

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
July 31 - August 6, 2016

Hello, Friends! I have two reasons for writing to you this week.

Reason Number 1 –

The Blue Lake Campers and I want to thank you for your cards, letters, prayers, and financial support during our 2016 Worship Arts Elementary Camp. We had a wonderful week of prayer, worship, singing, playing, acting, creating, and doing all the fun camp stuff that Blue Lake has to offer. None of it would have been possible without the support of our Whitfield family. Your donations to our scholarship fund were incredibly generous, and the camp mail – you certainly outdid yourselves on that front. Every mail call was filled with “Mail for (insert Whitfield camper here)!” It was an embarrassment of riches, and one I am proud to have witnessed and received. Thank you, thank you for making our campers and adults feel so loved and covered in prayer. You'll hear more about our adventures on **Wednesday, September 14!**

On behalf of Amber Edwards, Emma Duffee, Gracie Edwards, Sarah Blackwell, Trey Bosch, Charlotte Smith, and Patty Macready

Reason Number 2 –

I'm so excited to let you know about our special Advent worship services. Each Sunday in Advent we will worship together at 10:00 AM, as we celebrate this holy season and prepare ourselves for the Coming of Christ. We'll begin with Hanging of the Greens (11/27) and continue throughout December, concluding with a New Year's Day Covenant Renewal Service (1/1/2017). You'll be hearing much more about these wonderful services in the coming months. Carolyn, Telsie, Angie, and I look forward to sharing these amazing moments with you this fall and winter. But for now, we return you to our regularly scheduled hot weather.

Peace, Patty Macready

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

During the fall and winter, our volunteers are sorting and organizing donated items for our rummage sale. Don't wait! Donate today! Bring your items to the Sheppard Center during regular church office hours and Larry will direct you to the collection point.

Volunteers will begin sorting on August 16th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help!

Due to space limitation, we are NOT ACCEPTING: analog tv's, computers, printers, monitors or Christmas trees.

Thank you for your donations!

**Wednesday Night Dinner
and Programs**
Will resume in September 7

5th Sunday Schedule
July 31, 2016
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship Luncheon to Follow.

Mark your calendars...

Sunday, August 28 - Blessing of the Backpacks
Monday, September 5 - Labor Day, Office Closed
Wednesday, September 7 - WNS resumes
Sunday, September 11 - Remembrance Sunday
Sunday, October 30 - 5th Sunday Fellowship
Monday, October 31 - Trunks of Treats
Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Sunday

ISAIAH 40:28-29

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

The Cost of Poverty Experience - Aldersgate UMC
Tuesday, August 2, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Communities of Transformation is hosting a "Cost of Poverty Experience" on August 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC. All clergy and laity in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and in the community, are encouraged to attend this life-changing event. The event is free, but registration is required.
www.eventbrite.com/e/cope-faith-edition-participant-tickets-26420962811

The Cost of Poverty Experience is an event that offers participants a glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families living in our community. It is a look into the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact these families every day. The CareSource Foundation has partnered with Think Tank to develop COPE, which was co-designed with low-income individuals who have shared their story so that participants could gain greater understanding. Many organizations and communities across the nation use COPE to work more effectively with low-income families to understand and address the issues of poverty more comprehensively.

EDUCATION WORK AREA MEETING
Tuesday - August 9
10:00 a.m.

Planning for Fall Programs

The following dates are already scheduled:

September 7 - What I Did this Summer Scrapbooking night, Angie Mitchell
September 14 - Blue Lake Camp Night
November 16 - UMW Auction - this will complete our Fall Schedule

We will not meet on Wed Nights after the Auction until January 11, 2017.

UMCH Mission Trip Sponsorships Available

The United Methodist Children's Homes will take their 4th Annual Mission Trip this August. Teens, young adults, and staff will travel to the Washington, D.C. area to serve. If you are interested in sponsoring a youth, please email rebecca.morris@umch.net. Our teens and young adults always have such a meaningful experience learning to serve others in practical ways.

Attendance July 24, 2016
Sunday School 67 Morning Worship 104

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for July 31 are offered to the Glory of God in memory of Joseph Goetz by Sharon, Lee, Courtney and Logan Jones.

<u>SCHEDULED EVENTS</u>		<i>Youth News</i>
Sunday, July 31 - 5th Sunday		Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you're going to live your life. Even if you don't feel like being positive, if you fake it long enough, you will talk yourself into a happier mood! Praise The Lord! Beverly
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.	
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.	
UMYF	11:30 a.m.	
Monday, August 1		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, August 2		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 3—Suppers Resume September 7		<u><i>In Memoriam</i></u> Helen Elizabeth Lawrence December 13, 1921-July 23, 2016
Thursday, August 4		
Kindergarten in Sheppard Center		
Friday, August 5		
Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.	<u><i>In Sympathy</i></u> We extend our sympathies to the family of Helen Lawrence upon her death on Saturday, July 23rd, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama.
Saturday, August 6		
No events currently scheduled		

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Jay Byrd, Louise Gargus, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Elmer Rogers, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Betty Woodson, Jim Solomon, Libby Richardson, Joan Rodgers, Thursa Brown, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Martha Pippin, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryl Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns, Bill Fischer, Allison East

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Lois Payne, Johnnie Smith, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Ruby Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Maxene Fischer, Hazel Askew

Home Bound Members (out of town)

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

Friends of Whitfield

Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Ann Gilliland, Mary Mellott, Trisha Dunn, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Doug Dennis, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Gwinn Corley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Marty Trawick, Doug Estes, Dan & Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Kenneth Means, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Walter Albritton

Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.

Note: Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail (whitumc@bellsouth.net) All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*

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Church Office Hours:

8:15-12:30 and 1:30-4:15, M-Th

8:15-12:30 p.m. Friday

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

**Worship Assistants - July 31
(5th Sunday)**

Ushers: (10:00) Youth

Counters: Curtis Ingram,
Brownie Brown

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (10:00) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (10:00) Earl Heath

Children's Worship: Patty Macready