

Vital Signs

2010 Budgeted Giving	\$280,860.15
Weekly Requirement	\$5,401.16
Collected Week 28	\$4,918.00
Collected YTD(28wks)	\$151,771.34
Weekly Average	\$5,420.41
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$151,232.48
Over/(under) Budget YTD	\$538.86
Cash Balance on 7/11/10	\$38,119.27
Building Loan Bal.	\$1,518,570.49

Worship Attendance July 11th:
 9:00 Service - 105
 11:00 Service - 69
 Vespers Service - 20

**COVERED DISH MEAL
 THIS WEDNESDAY
 NIGHT, JULY 21ST
 @5:00 PM
 COME & BRING A
 DISH TO SHARE!**

Church Information

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: 7/18/10

Contemporary Service..... 9:00 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Traditional Service..... 11:00 AM
 Vespers Service 6:00 PM

MONDAY: 7/19/10

Missions Team Meeting..... 6:00 PM
 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

TUESDAY: 7/20/10

FAN..... 9:30 AM
 Finance Committee Meeting..... 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: 7/21/10

Covered Dish Meal..... 5:00 PM
 Children's Worker Appreciation and Recruitment 6:00 PM
 Meeting to discuss Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM
 Youth Worship..... 6:00 PM
 Comfort Crafters..... 6:00 PM
 Choir 6:00 PM
 Band..... 7:00 PM

THURSDAY: 7/22/10

Staff-Parish Relations Committee..... 6:30 PM

SUNDAY: 7/25/10

Contemporary Service..... 9:00 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Traditional Service..... 11:00 AM
 Youth Picnic @ Dublin Park 4:00 PM
 Vespers Service 6:00 PM



How do we "connect" with other United Methodist Churches? The United Methodist Church is called a "connectional" church, meaning that there is a relationship between all churches within the denomination. How does that work?

Churches within the United Methodist "connection" are grouped geographically into districts (we are in the Northeast District). Districts are grouped into conferences (ours is the North Alabama Conference). Conferences are grouped into jurisdictions (we are in the Southeast Jurisdiction). The jurisdictions of the UMC in the United States are all part of the "General Conference of the UMC." Churches in other countries are grouped in their own conferences.

So, how are we related? **We are related in a shared theology** focusing on the saving grace (love) of God. While there is some latitude in the beliefs of various congregations within the UMC, basic beliefs are the same. **We are related in a common mission.** The mission of the UMC in North Alabama is to "make more disciples of Jesus Christ by taking risks and changing lives." Many of our ministries, especially mission and outreach ministries, are accomplished as we work together. UM missionaries are given basic support by all of the churches in the connection, and are given additional support by groups of churches. We reach out through conference-wide ministries, such as the UMChildren's Home, Homes for the Aging, Residential Alternatives (our ministry for intellectually and developmentally challenged adults), and Disaster Response ministries. We share in children's, youth and adult ministries at Camp Sumatanga that focus on spiritual growth and development. **We are also related in support.** UMCs often reach out to help one another. When a congregation experiences a crisis, the district superintendent, bishop, and other congregations offer support, encouragement, and assistance. Conferences and districts often share training events and learning experiences to help all involved share the love of Jesus with the community and the world.

When we talk about being a part of "the church," it is a blessing to remember that we are a part of the church at Ford's Chapel...a part of the United Methodist Church...and a part of "the church" in the sense of all believers in Christ. May God bless us and guide us to be all that God would have us to be as "the church—the body of Christ."

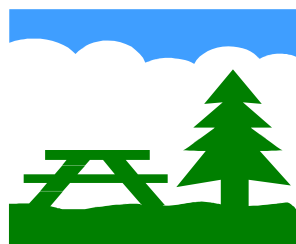
Grace and peace,
Dorothy Ann

(If you have a question about which you've been wondering, that you would like to see addressed in this "How Does It Work?" series, please send that question to Dorothy Ann at dawebster@fordschapel.org.)

The Weekly Connection - July 18, 2010

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKERS APPRECIATION & RECRUITMENT GATHERING

There will be a gathering of everyone interested in leading, helping with, and supporting Children's Ministries in the 2010-2011 school year on Wednesday, July 21st. All current Children's Council members, and all others who are interested in helping this year are invited to come. Responsibilities will begin in August. This will also be a time of thanks and appreciation for everyone who has served in the 2009 - 2010 year. So whether you have been serving, would like to start serving, or plan to continue serving, please join us this Wednesday night.



YOUTH PICNIC

The youth will be having a picnic on Sunday July 25th at 4pm at Dublin Park in Madison. It's going to be a great time of fun, fellowship, and food! For more information contact Jonathan (jonathan@fordschapel.org or 256-542-8127).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETING

There will be a meeting next Wednesday, July 21st, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss starting a Men's Bible study group for Wednesday evenings. All men are invited to attend this meeting and to give input into what topics will be covered in the Bible Study. The meeting will be held downstairs in Room #005. For more information, contact Mike Carstensen (mike.carstensen@gmail.com) or Jack Wolfe (jackorlisa@knology.net).

VBS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that supported and helped with Vacation Bible School this past week! There were 101 children that participated in VBS this year and a great time was had by all at the High Seas Expedition! Thank you again for all of your support. We'll look forward to doing it again next year!

Kristin Hinote

VESPERS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Join us in the chapel for our Vespers Service this evening at 6:00 p.m., and every Sunday evening through the end of August.



COMMUNITY CHANGERS REPORT

On Wednesday, July 28th, the youth will be hosting a dinner in the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m., and those who participated in Community Changers will be sharing about their experiences from that week. Please make a reservation by signing up on the reservation slips in the pews or go on-line to fordschapel.org and sign make a Wednesday night dinner reservation there.



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Church Pianist - Ford's Chapel is still looking for a new pianist. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Anne Parris (256-325-6082) or the church office (256-721-0639).

Nursery Volunteers - Additional volunteers are needed to work once every six to eight weeks. Please contact Nancy McMillan (256-990-1740) if you would be willing to serve in this capacity.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place in the Chapel.

HAP FOOD DRIVE EXTENDED

The drive to collect food and other necessities (see list on the information table in the foyer) for HAP North has been extended to go through the month of July. Donations (if non-perishable) may be placed in the box in the hallway outside the Family Life Center.

YOUNG WORSHIPERS & NURSERY SCHEDULES

Young Worshipers:

July 18th: Mari Allen & Amelia Law

July 25th: Tammy Sledge & Nikki East

Nursery:

July 18th: Nancy McMillan, Jeannie Galloway, Katie Harrison

July 25th: Nancy McMillan, _____,
_____ (volunteers needed)