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WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

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mission matters

The Missions Committee shares a two-fold vision for 2012. First, we desire to bring awareness to the congregation of how our church is involved in kingdom work. Second, we seek to create opportunities for our congregation to participate in meaningful places of service. Twice a month we will feature a video documentary called “Mission Matters”. These videos will be shown in The Invitation worship services, aired on our 11:00 a.m. television audience, and posted online on our church website and YouTube. Our hope is that you will carefully and prayerfully view these and be encouraged by what our church is doing.

Our participation in mission and service matters; because as we reach out through Christ, we touch and impact lives. Our service to others is vital to our discipleship and spiritual growth. We tell the stories of these “mission matters” to bring awareness of how God’s kingdom is present among us. We tell the stories to allow people in our church to hear God calling them to participate with their time and talents in these ministries themselves.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

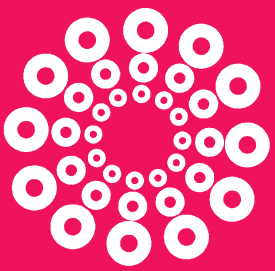
8:45 a.m.—Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

8:45 a.m.—The Invitation Worship, Wesley Hall

9:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time, Gathering Room

10:00 a.m.—Journey Groups/Sunday School, Wesley Hall

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship, Sanctuary—*Chancel Choir*



United Methodist Women

February Circle Meetings

- Mary Richey Circle: February 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 313. Martha Fleming will host.
- Discovery Circle: February 13 at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- Celebration Circle: February 13 at 10 a.m. in the home of Sandra Wright, 1346 Dogwood Drive, Tupelo.
- Friendship Circle: February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Dawn Southworth, 1080 Quail Creek, Tupelo.

Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary
will hold their annual

EMPTY BOWLS

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 29, 2011
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
TUPELO FURNITURE MARKET
BUILDING #5

Soup will be served at 11 a.m. Lunch will
include a memory bowl, bread, soup, and bottled water.

Tickets: 213-3774 or 801-9936
To volunteer to help: 231-2879, 801-9936
To donate Bake Goods or Casseroles: 844-4917 or 841-0676
For curb service: 213-7596



The Pastor-Parish
Relations Committee

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will meet February 12 to discuss the reappointment of our pastors. If you have any comments or questions, please contact a member of the committee. Members are Bill Beasley, Brian Condit, Buzzy Mize, Dale Wariner, Frances Foy, Jim Stone, Jo Mark, Mac Curlee, Otis Tims, Polly Bailey, and Tom Wicker.



FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

February 3, 2012

11:30 a.m. - Wesley Hall

Maura McIntosh Fields, singer/songwriter, will present our program. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the program following. CDs will be available for sale. I am sure everyone will want one! Please make plans to fellowship with friends and enjoy a meal by Chef Clete for only \$5. Invite your friends! For more information on Maura, visit her website, www.mauramcintosh.com.

UMW UNIT MEETING & LUNCHEON

CALL TO PRAYER WITH REV. JIM CURTIS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - 11:30 A.M.

GATHERING ROOM - LUNCH: \$5

**PLEASE CALL (690-8100) FOR RESERVATIONS
BY NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.**

Women's Bible Study Opportunity

**Walking By Faith:
Lessons Learned In The Dark**
by Jennifer Rothschild

Meeting Day & Time:
Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m.
Covenant Coffee House

Start Date: February 8, 2012
7 Weeks

Childcare will be provided.
Please let the person know when
you register the number of
children and their ages.

Facilitators:
Kim Hodges and Posey McGraw

Register by: emailing
helen@fumctupelo.com or
jimmy@fumctupelo.com or by calling Kim
Hodges @ 322-0891

Resource:
You can buy the study guide at Lifeway
or pick one up at the church office.

