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May 2010 Newsletter

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Pastor Doodle May 2010

It's hard to believe that it was only seven years ago that we ago that we pulled the big U-Haul truck up under the big oak tree out in front of the parsonage and started unloading furniture and boxes. It was hard to say goodbye to the folks who had become our family for the last 5 years and scary to wonder how we would fit in on the other side of the Pascagoula River. We made at least 2 mistakes that day. One we were supposed to alert Lila when we got in so the welcoming party could greet us and we didn't. The other was that Pattie had convinced herself that the parsonage was covered with that lovely brown siding that is on the shed, she was relieved to discover her mistake.

I still remember when the Staff Parish Committee showed us around the church and when I saw the showers in the bathrooms upstairs I said to myself, "Good if we have a hurricane while we are here we can house a few volunteers." I think God must have snickered a bit when that thought crossed my mind.

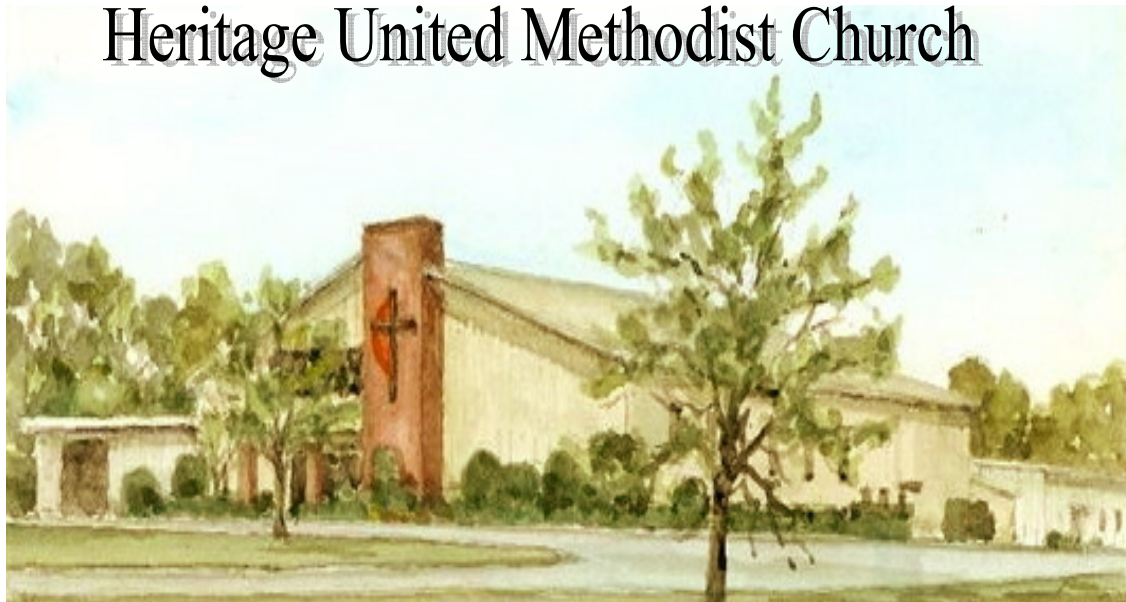
We shouldn't have worried if we would fit in. You adopted us so readily into your lives; we have loved together; we have argued together; we have faced one of the worst natural disasters the world has known together; we have grown together. We have become closer than family. Saying goodbye will not be easy. Change never is easy, but it is how we grow. Anything that is not changing is dying. Growth pains hurt, but not nearly as bad as arthritis.

One of the most frightening moments in my time at Heritage was that first 8:30 service when the first hymn was sung and the only voice I could hear was my own. We have come a long way. It is wonderful now to listen to the fullness of the voices singing God's praise in our worship, keep up the good work.


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

I have a confession to make. Many of you have said very flattering things about my ministry here and I appreciate that, but the truth of the matter is that I have taken a page from a book by Mark Twain and pulled a Tom Sawyer on you. Do you remember the story of “The White-Washed Fence?” Tom was given one of his least favorite jobs to do, white-washing the fence. To make matters worse a bunch of his friends gathered round to witness the indignity. Tom struck upon an idea. He started making the job look like fun and soon he was charging his friends to take their turn at the brush. The fence got painted and Tom’s pockets were filled with all sorts of goodies. You are the ones that have painted this fence. You have stepped up to roles of leadership and have made my work here easy. After leaving my first appointment as a pastor I realized that I had not done the church a favor. Sure we did a lot of things while we were there, but most of them were David driven. When I left, so did much of the progress we had made. I don’t worry about that happening here. You are already the ones responsible for all the progress we have made.

