

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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Mission Opportunities



VASHTI CENTER

for children and families

The Vashti Center in Thomasville is in need of the following items: sunscreen, feminine products, 3-in-1 body wash, shampoo, and conditioner for males, lip balm (Chapstick, Carmex, or Burt' Bees), shampoo and conditioner (for all hair types), hair combs and brushes, men's flip flops, Bibles (The Guidebook or The CEB Student Bible), hair care products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, non-aerosol deodorant, bath linens, laundry baskets/hampers, bed linens (twin size), comforter sets (twin size), pillows and pillow covers, board games and jigsaw puzzles, frisbees, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the Church Office, and we will see that they get to Vashti. Thanks for ministering to these young people in need!

Sager Brown



United Methodist Committee On Relief

The Conference Outreach Team is sponsoring and coordinating a mission experience to Sager Brown, The UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana, September 3-7, 2018. Participant's registration fee will be paid by the Outreach Team. There are 15 spots available with the possibility of increasing based on interest. Mission Opportunities will include: working on-site and in the UMCOR depot with relief supplies (sewing opportunities as well) and other Outreach Ministries such as the Food for Seniors Program, Hearts and Hands for Homes, Chez Hope (a shelter for survivors of domestic abuse), Heart Start Reading program, The Bridge-Women's Teen Challenge Center, Matthew 25 International and more.

For more information, visit <https://www.sgaumc.org/sagerbrown> or contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.

Calendar for April 11, 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, ages 3-4, Circle Room
6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5), Drama Room
6:30 PM-----UMYF, Basement
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, April 12, 2018

10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library

Sunday, April 15, 2018

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J. O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM-----Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00 PM-----District Conference, Albany FUMC
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:30 PM-----Youth Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
6:00 PM-----Youth Bible Study, Youth Basement
5:45 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Christian Sympathy

Bainbridge First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Steven Hayes and family in the death of Steven's father, Wallace Hayes, who passed away April 7. The memorial service for Mr. Hayes will be Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Dawson Street United Methodist Church in Thomasville.

Pastor Mike's Upcoming Sermons

New Sermon Series: "Resurrection Life"

April 15—Third Sunday of Easter—1 John 3:1-7—"Living in Hope"

April 22—Fourth Sunday of Easter—1 John 3:16-24—"Living in Obedience"

April 29—Fifth Sunday of Easter—1 John 4:7-21—"Living in Love"

May 6—Sixth Sunday of Easter—1 John 5:1-6—"Living in Victory"

May 13—Seventh Sunday of Easter—1 John 5:9-13—"Living in Assurance"

District Conference

The 2018 Southwest District Conference will be Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Albany. There is some district business we have to do, but the majority of our time will be devoted to worship and to celebrating ministry in our district. Our own Bishop Lawson Bryan will preach, and District Superintendent Dr. Nita Crump would like to have a thousand people present so that we can experience "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"! If you're planning to attend, please let Pastor Mike know so we can arrange carpooling or use the church van!

Fifth Sunday Unity Lunch

We have four fifth Sundays this year at which time we will have a Unity Service and lunch following the service. Our first one is on April 29. The Mary Rosenbury UMW Circle will assist with set-up and clean-up that day; however, we welcome anyone who is willing to assist in any way. The remaining dates are July 29 (Mildred Thigpen Sunday School Class), September 30 (Epworth Sunday School Class), and December 30. On December 30, we will host a breakfast prior to the Unity Service. We appreciate these groups assisting with this time of fellowship, and we welcome everyone to participate with us for our time together.

Vacation Bible School

We are in full planning mode for this year's Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "Rolling River Rampage." The dates are June 4-8, 2018. There are many ways you can assist with Vacation Bible School. If you haven't taken an active role in the past couple of years, prayerfully consider taking some time this summer to touch a child's heart and soul. There are lots of ways to serve. If you are interested please contact Meg Yarbrough or Ida Cooksey.

Summer Camps at Epworth By The Sea

For nearly 70 years, summer camps for children and youth have been a ministry of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church at Epworth By The Sea. This coastal camp is located on the banks of the Frederica River on St. Simons Island, Georgia, and has 100 acres of beautiful property on which to spend a week away.

At Camp Connect, our staff strives to create a meaningful camp experience by engaging campers in a week of fun, forming new friendships, and encountering Christ in and around us.

Someone once said that kids can learn more about their relationship with Jesus in a week of camp than they might in a year of Sunday School. Because of that, we take our time with our campers very seriously. Days are filled with outdoor activities like the ropes course, boat rides, dock fishing, games, art, beach trips and pool time. Nightly camp-wide competitions bring everyone together, and each evening closes with a worship service. Woven throughout each of these activities is a greater purpose—sharing Christ's love with every camper we encounter.

With a "Blueprints" theme this summer, a week at Camp Connect will teach campers what God's design for their life looks like. Diving into Scripture and sharing life stories will show them they are created in God's image and created for a purpose.

Each week of summer camp costs \$315. Here are the dates for this year's camps:

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP for students entering grades 9-12 as well as graduating seniors
June 11-15, 2018

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPS for students entering 6th-8th grades

Session 1: June 18-22, 2018

Session 2: June 25-29, 2018

ELEMENTARY CAMPS for students entering 4th-5th grades

Session 1: July 9-13, 2018

Session 2: July 16-20, 2018

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.campconnectumc.org>.