WALKING Lessons Learned in the Dark BY FAITH

Not everyone sees 20/20...Jennifer Rothschild, author and speaker, knows this far too well after becoming physically blind due to a rare, degenerative eye disease. She uses what she has learned through her blindness to encourage study participants to walk by faith and not by sight. Participants will also be encouraged to take risks, give God control, persevere through hardship, receive God's gifts, be guided by the Truth rather than feelings, and seek God. Please come learn more about how to walk by faith!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Book Group Anniversary

This week the Library Book Group will celebrate 8 years of fellowship and good books. Our group has 22 members and we have read a total of 110 books during our time together. Here are just a few of our favorite selections (in no special order). These and many other titles from our reading list will be available for check-out in the Gathering Room this Sunday.

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

The Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

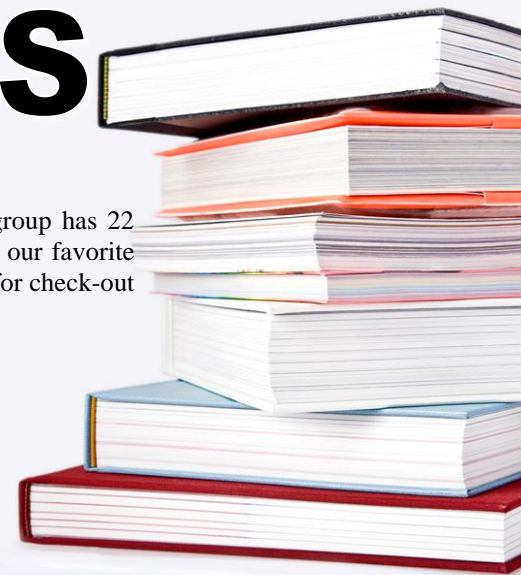
Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shafer and Anne Barrows

The Poet of Tolstoy Park by Sonny Brewer

My Antonia by Willa Cather

All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg





Tupelo District Lay Speaking School

February 24-25, 2012

Wesley United Methodist Church

Registration deadline is February 6.

You may come by the church office for a brochure or contact the District Office at 842-8477.

BE OUR GUEST!
Tonight, February 1

In appreciation of you,
we will be serving
Wednesday Night
Fellowship Supper
FREE!



February Birthdays

1
Charles Grace
Jimmy Green
Jacey Beth Jenkins
Tracie Mallard
Martin Thomas

2
Anne Britt
Martha Kate Buskirk
John Shannon Gillentine
Debra Grisham
Edward Hill
Adam Massey
Lynne Mize

3
Josh Collins
Tom Foy

4
Wanda Beane
Bo Calhoun
Kay Guyton
Molly McCollough

5
Blythe Lollar
John Lovorn
Will Prater
Preston Whittington

6
Boyce Harris
Doris Ryan
Lisa Sherrill

7
Jon Aguirre
Kay Collins
Jo Anne Harris
Jackie Massey
Ann Rice
Mark Shepherd

8
Karen Dieckmann
Libby Epting
Andy Garner
John Thomas Hedges
Gary Moore
Sheha Moore
Peggy Webb

9
Milly Addison
Murphey Asters
Duncan Foster

10
Clint Jordan
Brent Wilkins
Luanne Woodridge

11
Joel Baldwin
Todd Buskirk
Curt Davidson
Ed Neely

12
Sarah Bertolet
Sadie Gardner
Tommy Gardner
Fred Stroup

13
Christopher Pennington
McKamy Smith
Patsy Weaver

14
Scooter Carr
Jarrett Estess
Wesley Partin
Josh Wise

15
Kevin Asa
Drew Clayton, Jr.

Kirk Gatlin
Tom Powell
Mark Rutledge

16
Gennie Adams
Megan Asa
Catherine Mize

17
George Booth, III
Cindy Gilmore
Blake Hill
Susan Sims
Jodie Thompson
Julie Viator

18
Mickey Akers
Scooby Beck
Martha Bland
Emily Booth
Chappell Emmons
Debbie Malone
Case Martin

19
Murray Estess

20
Jim Johnson
Ray Reed
Gina Spain
Kelly Swindoll

21
Margaret Adams

22
Barbara Briscoe
Henry McCormack
Halycon Morgan

23
Jeri Beard
Harrison Gregory

Herb Parham
24
Carl Brangenberg
Bob Buckley
Bennie Hankins
Costa Hill
Chuck Imbler
Noah Mallard
Rick Showalter
Margaret Swords

