

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School For the whole family!
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Disciplines Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Scrappy Quilters
6:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer (not this week)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata/Choir Practice (not this week)
Thurs. 5:00 p.m. Knit Wits Too (not this week)

NOVEMBER

21 Church office will be closed til Monday
25 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary
26 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council in Fellowship Hall
27 6:00 p.m. PPR Committee
6:30 p.m. Cursillo Grouping at Janice Davis'

DECEMBER

1 1:00 p.m. Gautier Christmas Parade
1 Dream Program Sock Hop in FLC
4 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee in Library
5 12 noon Gautier Civitan's in Fellowship Hall
6 11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee in Library
8 5:30 p.m. Destination Unknown for TEENS in FLC
5:00 p.m. UMW invited to St. Stephens UMC
9 6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Play/Refreshments following
11 6:30 p.m. Verna Balogh Circle Christmas Party/Aunt Jenny's
12 10:00 a.m. Otta Bond Circle Christmas Party in FH
13 6:00 p.m. Gautier Civitan's Christmas Party in FH
14 6:30 p.m. Game Night in FH
16 10:00 a.m. Choir Christmas Cantata
24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
25 - Jan 3 Church Office Closed

OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL!

Volunteer opportunities abound! The Salvation Army provides Christmas gifts and food boxes for hundreds of young people and their families every year. This year we have identified more than 800 families in need. We need your help to make this year a great Christmas for those families. For additional information call 228-762-7222. We need: Bell Ringers, Can Food Drives, Angel Tree Sponsors, Family Sponsors, Toy Shop Helpers and Musicians.

COOKBOOK UPDATE

The second printing of our cookbook has been received. We have some orders to fill and since this shipment is only 200 books, you may want to get yours as soon as possible before we sell out again. Books will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday or call me and I will deliver. Thanks. Beverly Siegrist -- phone: 522-0347.
P. S. The Pie Ladies had a hit on their hands Sunday morning with the sale of fresh baked plum cobbler! Maybe they will do it again.

GOOD NEWS

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Happy Thanksgiving!

REV. GALENA KOLESIKOVA'S VISIT

Rev. Galena Kolesnikova updated us Sunday evening on the progress being made on the new "Revival UMC". They are facing the same problems and set-backs we are here on the coast...rising construction costs, but they also have the weather to take into consideration. Construction can only take place from the last of March through early October. So far the foundation is poured, and bricks are in place up to the second floor...now they wait for more funds and the spring thaw. Galena is a delightful person to talk to and her English improves all the time. Besides being the pastor of the Revival UMC she is involved in a nearby maximum security Prison Ministry Bible Study every other week and she and her church members help support, physically and spiritually, the local orphanage of about 100 children from ages 7-17. The slide show and DVD presentation gave us an up close and personal look at their everyday life.

CHRISTMAS IS CLOSING IN FAST

Several things are planned for the Christmas Holidays here at First UMC Gautier.

December 1 The Dream Program will have a dance in the FLC. You are invited to come join them. There is a promise of a good time!

December 2 Advent Readings will begin in the Morning Worship Service. Beverly Stuntz will be seeking volunteers to do these readings. If you are interested, please tell her or say yes when she asks you. **Advent devotional books will be ready for families.

December 8 The St. Stephen's UMC UMW invite all ladies of the church to join them for an evening of fellowship beginning at 5 p.m. For more information please call Donna Reiter at 497-4911.

December 9 Please join us Sunday evening at 6 p.m. as our children present the Christmas Story as only they can. There will be refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you haven't noticed the new bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall dedicated to our service personnel take a minute to walk over and look. Janet Ramstad has done a wonderful job of keeping these men and women in our thoughts. Labels have been prepared in hopes that you will take the time to send a card (Christmas or otherwise) and let them know we appreciate them.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Because of your generosity, more than 20 families will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner – and maybe a few more meals. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who prepared a basket, donated food and money, helped prepare the baskets for delivery and delivered the baskets. It is such a joy to be a part of a church whose people are so willing to share their resources with others. We wish each of you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

HANGING OF THE GREENS Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 25, 6 p.m. (next Sunday) to participate in the Hanging of the Greens. This is when we prepare our sanctuary for the Advent Season. Under the leadership of Bonnie Godwin, we will work as teams to decorate the sanctuary and other areas of our church. Bonnie has assigned Team Leaders to specific areas and has the materials and directions ready. The Team Leaders will need people to assist them --lots of people. We should be able to accomplish our tasks in a short period of time and then we will enjoy a snack supper in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite holiday snack!! Everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun and amazing event – you don't need a special invitation – just come!

