

# CONNECT

August 2017

## FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping each other take our NEXT STEP closer to Christ



### PACKING EVENT - WE NEED YOU!

During our Lenten season, our Forest Hills family raised \$11,565 to provide meals for hungry children around the world. This is enough money to pack over 39,700 meals. The fun part of this ministry comes on August 27 from 2:00-4:00. Rise Against Hunger will bring us the materials and food, and we will actually pack the meals to be delivered around the world.

We need approximately 160 volunteers to pack all these meals. All you have to do to volunteer is sign up with one of our missions committees members on Sunday, August 13 or Sunday, August 20. You must take approximately five minutes to fill out the Rise Against Hunger paperwork in order to participate.

There is a job for everyone – all you need is a hat and the stamina to either sit or stand for two hours while you scoop ingredients, “run” bags to the sealers, seal bags, pack boxes, or - if you feel really fit and strong - lift heavy sacks of ingredients for the “scoopers.” We will have a nursery in order to allow parents with young children to participate. Children who are six and older can assist with the packing event.

This is our third year running this program, and everyone has had a wonderful time at these events. We hope you will consider joining us as Forest Hills takes its place in the Rise Against Hunger!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August 1

\* Goodtimers Social  
6:00 pm; Fish N Pig

\*Men's Ministry Supper  
6:30 p.m.; Room 125

#### August 5

Glazin' A Trail 5K fundraiser for The  
Methodist Home  
(Centerville, GA)

#### August 8

\*A Heart for Service,  
An Evening for Women  
6:00 check-in, 6:30 program  
Ministry Center

#### August 12

Barry Darnell & the Mobile Slim Band  
6:00 p.m., Ingleside Campus

#### August 13

Backpack Volunteer Meeting  
3:00 p.m., Room 125

One Step Worship Service  
6:00 p.m., Ingleside Campus

#### August 15

Older Adult Council Yearly Planning Day  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Room 97

One Step Volunteer Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

#### August 27

Rise Against Hunger  
2:00 p.m., Ministry Center

\* Registration Required at  
[www.foresthillsmacon.com](http://www.foresthillsmacon.com)



## Fresh Starts for Fall

FALL BIBLE STUDIES AND GROUPS FOR ADULTS

### IN DEPTH STUDIES:

#### Christian Believer Part III

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Facilitators: Evie Crumbliss and Teresa Edwards

Start Date: August 30 for 11 weeks

(childcare provided)

The foundation of faith that we stand on is important. Join us in the third session of Christian Believer where we will be expanding our understanding of scripture, the foundational ideas of our faith and the life of the church. Weekly homework assignments and group meetings make for dynamic discussion and deep learning.

This course will be divided into 3 ten week sessions (fall 2016 - part 1, winter 2017 - part 2, fall 2017 - part 3). If you want to open your mind and your heart to a deeper understanding and experience of God, join us for this rich study.

#### Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study - Genesis & Exodus

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Facilitator: Baxter Hurley

Start Date: August 23 for 12 weeks

(childcare provided)

This 12-week study will immerse you in the books of Genesis and Exodus. *Disciple Fast Track Into the Word Into the World* is an adaptation of the original, bestselling *Disciple Bible Study Into the Word Into the World*. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks, studying Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts for 12 sessions each. Daily preparation is manageable, with 3-5 chapters of the Bible to read each day. Join Baxter on this insightful and inspirational journey from the Old Testament.

### SHORT TERM GROUPS AND STUDIES

#### Why We Believe What We Believe

An Exploration of United Methodist Beliefs and Theology

Sundays at 9:45am and 11:00am

Wednesdays at 10:00am and 6:30pm

Facilitators: Jeremy Wilson, Teresa Edwards, Tyler Hinson

Starting Dates: Sunday - August 27 for 5 weeks

Wednesday - August 30 for 5 weeks

childcare available on Sundays and Wednesday evening

We sit in church and hear words that sound familiar but might find ourselves wondering: what do they really mean and how did they get here. Grace, the Apostles Creed, Church History, United Methodism, Baptism and Communion are all words and concepts which undergird our faith and how we live it out in the church and the world. Come and be a part of an experience of discovery and renewal as we study why we believe what we believe.