25
Elle Capps
Mark Craig
Lynn Darling
David Gillentine
Harrison Hawkins
Amy Jagers
Tom Woodridge

26
Cooper Bingham
Guy Mitchell

27
Rebecca Cook
Whitney Denham
Drew Partin
Brett Russell
Jeff Short
Owen Stanford

28
Bryce Hodges
Tommy Malone
Terri Williams
Yvette Wilson
Scott Yarbrough

February Anniversaries

6
D/M John Burk

7
M/M Kevin Tate

11
M/M Jeffrey Jagers

15
M/M Chris Cole

16
M/M James Threadgill

17
M/M Rob Avent

23
D/M Vernon Barrow
M/M Anthony Harper

24
M/M Mike Armour

February Memorials/Honorariums

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

...Mary Elizabeth Caldwell
By: M/M Roger Lowery
D/M Lee Rogers
M/M Ron Stephens

...L.G. "Gooch" Milam
By: M/M Roger Lowery
D/M Lee Rogers

...Libby Shannon
By: M/M Roger Lowery
M/M Hank Owens

...Mildred Sheffield
...Robert Causey
By: D/M Lee Rogers

...Herman Page
By: R. Jack Page, Jr.

...Ralph Ross
By: M/M Jim Black

...Mike Ezell
By: D/M Richard Warriner

...Louise Moreland

By: Sandra McGuire

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

...M/M Mickey Akers
...M/M Jack Phipps
...M/M Al Wallace, III
...M/M Mike Williams
...M/M Bubba Worthen
...M/M Gray Megginson
By: M/M Eddie Barber

...Kathy Reece
...Annette Wilson
...Ellen Miller
...Debbie Cooksey
By: Elna Barber

...D/M C.K. White
...D/M Frank Wilburn
...D/M Hank Owens
...M/M Paul Mize
...M/M Jack Reed, Jr.
...M/M Crofton Sloan
...M/M Guy Mitchell
...M/M Britt Rogers
...M/M Pete Poland
...D/M David Irvin

...D/M Jimmy Hamilton
...D/M Doug Clark
...M/M Joey Hutto
...D/M Dan Brasfield
...M/M John Lovorn
...D/M Benton Hilburn
...M/M John Wheeler
...D/M Fulton Thompson
...Rev. Jim Curtis
...Rev. Raigan Miskelly
...Rev. Jimmy Criddle
...Beverly Clement
...Craig Helmuth
By: M/M Robin McGraw

...M/M Dave Copenbaver
...M/M Jim Diffe
...M/M Ted Moll
...M/M Markel Whittington
...D/M Dennis Wright
By: D/M Harold Hudson

...FUMC Staff
By: M/M Jeff Short
...Jo Mark
...D/M Joe Bailey
...M/M Howard Hinds

...M/M Tom McCurdy
...M/M Mickey Akers
...M/M Jack Phipps
...D/M Doug Clark
By: M/M Mitch Ellett
...Jack Foster
By: Melody Asters

...Howard Hinds
By: Mark/Monroe SS Class

...Philo SS Class
...Helping Hands Team 2
...M/M John Lovorn
...Kim Coffin
...D/M Richard Warriner
...M/M Jim Westbrook
...M/M Harry Collins
By: M/M Allan Ezell

...M/M Jameson Rogers
By: Elizabeth Rogers

STEWARDSHIP

2012 Budget Goal	\$2,415,843.00
Needed Weekly	\$46,458.52
Last Sunday 2012 Budget Offering.....	\$31,106.26
2012 One Month Budgeted Amount.....	\$203,275.51
Received to Date for 2012	\$259,116.75
Spent to Date for 2012	\$164,844.23
Last Sunday Capital Funds	\$9,912.78
New Loan on HVAC	\$362,838.00
Balance Owed on Construction Note	\$725,510.00



Be encouraged by what our church is doing.
Visit www.fumctupelo.com to watch videos
about why Mission Matters at FUMC.

