

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|        |            |                             |
|--------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun.   | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School               |
|        | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Worship             |
|        | 5:00 p.m.  | UMYF                        |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | Discipline's Bible Study    |
| Tues.  | 6:00 p.m.  | Scrappy Quilters in Library |
| Wed    | 6:00 p.m.  | Intercessory Prayer         |
|        | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir Practice              |
| Thurs. | 4:45 p.m.  | Knit Wits Too in Library    |
| Sun.   | 5:00 p.m.  | UMYF                        |

## August

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| 3  | 10:00 a.m.  | Promotion Sunday      |
| 4  | 6:00 p.m.   | Trustee's Meeting     |
| 5  | 9:30 a.m.   | Family Ministries     |
|    | 7:00 p.m.   | Worship Committee     |
| 8  | 6:30 p.m.   | Game Night            |
| 9  | 5:30 p.m.   | UMYF                  |
| 10 | 7:00 a.m.   | UMM Breakfast         |
|    | 3:30 p.m.   | Children's Council    |
|    | 5:00 p.m.   | Youth Council         |
| 11 | 6:00 p.m.   | PPR Committee Meeting |
| 12 | 7-9:00 p.m. | Square Dance F.L.C.   |
| 15 |             | Lunch & Movie         |

## LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL...

Classes will be held September 12-13 at Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman. Classes begin Friday evening at 4:30 p.m. and continue Saturday until 4:00 p.m. Basic Lay Speaking class will be offered as well as several advanced courses. Registration fee of \$75 includes textbooks, meals and lodging. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Speaker, need more information or a registration form please call Beverly Siegrest at 522-0347. Deadline for registration is August 29<sup>th</sup>.



## LUNCH & A MOVIE...

At the Grand in D'Iberville August 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 18 shows to choose from. Anyone interested can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING

Will be this Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited, hope to see you there. Ken Arceneaux



## IT'S CALENDAR TIME, AGAIN!

UMM are again selling Birthday and Anniversary Calendars. If you were a customer last year, you will need to submit only your name and money for the 2009 calendar. This indicates that there are no changes in your information. If you are a new customer, please see Larry Teesdale for some guided help in filling out the forms. Forms will be in the foyer and Fellowship Hall on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The basic calendar is \$5.00.

| August 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 31          |    |    |    |    |    |    |



## GOOD NEWS

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**"Here's the church,  
and here's the steeple,  
open the doors and see all the  
people."**



It's probably been awhile since you recited that short and wonderful children's rhyme, but there's a message for First United Methodist Church Gautier in there. The question is, are we willing to listen to that message?

For a little more than 40 days now, my family and I have been in your midst and you have welcomed us and loved us beyond measure. For the majority of those 40 days I have listened. I have listened to you. And I am continuing to listen. And what I'm hearing over and over is, well, it's just downright amazing! I'm hearing the members of this great church of Jesus Christ tell your stories of faith. That may not sound like something to write about, but stay with me for just a few more minutes. More often than not, your stories of faith are about what your hopes and dreams are for the *future* of this church. Did you hear that? The *future*...not the past. You are looking ahead...not behind. You are actively seeking to discern what God is calling this congregation to do next. I believe with every fiber of my being God is calling us to a new awareness of who we are as a congregation of United Methodists. I believe God may be calling us to pay attention to the children's rhyme I mentioned. Particularly the last phrase: "open the doors and see all the people." I believe it's time for First United Methodist Church Gautier to start opening doors. We need to open doors for our children. We need to open doors for our youth. We need to open doors to young adults. We need to open doors to those who are hurting and alone. We need to open doors to people who are wondering where God is in their lives. In other words, we need to be the church.

*"Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see all the people."* It may not be the most sophisticated theological statement ever written, but there's a lot of truth in those few words.

Let's BE the church...let's open some doors.

Peace & Joy,  
James

## OUR FAITHFULNESS

August 03, 2008

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday School: 49             | Sunday School: \$ 5.42   |
| Worship Attendance: 147       | Communion: \$ 30.00      |
| Morning Offering: \$11,810.72 | Food Pantry: \$ 20.00    |
| Building Fund : \$ 856.00     | Phil. Ministry: \$ 24.00 |

### PRAISES FOR:

Answered prayer, Rasmussen 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and many more!