School Book Drive

The Decatur County School System is conducting a literacy campaign, **Read, Dream, Achieve**, in our community. As a part of the campaign, we are collecting new and gently used books to be distributed to local families. We have to date collected 2,000 books that we have distributed to families involved with Babies Can't Wait, School Back Pack Food program, at PK and K registrations, at Early Learner Workshops, Kids-n-Kops events, and other parent engagement activities. While distributing the books, we work directly with parents to educate them in the importance of reading to children and its impact on their child's success in school.

I have placed a donation bin in the J.O. Smith Building and would love for the Bainbridge FUMC family to participate in this worthy cause.

Thank you!

Catherine Gossett
Exceptional Education Director

Church Security Plan

Your Board of Trustees is currently in the process of creating a security plan for our church. The Trustees, along with our Chief of Security, Brent Loeffler, would like to hear any suggestions you may have or any feedback you would like to give. The Trustees are: Jim Conger, chair; Christi Murray, vice-chair; Paxton Poitevint, secretary; Jerry Maxwell; Wheat Kirbo; Charles Griffin; Greg Burch; Terri Fleetwood; and Linda Monson.

Also, if you are interested in being part of the Security Team, please contact Brent Loeffler.

Still Waters

Still Waters is a nondenominational, faith-based, temporary residence for women and children. The ministry relies on volunteer help and donations of items. They are always in need of the following: Trash Bags (13 gal.), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex Tissue, Dishwasher detergent, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Vinegar, Bleach, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Soap, Deodorant, Towels (new), and Washrags (new). Contact Karen Howell at Still Waters (229-416-4061) or the Church Office for more information.

Food Bank

Food Items Needed:

Peanut Butter (16 oz), Dried Beans (16 oz), Evaporated Milk (12 oz), Canned Soups (10.5 oz), Chunky Soups (18 oz), Canned Vegetables – Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, etc. (14.5-15 oz).

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

April 8, 2018 Attendance: Sunday School-----57
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. -----65
11:00 a.m. -----83

Members Who Minister

Ushers for April 2018: Paxton Poitevint, Connor Poitevint, Jack Zilis, Ansley Yarbrough

Greeters for April 15, 2018: 9:00 AM Suzi & Mike Kraft
11:00 AM Beth Yarbrough

Contemporary Worship Leader for April 15, 2018: Ridge Harper

Snack Supper for April 15, 2018: Grace Moorhead

Offering Steward: Craig Fletcher

Services of Worship

April 15, 2018

9:00 AM – Contemporary Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Service

PRELUDE-----"Celebrate With Joy"-----Handbell Choir
OFFERTORY-----"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"-----Handbell Choir
ANTHEM-----"Death, Where Is Your Sting?"-----Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE-----1 John 3:1-7-----Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----"Resurrection Life: Living in Hope"-----Rev. Mike Brown

Music Notes

Children's Music and Arts Ministries:

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-5:55 p.m. in the Circle Room for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, instrument playing, and movement.

Preschool Music and Arts (children age 3 by September 1-age 4): will resume our regular schedule on April 11.

Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5): will resume our regular schedule on April 11. We'll be doing our hand chime and percussion unit in addition to our choral work. We're planning to sing for the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 3.

Chancel Choir: Going into this season of Eastertide, we are working on new music! This is a great time to join us or give us a try until we take our July break. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m., warm up at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and sing for the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship. Prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve through our Chancel Choir's ministry.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): is preparing for our Spring Concert, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. Music Camp registration is underway! Please let me know by email response if you will or will not be able to attend this year. We rehearse at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

Handbell Choir: is playing for the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship this coming Sunday, April 15. We rehearse at 5:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon in preparation for our Spring Concert.

Children's Chat

We will really start our new study this Sunday at Children's Fellowship! We are going to become spies for A.I.M., which stands for Agents In Motion. Come discover how to uncover the truth of life. And if you haven't been coming to Sunday School.....you should.

Youth News

We are making a change! We're switching our Bible Study and UMYF times - beginning this Sunday we will have Bible Study on Sunday nights following Snack Supper, and we will have our fellowship time on Wednesday nights following Christian Fellowship Dinner.

The tickets for the Casting Crowns Concert have been purchased. If you requested a ticket, please contact Steven, and he will let you know what is owed for the ticket.

Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

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Steele & Kathy Malone	1808 Woodridge Drive, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-246-1381
Gloria Murphy	111 Bunny Lane, Bainbridge, GA 39817	229-246-8005
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Pat Reynolds	Memorial Manor, Room #73B, 1500 E. Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	
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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Heidt Neal
Brenda Doss

By:

Bill & Nita Holt
Sally Bates

Music Fund

In Memory of:

Heidt Neal
Myrle Zorn
Wallace Hayes
Easton Reed Loving

By:

Lauren Turner
Lauren Turner
Lauren Turner
Lauren Turner

In Honor of:

Anna Leigh Gossett

By:

Lauren Turner