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GRATEFUL FOR THE PAST—REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

I am pleased to announce the foundation of an Endowment Program for Main Street UMC. On Sunday, May 2, a church-wide charge conference voted unanimously to establish a Planned Giving Committee and an Endowment Program. The purpose of this program is to provide members and friends with opportunities to make gifts to our church outside the current operating budget. Giving in this way allows us to contribute to the legacy of our church even beyond our lifetimes. It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of God's work with future generations.

Passing a resolution to establish the endowment is only the first step. The Planned Giving Committee will be working to establish a vision for the specific accounts that will be created, including Mission, General and Property/Building Endowments. The details of these accounts will be developed by the Planned Giving Committee and then approved by Trustees, Finance, and Administrative Council.

As with other established committees, the membership of this new Planned Giving Committee will be nominated by Lay Leadership and then approved annually at charge conference. These members include Senior Pastor; Finance Chair; Trustees Chair; Treasurer; Church Administrator; Financial Manager; and five members at large.

The establishment of an Endowment Program comes at an opportune time in the life of Main Street as we move closer to becoming debt free and are able to give for mission and ministry in new and exciting ways.

Look for more information in the future regarding wills, estates, and opportunities for giving by means of wills, annuities, trusts, life insurance, memorials, and assets.

As your pastor, I want to express my appreciation for the preliminary work of this committee. I especially want to thank Charles Leggett, Finance Chairman for 2008-2009, who persisted in his vision that we pursue an endowment program and to John Roberson for his willingness to step up as chairperson.

I believe that our congregation's faithfulness will allow us to continue to be a beacon of Christ's love in downtown Hattiesburg for generations to come.

So grateful to be walking with you! **Vicki**

We Express Christian Sympathy to...

...the family and friends of
Brenda Cole Ferrell

who passed away Monday, May 3, 2010
Neely Anne Ferrell (daughter)
Kathryn Layne Ferrell (daughter)

...the family and friends of
Jeanne Marie Ryan

of Napa, California, who passed away Sunday, May 9, 2010
Glenn (son-in-law) & Mary Jo (daughter) Jackson
T.J. Jackson (grandson)
Will Jackson (grandson)

...the family and friends of
Elizabeth W. Smith

of Atlanta, GA, who recently passed away
Curtis (son) & Deborah (daughter-in-law) Smith

CONGRATULATIONS!



...to Hunter and Shelly Russum
on the birth of their son,

Garner French Russum

who was born
Monday, May 3, 2010,
weighing 8 lbs.—4 ozs.

The proud big brother is
Gaines Russum.

...to Jay and Sara McArthur
on the birth of their daughter,

Lucy Kate McArthur

who was born
Thursday, May 6, 2010,
weighing 5 lbs.—1 oz.



Main Street Money Matters

Total Budget for 2010—\$1,365,162.00

Received on Budget:
Received on Building Fund:

Year to Date
\$ 490,838.15
\$ 27,301.66



Baccalaureate Sunday honoring our 2010 Graduates is May 16 at 11:00!

Gregory Alston

son of Greg & Betsy Alston

Ann Marie Brahan

daughter of Tammy Brahan
and John & Paula Brahan

Mary Allison Campbell

daughter of Joe & Beth Campbell

Will Copes

son of Warren & Joanne Copes

Alex Doleac

son of Donnie & Lisa Doleac

Emily Floyd

daughter of Herbert & Teresa Floyd

Anne Gammill

daughter of Stewart & Tish Gammill

Ryan Hershberger

son of Arden & Jill Hershberger

Carter Holland

son of John & Joan Holland

Grant Krag

son of Roy & Charlotte Krag

Margaret McArthur

daughter of Chip & Janet McArthur
and Nicole Phillips

Shealy Molpus

daughter of Mark & Amy Molpus

Alexa Moore

daughter of Greg Moore
and Pam Moore

Drew Peeler

son of David & Cathy Peeler

Riley Phillips

son of Joe & Vickie Phillips

Karolyne Rehner

daughter of Tim & Kay Rehner

Forest Tatum

son of Ron & Jane Reid

Lindsay Thomas

daughter of Stephen & Jane Thomas

Anna Claire White

daughter of Jeff & Charlotte White

Gus Yeager, IV

son of Gus, III & Dina Yeager

CONNECT

Covenant Players...will be at Aldersgate Friday, May 14, at 4:00pm. All are welcome to come for Bar-B-Que, fun and fellowship.

“Art Studio” at MSUMC...beginning Thursday, May 20th from 6:00-8:00pm in the classroom behind the fellowship hall and kitchen. This will be a time for artists and would-be artists to bring their paints, pastels, pencils, etc. and let the creative juices flow. This is not a class, but a time and place for artists to get together to work and encourage one another. These sessions will continue every Thursday evening through the end of August. Contact Erin Klingenfus with any questions (601-261-7118 erinfus@gmail.com).

The Priority Sunday School Class...is composed of mainly young couples. The class will finish Andy Stanley’s DVD “Five Things God Uses to Grow your Faith” on May 29th. Beginning June 5th, the class will begin reading and discussing the book *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules* by Carolyn Custis James. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Chris Howdeshell at chris@pittmanlawfirm.net.

SERVE

We give thanks...that four new persons have stepped forward to be trained as Covenant Care Ministers. Please pray for this ministry and for all those who give of themselves through it.

Gleaning Opportunities...Main Street will again be partnering with the Society of St. Andrews to glean produce from area farms. These products are donated to the Edwards Street Food Pantry, Christian Services, and the Salvation Army to provide fresh produce to poor families. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Steadman (601-261-3847 or steadman@megagate.com).

Coming Again Soon!!!...Main Street will be hosting another Stop Hunger Now Packing Event Sunday, August 29th.....be watching for details!

Children’s News



Don’t forget to register your child for our Children’s Summer Program & Vacation Bible School!!! Contact Mary Jo Jackson for details!!!



Youth News!

Youth Parent Prayer Gathering
Sunday, May 16, 5:30pm
Prayer Chapel



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Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast—11:00am —WHSY 950am

Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Worship
Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

May 16th
Baccalaureate Sunday

8:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

*“Life in Christ: Having
Roots and Wings”*

John 15: 1-8

Rev. Vicki Hughes

May 23rd

8:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

*“Life in Christ:
United by Grace”*

John 17: 20-26

Rev. Vicki Hughes

May 30th

8:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

*“Life in Christ:
Joy Unspeakable”*

John 16: 12-15

Rev. Vicki Hughes

2010 Annual Conference Mission Offering will be received Friday evening, June 11th. Half of the offering will support the Central Conference Pension Initiative, an effort to establish funding for United Methodist pastors in the conferences outside of the United States. The other half of the offering will support creating new churches for new people in Mississippi.