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June 2010 Newsletter

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Pastor Doodle

This is a time of new beginnings. The cross and flame on the front of the church has a new coat of wood and paint. The new Noah's Ark sign will be completed soon. Pattie and I have met the Staff /Parish committee of Centenary in McComb, and Rev. Wayne Napier and family have met with the Staff/ Parish committee here. The church buildings have been refurbished and a new prayer garden is being planted. This spring and summer brings a new round of excitement and life into Heritage.

Mark Lowery, a Gospel singer and Christian comedian, once said, "My favorite verse in the Bible is 'and it came to pass' it didn't come to stay. Whatever we are going through, it will pass." Old things pass away and God makes all things new. We all know that change is not always easy, but it is necessary and it opens a new world of possibilities.

Heritage has two big celebrations coming this month.


On June 20th we will all meet together for worship at 11:00 to celebrate the last seven years and finish off the celebration with a fish fry. On June 27th you will celebrate the appointment of your new pastor, Rev. Wayne Napier.

Our Methodist itinerant system of appointing pastors may not be perfect, but it does have some strengths that other systems do not. Every pastor comes to the ministry with different gifts and graces and different styles of leadership. The itinerant system allows a church to experience these different gifts as they are needed. It also means that we build our churches not on the personality of the pastor, but on the ministry of the laity which is a much stronger and vital way of growing the kind of churches that can change the world for the better. It also allows a pastor to push a little harder, knowing that if they push too hard they will still have a church to go to.

Seven years is a long time, and I must admit my memory has suffered a bit as the hairs on my head have started to turn gray, but I seem to remember starting out here by telling you there were a few things I wanted to communicate to you while I was here. Let's run through the list together as a refresher course and to see how we did.

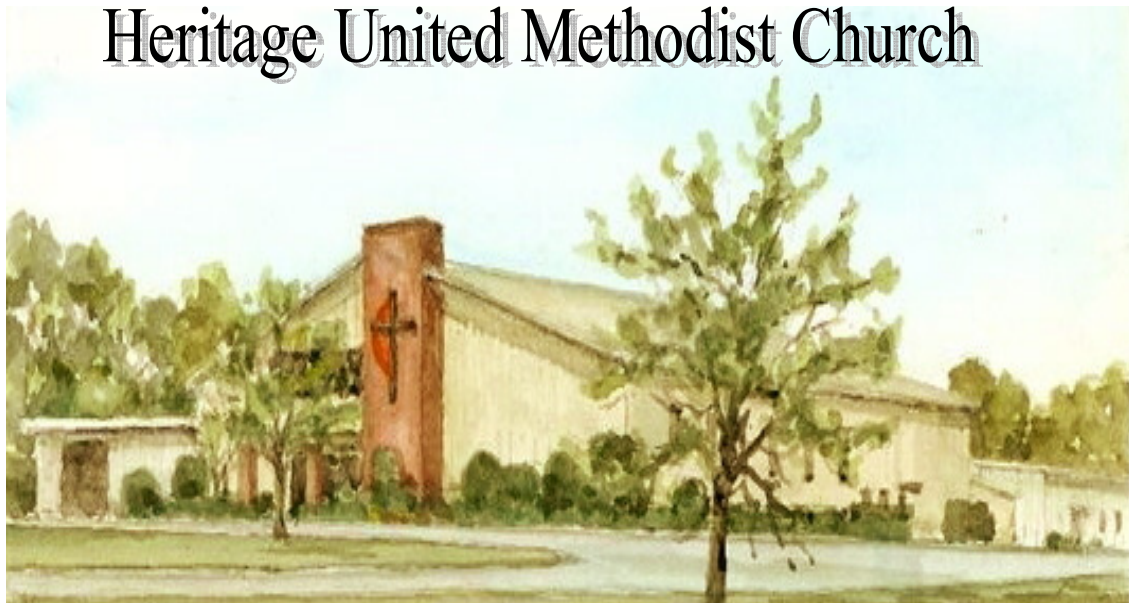
God, the one who knows you best, loves you most. God knows even the things we cannot face about ourselves, our failures, our lack of faith, our aspirations, our trials, yet no one loves us with a richer and deeper love. Every time we gather for communion we say the

