each week, the order of worship appears on the front with “The Top 5” (important announcements) and church contact information on back. The inside features a space for taking notes on the sermon as well the listings of the Sunday Servants and the Prayer Concerns. The biggest change is the addition of the Connection Card, a detachable section on which to communicate with the church office. The Connection Card eliminates the need for the red folders, so please register your attendance on the card each week. The card is also a place where you can list prayer requests, make reservations for family night or make any other notes that you would like for the office and/or pastor to be aware. You do not have to write contact information each week; however, this is a way to let the office know of any changes in that information. Encourage those around you to complete the card. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or in one of the baskets located near each exit. Thank you for your willingness to make this change. Let the office know what you think about the new bulletin.

**New Office Computer** – The church office has a new and improved desktop computer, thanks to the proceeds from Family Night Suppers! Each week, Cindy Tootle makes sure that the meals are delicious but also maintains a strict budget. When extra funds are available at the end of the year, those are used to purchase items that are needed around the church. In the past proceeds have helped purchase projectors, speakers, and other AV equipment. Please help keep the cost of meals low and help us “earn” other needed equipment by being sure to cancel standing reservations when you know that you will be unable to attend Wednesday night supper. We hate to waste food, but we also hate to waste money that could be better spent.

**Choir Begins Work on Cantata** – When Family Night begins on *August 15*, the choir will begin working on the upcoming Christmas cantata. Anyone who enjoys music and singing is invited to take part. No prior musical knowledge or experience is required. Practice begins at 6:30 in the choir room.

See color pictures on the church website: [metterumc.com](http://metterumc.com)



### MUMC experiences “internal growth” –

Pictured at left is *Declan Christopher Lott*, son of David and Laura Lott. Declan was born on Monday, July 23, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., and he was 21.5 inches long. Declan joins siblings Rosalyn and Turner Lott. He is the grandson of Rev. Jerry and Shirley Lott.

Pictured at right is *Kenann James Tatum*, daughter of Kameron and Ansley Tatum. Kenann was born Thursday, July 5, weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz., and she was 19.5 inches long. Kenann joins her sister Evan. Kay Miller is her grandmother and Sandra Franklin is her great grandmother.

Welcome these two beautiful babies to MUMC.



### MUMC on the Go! – (pictures arranged l-r)

*Mark and Terri Bland* – The Blands visited the Greek Isles earlier this summer.




*Long Family* – The Chappell Long family camped at Ginny Springs in Florida. Pictured are (l-r) Jennifer & Derek Price, Jonathan Gordy, Lynette Long, Chappell Long (front row) Caroline Price, Stephanie Long, and Addison Price.

*Angel Jarvis* – Angel spent seven days cruising the Hawaiian Islands where she learned to dance the hula!

*Tom and Cheryl Williams* – Tom and Cheryl met the cooks from PBS’s popular show *America’s Test Kitchen*. Please share your tips and recipes with us!



## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Family Night Supper</b> <b>Menus:</b> <b>August 15 – Covered Dish</b> (Church will provide chicken)	<b>August 22 – Pork Chops, Brown Rice, Beans &amp; Dessert</b>	<b>August 29 – Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread &amp; Dessert</b>	<b>1</b> 1 PM – Prayer Shawl 6-7:30 – Youth 6:30 - Choir	<b>2</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Communion Sunday 4:30 – Trustees 5:30 – Men's Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth 6:30-8:30 – NE District Night at Splash in the Boro	<b>6</b> 9-11 – The Bridge 4:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Monday Evening Bible Study 	<b>7</b> 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>8</b> 1 PM – Prayer Shawl 6 – Finance Committee 6-7:30 – Youth 6:30 - Choir	<b>9</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Promotion Sunday 8 AM – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Administrative Council 5:30 – Men's Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth	<b>13</b> 9-11 – The Bridge 4:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Monday Evening Bible Study	<b>14</b> MUMPS Begins 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers 	<b>15</b> 1 PM – Prayer Shawl 6 PM – Family Night Supper 6:30 – Children, Youth & Adult Classes 6:30 – Choir	<b>16</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Noon-2 – Teach the Teacher & Safe Sanctuary 4:00 – Men's Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth 6-7:30 – Old Testament Study	<b>20</b> 9-11 – The Bridge 4:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Monday Evening Bible Study 6:30-8 – Way Forward Report - PPUMC	<b>21</b> 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>22</b> 1 PM – Prayer Shawl 6 PM – Family Night Supper 6:30 – Children, Youth & Adult Classes 6:30 – Choir	<b>23</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 4:00 – Men's Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth 6-7:30 – Old Testament Study	<b>27</b> 9-11 – The Bridge 4:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Monday Evening Bible Study	<b>28</b> 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>29</b> 1 PM – Prayer Shawl 6 PM – Family Night Supper 6:30 – Children, Youth & Adult Classes 6:30 – Choir	<b>30</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>31</b> 	

### Acolytes

**8/5** Gage Chicola & Hunter Cason  
**8/12** Hadden Nease & Cace West  
**8/19** Melanie Ward & Jack Riggs  
**8/26** Thomas Chicola & Carter Gainous

### Ushers

**8/5** Frank Franklin, Pernal Franklin, Charlie Woolf, Kevin Hendrix  
**8/12** Hank Buckley, Dan Chicola, Matthew Chicola, Charlie Hendricks  
**8/19** Tietgen Edenfield, Cason Edenfield, Al Edenfield, Wayne Rivenbark,  
**8/26** Butch Smith, Carvy Snell, Steven Snell, James Edward Ward

### Children's Sermon

First Sunday  
 Jason Jones  
 Matthew Gainous  
 Heather Hendricks

### Children's Church

First Sunday  
 Lynette Long/Logan Nease  
 Broni Gainous/Mary Emma Gainous  
 Jamie Edenfield/Angel Jarvis

### Flowers

Communion  
 Jill Powell  
 Judy Johnston & Cathy Franklin  
 Pam Lee & Jerri Wolff

### Greeters (Classes)

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 New Adv. & Adult Bible  
 Sturdy Spirits  
 Children & Youth

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Erin Glanton & Heather Nease, Preschool  
Angie Henderson, Nursery Caregiver  
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***All Are Welcome!***

*Sunday School @ 10:00 AM*

*Morning Worship @ 11:00 AM*