One of my favorite roadside signs read, **CHANGE IS GOOD** in big bold letters and at the bottom in small letters was printed, **You go first.** As we face these last days together just keep in mind, **CHANGE IS GOOD,** only this time we go first.

Love God. Love Others. And Keep Living out the Love.

Bro. David



May Birthdays



5	Sara Lerch	20	Mariana Canales
6	Dot Ellis	24	Kevin Mullen
7	Blake Moore		Cherie Cruso
10	Rocky Damrill	25	J.W. Fletcher
12	Lori Loeding	26	JoAnn Tarrant
	Tara Smith	27	Corey Sims
14	Wil Cantrell	28	Doris Fetters
	Devin Moran		Ronald Ellis
17	Robby Ellis		Mac Weaver
18	Rachel Reeder		Eric Mullen
19	Jackie Richards	29	Deanna Cossey
20	Ray Roberts	31	Cathy Flynn



Facts about the month of May

Did you know? – The Empire State Building opened May 1, 1931. The first U.S. medical school opened in Philadelphia May 3, 1765. Memorial Day first observed on May 5, 1866. First postage stamp issued May 6, 1840. A German submarine sank the passenger liner Lusitania in World War I May 7, 1915. Mother’s Day became a public holiday May 9, 1914. First transcontinental railway completed May 10, 1869. Minnesota was admitted to the Union May 11, 1858. United States declared war on Mexico May 13, 1846. Lewis & Clark began trip up Missouri River May 14, 1804. Israel became an independent country May 14, 1948. U.S. began first regular airmail service May 15, 1918. Clara Barton founded what became the American Red Cross May 21, 1881. South Carolina became the eighth state May 23, 1788. First permanent settlement in America established in Jamestown, VA May 24, 1607. Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia with George Washington as president, May 25, 1787. Rhode Island became the 13th state May 29, 1790. Wisconsin became the 30th state May 29, 1848. U.S. Copyright law enacted May 31, 1790.

May 2010 Calendar of Events

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| ◆ May 1 Ladies Brunch 10:30 a.m. | ◆ May 16 Fellowship Dinner 6 p.m. |
| ◆ May 2 Holy Communion | ◆ May 17 NACCC Board Meeting 6 p.m. |
| ◆ May 9 Mother’s Day | ◆ May 18 Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 p.m. |
| ◆ May 10 Shalom Circle 7 p.m. | ◆ May 19 Genesis Circle 6 p.m. |
| ◆ May 11 Morning Glories 9:30 a.m. | ◆ May 23 Agape Circle 12 p.m. |
| ◆ May 15 UMM Breakfast 7 a.m. | ◆ May 25 Heritage “U” (check back for time) |
| ◆ May 16 Baccalaureate Sunday | ◆ May 30 5 th Sunday Combined Service |
| | ◆ May 31 Memorial Day |

UMW News

SHALOM CIRCLE: Shalom is involved in collecting needed items for the Women's Crisis Center (battered women), Women's Resources (alternative to abortion), and Free Medical Clinic. The monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m.

MORNING GLORIES: The monthly meeting will be at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11. If you have any questions please call Dot Ellis at 392-2586. There will be a covered dish following in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to participate.



GENESIS CIRCLE: Genesis' mission is collecting items for the Free Clinic. If you would like to donate any medical and first Aid items please contact JoAnn Tarrant at 392-1649. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 19st at 6 p.m.

AGAPE: Will meet on May 23th at 12 p.m. The main mission of the Agape Circle is feeding the families of the Fisher House on Keesler AFB.

UMM News

UMM BREAKFAST: All are invited to attend the UMM Breakfast Saturday, May 15th at 7 a.m. Good food, good fellowship, short meeting. Join us.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER: May's Fellowship Dinner will be held on May 16th starting at 6 p.m. It's pot luck so bring a dish to share. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending for an evening full of good food, great fun, and outstanding fellowship!



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.

Youth Schedule for May

Every Sunday 3-3:55 p.m.	Youth Choir
Every Sunday 4-6 p.m.	UMYF
Every Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m.	Bible Study
(Unless otherwise stated)	