SERVING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2012

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER

8:45 Traditional—John Bailey (acolyte), Landon Craig (crucifer)

8:45 Invitation—Garrett Collins (acolyte)

11:00—Sam Williams (acolyte), Katie Grace (crucifer)

SANCTUARY SOUND:

Wesley Partin (8:45) Butch Dendy (11:00)

TV OPERATORS: David Dillard, Mary Payne Dillard, Steve Lesley

HOSPITALITY: Lynn/Gary Beadles

TRACEWAY DRIVER: Butch Dendy

GREETERS:

8:45 Traditional: Jean Harper

8:45 Invitation: Zelda/Robert Dexter, David Bell, Laura Young, Josh Hewitt

11:00: Susan/Otis Tims, Dianne/Barney Guyton

USHERS:

8:45 Traditional: Phillip Williams (c), Mitch Hester (oc), Rick Bell, Ron Stephens, Jim Black, Lacey Lowe, Jim Denton

8:45 The Invitation: Chan Brown (c), Suzanne/Keith McCormick (oc), Harry Rayburn, Jack Foster

11:00: David Gillentine (c), Phil Ruff (oc), Mickey Akers, Joe Bailey, Randy Daniel, Marshall Briscoe, Mike Armour

SYMPATHY

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Louise Moreland** who passed away January 25 in Tupelo. She was a former FUMC Nursery worker and the aunt of Sandra McGuire.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Claudia Marcy** who passed away January 28 in Tupelo. She was the mother of Arnie Marcy (Suzy) and the grandmother of Casey Dewey (John) and Jim Marcy (Mary Anne).
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Judy Hodges** who passed away January 31 in Tupelo. She was the mother of Frank Hodges (Kim) and Meg Curtis (Chris); the grandmother of Will, Mary, and Sam Hodges and Curtis; and the sister-in-law of Margaret Thompson (Tommy).

HOSPITAL

- Mildred Long—NMMC

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 5-11, 2012

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:45 Worship, Sanctuary
8:45 The Invitation, Wesley Hall
9:15 Traceway Bus
9:45 Fellowship Time, GR
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
1:00 The Inspiration, HH Building
4:00 Scouts
4:00 Earthkeepers/5 Things Study, CH
5:00 Youth Choir
6:00 Disciple I, 205
6:00 Disciple II, 313
6:00 6th Grade Small Group

6:30 Men's Roundtable, GR
7:00 Covenant Group, CH
8:00-11:30 Clothes Closet Open for Donations
9:00 Preschool/Kindergarten
9:00 Worship Planning, 315
10:00 Faithbuilders, 207
2:00 Littlest Angel Choir
2:45 Carol Choir
5:15 Trustees Meeting, CR
6:30 Children's Mansion Banquet, WH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast, Connie's
8:00 CFVT, Atlanta Bread
9:00 Kindergarten
9:30 Walking By Faith, CH
2:45 Children's Choirs
4:20 Little Women/Blast Bible Study
4:30 Drama Rocks
5:00 Grace Ringers
5:00 Fellowship Dinner, WH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 Kindergarten
12:00 UMW Luncheon
6:00 Book Group
6:00 TCPS Banquet

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:15 Media CDT, 315
6:00 Adult Journey Groups
6:00 Sanctuary Handbells
6:00 Youth Worship
7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00-11:30 Clothes Closet Open for Donations
9:00 Preschool/Kindergarten
11:00 CDT, 313
1:15 Traceway Van
6:00 Basketball, Gym
7:00 Boy Scout Meeting, WH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 Kindergarten

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00-12:00 Helping Hands Open
9:00 Landon Craig Eagle Project, Gym

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