

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from

Holmes Street United Methodist Church
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Tuesday Bible Study Back in Corinth -

The Tuesday morning Bible study is beginning a study of Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth. Everyone is invited to join us for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We meet in Founders Hall from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. You are cordially invited to join us for great fellowship and learning. Further details??? Call me. EJ

"A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place"

10 week Beth Moore Study

Mondays at 5:30 PM in Founder's Hall

Tina White, Leader

Monte Sano UMC invitation to the

"Light on the Mountain" Auction

Over 200 spectacular items have been donated for this evening of live entertainment, refreshments, and live auction and silent auction to benefit the expansion of Monte Sano UMC. Over 40 collectable dolls, a shirt worn in space, antiques, jewelry, paper dolls, signed books, and more. Check out some of the items on Montesano.org. The event will be Friday, June 26, 2009 at the Monte Sano State Park Lodge from 7:00-10:00 p.m. by reservation. Tickets are \$25. Mail your check to Monte Sano UMC, 601 Monte Sano Blvd., Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information, call 533-6083.

WANTED:

The Facilities Planning Committee is in need of **someone with experience in either AutoCad or any other kind of electronic Architectural software**. If you possess or know of anyone who can donate some time to assist the planning committee, please contact Greg and Debbie Riddle or the church office as soon as possible.

Quilts for display during August. If you have a quilt we can display in Founder's Hall, the Narthex or the Sanctuary, please let us know in the church office. Please drop them by the church office by July 30th.

If you have a story you'd be willing to share about the quilt, we will also collect this information and need it in the church office by July 16. Electronic submissions are preferred but handwritten ones will be welcome.

We are in need of **someone to film and edit some short video** for use in worship during August. If you have some time in July to give leadership to this project, please contact the church office ASAP.

Want to know
more about
Holmes Street UMC?
Attend the...

ORIENTATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 28
12:15 PM

Founder's Hall
Call the church office
for reservations
by noon Friday.

"COME TOGETHER"

during the month of June
for worship - Come casual
and be led in worship by our
SENIORS next Sunday.

All show up at 10:45 in the
choir loft and you are good to go!
We will have a lot of fun as well
as *'Come Together'* to worship
our worthy Savior each Sunday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Dean, Rebecca,
Benjamin and Jonathan Sanders
back to the Holmes Street family.
Dean grew up here, they married
here and we are pleased that they
have rejoined the Holmes Street
family. Their address is 218 Double
Oak Dr., Huntsville 35816.



Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 2009

Let's go to "Camp EDGE"
Registration underway in the church
office or Children's area on Sunday.

HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - June 24

Mobile Medical Ministry
6:00 AM - Youth to Six Flags

THURSDAY - June 25

5:30 PM - Praise Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY - June 27

Lemmon/Bunn Wedding

SUNDAY - June 28

9:00 AM - Next Step Worship
9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
12:15 PM - Orientation Luncheon
3:00 PM - Lay Leadership Committee
4:30 PM - Mission Trip interest meeting

MONDAY - June 29

5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study/Founder's

TUESDAY - June 30

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service

WEDNESDAY - July 1

9:00 AM - Youth to Spring Valley Beach
6:00 PM - Pursuit (Youth)

FRIDAY - July 3

Church office closed

SUNDAY - July 5

9:00 AM - Next Step Worship
9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Morning Worship

MONDAY - July 6

5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study/Founder's

TUESDAY - July 7

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service
6:30 PM - Trustees

WEDNESDAY - July 8

6:00 PM - Pursuit (Youth)

THE SUNDAY REPORT

June 21, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

10:55 AM WORSHIP	121
9:00 AM NEXT STEP WORSHIP	70
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:	
Children	11
Youth	11
Adults	80
Total	102

VISITORS:

Karen Stewart
James Smith
David & Leigh DeShields
Kent & Ashley DeShields
Paul Putman

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Lucille Johnson (in and out) Huntsville
Lillian Glover (moved to Magnolia Springs Rehab)

OFFERING:

On the Budget	\$5,325.26
Major Maintenance	20.00
Special Mission Projects	25.00
Next Step	115.00
Capital Fund	250.00
Needed monthly for budget	\$36,816.67
Received this month (budget)	\$22,522.01

HONOR GIFTS:

In honor of Scott & Charlene Huber:

M/M Bob Moore

MEMORIALS:

In memory of John Fenton:

Elna Sanderson Roberts Memorial Fd.

2009 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR NOTES

The calendar is full for 2009. Thanks to all of you for helping make our altar and worship service even more meaningful by providing the beautiful flowers. The 2010 calendar will be ready in November. Remember, the church provides a rose for church members who have a new baby. If you would like to provide one for a grandchild, etc., call the church office and it will be ordered for you and you can pay what the florist charges, usually around \$7.50. *Ann*

NOTARY SERVICE

is available in the church office at no charge to church members.

