MAY 12TH IS METHODIST SENIOR SERVICES DAY

May 12th is Mother’s Day, a day to honor and/or remember our mothers. It is also United Methodist Senior Services “Sunday Fund” Day. On this day, churches across Mississippi are challenged to give so senior adults may live in dignity with proper care and nutrition. Many older adults outspend their retirement resources; your gifts make it possible for them to continue to receive services and care through our United Methodist Senior Services facilities and programs throughout Mississippi.

Join us in making a generous gift above and beyond your giving to Central on May 12th. In order for your gift to be included in the worship guide on Mother’s Day, please turn in your gifts to the Central Church office by May 3rd.
NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS IN MAY
On May 12th we launch a new 5-week sermon series called FAMILY MATTERS. Different members of the Central Staff will be involved in bringing these messages. Each week we’ll take a look at various aspects of being “family.” A list of the messages will be in next week’s Central Call.

We invite you to join us as we explore and lift up FAMILY MATTERS.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING SET FOR MAY 5th
The briefing for lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference will be held Sunday afternoon May 5th at Poplar Springs Drive UMC in Meridian. In addition to our four pastors, our lay members to Annual Conference are: Mark Scarborough, Kendrick Prewitt, Lawrence Mason, and Jane Massey. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MEALS WILL RESUME MID-AUGUST!

INVITATION TO MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL
I would like to invite my church family to visit my Magnolia Middle School students gala/display on Tuesday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Also on Thursday, May 2nd in the Northwest Middle School Library from 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., my Explore students have created a display of their last year participants in Meridian Public School’s Gifted Education Program.

Thanks,
Lynn Bryan

SHRIMP BOIL
Mark your calendars for the Shrimp Boil on June 2nd at Soule’ Steam Feed Works at 5:00 p.m. You do not want to miss this great event filled with great food, fun, and fellowship along with an opportunity to take a walk back into Meridian’s history! Tickets for the event go on sale THIS SUNDAY in the Crossing! This would be a wonderful opportunity to buy a couple of extra tickets and bring some friends. Central is a wonderful place to be and this would be a good opportunity for them to visit and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina at 601.693.1521 or sabrina@cumcmdn.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

LUNCH BUNCH - MEETS EVERY FRIDAY AT 11:30 a.m. - AAR
Adult Activities Room - Lunch is $5.00

XYZ - TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 - 10:45 A.M.
VARIETY SHOW!

PERFORMERS: Sabrina Williams, Genie Durden, Ginger Grissom, Caroline Carns, & Jim Wall.

MENU: Grilled sausage, rice & gravy, cabbage, whole kernel corn, biscuits, & ice cream sundaes.
THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
~The family of Mrs. Janet Mathis, Central member, who passed away last Monday, April 15th at her residence in Waynesboro. Graveside services were held last Friday at Oddfellows Cemetery in Quitman.
~The family of Rev. Jack Williams who passed away earlier this week. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 23rd in Tupelo, MS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
~Jacob Feist who was chosen to participate in the State Reading Fair which was held April 16th. He has already won the Reading Fair at the school, District and Regional.
~Emily Sollie was named to the 2013 All-Mississippi Academic Team during a ceremony in Jackson. Emily was one of only two that were selected from Meridian. Mississippi legislators in both the Senate and House chambers recognized the two ladies as well as the All-Mississippi team members. Emily will also compete for placement on the national All-USA Community College Academic Team. She is the daughter of Tim & Becky Sollie.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

FH=Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 4/28/13
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - Worship/SS
10:55 a.m. - Worship Service
4:30 p.m. - Youth Praise Band
4:30 p.m. - Dance Practice

AR=Adult Activities Room
Wednesday, 5/1/13
6:00 p.m. - MethodX - Youth
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. - College Bible Study

Thursday, 5/2/13
11:30 a.m. - LILIES

Friday, 5/3/13
10:00 a.m. - West Hills Crafts
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch

Saturday, 5/4/13
No Activities Scheduled

Monday, 4/29/13
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, 4/30/13
9:30 a.m. - Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Practice

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lallie Else Bennett  Conner Bancroft  Chris Mallet  Alex Hicks
Lyle Daugherty  Megan DuPont  Kaitlen Collins  Meme Hicks
Jennie B Campbell  Travis Ward  Emily Ware  Allison Trout
Tanner Goldman  Emily Gray  Holly Howard  Jacob Munn
Laura Huff  Miles Huff  Caroline Thomas
Allison Justus  Samantha Labutka  Katherine Jacome-Cluff

SENIOR BANQUET AND BACCALAUREATE
Already the list of graduating seniors to be honored on Wednesday, May 8th has grown to 22 in number. If you have a senior who is not on this list or if the information appears to be incorrect, please contact the church office. Because of the fore mentioned size of this year’s graduating class, we ask that you get all information and pictures for the senior presentation to us no later than 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd. Anything turned in after this deadline will not be accepted. Along those same lines, only pictures turned in to the church office or Lee Williams are assured of making it into the presentation and program.

