

Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 444, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Pastor: Rev. Lauren Porter
Phone: (662)-746-7648
Website: fumcyazoo.org

February 24, 2019
Vol. 46 No. 8

Prayer Warriors

After tragedies, natural disasters and terrorism, people now commonly turn to social media to request prayers. Although it can feel “jarring” to see “so many references to the divine in spaces normally reserved for vacation photos,” writes journalist Eleanor Barkhorn, it’s a modern-day version of the New Testament’s reminders to pray constantly and in all circumstances.

Over the years, churches have encouraged members to pray through letters, phone chains, prayer breakfasts and prayer groups. “With that context in mind,” Barkhorn writes, “Facebook shouldn’t cheapen prayer any more than the Postal Service or the telephone does.”

--copied



Please continue to be in prayer for all who will be involved in the Special Called General Conference which will be February 23 – 26 in St. Louis, Missouri. This is a very special conference which will determine our official doctrine of the United Methodist Church.

The Gideons International is an organization that distributes Scripture throughout the world in hotels, schools, hospitals, prisons and more. This is possible through gifts from local churches such as ours. This Sunday, February 24, you will be given an opportunity to give to this amazing ministry.



THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 3:00-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Gr. 1-6
- 3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 24. Debra Batton
- 26. Kathryn Lafferty,
Wanda Simmons
- 27. Melanie Yates
- 2. Puddin Watson, Lois Russell
- Will Skinner Allen, Hannah Swoope
- ~~~~~
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Marty Pender
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Denson Thomas

Sympathy and love is extended to Jackie Powell in the death of his sister, Grace Nations, who died



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Parker Adcock and Whitney Pitts Adcock. They were married on February 9, 2019, at Father Dyer Methodist Church in Breckenridge, Colorado.



Congratulations to Will and Cadi Thompson Appleby on the birth of their son, Louis William Appleby, who was born February 12, 2019. He is the grandson of Louis and Kathy Thompson and great-grandson to Mrs. Mary Thompson.



Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday concludes our study of the book of Mark. We will wrap it up with a Lesson called, “The Story Ends with You.” The book of Mark focuses on the service and sacrifice of Jesus. About 40% of the book is focused on the last week of His life. Jesus came to earth, lived, died, and was resurrected. His story continues through us. Are we willing to be the light in such a dark world?

Sunday Night Youth

Solid Ground will pick back up with our regular Bible Study this Sunday night with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by group time. Unfortunately, we did not meet last week due to the Flu and people being out of town. However, we are back this week, and in our series, *#struggles*, our lesson is about Compassion, or a lack thereof. Technology and social media interferes with our personal contact and communication with others. Studies show that we show 40% less empathy than people did in the 1980s. Sunday night we will look more into this lesson and how we can work to better ourselves.

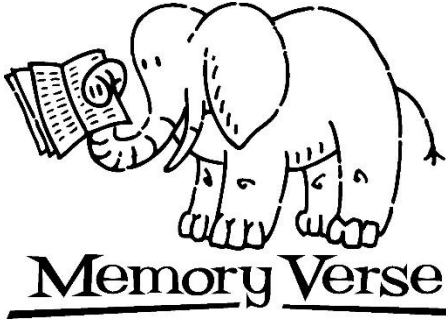
Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday night small group began discussing a new series called *Counter Culture*. This week we will begin lesson 3, “Love to Follow.” Jesus desires for us to follow Him, but in order to do so, we must be a **trader**. We must be a trader in the world. We must be willing to give up things that we value as important in order to have a better life with Him.

Youth Spring Break

The final payment for our Youth Spring Break Trip to the Ark Encounter/Cincinnati is due by March 3. Please contact Tera Smith if you need to know your balance.

Children's Page



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5



The lesson that we will hear is about King Solomon and his wisdom. God granted Solomon his wish for an understanding mind. Solomon was famous for his proverbs, or short sayings that spoke the truth. This week we will study a little more about wise King Solomon, and the advice that he offered.



Bible study will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Planet 456 room and will conclude at 6:15 p.m. following supper in the Fellowship Hall. Last week we did not meet due to so many sick with the Flu and being out of town. So, this week our lesson will be what was planned for last Sunday. We will begin with a game called "Abounding Love." Following the game, we will begin our lesson. God has a never-ending love for us. He loves us in spite of our wrong doings. God wants us to love each other like He loves. We need to make love our goal.

Planet 456 Branson Trip:

If your child signed up for the Branson trip to see the Sights and Sound production of **Samson**, please get in touch with Tera Smith as the first payment is due. This trip is scheduled for April 5- April 7.

Volunteers serving Sunday, February 24, 2019

Greeters	Christy Cader/Tommy & Wanda Woodard
Acolytes	Anna Riley Kelly/Maggie Day Ragland
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Scripture	Matthew 13:31-32
Sermon	“Small Things Done with Great Love”
Security	Owen Richards/Jason Smith
Flowers	Frank & Dee Webb
Sunday Night Supper Moms	Kimberly Jones & Alexess Swoope

Attendance, February 17, 2019

Worship Services	152
Sunday School	91

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

24. He will bring justice	Isaiah 42:1-4
25. Only the sinner	Ezekiel 18:1-4
26. To bring good news	Isaiah 61:1-3
27. A way to understand	Matthew 7:15-20
28. Not as mortals see	I Samuel 16:1-13

MARCH

1. Living in the light	Ephesians 5:8-14
2. I fear no evil	Psalm 23