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

words again, “Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.” (UM Hymnal)

God loves me just as I am, but God loves me way too much to leave me that way.
 (Dr. Efir) The sanctifying grace of God is at work in each one of us calling us to be better than we are, to strive for more than we can achieve. Like the carver shaping a wooden bowl God is paring away everything in us that isn’t like Jesus.

We are blessed to be a blessing. God’s greatest gifts to us, love, faith, hope and forgiveness are gifts that must be shared. The more we give them away, the more we receive. We have had a wonderful opportunity to see this principle in action. On August 29, 2005 we were blessed to have a church still standing after Katrina blew through. When we opened our doors and extended hospitality to the volunteers from all over the country, we blessed our community with a gift of hope. In the process we have been blessed beyond our ability to comprehend. You can’t out give God.

Christianity is a hands-on faith. Faith is an action word. As I have said before, I believe that parachutes work, but it would take an act of faith for me to step out of a perfectly good, flying airplane with one on. We serve a God who is not afraid of dirty hands. All the rest of creation came into existence by God’s command, but God’s hands got dirty as humanity was formed from the earth. Jesus reached out and touched the leper, made a poultice of mud and spittle to heal the blind man and in a final act of love stretched out his work-worn hands to die on the cross for our sins. We carry on God’s work when we dirty our own hands helping others.

How can I begin to thank you for all the joy you have brought into our lives? Thank you for loving us and allowing us to love you. Thank you for being a church whose two best qualities are hospitality and compassion. Thank you for letting us be real and honest with each other. Thank you for allowing me to operate on the principle of forgiveness instead of permission. Thank you for backing me up when I opened this church up to a recovery project that was beyond our own imagination and abilities. Thank you for being a church that is not afraid to use the assets you have to bless others. Thank you for letting me push the envelope. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for sticking in there and working through our problems together. Thank you for allowing this bull-headed pastor to run around in this precious china shop. Thank you for reaching out to others in Mexico, Russia, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Indiana, and Texas with the hope that comes when God’s people face struggles together.

You will go with us in our hearts and in our prayers wherever life leads us. Please remember us in your prayers as well. This separation is not easy for us. I have caught myself several times talking of the future and still saying “we need to” instead of “you need to.” We will miss you greatly.

Can I ask one last favor? If you will, let’s make these last days together a celebration of God’s love that we have shared with each other.

Keep the faith.

Bro. David



June Birthdays



1	Wade Reeder	8	Kyle Miller
	Melody Fletcher	9	Bill Hendren
3	Ashley Harmon		Juanita Harmon
4	Cindy Gibbs	16	Dottie Moore
5	Emily Weiland	21	Julene Anderson
6	Bill Lee, Sr.	22	Lena Loeding
7	Jean Parker		Parker Butler
	Bill Lee, Jr.	25	Elena Lacoste
8	Scott Ellis		



June 2010 Calendar of Events

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| ◆ June 6 Holy Communion | ◆ June 20 Happy Father’s Day |
| ◆ June 8 Morning Glories 9:30 a.m. | ◆ June 20 Fish Fry 12 p.m. |
| ◆ June 15 Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 p.m. | ◆ June 21 NACCC Board Mtg 6 p.m. |
| ◆ June 16 Genesis Circle 6 p.m. | ◆ June 27 Combined Service 11 a.m. |
| ◆ June 19 UMM Breakfast 7 a.m. | ◆ June 27 Pot Luck Lunch 12 p.m. |
| | ◆ June 27 Agape Circle 12 p.m. |

UMW News

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- Morning Glories Circle Tuesday, June 8th at 9:30 a.m.
- Genesis Circle Wednesday, June 16th at 6 p.m.
- Agape Circle Sunday, June 27th at 12 p.m.



