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Festival on the Field

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

6-7:30 P.M. @ ROBINS FIELD

ST. PAUL - FUMC - FIRST PRES - ALL SAINTS

REFRESH

WEDNESDAYS @ FUMC

SEPTEMBER 7 MENU:

Chicken breast with Mushroom Gravy,
Cheese Sticks with Marinara, Ham,
Buttered Pesto Pasta, Steamed Mixed Vegetables,
Expanded Salad Bar, Roll, Chocolate Cobbler

5:15 p.m. – Dinner

Cost: $6:00 per person; $3:00 per child; $25:00 per family

6:00 p.m. – Study

"The Gospel of John" by Dr. Ben Witherington III.
This is a 12 week study that includes video
and a short discussion time.

Beautiful

A Night of Fellowship & Worship for Women

with special guest Kelly Biddle Williams
Monday, September 12, 2016
6 p.m. in Wesley Hall
$5 at the door - nursery provided

Please send the following information to
marystewart@fumctupelo.com or call the church office.

Name: _____

Email: _____

☐ Nursery Needed
Children's Names & Ages: _____

A Women's Small Group
Study Opportunity!

Malachi:

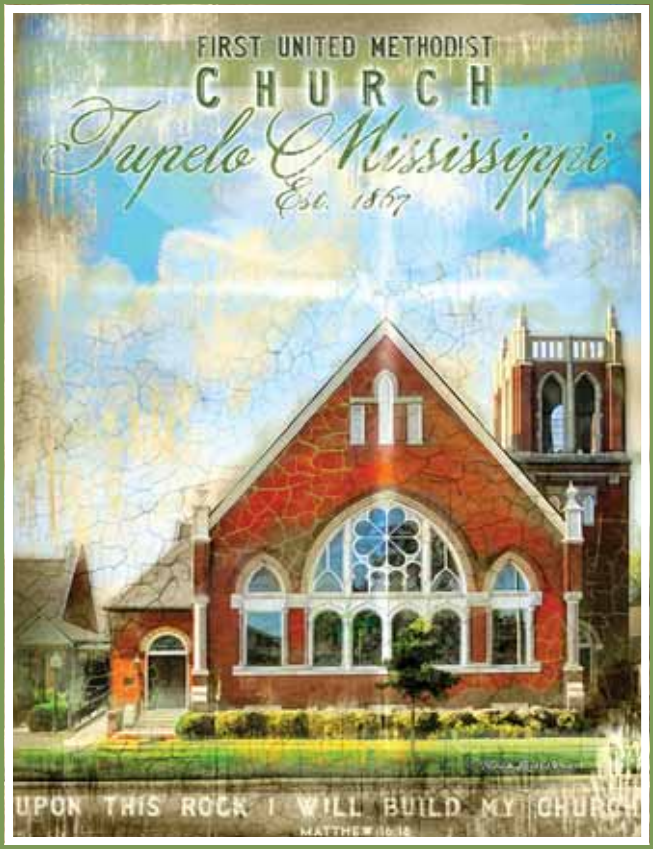
"A love that never lets go."

Mondays
6-7:30 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Interested? Please email rachel@fumctupelo.com

Name: _____ Email: _____

☐ Nursery Needed
☐ I am interested in being an "age group table leader."



A SERVICE OF MUSIC CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 25

5 P.M. – SANCTUARY

UMW

FALL LUNCHEON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
11:30 A.M. - WESLEY HALL

WITH SPECIAL GUEST PAT MILLER

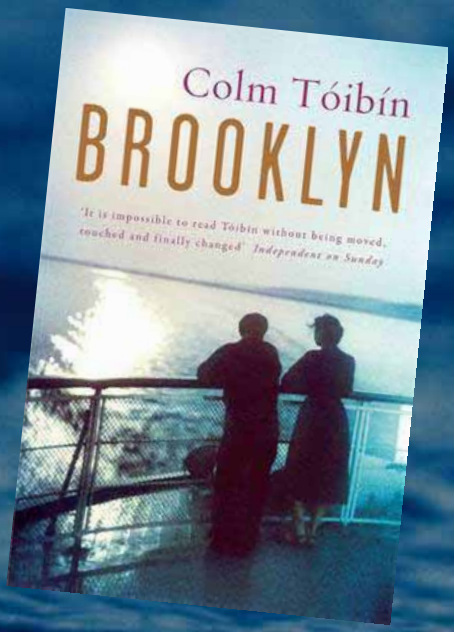
COST IS $5 AND RESERVATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 TO 690-8100

