



WEEKLY CONNECTION

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JANUARY 4, 2017

UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday, January 11

Refresh Begins

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6 p.m. Study: The Epic of Eden

January 13-15

Youth Disciple NOW

Tuesday, January 17

Administrative Council & Church Leadership Meeting

January 27-29

Confirmation Retreat

February 12-13

Preaching and Teaching Event with Rev. Dr. Jody Seymour

Shrove Tuesday, February 28

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Sanctuary Flowers Needed

JANUARY 8 & 22, FEBRUARY 12 & 26



Please contact Bonnie
(690-8100 or bonnie@fumctupelo.com) to place
these in memory or in honor of a loved one.



WE NEED YOU!

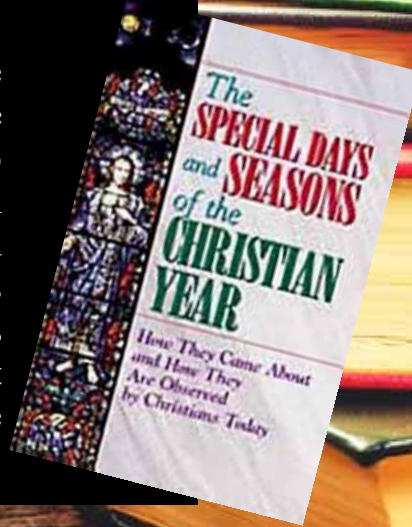
Volunteers are needed to help count Sunday morning contributions on Mondays at 9 a.m.

We try to keep 6 counters and 2-3 substitutions that rotate so that this is an every six week commitment. Please contact Suzanne Ratliff (suzanne@fumctupelo.com; 690-8100) if you are willing to volunteer.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Special Days and Seasons of the Christian Year compiled by Pat Floyd teaches us about the Day of Epiphany and many more special days. The word Epiphany means “manifestation”. On this day, January 6, we celebrate Christ’s being revealed to the world and the visit of the wise men, the first Gentiles to whom he was made known. In most Latin American countries, January 6 is celebrated as Three Kings Day. Children place boxes filled with hay for the wise men’s camels under their beds so that the camel will eat the hay and the kings will leave gifts for the children!



Honduras mission trip

Winter Honduras Trip February 2-6, 2017

The primary task of this trip will be to gather school supplies and uniforms for two villages.

The total cost will be \$1,000.00.

Call Keith Adams (231-8906) for more information.

Summer Honduras Trip June 28-July 6, 2017

Interest Meeting: Thursday, January 19—6 p.m.—Gathering Room

This trip will include building houses, conducting Vacation Bible School, medical teams, and more!

Mary Richey Circle

Monday, January 9

1:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room

Host: Laverne Prince

Stewardship 2016

"...upon this rock, I will build my church!" -Matthew 16:18

As of Wednesday, January 4 there are 282 households that have pledged to our Operating Fund, totaling \$2,142,722.04. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give. Fill out and return the card to the church personally or via mail (FUMC, P.O. Box 854, Tupelo, MS 38802). You may also email your pledge to Shannon Turner at shannon@fumctupelo.com or Suzanne Ratliff at suzanne@fumctupelo.com if that is more convenient.

Thank you again for your gifts of financial support to the work of Christ's Church!

HELPING HANDS NEEDS

ALL MEN'S CLOTHING:

TIES

SHOES

CAPS

COATS

STEWARDSHIP

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| 2016 Budget Goal | \$2,331,817.43 |
| 2016 Needed Weekly | \$44,842.65 |
| 2016 12 Month Budgeted Amount..... | \$2,331,817.43 |
| Last Week's Offering through 12/29, | \$42,324.43 |
| 2016 Offering through 12/29 | \$2,423,427.48 |
| Spent to Date 2016 through 12/29 | \$2,397,087.29 |

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

TV OPERATORS:

David Dillard, Mary Payne Dillard, Jim Holder

SANCTUARY SOUND:

8:45: David Dillard

11: Robert Marion

GREETERS:

8:45 Traditional: Jean Harper

8:45 Invitation: Lynn/Tina Holland

11: Susan/Otis Tims

TRADITIONAL USHERS:

8:45: John Brady, Harry Collins, Steve Holland, Gordon Hollinsworth

8:45 Invitation: Todd Buskirk, Donnie Bridges, Jeff McGregor, Ken Waldrip, Jim Zuelzke

11:00: Sam Agnew, Jim Diffie, BB Hosch, Buzzy Mize, Jak Smith, Markel Whittington, Joe Yarber

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 8-14, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45 Worship, Wesley Hall

8:45 Worship, Sanctuary

9:45 Fellowship, GR

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship, Sanctuary

4:00 Cub Scouts, WH

5:00 Youth Choir

6:00 Youth Small Groups

6:00 6th Grade Small Groups

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 MDO/Kindergarten

2:30 CASA, CLC

5:00 Book Group, CR

7:00 Cub Scouts, Scout Hut

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00-11:30 Clothes Closet Open for Donations

9:00 Preschool/Kindergarten

9:00 Invitation Worship Planning, CR

10:00 Faithbuilders, 207

10:30 Staff Meeting, CR

2:00 Littlest Angel Choir

2:30 CASA, CLC

3:15 Carol Choir

5:15 SPRC, CR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast, Connie's

9:00 Preschool/MDO/Kindergarten

2:30 CASA, CLC

3:30 Jubilee Singers, Jubilation Choir

5:15 Refresh Meal, WH

6:00 Refresh Study (Epic of Eden), WH

6:00 Sanctuary Handbells

6:00 Youth Worship

7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 Preschool/Kindergarten

9:00 Invitation Worship Planning, WH

2:30 CASA, CLC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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7:00 Prayer Group, Chapel

9:00 Kindergarten

2:30 CASA, CLC

5:30 Crenshaw/Halvorson Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

DNOW

9:00-12:00 Helping Hands Open

6:00 Crenshaw/Halvorson Wedding