

# THE PLEASANT HILL MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2017



## Pastor's Note



One of the things I love about being a United Methodist is what John Wesley called, “The Connexion.” In a 2011 publication, The General Board of Discipleship (The United Methodist Church’s ministry agency that helps conferences, districts, and local churches make disciples of Jesus Christ) shared this about our connectional roots:

“Romans 12:4-5 describes the character of the Methodist movement John Wesley called ‘the Connexion.’ It was an integrated network of societies within the Church of England, all with the common mission ‘to reform the nation, particularly the Church; and to spread Scriptural holiness over the land.’ John Wesley and the people called Methodists understood they could accomplish much more together than any of them could do individually.” (Romans 12 Newsletter. Issue #85. 2011)

We, as a congregation of United Methodists are bound to every other body of United Methodists – local churches, college campus ministries, camping ministries, ministry agencies, community centers, health centers, hospitals, the college of bishops, annual conferences, jurisdictions, and so many more groups – *around the world*. That means that what we do here at Pleasant Hill UMC *directly impacts* ministries on the other side of the world. We have an obligation, as United Methodists, to continue to help support not only the ministries of our local congregation, but also to support the ministries of the General United Methodist Church with our gifts of prayer and our gifts of financial support.

During our weekly worship gatherings in the remaining weeks of 2017, we will be highlighting ministries that our congregation has a direct impact through what are called *Mission Shares*. We will be celebrating ministries like The Baddour Center, Camp Lake Stephens, Camp Wesley Pines, Seashore United Methodist Assembly, Wesley Foundations, The Methodist Hour, Wesley Meadows, The Methodist Children’s Home, and the Mississippi Choctaw Mission, just to name a few. Enclosed in this month’s newsletter is a copy of our congregation’s *Mission Shares* for 2017. In it, you will find what our financial commitments are in supporting the ministries of the Senatobia District and the Mississippi Conference for the coming year.

In 2015, our congregation only supported 21% of our *Mission Shares* amount. We celebrate that in 2016, our congregation increased its *Mission Shares* support to 43%. While we did not reach the expected yearly commitment of 100% support, this is a great step to live more fully into the connectional life to which we have been called as United Methodists. Be encouraged to find the places in your life where you might be able to go the extra mile in helping to support these ministries in addition to your regular support of our congregation’s ongoing local ministries of outreach and disciple-making.

If you have any questions about the ministries that are included in our *Mission Shares*, how *Mission Share* amounts are determined, or how you might help the congregation in its support of these ministries, please do not hesitate to give me a call or contact one of our Finance Team members (Ruth Joyner (chair), Denise Yates, Richard Sadler, Alesia Hise, Margaret Crook, Darrell Clements, Bob Yates, Nancy McLemore, Rachel Clements, Susan Hansen, Norman Chapel, and Joe Garcia).

We give thanks for the ways in which God continues to call us together as a community of faith so that we may live the love that God has shown us in Jesus the Christ to the world. May Holy Spirit empower you to make a difference in the lives of everyone you meet this month. See you in worship!

Yours in the Love and Ministry of Christ,

Rev. Adam

# Outreach Ministries

*Next Meeting – Tuesday, 3/14/17, 6:00 P.M. Family Life Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

**\*\*\*Please note that we are not meeting in February\*\*\***

**February's Item - Washcloths**

**Still need more Coloring Books/Activity Pads**

*2017 Goals -*

- At least 210 gift-filled shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child
- Monetary donations to Samaritan's Purse to help with the \$7/per box S&H expenses
- Food Baskets for several families in our communities during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Continuation of our church's community food pantry for those in immediate need
- Collecting of Campbell's soup bar-code labels, Tyson Project A+ labels and General Mills Boxtops for Education for The Red Bird Mission
- Collecting canned item pull tabs for The Ronald McDonald House
- Monetary donations to The Society of St. Andrews Spud Project

Please place any shoebox items in the bins on the designated shelves in the hallway of the office wing.

**\*\*\*Please notice that we are no longer able to send toothpaste or candy in our shoeboxes\*\*\***

## 2017 Shoebox Items

January – Coloring Books & Activity Pads

February – Washcloths



March – Bar Soap

April – Small Tablets/Pads of Paper

May – Combs

June – Toothbrushes

July – Crayons (Any size box)

August – Pencils & Pencil Sharpeners

September – *New Toys for Boys* – Balls, Cars, Non-military figures, Yo-Yos

*New Toys for Girls* – Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Jewelry, Jump Ropes

October – Socks

## Church Has Left the Building (CLTB)

Deliveries on Sunday, February 26

February items are:

4 Pack of Toilet Paper

Box of Kleenex Tissue

Box of Storage Bags Qt/Gal

2 roll paper towels



# FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>1</b> 6p Faith, Family, Food  6:30p Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:15p Choir Practice 3p Confirmation Class 6p Evening Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6p Faith, Family, Food  6:30p Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:15p Finance	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8 Men's Breakfast  6p Valentine's Banquet
<b>12</b> 8:45 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:15p Choir Practice 3p Confirmation Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30 UMW Morning Circle  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15</b> 6p Faith, Family, Food  6:30p Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7p UMW Evening Circle	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:15p Choir Practice 3p Confirmation Class	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6p Faith, Family, Food  6:30p Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8a District Lay Servant Training @ Hernando UMC
<b>26</b> 8:45 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12p Fellowship Meal 1:15p Choir Practice 2p OB3C & CLTB 3p Confirmation Class	<b>27</b> 6:30p Council on Ministries	<b>28</b>	<b>Mar 1</b> 6p Faith, Family, Food  6:30p Bible Study	<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Mar 4</b> 8a PHUMC Spring Cleaning Day



United Methodist Women

**United Methodist Women Morning Circle**

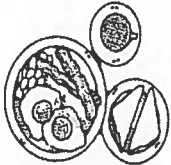
The UMW Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30 am at the home of Jeanne Liming.