MRS. VIRGINIA SPIGHT, LIFELONG MEMBER OF FUMC, WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 102ND BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 2. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARD, PLEASE SEND TO:

Mrs. Virginia Spight
2429 Lawndale Drive
Room 501
Tupelo, MS 38801

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Book Group enjoyed an excellent review and discussion on the life of Stonewall Jackson, led by Ron Stephens. On October 3, Danny McKenzie will be leading us through the book, Brooklyn by Tom Colbin. We meet in the conference room at 5 p.m. Come join us, we would love to have you!



Journey to the Holy Land

with Rev. Lynn Mote & Rev. Smith Lilley

Who would like to join us on 10 days of Biblical Study and Adventure as we journey to the Holy Land? Departure date is February 7, 2017. Our tour will be led by Jerusalem Center of Biblical Study Instructor Rev. Dr. Willis Britt.

Brochures are available at the church for more information, including the cost of the trip, itinerary, and more. Please stop by the office or call Rev. Lynn Mote for more information.

There will be an interest meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Rev. Britt will be here to answer any questions you may have. Attendance at this meeting is not an obligation to go, but will help you in making your decision to join us.

Please join us as we study the 5th Gospel – the land where Jesus walked.

FUMC Habitat Blitz Build

STARTING SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

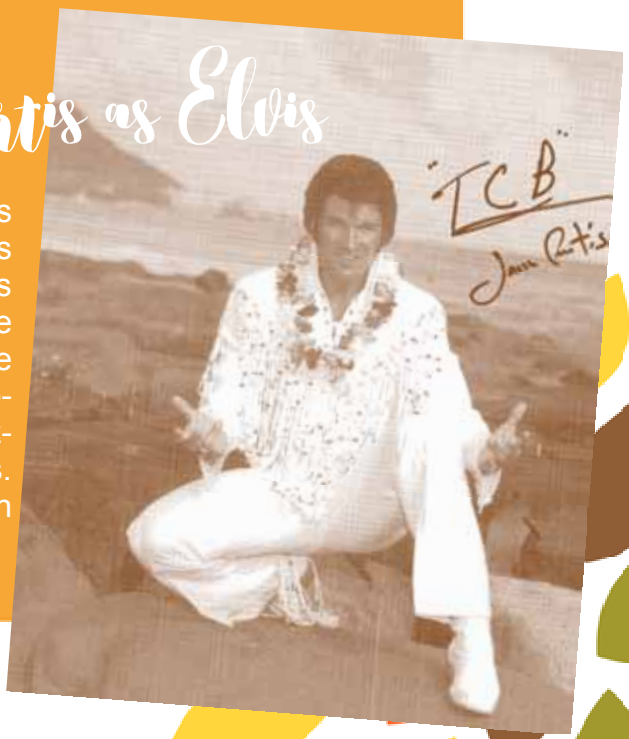
SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING ROOM OR WESLEY HALL

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES
PRESENTS

Fall Luncheon

Thursday, September 8 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wesley Hall—$5

With special guest Jack Curtis as Elvis



Curtis, a member of St. Luke UMC and a singer in its Praise Band, has finished in the Top Five in Images of Elvis national competition in Memphis and has won the regional competition in Monroe, La., three straight years. The owner of Jack Curtis Insurance Agency in Tupelo, he has been in the Medicare supplement insurance business for 35 years, specializing in Medigap and Part D prescription drug plans. Curtis and his wife, Pamela, have two daughters in college, Paige and Peyton.

Please contact the church office (690-8100) to get your name on the list to enjoy a fabulous meal, as well as the performance of a lifetime!