MORNING GLORIES CIRCLE MEETING: The Morning Glories will meet at the church on Tuesday, June 8th at 9:30 a.m. for their meeting. After the meeting they will leave to have lunch at Red Lobster, the bus will leave the church at 11:30 a.m. Please note that there will be NO MEETINGS for the summer months, July and August.

UMM News

UMM BREAKFAST: All are invited to attend the UMM Breakfast Saturday, June 19th at 7 a.m. Good food, good fellowship, short meeting. Join us.



2 for 1 VIP DINER'S CARDS: The United Methodist Men are once again selling VIP 2 for 1 Diner's cards for Salute Italian and Back Bay Seafood restaurants as a fund raiser to support mission work beyond our church. Each card can be used for up to five lunch and five dinner buy one get one free meals at each restaurant. The first time the card is used, a complimentary appetizer valued up to \$9.95 is included. The cost of each card is \$20.00. Use the card once and it has paid for itself. The UMMen keeps \$10.00 from each card sold. These cards make great gifts, so buy one to use and several to give as gifts. For additional information or to purchase VIP cards, see Jack Anderson or Tom Butler. Funds raised from the first 25 cards will be used toward the Haiti Mission Trip.

~~~ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ~~~

Father's Day in the United States of America falls on the third Sunday of June. On this particular day, children pay homage to their father and pamper him with treats and gifts. The matchless popularity of Father's Day in the USA is due to the fact that it is here that it got its first recognition. Father's Day was first celebrated in 1909 by Ms. Sonora Smart Dodd to honor her single dad, Mr. William Jackson Smart. It was in 1972 that President Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national day of observance in America. Eventually, the day came to be observed in many parts of the world. Thus celebrating Father's Day is entrenched in the tradition of America.



Youth Schedule for June

ON Summer Break Every Sunday 4-6 p.m. (Unless otherwise stated)	Youth Choir UMYF
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June 1	Happy Birthday, Wade Reeder
June 4/6-8:30 p.m.	Sunset Schooner Cruise (rescheduled)
June 5/6:30 p.m.	Softball Practice @ Rudy Moran Park
June 6/11 a.m.	Children's Church by Youth
June 7	CCYM Meeting in Jackson, MS
June 7/10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Senior Summer Camp
June 8-10	MYAC in Jackson, MS
June 10/1-9 p.m.	Nexus- Youth Day in Jackson, MS
June 12/12-6 p.m.	Service Project – Birthday Party for Bill Hendren
June 13	Worship Activities
June 13/12-2 p.m.	Youth Administrative Council (YAC)
June 14/10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Senior Summer Camp
June 15/6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting - Tyler Sanders & Sara Lerch youth members
June 19/9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Service Project – yard work for Lacoste's
June 19/6:30 p.m.	Softball Practice @ Rudy Moran Park
June 20	Happy Father's Day
June 20/12 p.m.	Going Away Fish Fry for Brother David & Ms. Pattie
June 20	NO Youth Choir or UMYF
June 21/10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Senior Summer Camp
June 21/7 p.m.	Parent Meeting for YIM (Jr Hi Mission Trip)
June 22	Happy Birthday, Parker Butler
June 27/12 p.m.	Welcome Potluck Lunch for Rev. Napier
June 28/10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Senior Summer Camp



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2010: Sarah Cook, D'Iberville HS; Vincent Cossey, St. Martin HS; Scott Fetters, St. Martin HS; Tim Gibbs, Ocean Springs HS; Blake Moore, West Harrison HS; and Tyler Schwartz, D'Iberville HS.



SOFTBALL PRACTICE: The youth have softball practice every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Rudy Moran Park unless otherwise noted on the youth calendar. Come join

us for a little bit of exercise and a whole lotta fun!!!

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YOUTH NEWS CONTINUED:

YOUTH SCHOONER TRIP RESCHEDULED: The youth schooner trip has been rescheduled for **FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010**, from 6-8:30 p.m. Meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. if you need a ride to the dock. Otherwise, meet us at the dock at 5:45 p.m. Bring whatever food/drink item you were signed up for on the ‘rained out’ trip.

MYAC IN JACKSON, MS: Six youth and Ms. Nancy will travel to Jackson on June 7-10 to participate in 2010’s MYAC. Please pray for this meeting, the youth and adults attending, and for traveling mercies.

