

The Messenger

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BEING A WORRYWART

"It's impossible to throw away a garbage can!" Comedian Carl Hurley insisted. Once he set his old rusty can out on the curb totally empty, thinking the garbage men would understand it needed to be thrown away. But when he came home that afternoon, they'd left it with the other cans. The following week, he tried again leaving the can upside down so they could see the holes in it. But that afternoon there it was again. So he took a sledgehammer and beat the can completely out of shape and left it once more. And yet, when he got home, he found that the garbage crew had straightened out the can and left it with the others. Finally, Carl went to the hardware store, bought a heavy chain and pad-lock and chained the can to a large tree in the front yard. Sure enough, that night somebody stole it. "Some things are hard to get rid of," Carl concluded.

Worry certainly falls into that category.

Jesus stresses that we shouldn't worry so much. Just read his famous "consider the ravens and lilies" passage in Matthew 6:25-34. And Peter says in 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Even before Peter, Paul and Jesus, the Old Testament cautioned God's followers to avoid worry. In Ecclesiastes 11:10 it says, "So then, banish anxiety from your heart. . ."

Worry is a dangerous distraction. Not that it will cause us to renounce our faith. It's that we will become so distracted and preoccupied that we will settle for a superficial mediocre faith instead.

Jesus tells us the remedy for worry. The antithesis of worry is placing our trust in the Lord. "But seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness," said Jesus, "and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:33-34) And frankly, I suspect Jesus was probably smiling when he said, "Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Join me in saying this prayer: "Father, I am frantic, I'm worried, and stressed out at times. Father, I pray that somehow You will calm me and help me to see the big picture that You truly are in control. Help me to turn everything over to you and to place my trust in a Heavenly Father who watches over all of us. In Christ name I pray, Amen."

See you in church this Sunday,

Rev. Jenny



The Church At Worship

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

7:00 PM

Rev. Billy Kimbrel

October 12 - Special Music

Jackie Beeland, soloist

SUNDAY WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

October 12

Greeters

9:00 a.m. - Louise Talton

June Vogt

11:00 a.m. - Jayson and Andrea Pritchard

Acolytes

9:00 a.m. - Patience Hall

Tyler Hall

11:00 a.m. - TBA



Our
Fill-The-Pews Campaign
for our Sunday Evening
Worship Service Kicked Off
this past Sunday with **73 in
attendance!** Our goal is to
reach 100 people this fall at
this **casual, 45 minute
worship service** that closes
out our Sunday in a reverent
manner!

Come and join the
excitement!

Sundays 7-7:45 pm.

MISSION RESOURCES

The three South Georgia Mission Agencies have requested the following resources to aid them in their mission work:

Open Door Community House: Men's and women's gloves, hats, and thick socks.

The Vashti Center: School supplies, quality backpacks, low-cut (ankle) athletic socks, boxer shorts (size 12-36"), books for teens.

Wesley Community Centers: Children's books (appropriate for ages 1-4) that recognize diversity (i.e. ethnic groups, special needs).

Collection boxes will be in the Cross Way and Fellowship Hall. Requested items will be delivered to Annual Meeting, United Methodist Women, South Georgia Conference, Americus First UMC, on October 18.

LITTLE ONES! - BORN OCTOBER 2



Sarah Katherine (Sally) Hulbert born to John and Ashley Hulbert and big sisters Abbie and Lofton

Molly James McSwain born to Art and Ashley McSwain and big sister Kate



Jeff Slade - *Coliseum*
Louis Tedders - *Macon Medical Center*
Evelyn Demming Huckabee - *Perry Hospital*

CIRCLE MEETINGS Monday, October 13

Say So Circle and BYKOTA Circle
will meet together this month
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Mary-Marthas Circle - 7:00 p.m.

Aimee Curtis and her family sends their thanks to all of you for your prayers for Aimee's brother, Justin Dunnam while he has been serving in the military. Justin is returning to the States this week.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III , Lt. William R. Wright, grandsons of Elmo and Elaine Wright;

Capt. Brandon Perdue, Lt. Barrett Perdue, Capt. Jeff McFarland, PFC John Lane Sirmon, grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John Sirmon

Lt. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris

Music Notes



Sanctuary Choir Anthem

The anthem for Sunday is an arrangement of the *Prayer of Saint Francis*. This prayer is attributed to the 13th century saint, Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was born at Assisi, Italy in 1182 and died in 1226 at age 44. After a carefree youth, St. Francis turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty. He was a lover of all creation, champion of justice, and patron saint of animals and the environment. May this prayer be ours:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Miriam Marchetti will serve as soloist with the Sanctuary Choir.

