



Heritage United Methodist Church

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August 2011 Newsletter

Pastor Ponderings...

August is here and it is harder for us older people to embrace than it used to be. When I was a boy August was the time when nothing much was left in the garden but peas and okra. Boy, have those times changed. August days were spent getting the hay barns ready to fill, keeping the weeds clipped out of the pasture, and the most important thing, slipping off to the creek, and swimming. I miss those hot August days but I don't miss that garden, that is, until lunch time. I always had to cut the okra. Everyone else was "allergic". Yeah, right.

I devised a plan one year to very deceptively end my time as the official okra harvester for that season. I began very strategically to "accidentally" remove limbs and leaves from the plant as I cut the okra every other day. I understood enough about biology and plants and leaves and that fruit production system and in my mind, remove the leaves, remove the okra.

I didn't make okra. I wasn't around before there was any okra. I thought I knew enough to undo the okra and thus make my life better. I was wrong! The more leaves and limbs I removed the more okra the plants produced.

This is probably a bad analogy but ... the one who made all of us knows us. He knows our coming and our going. He knew us before we were born. Kids today don't worry about cutting okra in August; they are worrying about getting back in school. School is not what it used to be.

I think the one who made us would tell us not to worry just keep gathering the fruit. It is for the Lord to provide and for us to gather.

Wayne



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"At the intersection of God's Grace, and Your Needs"

UMM NEWS:

UMM MEETING: The August UMM meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25th at 6 p.m. Good food, great fellowship, short meeting! Any questions, contact Jack Anderson at 872-3471. All are invited.

UMW NEWS:

AGAPE CIRCLE: Will meet on Sunday, August 7th at 12 p.m. The main mission of the Agape Circle is feeding the families of the Fisher House on Keesler AFB. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please contact Brenda Tucker-Cassity at 697-4574 or Joyce Harmon at 392-2254.

UMW FUNDRAISER: On August 26th the Morning Glories will be in the kitchen making those mouth watering Po-Boys, again. You can order either Roast Beef or Ham and Cheese, dressed or not. The Po-Boy comes with a bag of chips and you can eat in or take out. You may purchase a ticket for \$7 from any member of the UMW later this month, so keep a look-out.



August 2011 Calendar of Events

- ◆ Aug 6 Lizana & Shorey Wedding 6 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 7 Holy Communion
- ◆ Aug 7 Agape Circle 12 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 15 Noah's Ark CCC Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 18 Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 21 Fellowship Dinner 6 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 25 UMM Breakfast Meeting 6 p.m.
- ◆ Aug 26 UMW Fund Raiser
- ◆ Aug 28-30 Portraits taken



If you will be a student at MGCCC-JD in Gulfport please e-mail your name to wesley4jd@aol.com. If you'll be attending USM-Gulf Coast in Long Beach e-mail usmgc@aol.com. There are opportunities for missions, worship, and fellowship for all ages on both of these gulf coast campuses. Parents can also send the information for their children. Janis Slade, the campus minister, will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Christ's Love in a Mess of Turnip Greens

As I sit and contemplate the turnip greens on the table before me, my mind explores the circumstances leading to the confrontation between me and these particular greens, and especially the people who brought it about.

Earlier in the evening as my wife and I arrived home from work (we both work in a nearby town), we were greeted by the sight of our neighbor's pick-up truck parked in our drive. This was a pleasant sight, since Excell and Evie, though both in their seventies are a vivacious and enjoyable couple, filling their surroundings with warmth and pleasant joy.

As we entered the house, we were greeted by the odor of cooking greens. We soon discovered that the odor emanated from two large pots boiling on the stove.

By interjecting questions into a lively conversation between the owners of the pick-up and our two boys (one a teenager and one a pre-teen) we learned that 'Excell and Evie had picked, washed, delivered, and was now cooking, two large pots of turnip and mustard greens on our stove.

After a brief but pleasant visit they were off; leaving behind a home fairly glowing with the warmth of their love and care.

Now as I sit and consider the greens and the love that they represent, I am cut to the quick. How often I fail to do anything because I cannot perform a deed that is great and noteworthy. How often I fail to minister to another because that which I have to give is neither expensive nor spectacular. Yet, here are two people who, by the world's standards, have little, but out of the richness of hearts overflowing with the love of Christ they share what they have. Turnip greens are, at best, ordinary' but when shared out of a loving heart, become a precious commodity and a treasure secured for eternity.

So, you see, as the greens nourish our bodies this is only a secondary function because the love that brought them to our table has already nourished our souls and filled our hearts to overflowing.



By William P. Lee
Bradley's Chapel UMC
Vicksburg, MS
Circa 1981





NOAH'S ARK CHILD CARE CENTER CELEBRATES 22 YEARS



Noah's Ark Child Care Center opened August 14, 1989 after one year of preparation and progressing through licensing requirements. Noah's Ark opened with two staff members and five children. Classes were gradually added and now have a staff of 12 full and part-time employees with current license for 55 children.

Noah's Ark moved to the new wing of the church in the summer of 2008 to a bright, cheerful facility. The classrooms were recently painted and floors cleaned. Mississippi State University developed early childhood curriculum for the Coast child care facilities following Hurricane Katrina. This material covers infant through Pre-K and provides top quality materials.

We are asking for donations of the required children's books which will be published in our church newsletter and bulletins. These are books that you may have at home outgrown by children or grandchildren and would be appreciated for use in our program.