#### What's Your Story?

##### Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes

Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30am AND 6:30-7:30pm

(childcare provided for evening study)

Facilitator: Teresa Edwards/morning,

Sondra Hinson/evening

Start Date: October 18 for 5 weeks

Joseph had quite the story, but it didn't really begin until he saw his story as part of God's story. His great accomplishments came only after he recognized the significance of what he had done and what God was doing through him. In exploring Joseph's life (Genesis 37-50), you'll discover how to see your life through God's eyes and learn how to co-create a real pageturning story of your own. *What's Your Story?* is a four-session, small-group study that features opportunities and space for creative journaling and is complemented by art by the author and a DVD that helps you explore the dimensions of the Joseph story, sparking further reflection and discussion.

## NURSE'S NOTES

by Carol Foster, R.N.

I've been serving as the Congregational Nurse for about 6 months. My Tuesday mornings have brought B12 shots, blood pressure checks, bandage changes, blood sugar monitor education, and many health questions. And occasionally, I am stopped in the hallway on Sunday mornings too, for health-related questions. I hope the information I have given has been helpful. And I love serving in this way!

For the period from July 25 – October 5, I will be filling in for the school nurse at Rosa Taylor Elementary while she is on maternity leave. Since I will be working on Tuesdays during that time, I will not be at FHUMC for my usual weekly clinic time. I will still be available by phone and on Sunday mornings for questions. Sondra, in the church office, can give you my contact information as needed. I will return to clinic/consultation time in October.



# FH KIDS

## KIDS CONNECT MINISTRY

Join us on Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00pm for KidsConnect. Children will connect with each other through games, music, and hands-on learning. At KidsConnect, children will learn how we can use our everyday activities to glorify God, and to share our faith with others. This program is open to all children, 3K-5th Grade. Please be sure to register your kids online!

KidsConnect Kick-Off Party will be on Wednesday, August 23, 5:00-6:00pm on the church playground. Be sure to wear your swimsuit, because we'll have an inflatable water slide and plenty of snacks! Sign up today!!



## KIDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

### AUGUST 6

Barbara Ricks  
Carolyn Hurley  
Sherie Moses  
Kay Hefner  
Jill Thompson

### AUGUST 13

Gail Mendez  
Melanie Bentley  
Brenda Lambert  
Stephanie Martinek  
Jill Cole

### AUGUST 20

Marnai Boose  
Andy Martin  
Diana Hullings  
Brandi Groebner  
Kalyn Shreve  
Laura Heacox

### AUGUST 27

Brian Utley  
Julie Anne Jones  
Ginny Dopson  
Andy Martin  
Rennata Wilson

## {FHUMC YOUTH}

by Mike Adkins

With Promotion Sunday behind us, we've said goodbye to our members of the Class of 2017. We've wished them well and prayed over them as they leave to start college this fall. But we've also bid a warm and excited welcome to the Class of 2024! Lots of changes and adjustments are in store for them this month as well, so keep our newest college students and 6th graders in your prayers as the school year begins.



## WORSHIP SERVICE

It has been so exciting to watch what God is doing through our "One Step" ministry! If you have not come out to one of our 2nd Sunday services at 6:00 p.m., we encourage you to join us this month, **August 13**, as Barry Darnell and some members of his band lead the worship portion of the service. It will be something you won't want to miss! Because One Step is a new ministry, we are going to put together some work teams to oversee the efforts we are making to ensure that this ministry continues to thrive and grow. If you would like to be part of one of these teams, please join us for a brief **organizational meeting on August 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

LIKE GREAT MUSIC AND  
ENJOY FREE CONCERTS?

**BARRY DARNELL &  
THE MOBILE SLIM BAND**

FREE concert at Ingleside UMC (3187 Ridge Ave)  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 6 PM.**



## JUST A REMINDER

### Committee Meetings:

- Trustees - 2nd Monday, 6:30PM, Conf. Rm.
- Staff Parish - 2nd Thursday, 6PM, Conf. Rm.
- Finance - 3rd Monday, 6:30PM, Conf. Rm.

### Women's Ministry:

- Ruth Circle
  - Martha Circle
  - Dorcas Circle
  - Esther Circle
- All UMW circles will  
Resume in September*

### Men's Ministry:

- Prayer Breakfast - Every Tuesday, 7AM, Min. Ctr.
- Men's Supper - 1st Tuesday, 6:30PM, Rm. 125

### Children:

- Pre-K & Children's Choirs will resume in August

### Youth:

- Jr. High - Every Sunday, 4PM, Min. Ctr.
- Sr. High - Every Sunday, 5:30PM, Min. Ctr.
- 17:11 - Every Wednesday, 6PM, Youth Rm.