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YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday 6 PM
Fellowship Hall for Pursuit

June 24	Six Flags Over Georgia
July 2	Spring Valley Beach Blountsville, AL
July 13-17	VBS
July 23	Atlanta Braves Baseball

Sign up for...



No
newsletter
next week

Due to a 50 week publication schedule, we will not publish a newsletter in the week of July 4th.

AUGUST
IS
HERITAGE
MONTH

Wild 'N Wonderful Wednesdays going Swimming!

All Elementary children are invited to a Swim Party at our next Wild 'N Wonderful Wednesday, July 1st. Meet at church at 10:00 AM and then we will take the church van to home of Lacey and Dennis Dean, and Jacob and Joshua for a great Swim Party. Bring your sack lunch, drink, towel and change of dry clothes. We'll be back at the church by 1:30 AM. Call Eddie in the church office for more details.



Food Van Thanks

Special thanks this week to Tyler Johnson, Mitch Wright, and Aaron Johnson for serving on the Salvation Army Food Van especially since it was Father's Day! Our youth take food to homeless men and women on the third Sunday of every month as part of the Salvation Army's daily food service. The Food Van makes two stops each evening, one near Lincoln School and one in the parking lot of First Baptist Church. Gerry and Barbara Hughes are our dedicated drivers most months and we appreciate them and the youth volunteers who go with them. Thanks guys! EJ

2009 Day Trips coming up!!

Thursday, July 16 - Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, Franklin, TN

Thursday, September 24 - Helen Keller's Ivy Green/Tuscumbia

Tuesday, December 1 - Opryland Hotel/Rockettes Nashville

Brochures are available in the narthex and church office. Advance reservations are necessary for all trips. Contact Eddie Johnson.

Want go on a mission trip in 2010?

Attend the interest meeting

Sunday, June 28

4:30 PM

Founder's Hall

FIRST STOP NOTE:

Several people have said they would like to help serve breakfast to the homeless who come to First Stop. If you are interested and available, we will be serving breakfast Friday, the 26th, at 8:30. We meet at the church at 8:15 and get together as a group to go. Some of the needed items are: loaves of bread, fruit, casseroles, biscuits and sausage or bacon, boiled eggs, and drinks. We also need paper plates. If you would like to donate any of these, please call me at 534-6016. If you can furnish any of this, but cannot go to First Stop, you may bring them to the church and I will take them.

Helen Underwood

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone, hope your summer has been great so far. Just a reminder that we will be at six flags this Wednesday the 24th and will not have Pursuit on Wednesday night. Next Wednesday we will be taking our Spring Valley Beach trip and we WILL have Pursuit when we return from that trip at 6:00. So plan to stick around next Wednesday night for our Pursuit youth service after the trip. If there are any of you that have pictures from the mission trip to Birmingham please bring them or email them to me so we can get them all together and share them. Have a great week and I will see you soon! Steven

Committee on Lay Leadership
Sunday, June 28
3:00 PM
Founder's Hall

Vacation Bible School Help

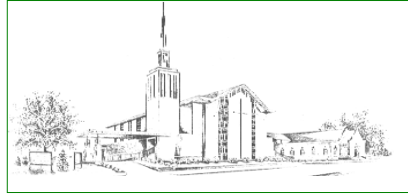
Melody Harwell, our 2009 Vacation Bible School Director, will be available to answer questions, talk to teachers and volunteers this Sunday in the Children's Library of the Education Building. Melody will be there between Next Step worship and Sunday school and between Sunday school and the main worship service. If you have any questions, would like to explore helping this year, or if you have already volunteered and need to coordinate anything with Melody this will be a great time to see her.



"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



God in Grief

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

*"David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. *..Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions... How the mighty have fallen!" (2 Sam 1:17a,23,25)*

This week's passage is one of the most powerful expressions of grief found in the scriptures. David expresses his grief for the deaths of King Saul and his son and best friend, Jonathan. He is angry and his heart is crushed. Yet he stays close to God, writing poetry as an expression of grief. Later in David's life he will experience more grief. He loses a son and he grieves over his own bad judgment. David's story is a sobering reminder that life is full of occasions for grief.

David's writings are so important to the community of faith because they are heartfelt expressions of emotions, questions, and pleas to God. We, too, can pray and lament through these beautiful words in our time of grief. I share with you a prayer entitled "Passing Through the Fire" from [A Moment with God for Those Who Grieve](#), by Dale Clem:

"Almighty God, the flames of grief have scathed my soul. The flames come from within and without, but you remain at my side, like asbestos armor shielding me from total consumption. Even when I was too exhausted to pray, you never left me. Your tears join mine and fall on inner burning embers. The tears sizzle into steam and rise, lifting the pain. I offer my puffy, charred hand and place it into your pierced one. Your healing touch takes me to a cooler climate. My heart swells with gratitude and hope. Amen."

See you in church on Sunday! *Kelly*

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