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Soup Du Jour Supper & Baked Goods Bingo

Bring a crock pot of homemade soup or chili of your choice and join us for Supper in the Fellowship Hall!

November 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

We will play bingo and have other family friendly games. Family Ministries Committee will supply bread, tea & dessert. Please bring baked goods to be used as Prizes for Bingo



Hopefully you have finished your shoebox for a waiting child. Please place them outside the church office by Monday, November 14, 2022. In 2021 there were 9391 boxes from our MS delta area including some online. Locally 200-400 boxes were collected and distributed in

2021. Let your box be in the 2022 boxes to be sent to the waiting children.

Mississippi's New Bishop: Sharma Lewis



The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference met this past Wednesday through Friday, November 2-4, at Lake Junaluska, NC. Over those three days, they elected three new bishops.

Tom Berlin, a pastor from Virginia, was the first nominee elected, and he has been assigned as the new bishop of the Florida Conference.

Connie Shelton was the second to be elected. She was the District Superintendent for the East Jackson District here in Mississippi. And she has been assigned as the new bishop of the North Carolina Conference.

Robin Dease, a pastor from South Carolina, was the last bishop elected, and she has been assigned as the new bishop of the North Georgia Conference.

Mississippi has been assigned **Bishop Sharma Lewis.** Bishop Lewis is currently the bishop of the Virginia Conference, and starting January 1, 2023, she will be our new bishop. She is highly regarded as a fair and just bishop, and I know you will join with me in welcoming her and lifting her up in prayer as she prepares to come to Mississippi.

Resolutions at Jurisdictional Conference

Each Jurisdiction also voted for and approved three resolutions. While only General Conference can pass binding legislation that then becomes church law in the Book of Discipline, each Jurisdictional Conference can pass resolutions that are "aspirational," ideals they hope to become reality.

The first resolution on **"Leading with Integrity"** called for all lay and clergy who are in the process of disaffiliation to recuse themselves from leadership roles within their Annual Conferences. While these lay and clergy are still validly United Methodists and therefore eligible, there is the concern of potential conflict of interest.

The second resolution on **"Support of a U.S. Regional Conference"** proposes creating a separate U.S. region that can adapt its own Book of Discipline to the context of the U.S. while allowing other regions, such as Africa or the Philippines, to adapt church law for their context. So, Africa could legislate traditional marriage while the U.S. could define marriage as two consenting adults.

The third resolution was called the "Queer Delegates' Call to Center Justice for LGBTQIA+ People in the UMC." It asks bishops to impose a moratorium on charges against those who perform same-sex weddings and to affirm and appoint openly LGBT clergy in their Annual Conferences. Each of these resolutions passed by a significant majority in each jurisdiction, including our Southeastern Jurisdiction.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
5:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Family Night Soup & Games Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday Children's Bible study
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 14. Allison Hughes
- 15. Calvin "Man" Brookins
- 16. Emily Burton Kim Woodard
- 17. Zoe Henick
- 19. Judy Patterson



Thomas Hines

Mike & Debbie Braswell Dr. & Mrs. Zachary Hutchens

Ennis Martel "Marty" Pender

Jacki Burkhalter Dorothy & Bill Farmer Charles & Diane Estess

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11, 2023. The church office will be closed.



A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Children's Page

Last Sunday we began a new series entitled, **Following God with Courage**. This week's lesson "Trust and Obey," is from the book of Joshua. This lesson is a reminder for us to obey God even when it may not make sense. Joshua trusted God in the battle even when

it seemed that winning might be difficult.

HISKIDZ W.O.W. Wednesday

W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K - 6th grades. Along with Bible Study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. We will have many fun games and activities planned for this year. Invite a friend and get ready for our first fun Bible Study about **BIBLE HEROES**. During this study, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." This week we concluded our final lesson in the study and learned about Elijah, the Troublemaker. Next week we will have a lesson about being Thankful.

Solid Ground

Sunday School

Last week we began the series *Following God with Courage*. This Sunday our lesson in the series "Choosing Sides," is about believing, following, and living out the truth. We will talk about the prophet Elijah and his run in with King Ahab. King Ahab listened to all the false prophets and teachers around him. He did not want to listen to Elijah's teachings from the one true God.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This Sunday we will move to lesson 10 in the series of James, *Let your Yes be "yes" and your No be "no."* So much in this world is wishy-washy. We put off making decisions while waiting for a better offer; we find ourselves being careful of making a decision or choice to keep from offending someone; or we commit and then double-book depending on what's better.

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Greeters Scripture Sermon Flowers Alice George/Myra Dunlap Matthew 9:9-13 **"Dinner at Matthew's"** Miller & Bonnie Holmes

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

| 13. 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost | Matthew 25:14-30 |
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| 14. The righteous judgment of God | Romans 2:1-11 |
| 15. Mother and sister protect Moses | Exodus 2:1-10 |
| 16. Esther's victory | Esther 7:1-10 |
| 17. God will shepherd Israel | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 |
| 18. We are the people of God's pasture | Psalm 100 |
| 19. The reign of Christ | Ephesians 1:15-23 |