### Older Adult:

- Game Day - Every Tuesday, 12PM, Min. Ctr.
- Older Adult Council  
May 16th, 3:00PM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

by Sherie Moses

School is getting into full swing in Bibb County! As Christians we are aware of our duty to provide for the children of our community and we endeavor to meet this responsibility through our Backpack Ministry, primarily serving the elementary age group.

The Mentor's Project of Bibb County exists to address some of the many needs of our disadvantaged middle and high school youth. It is a dropout prevention program that matches successful, caring adults from the community with at-risk students. These role models provide encouragement and motivation to students who need additional support and assist them in reaching their full academic, social and personal potential.

The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce initiated the Mentor's Project in 1990 to address the Chamber's concerns for the success of students in the community and the high dropout rate. This organization is now a separate, nonprofit agency governed by a board of directors. The pilot program began at one high school in Macon. Encouraging stories of mentor/protégée relationships prompted the further expansion of the program to each of the 14 public middle and high schools in our county with over 250 mentors.

June O'Neal, the director, also offers seminars on financial aid, strategies for staying off drugs, and self-esteem building and help with food and other basic needs for these youth. Community Service projects such as feeding the homeless are a big part of the Mentor's Project, giving these young people a chance to give back to their community. This valuable organization welcomes you to join their cause and directly support children in our community. No matter how little or big the amount, it will make a difference in the life of a child. Nearly 100% of the protégés who graduate from high school with an active mentor will attend a post-secondary institution and become productive members of the community.



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Forest Hills UMC receives many donations given in memory or in honor of someone. Acknowledgment of Forest Hills' gratitude is sent to each person who makes a donation. A letter of recognition identifying who gave a donation is also sent to the person or the family of the person who was remembered. Here is a list of all who have been remembered through a donation to FHUMC this past month.

### In Memory Of:

Red Herring  
Billy Mann

## MEN'S MINISTRY SUPPER

Mark your calendars! Our next supper will be **Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30pm in room 125** for a night of fellowship with the men of Forest Hills. The meal is free but donations are welcome. Please RSVP at [foresthillsmacon.com/adults](http://foresthillsmacon.com/adults) and go to the Men's Ministry page or by calling the church office.

## GOOD TIMERS NEWS

### FISH-N-PIG AND SING-A-LONG

This has quickly become a favorite on our Goodtimer calendar. August 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we'll enjoy a great meal at Fish-N-Pig and a time of fellowship. For dessert, let's sing some old songs dear to our hearts!



### BILTMORE TRIP UPDATE

It's still summer but we have our eye on what promises to be a great trip to the Biltmore in late November. There are still spots for this festive and fun experience so it's not too late to sign up for your seat on the bus. Final payments are due in September so remember to get those turned in by that time. I can hear the Christmas music already and am so looking forward to traveling with all of you! - Teresa Edwards

### OLDER ADULT COUNCIL YEARLY PLANNING DAY

August 15 from 9am to 2pm; Room 97

All members of the Older Adult Council are encouraged and needed at the table for this important planning meeting. If you have ideas of activities you want Goodtimers to do in 2018, let a member of the council know. We want to know what you want. Thanks in advance to all who serve in this awesome group of leaders.



As school begins and school supplies are on sale, don't forget to stock up for your Operation Christmas Child shoe box!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ginger Jackson, Kelly Hamsley, Bruce Holleman, Candace Player Hancock, Asbury Stembridge, Sr., Jackie Mann, Jim and Lin Palmiter, Deb Pero, Ben & Ann Oxley, Gene Kinard, Andgelia Kelly, Betty Joe Greene, Dick Nable, Mary Irby, Shirley Macklin, Bobbie Dubberly Family, Tina Singleton, Dawn Sowler, Denise Ellis, Glenn Parrish, Dylan Lewis, Mike & Crystal Johstono and Family.