FUMC TV MINISTRY

First United Methodist Church's TV Ministry continues to be enjoyed over various satellite and cable systems throughout Northeast Mississippi. Our 11 a.m. Traditional service can be currently seen on the following channels and systems: **Comcast cable– Channel 4; Maxx-South cable – Channel 20; Cable One- Channel 11; DISH Network Satellite – Channel 49; And with a TV Antenna – Channel 49** For further information, please contact Shannon Turner at 690-8100 or shannon@fumctupelo.com.

Please pick up your donation box and begin collecting.
These offerings will be received on **World Communion Sunday, October 2.**
We look forward to working with everyone in our church
to do our part to help the Conference met our goals!

HELPING HANDS NEEDS

The Helping Hands Clothes Closet is in need of boys and girls school clothes, baby clothes, and toddler clothes.

The United Methodist Women will be collecting

SHAMPOO for Helping Hands

during the month of SEPTEMBER.

Please put in bin in Old Fellowship Hall or the bin outside Wesley Hall.

ADULT TRIP TO

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC

Fall Fling
October 18-21, 2016

Come and fling into fall at the fabulous Lake Junaluska, NC!

We will depart on Tuesday, October 18th and stop for lunch at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro, NC. Each morning we will spend in devotional and with Rev. Rebecca Lile as she talks about the Power of Story – Your Story, God's Story.

We have free time each afternoon to enjoy the beauty of autumn. Afternoon excursions may include such places as Biltmore Estate, the beautiful town of Waynesboro, or touring the World Methodist Museum on the Assembly grounds.

We will take the FUMC bus, as well as other cars if necessary. Please pick up a brochure or contact Rev. Lynn Mote for more information.

Deadline to register is September 14, 2016

FIRST FAITH

A BLOG

Visit the website to read our weekly blog that will post Tuesdays.

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September Birthdays

1
Sam Crabb
Owen Foster
Lacey Lowe, III
Felix Rutledge, Sr.
George Simpson
Chris Sokol
2
Anne Frances Atkinson
Jim Metcalfe
Lexi Pund
Virginia Spight
Jay Weir
Trip Wilson
3
Ken Giles
Anne Thomas Green
Molly Lovorn
4
Melanie Bray
David Brevard
Harry Dieckmann
Anna Catherine Thoms
5
Gordon Hollingsworth
Mary Markle
Danny McKenzie
Scott Reed
Susan Wiygul
Bettye Woolard
6
Mickey Loden
7
Paxton Brown
Heath Childs
Brian Pund
9
Ladd Mark
Elizabeth Pannell
Laurie Pekk-Good
Sondra Pinson
Catherine Silva
Ken Wilson
10
Gail Branner
11
Azalia Moore
12
Ben Bingham
Jean Kirk
John McCurdy
Robin McGraw
William Eric Short
Amy Tate
13
Will Davis
Lee Anne Grace
Macie Leddy
Henry Mize
Sonya Reed
Ken Waldrip
Chris West
14
George Adams
Libba Akers
Emily Cayson
Jackie Deaton
Hilda Love
Kasie Wood
15
Autumn Clegg
Dustin Dabbs
June Parham
16
Watt Daniel
Anna Claire Yarber
17
Lauren Asters
Phillip Gough
Rick Lake
Mimi McGraw
Ford Morse
Graham Sowers
18
Andy Atkins
Cooper Childs
Diana Ezell
Brooke Hudson
Evan Pinson
Shelby Reed, III
Marion Winkler
Joan Yarber
19
Richard Crenshaw
Eldridge Fleming
Bo Green
Michelle Guyton
Mary Katherine Jourdan
Joanna Leake
20
Blake Adams
Christopher Bell
Marcus Bell
Eddie Lomenick
21
Morgan Baldwin
Griff Barber
Marion Cagle
Sam Hodges
Mary Lyle Zuelzke
22
Michael Eidt
Carolyn Perry
Frances Warren
Sunny Waters
23
Debbie Brangenberg
Paul Gibbs
Debbie McGehee
Alyssa Ware
24
Wrylan Caver
Rosemary Evans
Bryson Hughes
Mitch Massey
25
Murphy Bond
John Hampton Hughes
Mary Kiley Lovorn
Connor Morris
Ed Nelson
Luke Pinson
26
Melissa Bell
Drew Clayton, Sr.
David Garrett
Gary Hancock
Leigh McGregor
27
David Dillard
Morgan Southworth
Mary Collins West
28
Luke Loden
Lynn White
29
Michael Asa
Sean Carpenter
Chris Decker
Lisa Hargett
Jack Hill
Lee Reed
30
Lucy Horrocks
Jenny Lesley
Brandon Ray
Mallory Rutledge
Shipman Sloan

