

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School For the whole family!
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Knit Wits Too
Sat.	7-10 p.m.	TNT in FLC <i>Teens only!</i>

MARCH

12	6:00 p.m.	Children's Council
13	7:00 p.m.	UMW Call to Prayer & Self Denial Program
15	6:00 p.m.	Gautier Civitan's in Fellowship Hall
17	9-12 noon	CMA Blessing of the Bikes
18	10:00 a.m.	Laity Sunday
20	9:30 a.m.	Gautier Sr. Citizens in Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	CMA Bible Study in Intercessory Prayer Rm.
21	9:00 a.m.	Tote Bag Ministry (need sewers)
23	6:00 p.m.	Mission Trip Informational Meeting
24	8-12 noon	Festival of Flowers Bus trip to Mobile, AL
26	6:00 p.m.	Administrative Council in Fellowship Hall
27	1 – 7 p.m.	American Red Cross in Fellowship Hall
28	10:00 a.m.	Otta Bond Circle UMW
28-31	7:00 a.m.	Mission Trip to Enterprise, AL

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS TRIP – Saturday, MARCH 24.

We will leave the church at 8 a.m. and return by noon. The festival (to include displays, booths and sale items) will be on the grounds of Providence Hospital in Mobile. There is still room on the bus if you would like to go. The cost of admittance is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Please call the office by March 11, if you are going so we can purchase tickets in advance.

NOTICE FROM FEMA

Your property may have dead standing trees that are eligible to be removed under the current FEMA Hurricane Katrina assistance program. If you have any questions, please call Nee-Schaffer, Inc. at 228-518-3186. A Right of Entry Agreement is required, and can be filled out at Gautier City Hall. City Hall is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Please take advantage of this helpful program and have your dead standing trees removed.

REDUCED TAXES:

If you are 70½ years old and have an IRA you may be able to save yourself some money by having your church contributions paid directly from; the IRA. Paying your church contributions from your IRA may be a significant tax savings to you. Check with your tax consultant or the firm that manages your IRA for your particular circumstances.

GOOD NEWS

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:12

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UMW ... CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL Tuesday

The Verna Balogh Circle and the Otto Bond Circle will join together on **Tuesday, March 13**, for the annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program. The program, led by the Verna Balogh Circle, will feature stories about missionaries and deaconesses and their call to self denial and the power of prayer in their lives. Through these stories, we will deepen our own needs for self denial and prayer as we learn to know God in new ways. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Verna Balogh Circle will provide refreshments. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. This year Laity Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, March 18 as lay members of our church conduct the morning worship. We are fortunate that the United Methodist Church allows, and even encourages, laymen and lay women to participate in this manner. Denny Engle will bring us the morning message. I know he will appreciate our prayers as he prepares for this very special service. Beverly Siegrist, Lay Leader

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES -- Saturday, MARCH 17

Christian Motorcycle Association Blessing of the Bikes event March 17th from 9-11:30 AM. The UMM will be hosting the refreshments for the event. Come join us and marvel at what our church parking lot looks like with over 500 motorcycles packed in!

UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Easter Choir Cantata (really special music) will be on April 1st at 10 a.m

*Easter Egg Hunt for all kids Pre K to 6th grade also on April 1, 4 p.m Sunday

PIE LADIES...

The Pie Ladies are alive and well and working one (and sometimes two) days a week and loving every minute of it. We have several new items on our menu...buttermilk pie and bread pudding have been added to our items that need no further baking. As with our peanut butter, lemon icebox and summer pies and the chocolate delight, they need only to be thawed slightly and served. Of course, we still have our frozen, ready to bake fresh apple, and cherry, peach and pecan pies. Entrees include chicken potpie, chicken or bee Rotel, lasagna, and our newest offering, chicken fettuccini. Not all items are always on hand so you may want to place an order by calling Helen Lindsay or any of the pie ladies.

Through your support, most recently we have given \$400 toward Kiara Williams youth mission trip, and \$500 to be taken to Enterprise by our mission team and \$36.00 worth of food for our food pantry. Thank you for allowing us to continue this work. We couldn't do it without you. Beverly Siegrist, Pie Lady

KITCHEN BUSY ON SUNDAY

The United Methodist Men weren't the only ones using the kitchen this past Sunday. Donna Reiter and her Twister Sunday School Class were baking unleavened bread and learning about Passover and Easter. They mixed the ingredients, flour, water, oil, spread the dough in a pan and baked it. Many coming by the kitchen before church got to taste and comment on the bread, which is really more like a cracker. And if you want to know how to calculate when Easter will be each year, just ask Ryan or Teresa. Sunday School...it's for kids...it's for all of us.