**Those serving in the military:** Payton Smith (Army), Matt Parrish (Army), Chris Allen, Chris Belvin, Sgt. Daniel Brennan, Jeffrey Dyson, Rob Hunt, Justin Layman, Matthew Nylund, 1st Lt. Jamie Peacock, Kelley Sanders, Sgt. Don Ward (Army), SSgt. Stephanie Wammock, Bryan Caldon (Navy) and Capt. Hunter Curl (Air Force).

Names will be removed after four weeks.

## GREETERS

### AUGUST 6

- 9:45 AM - Narthex - Ned Newman
- 9:45 AM - Canopy  
Trice & Juanita Burger
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center  
Fran Christianson & Barbara Cox
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center Back Door  
Brenda Lambert
- 11:00 AM - Canopy  
Wayne & Scotty Peale
- 11:00 AM - Narthex  
Barbara Coon & Nancy Gandy

### AUGUST 13

- 9:45 AM - Narthex  
Margaret Ann Hunt
- 9:45 AM - Canopy  
Joe & Becky Middlebrooks
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center  
Ron & Dianne Clark
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center Back Door  
Ann Crawford
- 11:00 AM - Canopy  
Patsy McCarty & Carole Newberry
- 11:00 AM - Narthex  
Crawford Lovett & Linda Clark

### AUGUST 20

- 9:45 AM - Narthex - Sara Johnson
- 9:45 AM - Canopy  
Amy & Andy Martin
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center  
Judy Fountain & Carolyn Gibson
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center Back Door  
Amy David
- 11:00 AM - Canopy  
Tommie & Milly Lewis
- 11:00 AM - Narthex  
Frances Daniell & Cathy Hanson

### AUGUST 27

- 9:45 AM - Narthex - Barbara Ricks
- 9:45 AM - Canopy  
Carolyn Hurley & Marianne Johnson
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center  
Rob Gibson & Kay Hefner
- 9:45 AM - Ministry Center Back Door  
Stephanie Martinek
- 11:00 AM - Canopy  
Bill & Lillian James
- 11:00 AM - Narthex  
Eloise McCullough & Sue Hummel

# Backpack by Brenda Lambert ministry

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Backpack Ministry will be gearing up for the new school year. We will have a meeting of all volunteers on **Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 in room 125**. If you would like to get involved with the Ministry, please attend the meeting to hear how you can get plugged in. We need people to pack, deliver bags to schools, drive the van to deliver carts, stock food, unload trailers of food on Thursdays, and pray for the Ministry. We look forward to seeing our regular volunteers and welcoming new volunteers.

There is a new addition to the house as we were able to purchase another shed to be used to

store food through a generous donation from Ann Adkisson and WMAZ. Also thankful to our men in the church led by Paul Reynolds who have worked to insulate and prepare the inside of the shed. We have also received a \$10,000 grant from Navicent Health employees to be used to purchase food. God is at work in this Ministry.

Please join us this year to see what blessings God has in store for you.

If you have any questions, please call Brenda Lambert at 747-2348.



## ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO!

by Tammy Humphries, *Executive Pastor*

We have some wonderful news! Due to God's provision of our fiscally conservative leadership, your ongoing generosity, and a recent anonymous donation, our mortgage with the Georgia United Methodist Foundation has been paid off 15 years ahead of the note maturity! This payoff is exactly that: a payoff, not a refinance. Your generosity over the past 5 years of this note has saved the church over \$175,000 in interest! We praise God for this wonderful provision for the ministry we are doing in this place!

As we look ahead, we have one more mortgage to retire. If we continue our current trends, this debt could be paid off by next year, if not sooner. God's Word calls us to strive to be debt free, and as a church we are trying to live by this precept. Those of you who have been through Financial Peace have heard Proverbs 22:7b, "The borrower is slave to the lender." Being debt-free means we have more funds for other things to which God calls us: mission, ministry, spreading God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God's kingdom and to the ministry of Forest Hills United Methodist Church!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### For the Month of June 2017:

Monthly Budget .....	\$87,680.00
June Revenue .....	\$72,095.11
June Expenses .....	\$86,059.50
2017 YTD Surplus/(Deficit) .....	(\$24,008.70)
June Apportionments Paid .....	\$9,069.18
2017 Apportionments Paid .....	\$63,484.26

### 2020 Debt Elimination:

Original Bldg Loan Amount .....	\$1,834,899.90
Monthly Bldg Loan Payment .....	\$5,972.34
GUMF Bldg Loan Balance .....	PAID OFF
Private Note Bldg Loan Balance .....	\$149,875.27
Total Bldg Loan Balance (7/1/17) .....	\$149,875.27

## THE SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRADITION

by Cannon McClain, *Director of Traditional Music*

In every age of Christian history, dedicated writers and musicians have composed works that encapsulated the spirit of the times. For the month of August, we embrace a musical tradition close to our very own community: Southern gospel songs.