September Anniversaries

1
M/M David Wilson
M/M David Garrett
2
M/M Guy Mitchell
3
M/M Tim Kelly
4
M/M Richard McGehee
M/M Mike Soper
6
M/M Gary Moore
7
D/M Jimmy Hamilton
9
M/M Sam Agnew
14
M/M J.B. Nanney
17
M/M Mike Asters
19
M/M Blake Adams
20
M/M Lindsey Leake
21
M/M Field Thomas
23
D/M Tom Aycock
M/M Jason Pannell
25
M/M John Hill
27
M/M David Brevard
30
M/M Mike Bryan

Memorials & Honorariums

Given in Memory of:

...Lou Ann Miskelly
By: M/M B.B. Hosch
Covenant SS Class
M/M Robin McGraw

...Martha Bickham
...Billy Wheeler
By: Dona Porter

...Dot Bailey
By: Winds of Grace SS Class

...Maggie Phipps
By: M/M LeRoy Carver

...Jack Reed, Sr.
By: M/M Eddie Lomenick

Given in Honor of:

...Urcle Lomenick
By: Sue Carroll

...Joe Bailey
By: M/M Roddy Jackson

...Rev. Fred Britton
...Rev. Lynn Mote
...Rev. Smith Lilley
By: Betty Robbins

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

…***Catherine Goodman,*** who passed away August 29. She was the mother of Sandy Carter (Charles) and the grandmother of Aaron Carter and Anne Carter Steverson (Rusty).

STEWARDSHIP

2016 Budget Goal	$2,331,817.43
2016 Needed Weekly	$44,842.65
2016 Six-Month Budgeted Amount	$1,554,554.79
Last Week's Offering through 8/25	$49,167.80
2016 Offering through 8/25	$1,682,679.23
Spent to Date 2016 through 8/25	$1,500,463.21

SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

SANCTUARY SOUND:
8:45: Ansel Mote **11:** Robert Marion

TV OPERATORS:
David Dillard, Harold Hudson, Lee McKenzie

GREETERS:
8:45 Traditional: Jean Harper
Invitation: Betty Robbins
11: Susan/Otis Tims

USHERS:
8:45 Traditional: John Brady, Harry Collins, Steve Holland, Gordon Hollingsworth
The Invitation: Donnie Bridges, Todd Buskirk, Jeff McGregor, Ken Waldrip, Jim Zuelzke
11:00: Sam Agnew, Jim Diffee, BB Hosch, Buzy Mize, Jak Smith, Markel Whittington, Joe Yarber

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI
CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 4-10, 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
8:45 Worship, Sanctuary
8:45 The Invitation, WH
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Labor Day—Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
8:00-11:30 Clothes Closet Open for Donations
9:00 Invitation Worship Planning, CR
9:00 Preschool /Kindergarten
10:30 Staff Meeting, CR
2:30 CASA, CLC
3:10 Carol Choir
5:30 Sesquicentennial Mtg, CR
6:00 Holy Land Meeting, GR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7:00 Youth Prayer B'fast, Connie's
9:00 Preschool/MDO/Kindergarten
2:30 CASA, CLC
3:30 Jubilee Singers/Jubilation Choir
5:15 Refresh, WH
6:00 Sanctuary Handballs
7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8:00-11:30 Clothes Closet Open for Donations
9:00 Invitation Worship Planning
9:00 Preschool/Kindergarten
11:30 Sr. Adult Luncheon, WH
1:15 Traceway Van
2:30 CASA, CLC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 Prayer Group, Chapel
9:00 Kindergarten
2:30 CASA, CLC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00-12:00 Helping Hands Open