

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
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August 2, 2017

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O’ what peace we often forfeit, O’ what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.” ~ UMH 526

“A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.”

~ Proverbs 17:17

“Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one’s nearest kin.” ~ Proverbs 18:24

National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August. Going back as far as 1919, this day has been marked as a time to remember and give thanks for our good friends. Did you know that in 1998 Winnie the Pooh was named the World’s Ambassador of Friendship at the United Nations? As persons seeking and desiring to be Christian in all we do and say, we are called to behave as brothers and sisters toward one another. This is hard. So, can we at least take the first step and seek to be friends first?

Among other things, National Friendship Day calls upon us to be “friendly” persons of good will toward others in all of our dealings. We are challenged to be patient and kind, and speak well of our fellows at every turn. Seeking and giving good will is emblematic of God’s love for us, and a laudable way for us to conduct ourselves in our relationships with those around us. As we approach August 6, let us look for new ways to be a friend to persons in our families, church, and community. What a different world this would be if we would make friendship our goal!

I’ll see you in church Sunday! ~ Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

4:00 P.M.-YOUTH CHOIR, Choir Room

5:00 P.M.-Youth Encounter

THANK YOU

The youth would like to say "Thank You" to those that made Youth Lake Day possible! The youth enjoyed the fun time on the lake and eating at the camp ground. Thanks to Jeff, Kelley & Will Magee, Perrin Caldwell, Jamie & Hollie Roberson, Lent Ervin & Melanie Thomas, Ronnie & Tracy Goforth, Glenn & Frances Gibson, Kelley Robison, Mike & Tracy Dulin, Glenn & Rebekah Gray, and Rhonda Fox.

We appreciate you all for volunteering. Kelly and Mary Beth

CONGRATULATIONS

Brandon and Lindsey Petit are pleased to announce the arrival of their new baby Burch Matthew Petit. Burch is also welcomed by little sister Georgia. He was born on July 25, weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Jackson Rice of our congregation and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Barbee of Batesville. Great grandparents are Mrs. Georgia Evans of Sardis; the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Monroe Short; the late Mr. William T. Evans; the late Mr. Benjamin Burch Rice; the late Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lee Savelle; the late Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barbee; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Joseph Petit, Jr.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be acolyte training for the third graders on August 9th and August 16th from 3:15-4:30. Parents will need to drop their children off at the sanctuary. A snack will be provided. Any child third grade and up who would like to acolyte is encouraged to participate.



Promotion Sunday is Sunday, August 13 during the Sunday School hour. Please let Ms. Juli know if you have perfect attendance!

Third graders receiving Bibles at Promotion Sunday are: Cella Carver, Holden Daleke, Hardy Flint, Charlie Hawkins, Hailey Heafner, Drew Hobson, Elsa Jones, Levi Land, Griffin Pitcock, Ella Rivers, Jackson Stone, Addi Willingham, Anna Clay Worsham

LIBRARY NEWS

Where does fact and fiction begin? Discover this in [The DaVinci Code](#) (located in adult section MCD).

Music for Military Service on Jan 14, 2018: The Music Director, Davis Jones is looking for persons who are interested in participating in a choir that would help lead a special service scheduled for Jan. 14, 2018, honoring members of the Army National Guard that are scheduled for deployment in the spring of 2018. In addition, Davis is looking for family members of the deployed soldiers who would like to be part of this choir. Please pass on the word to any wives, husbands, and teenagers who are part of this deployment. If you are interested in participating or would like to know more about this service please contact Davis Jones during office hours 563-4534 or after hours at his cell at 202-7172. Thank You.

<https://www.facebook.com/militaryservicemusic2018>

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir will be having a retreat on Saturday, Aug. 12, 9a.m-12p.m. A location is T.B.D. Anyone who is interested in singing in the Chancel Choir for the upcoming Christmas service, please come!

Mature Adult Choir will be returning Monday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. If you are retired and looking for something fun to do, Join the MAC! We sing songs that are easy to sing and have more of Cokesbury gospel feel. It a great time!