Around the turn of the 20th century, Christians in the southern United States sought words and music that captured their deep emotional connections to Christ. And one needs only to hear the first bars of "Victory in Jesus" to understand just how special that emotional connection is! So as we musically embrace our heritage this month, I encourage you all to join us in a joyful song that rouses the soul and commits us to answering the call of God!

## BEEN THERE, SENT FORTH FHUMC LADIES RETREAT 2017

How God uses our journey, even on broken roads, to bring hope and healing to the world.

### SPEAKER

Our Very Own...Rev. Tammy Humphries

### DATES

September 29 - October 1

### WHERE

New Ebenezer Retreat Center

### COST

\$160.00

### DEPOSIT

\$50.00 due at registration

**Space is limited so sign up today!**

*Turning in a registration form*

*(located in church office or online at*

*[foresthillsmacon.com/welcome/coming-events/](http://foresthillsmacon.com/welcome/coming-events/)*

*and your deposit to the church office*



## AN EVENING FOR WOMEN

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017**

Join together for fun and fellowship with women of all ages. Be sure to register now! You may use one of the red and white cards located on hall tables throughout the church or call the church office.

**Gathering time and sign in:** 6:00 p.m.

Meal & Program begins: 6:30 p.m.  
(finished before dark)

**Keynote speaker:** Kim Jenkins, Director of Open Door Community House, Columbus

**Music:** Sondra Hinson and Doss Edwards

Kim Jenkins speaks out of her experience with inner city ministry in Columbus and from her study of the changing face of church missions. Come be blessed and learn with us.

Voluntary donations of school supplies for ages 5-17 will be accepted to support the Open Door Community House ministry to children and families.

There is no charge for the evening. A light sandwich and salad supper will be provided by the United Methodist Women. A nursery will be provided. We will need to know the number of children and their ages when you register.



Macon Outreach is collecting **PEANUT BUTTER** for those in need. If you are able to donate, please place your items in the Missions Cabinet at the canopy entrance.

## MISSIONARIES

**David**  
Café 1040

**The Bookers**  
Amazima Ministries

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Blended Worship

8:30 a.m. in the Music Suite

### Modern Worship

9:45 a.m. in the Ministry Center

### Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to include information in our next newsletter, your information must be submitted by the third Wednesday of the month. You may email Stephanie Davis with your announcement at [stephdavisdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:stephdavisdesigns@gmail.com).



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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Delores Molton  
Stephen Wheeler

2 James Allmond

3 Carolyn Dunn  
Kay Hefner

4 Avery Robinson

5 Scott Dopson  
Carole Newberry  
Louise Priester

6 Ann Crawford  
Bill Ivey

7 Mike Johstono

8 Jim Grier  
Kalyn Shreve  
Janie Wilson  
Linda Wingate

9 Nancy Jones  
Bernie Kilgore  
Barbara Smith  
Andy Wanamaker  
Haley Young

10 Elaine Clarke

11 Chris Jones

12 Wayne Bentley, Jr.  
Robin Frischkorn  
Lin Palmiter  
Steve Skalko

13 Betty Farr  
Erskine James  
Cynthia Medina

15 Ginger Cowart  
Linda Cozart

16 Stephanie Martinek  
Patsy Noegel  
Julie Willis

17 Robin Craig  
Brenda Gay

18 Michael Burns  
Jason Dyson  
Ashton Greene  
Beth Walker

19 Cheryl Nylund

20 Jenny Tillery

21 Marnai Boose

22 Theresa Allmond

23 Karen LeBow  
Molly Poland

24 Susan Brassel  
Chip Greene  
Rachael Hall

Matthew Wheeler  
25 Kathy Hall-Gordon  
Paul McKay

28 Don Walters, Jr.

30 Ivie Harrington

31 Trae Carmical, III  
Cheryl Gay  
Erin Hammock  
Brenda Lambert  
Melanie Parsons