EASTER LILIES

It's time to sign up for Easter Lilies. Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday only. The last day to order Lilies will be Palm Sunday, April 1st. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the church foyer or you may call the church office.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

March 11, 2007

Sunday School:	58	SundaySchoolOffering	\$37.30
Worship:	130	WorshipOffering	\$4,221.10
Katrina Relief:	\$1,993.42	Building Fund Total:	\$6,269.47
Enterprise, AL Mission Trip:	\$1,150.00	Pastor's Discretionary Fund:	\$50.00
Food Pantry:	\$45.00	Philippine Ministries:	\$20.00

SMILES ON:

- ☺ Our United Methodist Men for their monetary support of Dream Program, Inc. Dream Program has four unified sports for special need athletes with partners. It is the brain child of Troy and Lindsay Trigg. (There is an article on the bulletin board for more information.)
- ☺ Audice Shelton for binding prayer quilts. A great help.
- ☺ Larry T. for going the extra mile by setting up for meetings/many other things.

MISSION TRIP TO ENTERPRISE, AL SET FOR March 28-31

Plans are being made through Rev. Moore at Heritage UMC in Enterprise, AL to assist in the recovery after the devastating tornado that went through this city. We will leave on Wednesday the 28th at 7 a.m. and return on the evening of Saturday the 31st. *We will have a short informational meeting on Friday evening, March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your concerns and questions and we will try to answer them.*

GRADUATION IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Graduation seems far off but it's really not. Please let us know asap if you have a high school graduate in the family. We also want to know about any other graduates in your family from Kindergarten to Doctorate.

PRAISES FOR: Ray Koch is doing well. Joyce Humphrey & Kenneth Overcash have finished their treatments and are doing well. Our beautiful spring weather. Dan Hamilton is doing well after his surgery. John Mowrey is out of ICU and in a room.
ONGOING PRAYERS FOR: Wallace Gill, Emily Rose, Robin Jackson, John & Helen Lewis, Ina Goff, Holly Rosen, Peter Stine, Janine & Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy, Carol & Van Limerick, *Angela Rice, Viola Nixon, Marian Pierson, Ruby Flynt, Wayne Thorton, Nerva McCaskey, Burnice Rasmussin, Chuck Neely, John & Judy Cleaves, Betty Gomillion, Steve Belcher, Wayburn Smith, Cotton Pearce, **Jim Marshall, Frances Collins, Clara Charlesworth, **Horace & Consuelo Davidson, Cathy Hembree, Ed Duncan, Jackson Webb, World leaders, Service members/families, Care givers

PRAYERS FOR:

Ethan Poole, Sarah Nell Ivey & Dale/Janet Kemp, Debi Fippinger (prayer quilts)
Christine/Houston Brook & Charlene Hooks by Betty F.
*John Mowrey, & Stephanie & baby by Patti M. Rachel Poole by Pam F.
Dan Hamilton by Helen L. Caleb Trigg by Connie G.
Laity Sunday, Cursillo Retreat weekend, Blessing of the Bikes
Fanny Swearingen & Scarlet Sims by Erylne G. Bill Walker by Judi M.
Family of Marion Tucker, & unspoken by Holly M. Ben Harris by Kyle D.
Bennie Holden by Janine B. Dee Wilkerson by Janice D.
Hugh & Tinker Reece and Paul Smith by Mike S. Family of Gwen Seal
*Shelby Moore by Margaret T. *Holly Grace by Elene G.
Youth for Christ and Hollie & Katie by Denny E. Bill Hayes by Alma Sue H.
Bacot Home youth & staff Harold Campbell by Doris O.
Thomas McKnight by Janet Shows Al Muller & family by Teri R
*Don Farris by Nancy G. Shelia Chestnut by Willie C
Don Martin & Bruce Crull by Betty K. Juanita Rapport by Janice D.
Shipyard management & workers JR Haynes by Shelia G.
Twyla Stone & Danny Jenkins by Bambi B. Ann McAllister by Don S.
Our choir/cantata by Barbara W. Jade Perkins by Annette B.
God's leading for First UMC Gautier in the community Dub Gammel by Emma S.
Enterprise, AL Mission Trip Family of Gordon Ellingson
Erin Horne & Greta Adams by Susan A. Jimmy Scarborough by Lester S.