The books for August are:



Abuela by A. Durros
Alligator Boy by C. Rylant
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Blueberries for Sal by R. McCloskey
Caps for Sale by E. Slobodkina
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by B. Martin
Do You Want to Be My Friend? by E. Carle
Donkey-Donkey by R. Duvoisin
Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by M. Chodos-Levine
Good Thing You're Not an Octopus by J. Markes
Harriet's Recital by N. Carolson
I Love My Hair! by N. Tarpley
Imogene's Antlers by D. Small
The Little Red Hen by P. Galdone
Momma's Magical Purse by P. Bogan
My Friends by T. Gomi
The Napping House by A. Woods
Owen and Mzee by I. Hatkoff
The Relatives Came by C. Rylant
Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar? by B. Lass

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by J. Viorst
The Bag I'm Taking to Grandma's House by S. Neitzel
A Chair for My Mother by V.B. Williams
The Day the Babies Crawled Away by P. Rathman
The Doorbell Rang by P. Hutchins
Freight Train by D. Crews
Harold and the Purple Crayon by C. Johnson
I Went Walking by S. Williams
Jump, Frog, Jump by R. Kalan
Mama by J. Winter
"More, More, More," Said the Baby by V.B. Williams
No, David! by David Shannon
Peanut by L. Alsenas
Rosie's Walk by P. Hutchins



Youth Schedule for August



Aug 6/4-9 p.m.	Lollapalooza for new Jr. High Youth
Aug 7/4 p.m.	UMYF
Aug 14/8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Activities
Aug 14/4 p.m.	UMYF
Aug 15	Happy Birthday, Ms. Cindy Sims
Aug 17	Happy Birthday, Mykala Davis
Aug 18/6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Aug 19	Happy Birthday, Phillip Burkes
Aug 20/2-5 p.m.	Planning meeting for new YAC
Aug 21/4 p.m.	UMYF
Aug 21/6 p.m.	Stockholder Dinner
Aug 27/9 a.m.	Service Project
Aug 28/4 p.m.	UMYF and worship training



YOUTH NEWS:

THANK YOU: A HUGE Heritage Thank You to all of you for your assistance with Happening #64. Over 100 young people ate, slept, worshipped, made new friends, laughed, cried, and were totally transformed over the three days at Heritage UMC. It was a first time hosting for Heritage and a great success. Thank you all again.



ATTENTION YOUTH: The "5th Annual Lollapalooza" will be held on Saturday, August 6th starting at 4 p.m. at the dormitory. A night filled with fun! Information will be shared with parents and youth about everything you need to know about Heritage UMYF. Any parent who has not attended this meeting in the past should plan to be here.

STOCKHOLDER DINNER: It's a brand new year for your Heritage Youth and you are all invited to the annual Family Night Stockholder Dinner on Sunday, August 21st at 6 p.m. We will be "Rockin' & Rollin'" as we plan an exciting year with many new local projects in the works. We hope you will join us as we also welcome our new youth members. Thank you for your past, present and future support of these terrific young people.





NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL MUSIC: If you would like to sing or perform special music during either service, please contact Penny Chamberlain at 228-249-9473.

MANNA MISSION: Thank you for all of your contributions to the Manna Mission, they are greatly appreciated. Manna is able to purchase four times as much food as we are for the same dollar. A family of four can be fed for three days on a \$10 donation. If writing a check, please put "Manna" on the bottom left section. If you have any questions, please contact J. D. Matta at 326-9936.

GRACE TO GIVE: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such of these." It is our duty as we were commissioned by Jesus himself to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." We need children's Sunday School Teachers! Please call Mary Ownbey at 228-424-6055 so our ministry may continue.



THANK YOU: Lee and Peggy Hubert wish to thank every person who came to their 50th Anniversary celebration. You made their day! They were overwhelmed with awe and thanksgiving for each of you who came, and the wonderful gifts that you brought. Thank you so very much!



NOAH'S ARK CHILD CARE CENTER BOARD MEETING: The Noah's Ark CCC Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th at 6 p.m. Members, please plan to attend.

PRAYER CALENDAR: I hope that many of you begin to use the Prayer Calendar daily. Copies are located in the church narthex. You'll find it a remembrance of those we need to be in prayer for. There are many in need of prayer every day. Please join us. If we run out of calendars, just let Linda know and she will print more up. Thank you, Peggy Hubert.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. If you are a member, please plan to attend.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are pleased to announce that our church is in the process of putting together a beautiful, full-color church membership directory that will be professionally produced and will include full-color family portraits with names, address and telephone numbers of all members. It is very important that each family be included to assure a complete up-to-date directory. Our directory will also include a full-color cover, special pages for church use, and a roster of total church membership. The new directory is sure to be a family keepsake and help all the church families grow closer together. A professional photographer will begin taking family's portraits for the directory on August 28, 2011. You will find sign-up posters in the lobby for your convenience. Appointment times are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up now to insure a convenient time for you. Sign up today! Every family needs to be included in this beautiful new directory to make it complete.



August Birthdays

1	Michael Vereker, Sr.	16	Lena Matta
3	Mary Nezell Cluff	17	Mykala Davis
4	Dean Mattina, Sr.	18	Becky Lee
6	Breanna Schwartz	19	Phillip Burkes
8	Aubrey Johnson		Dylan Matta
10	Brenda Tucker-Cassity		Cathy Miller
12	Perri Schwartz	29	Lisa Banks
13	Dan Chamberlain	31	Norma Jean Hart
15	Cindy Sims		Lila Ramsey