Parents, please let us know how many in your family will be attending the banquet in honor of your graduate. There is no charge for the graduates and their immediate families, but there will be tickets available at the regular dinner price for everyone who would like to share in this special night with our students.
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR
The Pre-School Sunday Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Mason, will help to lead 10:55 a.m. Worship on Sunday morning, May 5th. If you have a Pre-Schooler (3yr-5K) please plan to be present this next Sunday morning for practice, and to be prepared for 10:55 a.m. Worship on May 5th!

END OF YEAR PARTY
TheZone and Club 412 end of the year party will be THIS SUNDAY at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a snack and two cans of silly string.

VBS DATE - JUNE 24TH - 28TH, 2013
FUN FAIR - WHERE GOD’S WORLD COMES TOGETHER
PLEASE help us out by signing up either online or in the Crossing. We need numbers for our food, crafts, AND teachers! If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please sign up to help. Early registrants will get a VBS CD complete with this year’s fun and exciting songs and games. And remember...we can NEVER have too many volunteers!

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
"We are created in God’s image and are created to be givers.”
Herb Mather

Have you remembered Central in your will or estate planning?
Consider tithing 1/10 of your estate to Central.

Who did you invite LAST WEEK to Central?
Who did you invite THIS WEEK to Central?

WESLEY HOUSE FOCUS NEED OF THE WEEK:
Clean infant car seats in good condition
Parents are unable to bring their babies home from the hospital without a car seat and many are unable to afford $75-$100 to purchase one.

Please bring to Wesley House Community Center
1520 8th Ave., Meridian, MS.
Thank you in advance for helping your community through Wesley House.
HONOR & MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR SENIOR SERVICES SUNDAY FUND

The SUNDAY FUND Offering will be taken at Central on May 5, 2013. I would greatly appreciate you considering a gift In Honor or In Memory of mothers and/or significant women in your life. Your Honor and Memorial Gifts can be turned in with your SUNDAY FUND offering envelope and will be published in an insert in the Worship Guide for both services at Central on Mother’s Day. In order for your gift to be included in the worship guide on Mother’s Day, please turn in your gifts to the Central Church office by May 3rd.

Our Senior Services’ Mission Statement of serving older adults in the spirit of Christian love is lived out in the SUNDAY FUND. When our residents have outlived their financial resources, many times they have no other options but the SUNDAY FUND. Central UMC has been a champion in supporting the SUNDAY FUND and was 2nd in state-wide giving in last year’s campaign.

Central UMC is the cornerstone of our ministry at Aldersgate and your prayers and gifts to the SUNDAY FUND are so much needed and appreciated!

Yours in Christ,
Lawona Broadfood, Executive Director
Methodist Senior Services Aldersgate

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

On a Sunday in late May/early June, Central will be taking up the Missions Offering for Annual Conference. You might be wondering exactly what the offering goes towards. Earlier this month, Bishop James Swanson outlined what the Missions Offering will be going towards the next few years:

1. Training people in United Methodist congregations how to understand and be confident in the Bible and our Wesleyan theological heritage.
2. Planting new churches in the state of Mississippi
3. Providing resources for Methodists in Russia to do the same thing. Whatever we do for ourselves in Mississippi we will also do for the people of Russia.

Please prayerfully consider what God is laying on your heart to give towards the missions work of the United Methodist Church!

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS:

Family & Friends
Tyrone Cunningham
Eric Dollar, nephew of Tim & Becky Sollie
Jeb Herron, great nephew of Trudy Nix
Ian Joyner, grandson of Vi McBride
Kyle Lowry, great nephew of Bobbye Lowry
All U.S. Military Personnel
Food for the Journey
[suggested Bible readings for April 29 - May 5, 2013]

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The Paschal Candle
In Central's traditional service a large white candle is brought in lit with the new light representing the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. This candle is called the paschal candle. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Passover -- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The candle is then lit each Sunday during the season of Easter. It is also lit each Sunday there is a baptism to signify the Holy Spirit, and at funeral and memorial services to represent the hope of resurrection.

LiveStreaming/PodCasting
View 8:30 worship here: [http://www.cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings](http://www.cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings)
Previous here: [http://cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings/sermon-archive](http://cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings/sermon-archive)

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