

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
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata/Choir Practice
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Knit Wits Too
NOVEMBER		
27	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping in Fellowship Hall
29	6:00 p.m.	PPR Committee
DECEMBER		
1	1:00 p.m.	Gautier Christmas Parade
1	6-8 p.m.	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
	3-5 p.m.	Open House at the Parsonage
24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
25 – Jan 3		Church Office Closed

YOU ARE INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

Please join Ron and Marcia for Christmas fellowship and refreshments on December 16th from 3 - 5 p.m. at your church parsonage at 3926 Hillandale Dr., Gautier.

Smile On:

- ☺ Destiny Miller for filling in during Children's Church and Nettie Phillips for filling in on the organ this past Sunday.
- ☺ All those who contributed to the Thanksgiving Baskets. It was a huge success.
- ☺ Our Bereavement Committee who furnishes meals for families after the funeral.
- ☺ Those who "Hung the Greens": Bonnie Godwin our coordinator, James & Nancy G., Lawrence & Cheryl Hinton, Beverly Siegrist, Larry T., Don, Donnie & Sandra S., Joe G., Larry & Mary Jane B., Ron & Marcia S., Sheila Garland, Barbara Schrink, Judi & Richard M., and George Martin. Many thanks for making our church look beautiful.

GOOD NEWS

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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.

POINSETTIA'S

The sign up sheet is in the foyer. You can give a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Please list each poinsettia order separately. The last day to order Poinsettia's will be Tuesday, December 11th. and the cost is \$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.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE INVITED:

Dear Sisters: St. Stephen United Methodist's Women invite you to worship with them on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the Birth of Christ. We welcome solos, poems, readings or what you wish to exhibit. Looking forward to seeing you. In Christ, Myrtle Stubbs, Pres. UMW

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our Daily Bread will begin delivering meals to shut-ins in Gautier. To be considered you must be a shut-in with a doctor's note stating a regular diet is necessary ... no special diets i.e. salt free, sugar free, etc. To apply call Shirley at 769-7510.

UMM BREAKFAST

7 A.M. ON 09 December 2007. All men in the church are invited to come and fellowship over breakfast with the UMM group. Just like in the ads for the lawyers on TV, "...your first visit is free..." so come check us out. Cooks include – Ken Taylor (Head Cook), Shane M., Bernie P., Dave P., John S. This meeting will include our annual election of officers, and the spots are going fast. President – Ken Arceneaux, Vice President – Hank Miller, Treasurer – Kyle Dykes, Secretary – (still open). Of course, nominations from the floor will be accepted, but I hear that Ken already has his acceptance speech written, so we won't want to disappoint him. He has some great ideas for the coming year that he plans to share with us. I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait... See y'all then. Denny Engle, UMM President

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU'S

"Dear members", Thank you very much for the lovely and thoughtful gift basket of food. We really appreciate it very much. Everything looks so grand. It was a total surprise for us. We thank you. God Bless you all. (The lollypops were noted ... thank you Betty Koch.) Love Jim and Phyllis Howland"

"Just a note to say thank each one who blessed me with food, money and a gift card. May God's richest blessing be on each one. Thanks for the kindness and friendship you have given to me. I love each of you and pray God richest blessing on you. Love, Helen Ladnier"

"We thank you for each prayer that has lifted for Charles Ferguson up to God. We thank you for the love, hope and peace which you have given us and others around the world. We praise the Lord for your "special " ministry (Prayer Quilt). Continue to pray for us! Love, Charles and Winnie Ferguson.

VERNA BALOGH CIRCLE NEWS

The ladies of the Verna Balogh Circle would like to express thanks to our pastor and congregation for the support we receive. It is very much appreciated. Our Circle is always willing to assist others in whatever ways we can. Don't be shy about letting us know how we can help.

The Verna Balogh Circle will assist with the Dream Program Dance to be held in our Family Life Center on Dec. 1. Each lady is requested to bring a dessert not later than 5:30 p.m. and is invited to stay for the dance.

The Verna Balogh Circle Annual Christmas Party will be at Aunt Jenny's on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Spouses are welcome. We will reveal our Secret Pals and make plans for our Christmas mission projects. We can meet at the church at 6:00 to car pool.

Our next meeting will be January 8, 2008 at the church. This will be our annual pledge service. Also, we will draw names for our secret pals and prayer partners. If you've been thinking about joining a Circle, this would be a great time to begin. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Our main purpose is to be in mission, locally, nationally and around the world. All ladies are welcome.

Nancy Green, Secretary.

FIRST UMC TEE SHIRTS

There are First UMC Gautier tee shirts for sale in the church office. If you are interested the cost is \$10. There is only one medium left so hurry! Other sizes available are sm., lg., xl, 2x.-- some in lime green, gray & white.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

November 25 2007

Sunday School Attendance	58	Seashore Mission	\$24.00
Worship Attendance	108		
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$2,363.55		
Total Building Fund	\$340.00		

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Eve Devereaux and her family at the death of her daughter, Janine. Janine fought a long battle with cancer and will be missed. **Funeral arrangements are as follows: Visitation will be a 1 p.m. on Wednesday here at the church with the Service to follow at 2 p.m.** Internment will be at the Shiloh Cemetery in Vanleave. (This is a change from what was announced Sunday).

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

PRAYERS FOR:

* denotes hospital ** care facility/rehab
Drew Smith by Suzie T. Bennie Van Court by Judi Mc.
Debbie Gill, Judy Bray and family by Barbara S. Ronnie Knight by Pete N.
Parker & Cassie Willis by Karen T. Ellen Wheeler by Maxine T
Unspoken, *Sam Cochran & Mrs. Brewer by Betty F. Brian Odell by Sheila G.
Lisa by Janet S. Kathy Brown by April E.
Charles Ferguson by Edwina G. Wayne Cumbest by Teresa B.
Darrell Palmer, Mitch & the Sharp family by Emma S. Jennifer Hopson by Janice D.
Family and friends of Nellie Kern Kristen & John by Jana H.
Deborah Rucker & Dan Ricketts by Beverly St. Kevin Everett by Mary Ann B.
Shawn Shoemate's family by Michelle C. Mary Mohr by Nancy G.
Margaret Taylor & Barbara Wise Mary Evelyn Smith by Sarah G.
Spencer Garrett & Billy James by Frances G. *Joseph Follow by Scotty B.
Lois Dunn & Josh Hamilton by Janet R. Chic Anderson by JoAnne W.
Louis & Lois Ware by Renee M. Sarah Anderson & family
Nell Parker by Helen L. LeAnthony G. by Kerrie N.
Brooke Benefield by Mary Jane B. Macy Fisher by Sabrina F.
Don Kramer by Larry B. *David Cooper by Beverly St.
*Hazel Szetela by Dennis B. *Sandra Briggs by Betty K.
Ginger Moore by Audice S. *Jerry Kious by Denny E.
Victoria Vanderpool by Rhonda N. Sherry Neal by Cheryl H.
Twylla Stone by Bambi B. Marcia Barksdale by Lisa M.
Family of Janine Devereaux *Jim Savage