Bell Choir will be returning Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir will be going back to fall schedule starting Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6:45 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 6:00 PM, WESLEYAN CLASSROOM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 is Friendship Sunday. Be sure to make plans to be in church with your BFF (Best Friend Forever) on that day!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 6:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM

SUMMER CAMP MEETING

Summer Camp Meeting will start on August 13 and go through the end of August. During August Camp Meeting we will sing some of our favorite hymns and have a more laidback atmosphere in morning worship. Our hymns will be taken from our list of favorites, so, as a congregation, come ready to worship and sing enthusiastically and wholeheartedly, making a joyful noise to our Lord!



Christmas Shoeboxes for Third World Children

Our missions committee has decided to partner with "United Methodist Committee on Relief Ministry" to fill shoeboxes for Christmas.

You can pick up shoeboxes in the church office to fill with supplies listed on the information sheet. A fee of \$5 is required for each shoebox to cover postage and delivery. If you are unable to fill a shoebox, we will accept donations to cover this cost.

The Missions committee has set a goal of 250 boxes being filled by Sunday, October 1st.

Challenge for Sunday School Classes: Which Sunday School Class can fill the most Christmas Shoeboxes??? We do have a prize for the "Holly Jolly Shoebox Stuffing" class!



**MONDAY, AUGUST 14
12:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**
**Food pantry donations: mayonnaise, canned fruit,
plastic bags**

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Collins Bailey, Jessica Hawkins, Eloise Rollins, James Hardy, Sydney Hays, Phyllis Floyd, Chris Burchfield, Thurman Stone, John M. Mothershed, Loree Tucker, Smylie Carothers, Joyce Whitaker, Ellis Byrd, Al Haberman, Hudson Still, Mary Moody, Asa Tucker, Clint Williford, Louise Crowley, Brenda Pratt

FRIENDS: Mona Overton Couey, Paulette Norman (Friend of Phyllis Floyd), Billy Burnett (Bill Burnett's dad), Bill Elmore (Kelley Robison's dad), Lucie LaBorde (Loree Tucker's sister), Chris Nichols, Clay Hoyt (Loree Tucker's brother-in-law), Nance Dunn, Jan Stone Ireland, Cheryl Kay Linder, Shauna Hill

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Thurman Stone and family at the death of his sister Judy Miller who passed away on July 27.

Happy Birthday

August 3-Charlie Dawson, Lent Thomas, Jr.
August 4-Noah Baker, Chris Burnett, Fields Ferguson, Chris Harrison, Lee Hasseltine, III
August 5-Mary Haberman, Clay Seale
August 6-Dane Broome, Harold Newcomb
August 8-Alayna Jacobs, Chad Larson, Carter Lightsey
August 9-Diana Green, Kyler Grissom, David Pitcock, Landon Gray Smith, Molly Claire Smith

Happy Anniversary

August 3-M/M Jeff O'Neil, D/M Stephen Sullivan
August 4-M/M Jim Griffin
August 7-M/M Ryan Revere, M/M Tom Womble
August 9-R/M Russell Fletcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 2

6:00 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 3

6:00 P.M.-Administrative Council, Wesleyan

Classroom

Sunday, August 6

8:45 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the

Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

4:00 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

5:00 P.M.-Youth Encounter, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, August 7

1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting

6:00 P.M.-Board of Trustees, Conference Room

Wednesday, August 9

6:00 P.M.-Chancel Choir

August 6-Nursery Workers

August 6-Acolytes

8:45 A.M.

Ruthie Thomas/Gabriella Russo

August 6-Ushers

8:45 A.M.

10:55 A.M.

Financial Report for July 30, 2017

2017 Budget	\$1,013,970.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,499.42
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	584,982.54
Budget Amt. Offering	12,714.80
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	459,653.64
Good Samaritan	315.00

Remember you can give online!

<https://batesvillefumc.com> and click on the "Give" tab.

Attendance for July 30, 2017

Sunday School	161
Morning Worship	236
Nursery	5

If you have not notified Mrs. Barbara about where you want you're A/C contribution to go, please do so ASAP. You can email Mrs. Barbara at firstumcfinancial@panola.com.

MORNING WORSHIP

"Something To Eat When The Hour Is Late"

Matthew 14:13-21

Ed Temple

EVENING WORSHIP

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