Blessings,
Jane



478-224-0325 Perry Meals on Wheels


Substitute Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Contact Richard Segrave
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Home - 478-224-0325



Acolytes
 Acolyte Recognition Sunday
 October 19th at 9 and 11 am
 Graduating Acolytes
 will be recognized.

Moms Bible Study
 Stepping Up with Beth
 Moore
 Begins Tuesday Night,
 October 21st
 6-6:45 pm Dinner Time
 6:45-8 pm Bible Study,
 Crossway Conference
 Room
 Nursery Open from 6-8

WASP
Wednesday After
School Program

Children's
Choir
Wednesday Afternoons
3:45-5:15 pm

The Fair Oct 2-12, 2008!



in the PUMC Children's Department!

Children's Led Worship Service Rehearsal Schedule:

Wednesday, October 15th at 3:45 Dress Rehearsal
 Thursday, October 16th Time TBA Preacher Practice
 Sunday, October 19th 7pm CLWS



Mark your Calendars for our 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the Whipple Farm October 26th at 6pm...Start decorating those trunks and tailgates! This year, we will collect coins for UNICEF!



Prayer Breakfast

Meets Wednesday mornings
 in the Youth Center at
 7:30 a. m.
 Transportation to school
 is provided.

UMYF
October 12, 2008
No UMYF
Regular schedule will resume on
October 19, 2008.

TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 26, 2008
5:00 PM

Meet at the Youth Center at
 5:00pm to go to the Whipple
 Farm and help Miss Krissy with
 Trunk or Treat.
 Transportation will be
 provided.

Drama Practice
 No Drama practice on Sunday,
 October 19, 2008. Practice will
 resume, Sunday, October 26 and will
 meet in the youth center at 3:45 until
 4:45. We are preparing for Dinner
 Theatre which is scheduled for
 December 1 and 2, 2008.

5th Quarter Friday Night
October 17
10:00pm

5th Quarter will be held at Perry
 United Methodist Church in the
 Youth Center. There will be plenty
 of adult chaperones, snacks, music
 and fellowship. Music will be
 provided by the Perry United
 Methodist Youth Praise Band and
 guest speaker is Solomon Pinkins.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
5:00 p.m. - NO PICNIC
5:00 p.m. - No UMYF
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
8:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Monday, October 13 - Church Office Closed

4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 14

11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 15

7:30 p.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
3:45 p.m. - WASP - Wednesday After School Program
Children's Led Worship Service Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

7:00 p.m. - Old Testament Bible Study - Conference Room

Friday, October 17

10:00 a.m. - Old Testament Bible Study - Conference Room

Attendance Report 2008	September 28	October 5
Morning Worship	465	416
9:00 a.m.	193	180
11:00 a.m.	272	236
Sunday School	276	217
Evening Worship	75	73
Youth	53	

Finance Report 2008	September 28	October 5
Budget Needed Weekly	22,376.25	22,376.25
Budget Receipts	9,353.00	25,188.70
Needed Year to Date	872,673.75	895,050.00
Disbursements to Date	849,532.13	881,504.25
Received Year to Date	791,384.44	816,573.14
Other Contributions		
Capital/Building Fund	10,000.00	
Darfur		30.00
Mission Outreach SS Class		50.00
Altar Fund/Communion Offering		68.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OCTOBER 15

Tommy Storey ~ A Musical Presentation

FELLOWSHIP HALL - \$5 Per Adult, \$3 Per Child

Serving Supper: 5:15 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Program: 6:00 p.m. ~ 6:30 p.m.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Menu ~ Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Finger, Broccoli Casserole,
Butter Peas, Tossed Salad, Pie**

Christmas Card Ministry Discontinued

Cathy Shaw reports that the Christmas Card Book Ministry is discontinuing. She, and all those involved in this ministry of caring love, express their thanksgiving to God for all the Christmas cards and support you have shared with them.

Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

John Williams, Building Supt.
Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant
Grace Daniel, Organist
Deborah Walker, Pianist
Alice Releford, Custodian

Nursery Workers
Christie Rooks
Linda Hall
Amanda Suttmueller

Bishop James R. King, Jr.
Rev. Ronnie Wills

Resident Bishop
District Superintendent