### ON GOING PRAYERS:

Wallace Gill, Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy, Care givers, Hollie Engle, Marian Pierson, \*\*Norris Taylor, Olene Nixon, Our elderly, Mildred & Ray Long, City & World leaders, Youth for Christ, Service members/families, Joette Patterson, Martha Lewis, \*\*Catalina Weaver, Martha Price, Jane Perry, Ellen Wheeler, \*\*John Hanson, Jim & Phyllis Howland, Our Youth, \*Rodney Siedell, Marshall Dunn, Prisoners in Bible Study, Bernice & William Rasmussin, Pat & Patti McDonald, Rev. Otis Wellington, James Shannon, Abigail Upton, Teresa and Jerry Howell, Polly Furr, Louis Ware, John Schrink, Barbara & Lisa, Chris Cursuello, Emmie Gautier

### PRAYERS FOR:

\* denotes hospital \*\* care facility/rehab

The Vanalstine Family

The Jerry Hendrix Family

The Geneva Ross Family

Michael & Pat Henderson, Brenda McCool, Tommie Lee McCormick by D. Reiter

Ruby Flynt, Harold Campbell by D. Overman

Unspoken, Cotton Pearce, Fanni Mae by E Griffin

Kenny Napp, Janet Snuggs by M. Snuggs

Maddie Keith by Annett B.

Evie Foster by Nancy G.

Will Kirkland by M. Thompson

Mandy Garcino by M. Taylor

Ken Muller by M. Snuggs

Bro. Shows by Janet S.

Denny & Donna Engle

Tyler Howell by Karen T.

Scotty Branham by Barbara B.

Disasters in our Nation & World

Nell Pierce by C. Grant

Francis Collins By Betty F.

Bettie Holand by Gil H.

Michael Alberts

Betty Furr

Bill Feidt

Tricia Salter

Edwin Grimsly by Family

Donna Bowling

Helen's Son by J. Davis

Sylvia Goff by R. Mixon

Wanda Miller by Michelle D.

### EVERY ISLAND TRIP...

October 3, 2008 Overnight trip to Avery Island, Louisiana (tobacco plant) details to follow.

### ACOLYTE TRAINING...

Acolyte training originally scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> has been rescheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. All acolytes, including anyone entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, please mark your calendars and plan to meet with us on this date. We will meet in the sanctuary.



### PHILIPPINE MINISTRIES...

Thanks to all who contributed to our mission project. You are helping to do the work of God and to spread His word. Other items that we are collecting are: towels, blankets, sheets, hand towels, wash cloths, and soap bars. **The deadline for these items is Sunday, August 10, 2008.**



### OTTA BOND UMW...

Silent 'Pig in a Poke' auction. Wrapped items on table in Fellowship hall on August 17<sup>th</sup> & on August 24<sup>th</sup> final day to bid, pick up, and pay for your treasures. Proceeds go to John Schrink.

### GAUTIER SCHOOLS MENTORING PROJECT...



In need of helpers-men or women to eat lunch or read a story or help with assignments or hold a hand etc. for 20 to 30 minutes a week or whatever your schedule allows. Sign up sheet in hallway (even if you have already signed one). More info upcoming shortly.

### FREE SQUARE DANCE...

Every Tuesday in August from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Dates are: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Call Carmelita Grant at 238-0708 if you have any questions.



### THE INTERCESSORY GROUP...

Sends cards to those on our prayer list. Please include an address for these names you put on the prayer list, if you know it.

### THANKS TO ALL...

For your participation in our fellowship meal and fundraiser for the Schrink family. What a loving tribute to this family and our church family and friends. Your much needed contributions along with the United Methodist Men's totaled over \$5000.00. Thanks to all for their hard work and monetary contributions and know this, 100% of all monies collected goes to the Schrink family. GOD BLESS YOU, ONE AND ALL. Ken Arceneaux

### SPECIAL THANKS...

To All the United Methodist Men who helped in building a wheel chair ramp for John Schrink on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

*'I applied my heart to what I observed  
and learned a lesson from what I saw.'*

**Proverbs 24:32**

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS...

Unit and Circle officers' sharing time on Saturday, August 9. The meeting will be at Safe Harbor UMC from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in learning more about the UMW, please meet us at the church at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, August 9 and we will go together.

### Making sure God understands

After former New York City Mayor Ed Koch had a stroke, he told God that he'd lived a full life and wouldn't mind dying. But he wanted to be taken immediately and not be cut off a bit at a time, like a roll of salami.

When Koch (who is Jewish) was in the hospital, a visiting rabbi prayed in both English and Hebrew. The words were: "Heal me and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved."

Later, New York City's Roman Catholic cardinal entered the mayor's room and offered to pray in Hebrew. But the ailing mayor, who never lost his sense of humor, said, "Your Eminence, I already took care of the Hebrew and English. Could you just do the Latin?"