

First United Methodist Church

Canton, Mississippi

September, 2019

From the Pastor

In my message Sunday, I mentioned that I saw something in our scripture that really has been causing me to explore a little deeper. In Jeremiah 18: 1,2, we hear these words, “The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” Our questions begin with something like; Why do I have to go there, to hear the word of the Lord? Or, Can’t the Lord speak to me anywhere? Or, I don’t know the potter, and I’ve heard he doesn’t like people to watch him work. All good questions, however, that is not what God told him to do. God used a visual illustration to engage Jeremiah in an understanding that could be recorded in the Bible, and for those of us who are application learners, it is a good one.

When has God “caused you to hear His word?” When were you caused to understand something by what you saw? Yes, God can reveal His word to us sitting alone, or in a group, or in a message delivered on Sunday morning, but, from time to time, God leads us to a place where the application of his word teaches us in a big and powerful way. Just think of the Epiphany moment when Jeremiah “got it.” Jesus ministry is loaded with illustrated parables and teachable moments. Thanks be to God when we SEE and UNDERSTAND what God is offering us, so that we grow in our faith.

In Christ,
Bro. David

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Gil Kyker	9/10	Lee Thompson	9/23	Joshua Carter
9/2	Graham Wells	9/10	Hanson Walker	9/24	Jim Colson
9/2	Ducky Longgear	9/11	Sarah Martin Hall	9/24	Lisa Norton
9/4	Becca Ukele	9/12	Jewel Turman	9/24	Matt Davis, Sr.
9/5	Michelle Goza	9/12	Jim Harrell	9/26	Jacob Arnold
9/5	Linda McCollum	9/13	Kody Kernodle	9/26	Wendy Wingert
9/5	Anna Blount	9/15	Sherry Briggs	9/26	Lori Craft
9/5	Betsy Pace	9/16	Mary Cameron Walker	9/27	Will Cox
9/8	Glenn Kernodle	9/18	Charlene Shumaker	9/28	Lauren Blount
9/8	Anna Walker	9/18	Frieda Gilmer	9/29	Evelyn Burns
9/8	Addison Grace Penn	9/20	Barbara Hayes	9/29	Missy Penn
9/8	Mary Fischer Penn	9/20	Scott Penn		
9/9	James Chandler	9/21	Pamela Walker		
9/9	Wes Willis	9/23	Susan Littell		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, September 2	All Day	Labor Day/Office Closed
Wednesday, September 4	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	2:30PM	Mature Years
	5:30PM	Children’s Activities Kick Off
	6:30PM	Men’s Ensemble
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
	8:00PM	Ladies’ Ensemble
Sunday, September 8	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	11:30AM	SPRC Meeting
Monday, September 9	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Wednesday, September 11	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	9:45AM	Ladies’ Study
	5:30PM	Children’s Activities Kick Off

6:30PM	Men's Ensemble
7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
8:00PM	Ladies' Ensemble

2019 INCOME AND EXPENSE THROUGH AUGUST

Budget through August 31 st	\$209, 841
Needed each Month	\$26,230
Income through August	\$185,018
Expenses through August	\$183,192

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

CONFERENCE COMMUNITY CENTERS

This offering is designated for our Conference Community Centers, serving those in need across the state. Included in the centers are Methodist Children's Home, United Methodist Choctaw Mission, and Bethlehem Center in Jackson and Good Shepherd Center in Vicksburg.

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

BACK TO SCHOOL MINISTRY

Because of your generous donations of \$540, twelve students at Luther Branson Elementary School received two uniforms each and several pairs of socks in late July. Each boy also received a belt. Thank you for helping provide the neediest students with clothes and confidence to begin the school year.

- Wednesday Night Activities will start back the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 4th. It will be a kick off night for the kids. Also, dinner will be served at 5:30pm and activities will be over at 6:45pm.
- Youth will resume Wednesday nights, starting September 4th.
- **Sanctuary Choir.** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 7th. New members are welcome. Rehearsal begins at 7:00PM.
- September 8th – SPRC meeting at 11:30am. **Notice:** In preparation for our charge conference there will be several committee meetings over the next couple of months – I appreciate your willingness to serve as we conduct this business of the church.
- Ladies Study will start back September 11th at 9:45am, every Wednesday.
- **Communion Offering.** . Communion Offering for September is Conference Community Centers.
- **Second Sunday Harvest.** Second Sunday Harvest is the 2nd Sunday of every month.

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