

Announcements

White Christmas Offering

Bring your loose change to church! We are collecting now for our White Christmas Offering. There is a container in the lobby area outside the sanctuary. The White Christmas goes to support the United Methodist Children's Home of the Alabama West-Florida Conference. For more information please visit UMCH.net

W.E.L.C.O.M.E. Needs Food

WELCOME has an urgent need for food. We are placing boxes outside of our worship areas to accept your food donations. Please be generous in helping our local food bank help our residents in need.

Bottles Needed

The Children's Ministry needs your help collecting eight ounce water bottles and mini Gator Aid bottles for VBS Crafts. Please bring the bottles to Jacki or Hunter's office.

VBS Live!

During VBS we will have moments of "Facebook Live" between the hours of 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Stay tuned!!!

The Enthusiastic Church

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." —Philippians 4:4-7

Paul closes his letter to the church at Philippi with these meaningful instructions. As a body of believers, Paul wanted the Philippians to:

- Maintain a spirit of joy
- Create a reputation for sensibility
- Shun worry
- Be grateful
- Bring their concerns, desires, and plans before God in prayer

This kind of church culture doesn't happen by accident. It is created and nurtured.

Life Lines

Monthly Newsletter of Millbrook First United Methodist Church

June 2018

Mark Your Calendar

- 6.5 Annual Conference
- 6.9 Fishing Trip
- 6.11 VBS Training
- 6.12 VBS Starts
- 6.17 VBS Sunday
- 6.17 Fathers' Day
- 6.23 Mission Group Leaves

Becoming An Enthusiastic Church

Greetings in the name our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus the King

The other day I was inspired by the words of a teacher and mentor of mine, Dr. Steve Seamands, who teaches at Asbury Theological Seminary. He said, "Every Christian has been invited to join Christ in his mission and be involved in his Great Commission to "go make disciples." He has called us to be his witnesses in our homes, workplaces, communities, churches, societies, cultures, and nations.

Jesus told the disciples that would only happen "when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). So just before he ascended, he promised he would be "sending upon [them] what [his] Father promised" (Luke 24:49). And in his final instructions

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Vacation Bible School

June 12th-15th
(Tuesday-Friday)

5:30pm-8:30 pm

4 years old-6th grade
(Must be 4 by June 1st)

Dinner Provided

Register online @
mfumc.org or
at the door

**Millbrook First United
Methodist Church**
3350 Edgewood Rd
334-285-4114

We Need You!

Do you want to serve God? Do you get excited about seeing change in the lives of children? Maybe you are the one who likes to work behind the scenes and still bless others while serving our Lord. The children of the



River Region need you! On June 12th-15th, we will launch an incredible

week of Vacation Bible School. You can sign up your children for VBS at www.mfumc.org or in the church office.

We need faithful prayer warriors. You can start helping now as we prepare to change the eternal destinies of area children. You can pray. You can ask children from your neighborhood or your relatives' children to attend. You can give a ride if they need transportation.

Sometimes a simple ride is the only obstacle to attending a week of VBS. Maybe you're thinking, "I don't know what to do, I just know that I want to serve?" No worries! Talk to our VBS Director, Jacki Smith and we'll find a ministry that fits your gifts.



The Deep Sea Fishing Trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th, 2018. The trip is from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$150 per person. This price covers the cost of the boat, the tip for the mates, and the purchase of live bait. The boat has been reserved for our group only. We are hoping to take 30 people. The money for the boat (cash or check) can be given to Richard Bowman or Will Bacon or brought by the church office. The trip is for men and women. We will be fishing on "The Destiny". Info about the boat is listed below

Destin Party Boat Fishing
at the Destin Fishing Fleet Marina
210 Harbor Blvd
Destin, FL 32541
850-837-5088



Can you tell Mrs. Jacki is excited about Summer Camp? It is a great opportunity for children to learn about Jesus in a place where they can appreciate the wonders of his beautiful creation.

Camp Fundraiser

The summer camp envelope fundraiser is going well and Children and Youth Director Jacki Smith said the project has already raised several thousand dollars for the children who will attend summer camp.

If you haven't already grabbed an envelope from the board in the Fellowship Hall, please do so and help our children learn about Jesus during summer camp activities.

You can turn in the money to Jacki or to the church office.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"

— John 3:16

June 2018@ MFUMC

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday Annual Conference	4-Annual Conference 9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 am Prime Timers 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Porch Grill) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Annual Conference	6 Annual Conference	7 6:00 Trustees Meeting	8	9 Deep Sea Fishing Trip 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
10 Decorate for VBS	11 9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group 7:00 pm VBS Training 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12-6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Porch Grill) VBS 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 VBS 5:30 pm	14- 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Volunteer @ WELCOME VBS 5:30 pm	15 VBS 5:30 pm	16
17 VBS Sunday Father's Day	18 9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group 6:00 pm Lillian Hancock 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	19 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Porch Grill) 9:30 Doris Cobb Circle	20	21 6:30 Communication Committee	22	23
24 12:30 pm Emmaus Luncheon (Mission House)	25 9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group 6:00 Friendship SS Class Supper	26 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Porch Grill) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meet	27	28	29	30

New Sunday School Class Learns To Stay Strong With the Armor of God

Victory in spiritual warfare is inseparable from prayer” is the theme of a new Sunday School class initiated by Judy May. Eleven members of the class have held

lively discussions on what it means to be strong in the Lord and stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

The class is currently studying a series by Priscilla Shirer called “The Armor of God.” They are learning to become aware of the enemy’s strategy and begin to see his handiwork beneath the surface of the most trying circumstances. They are learning that Satan has always had the same basic game plan and that by being proactive in prayer, they will be girded in spiritual armor. As a result, they can detect his secret plans before the attack unfolds and sabotage his efforts to deceive and disable them.

The class is taking its time with the study and



will choose a new study when this one is finished. There are both men and women of all ages in the class and everyone is welcome to join. The class will hold a movie night this summer to watch “War Room.” The author of the study guide is one of the stars of the film.



“Just because you read the Bible doesn’t mean you’ve chosen it as your standard for living—any more than a person with a gym membership is necessarily committed to using the equipment in the gym,” Mrs. Shirer says. “The real test comes when the ideals and philosophies of our culture swing in the opposite direction, and yet we choose to stand strong and firm on the unchanging standard of God. The time has come for us to be girded in truth.”

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he told them to “stay here in the city [Jerusalem] until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)

I believe that Jesus, who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, wants to send His Holy Spirit upon you and me so that together with Him we can accomplish His mission. This is why for centuries followers of Jesus gathered to worship on the Lord’s Day, they remembered this great promise and welcomed the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It became so important to the life of the church that they



dedicated a season of each year, Pentecost, to reflect on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They remembered and celebrated with great joy the truth that the Father sent the Son and the Father and Son sent the Holy Spirit and that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit sends the church the body of Christ into the world to represent Jesus to the world, inviting people to give their allegiance to the true King of the world. In the coming weeks I want to invite you to be with us for a series of sermons, as we learn how to welcome the ministry of the Holy Spirit among us to empower us to be a more enthusiastic church.

See you this Sunday at the church where God is made real.

Pastor Jerry

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Bishop To Address UMC Issues

The 2018 session of the Alabama-West Florida Conference will be held June 3-6, 2018, at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. Our theme is, “Imagine a Church That’s the Hope of the World” based on Ephesians 1:18-19. On June 5th at 9:30 am at Frazier UMC in Wesley Hall, Bishop Graves will be delivering an address that will help clarify some of the current issues facing the UMC as a whole. If you wish to attend please sit in the stadium seating in the back of Wesley Hall.