YOUTH DAY AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: This year’s NEXUS (Youth Day) will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 1-7:00 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex. It is a fun day for youth with interactive games, bounce balls, and small band competitions. There will be worship and music by Shane & Shane. Cost is \$15 and will be paid with stock funds if at least 25 service projects have been completed. Transportation will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the church. If interested in attending, give your name to Ms. Nancy.

YIM (Youth in Mission Lake Junaluska) PARENT MEETING:

Attention parent(s) of youth attending YIM July 4-8, 2010. There will be a parent meeting to discuss trip details and answer any questions you have on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

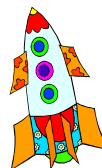


UMCOR HEALTH KITS: The youth are collecting items for Health Kits during the month of June. Bring any of the following items and give them to any youth group member: Hand towel, washcloth, nail clippers, metal nail file, bar of soap (not hotel size), toothbrush, comb, and BandAids.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FOOD PANTRY: The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday. Don’t forget to bring your donations for the food pantry. Items that are needed: meat products, rice, beans, cereal, grits, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly. This past month, May, we were able to give out 70 bags of food. The need is great and your donations are greatly appreciated.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars and get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure! This year’s VBS theme is “Galactic Blast – A Cosmic Adventure

Praising God”. VBS will be held Monday through Friday, July 12th – 16th, from 6-8:30 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends to board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe – and our awesome God – in a whole new way!



GOING AWAY FISH FRY: Bring a side dish or dessert and join us on Sunday, June 20 at 12:00 to say good-bye to Brother David and Ms. Pattie. Worship schedule for June 20 is 9:40 Sunday School and 11:00 Worship Service (there will not be an 8:30 Worship Service).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. If you are a member, please plan to attend.

NOAH’S ARK CCC BOARD MEETING: The next Noah’s Ark CCC board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21st at 6 p.m. If you are a member, please plan to attend.

IHN NEEDS YOUR HELP: During the week of June 20 – 26, Heritage UMC will be hosting IHN. They ask each congregation to supply the following items during their host week: Milk and breakfast foods, bread, lunch meat, and a snack for sack lunches, diapers and diaper wipes are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Brenda Tucker-Cassidy 697-4574.

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES: THE GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD

CAMPOUT is at Camp SUMA on Saturday, June 26, 2010 starting at 2:00 p.m. through Sunday beachside church service. You can bring your own camping gear and stay outside for FREE or for \$14 per person stay in the dorms with linens provided. Bring your own food for FREE or for \$10 per person have Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast provided. There will be games on Saturday afternoon and a beach bonfire on Saturday night. RSVP to Ginger Bennett (Camp SUMA Program Director) at ginger.suma@gmail.com or call Camp SUMA at 436-6767.

SPECIAL MUSIC: If you would like to sing or perform special music during either service, please contact Tom Butler at 388-6845.



WELCOME POT LUCK LUNCH: Bring your favorite dish to share and join us on Sunday, June 27 at 12:00 to welcome Brother Wayne Napier. Worship schedule for June 27 is 9:40 Sunday School and 11:00 Worship Service (there will not be an 8:30 Worship Service).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: A volunteer driver and helper are needed to pick up children for KFC and CSR on Sunday evenings. KFC & CSR meet at 5:00 p.m. If interested, contact Linda in the office at 392-4288.

PLEDGE CARDS: If you have not returned your pledge card as yet, please return it ASAP. The return of your pledge card gives us the information we will need to help us conclude our stewardship effort. Thank you.