**United Methodist Women Evening Circle**

The UMW Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm at the home of Vanessa Lynchard.

**United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 am in the Family Life Center (FLC).



**February Birthdays**



- Lindsay Massie..... 10<sup>th</sup>
- Brownie Gibbs..... 15<sup>th</sup>
- Jan Davis ..... 18<sup>th</sup>
- Jordan Lee ..... 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tommy Mullins..... 24<sup>th</sup>
- Bry Crook..... 28<sup>th</sup>
- Hanna DeLille ..... 28<sup>th</sup>

*These are the birthdays that we have on file. If you have a February birthday that isn't on the list, please call the church office so we can update our files.*

**Mark Your Calendar:**



at

**PHUMC**

**Saturday,**

**March 4, 2017**

**8:00am-Until**



Dear Pleasant Hill UMC,

Thank you so much for your donation to our building fund. We are facing some challenging days ahead, but we certainly appreciate your gift. It will most definitely be put to good use.

Gratefully,  
Barton United Methodist Church

**January Stewardship**

Date	Attendance	Offering
January 1 .....	93 .....	\$3,684.00
January 8 .....	87 .....	\$4,894.00
January 15 .....	104 .....	\$3,111.50
January 22 .....	101 .....	\$4,099.00
Total .....	385 .....	\$15,788.50

**February Counters**

- February 5** – Louise Sadler & Betty Ward
- February 12** – Mary Ruth & Richard Sadler
- February 19** – Ruth Joyner & Sue Harding
- February 26** – Sheila Morris & Tina Morris

## 2017 Mississippi Conference Mission Shares

Church Name: PLEASANT HILL  
Superintendent: Rev. James Genesse

Number	Fund Name	Budget	Apportionment
<b><u>District Mission Shares</u></b>			
	08 - Senatobia Mission Shares	\$114547	\$ 2771
<b><u>Conference Mission Shares</u></b>			
<b>UM NUMBER 1 AVENUE OF GIVING</b>			
1	World Service	\$1,549,536	3465
<b>MS UM EXTENDED MINISTRY</b>			
2	Community Centers	252,780	565
3	Children's Home	50,000	112
4	Choctaw Mission	40,000	89
5	United Methodist Hour	52,000	116
<b>MS UM CONFERENCE CLERGY SUPPORT</b>			
7	Medical Benefits – Active Plan	925,000	2181
8	District Superintendents Fund	1,643,960	3676
9	Spiritual Leadership Development	460,000	1029
10	Equitable Compensation	270,000	604
31	Medical Benefits – Retiree Supplement	1,350,000	3019
32	Pre-82 Pension Funding	565,000	1263
<b>MS UM CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP WORK AREAS</b>			
11	Annual Conference Administration	2,351,971	5259
12	Faith Community Formation	650,000	1453
13	Connectional Ministries & Communications	314,000	702
<b>UM HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT</b>			
14	Campus Ministries (MS)	850,000	1901
15	Ministerial Educ. Funds (General Church)	523,362	1170
16	Millsaps College (MS)	300,000	671
17	Black College Fund (General Church)	208,764	467
18	Rust College (MS)	1150,000	335
19	Africa University (General Church)	46,721	104
<b>MS UM CAMPING AND RETREAT CENTERS</b>			
20	Camp Lake Stephens	130,000	291
21	Camp Wesley Pines	128,000	286
22	Seashore Assembly	75,000	168
23	Gulfside Assembly	30,000	67
<b>UM GENERAL/JURISDICTIONAL</b>			
24	Episcopal Fund	458,881	1026
25	Administration (General Church)	183,995	411
26	Southeastern Jurisdiction Programming	8,630	19
27	Interdenominational Cooperative Fund	40,931	92
	Total Conference Mission Shares	<u>\$ 13,608,531</u>	<u>\$ 30,541</u>
	<b>Total Conference and District Mission Shares</b>	<b><u>\$ 13723078</u></b>	<b><u>\$33312</u></b>

## 2017 Lenten Small Group

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 15, 2017). The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

This Lent, as in seasons past, we will be offering a Lenten Small Group. The small group will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9) in church members' homes for a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation that typically lasts about two hours. Light snacks will be provided. Sign-ups for host homes will be posted beginning Sunday, February 5, 2017 in the back of the Sanctuary.

We will be using, 40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast (Thomas Nelson: Nashville, TN; 2016), by Alicia Britt Chole, as the foundation reading for our time together. The cost of the book is \$15. Book orders will begin on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

Questions about how you can be involved in this year's Lenten Small Group? Contact Rev. Adam Gordon at [revadamgordon@outlook.com](mailto:revadamgordon@outlook.com).



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