POINSETTIA'S There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for Poinsettia's. You can give a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Please list each poinsettia order separately. This year, they will be wrapped in gold foil with a red bow. The last day to order Poinsettia's will be Tuesday, December 11th. They will be delivered on Friday the 14th and are \$11.50. Make your check out to First UMC and memo: poinsettias. We are asking everyone to take them home immediately after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th ... the office will be closed the 25th through Jan. 3rd. Poinsettia's add so much beauty to our church during the Christmas Season.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING The Worship committee will meet Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. ALL members are encouraged to attend so we can finalize the remaining plans for this year and begin to plan for 2008.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

November 18 2007

Sunday School Attendance	71		
Worship Attendance	138		
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$4,437.00	Egg Roll Sales	\$ 36.00
Total Building Fund	\$754.00	Thanksgiving Baskets	\$270.00
Rev. Galena Kolesnikova "Revival UMC":	\$270.00		

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of Nellie Kern. Nellie was a faithful servant. She will be missed by our church. Visitation will be at Bryan O'Keefe Tuesday 6-8 p.m. and the service will be Wed. 10 a.m. at the Funeral Home.

PRaises FOR: D White's brother is better. Crystal Gould is recovering from her heart surgery. Margaret Taylor is making progress.

ON GOING PRAYERS: Wallace Gill, Janine & Eve Devereaux, Care givers Michelle Hardy, Hollie Engle, **Mary Miller, Viola Nixon, Marian Pierson, Amy Viola Wayne Thorton, City of Gautier, Bobby Taylor, Norris Taylor, Olene Nixon **Vadna Webb, World leaders, Youth for Christ, Tracy Conerly, Cotton Pearce Service members/families serving at home & abroad, ** Jean Brewster, Our elderly Joette Patterson, Sharon McCaskey, Caryol & Louis Griffin, Robbie Benthien, Our youth ministry, **Catalina Weaver, Martha Price, Gilbert Duel, Jim Howland Mandi Garcino, Gwen Tillman, Bat Robinson, Robin Jackson, Shelby Moore Lori Oaks, O. D. Partain, Mammie Morris, Essie Cummings, Rodney Siedell Daisy Green, Prisoners in Bible Study, Mildred Long

PRAYERS FOR:

*** denotes hospital*

Drew Smith by Suzie T.
Debbie Gill, Judy Bray and family by Barbara S.
Parker & Cassie Willis by Karen T.
Unspoken, *Sam Cochran & Mrs. Brewer by Betty F.
Lisa by Janet S.
Charles Ferguson by Edwina G.
Darrell Palmer, Mitch & the Sharp family by Emma S.
Family and friends of Nellie Kern
Deborah Rucker & Dan Ricketts by Beverly St.
Shawn Shoemate's family by Michelle C.
Mary Mohr by Nancy G.
*Joseph Follow by Scotty B.
Lois Dunn & Josh Hamilton by Janet R.
Mary Evelyn Smith by Sarah G.
Louis & Lois Ware by Renee M.
Neil Parker by Helen L.
Brooke Benefield by Mary Jane B.
Don Kramer by Larry B.
*Hazel Szelela by Dennis B.
Ginger Moore by Audice S.
Victoria Vanderpool by Rhonda N.
Twyla Stone by Bambi B.

*** care facility/rehab*
Bennie Van Court by Judi Mc.
Ronnie Knight by Pete N.
Ellen Wheeler by Maxine T
Brian Odell by Shelia G.
Kathy Brown by April E.
Wayne Cumbest by Teresa B.
Jennifer Hopson by Janice D.
Kristen & John by Jana H.
Kevin Everett by Mary Ann B.
Norm Gage by Denny E.
Margaret Taylor
Family of Betty Evans
Chic Anderson by JoAnne W.
Barbara Wise by Choir
Sarah Anderson & family
LeAnthony G. by Kerrie N.
Macy Fisher by Sabrina F.
*David Cooper by Beverly St.
*Sandra Briggs by Betty K.
Jerry Kiouis by Denny E.
Sherry Neal by Cheryl H.

**** If the only prayer you said in your entire life was "thank you", that would suffice. Meister Eckhardt**