May 2/11 a.m.	Children's Church by Youth – Brittini Damrill & Tyler Sanders
May 5	Happy Birthday , Sara Lerch
May 7	Happy Birthday, Blake Moore
May 8/7 p.m.	Service Project – dig garden Judy Baum
May 9	Worship Activities
May 9	Happy Mother's Day
May 9	NO Youth Choir or UMYF
May 10	Happy Birthday, Rocky Damrill
May 12/6 p.m.	Dist. Youth Stop Hunger Now Packing Event
May 14	Happy Birthday, Devin Moran
May 15/9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Service Projects – yard work for Dottie Moore & Hubert's
May 15/66-8:30 p.m.	Sunset Schooner Cruise
May 16	Baccalaureate Sunday
May 16/12-2 p.m.	Youth Administrative Council (YAC)
May 16/6 p.m.	Youth host Family Night Supper – Honor Graduates
May 18/6:30p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting – Tyler Sanders, Sara Lerch, & Nicole Smith youth members
May 20	Happy Birthday, Mariana Canales
May 22/11 a.m.	Graduation West Harrison HS
May 22/2 p.m.	Graduation D'Iberville HS
May 23/2p.m.	Graduation Biloxi HS
May 23/7 p.m.	Graduation St. Martin HS
May 25/7 p.m.	Graduation Ocean Springs HS
May 27	Happy Birthday, Corey Sims
May 28/9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Service Project – spread mulch for Terry Desporte
May 29/9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Service Project – Yard work for Kim David
May 29	Happy Birthday, Deanna Cossey
May 31	Memorial Day



YOUTH NEWS:



PARENTS OF YOUTH REMINDER: If your youth is attending either the Senior or Junior High Mission Trip, this is a reminder that the registration fee is due on May 16, 2010. Senior Highs are attending SIFAT and the fee is \$25.00; Junior Highs are attending YIM at Lake Junaluska and the fee is \$35.00. If you have questions, please call Ms. Nancy at 424-0043.

STOP HUNGER NOW: The youth will be participating along with the District Youth to package approximately 10,000 meals in two hours on Wednesday, May 12th at 6 p.m. at Seashore United Methodist Assembly (SUMA). Each meal cost \$0.25. Last year at Annual Conference \$31,000 was raised for 300 packagers to seal 125,000 meals. If you would like to make a contribution to help out with providing enormous quantities of life-saving food for the world's hungry, see Ms. Nancy, Mr. Brian, or Ms. Cindy. Checks can be made out to Seashore District.



GRADUATES 2010: Please mark your calendars for the following dates/times:

- By Sunday, May 9, 2010 – turn in name, school, and wallet size photo to church office.
- Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. – Baccalaureate Sunday (wear your cap & gown to worship)
- Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. – Family Night Supper honoring Graduates

IT WAS A BIG HIT!: If you are interested in purchasing the 2010 Youth tie-dyed t-shirt, the cost is \$20 with a minimum order of 20 t-shirts (six have been ordered so far). Please see Ms. Nancy to purchase or for details.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAITI MISSION WORK: Brother David, Virgil Yeager, and Bill Lee will travel to Haiti to construct classrooms on May 2-7, 2010. Please keep them and others they will join in your prayers as they go to set up the process so that more work teams may follow.

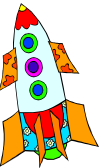


FOOD PANTRY: The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday. Don't forget to bring your donations for the food pantry. Items that are needed: meat products, rice, beans, cereal, grits, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly. This past month, April, we were able to give out 75 bags of food. The need is great and your donations are greatly appreciated.

“PAMPER ME” LADIES BRUNCH: In honor of Mother's Day, Shalom Circle presents a morning to make you feel special! Come join us for a makeover, spa treatment, and information on permanent cosmetics. There will be door prizes along with a delicious brunch meal prepared by Chef James! It all starts on May 1st at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for ages six and under. See any Shalom Circle member to purchase a ticket.



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 – 19th, 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!



THANK-YOU, MERCI, DANKSCHEN, GRAZIE, GRACIAS: No matter how you say it, we are very grateful to the congregation at Heritage UMC for their wonderful support of the Change the World Event on April 24, 2010. We had a community baby shower and packaged 102 layettes for use by UMCOR. Brother David, Virgil Yeager, and Bill Lee will take as many as their bags will hold to Haiti when they go on May 2. We had wonderful and tremendous support from everyone including involvement from four other churches. Thanks again to everyone who donated or worked this event.



HERITAGE “U”: The topic for May's HU will be "Boating & Fishing Safety" presented by the MS Dept. of Marine Resources. Watch the Sunday bulletin for specific date & time. Make your plans to attend this informative workshop.



NOAH'S ARK CCC BOARD MEETING: The next Noah's Ark CCC board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17 at 6 p.m. If you are a member, please plan to attend.

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

NOAH'S ARK CHILD CARE CENTER GRADUATION/LUAU: Please come and attend the 2010 Noah's Ark Graduation/Luau. It will be held at Heritage UMC on May 21st at 5:30 p.m. A cookout on the pavilion will follow the ceremony. See you there!

