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Haven't We Always Been United Methodist?

We have a beautiful sanctuary. Every time I walk through it I am taken aback with a sense of God's presence. And it's all the more breathtaking when you consider that it was built way back in 1907. Well over 100 years ago!

And yet, the truth is, for as beautiful as it is, this wasn't even our first sanctuary. This isn't even our first church site. Our church was founded back in 1828, nearly 200 years ago, on what would later be known as East Jefferson Street. Back then our town was called Hanan's Bluff (renamed Yazoo City in 1839), and our first church was likely a log cabin.

We moved to our current site in 1888 and built a beautiful brick building in 1900. Sadly, it burned down in the fire of May 25, 1904, when most of downtown Yazoo City was burned to the ground. In the aftermath, our church banded together and built the current sanctuary which was completed in 1907.

So much has changed in our nearly 200 years as a church! Including our denomination! Would you believe when we were first founded in 1828, we weren't United Methodist? We were actually a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But then, that's what all Methodists were back then. That's the Methodist denomination that formed in 1784 after the Revolutionary War.

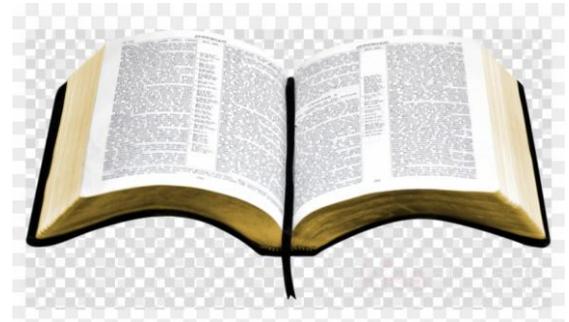
But then, in 1844, the Methodist Episcopal Church split over slavery into two denominations: the Methodist Episcopal Church (in the north) and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. That lasted until 1939 when we merged back together to form the Methodist Church. That's the church we were when a few of you were baptized and confirmed. Finally, in 1968 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren merged to form our current United Methodist Church.

I guess the one constant in life is change. Nothing stays the same. But, I know this, no matter what the denomination we'll always love and serve the Lord.

Brother Lauren



Bro. Lauren's Bible Study



September 18th
and Wednesday, September
21st at 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday
Children's Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

Happy Birthday!



- 20. Tony Martin
Zion Thomas
- 21. Jim Oakes
- 23. Tommy Backstrom
- 24. Camp King



ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you are chairperson of a committee or serve in a capacity that requires financial support from the church budget, it is important that you start preparing to turn in your budget request for 2023. A firm date for submission will come at a later date.



Operation Christmas Child

Later this month we will be sending out information about Operation Christmas Child collection!

Children's Page

We recently began a new series for the month of September, *Escaping Egypt*. This series focuses on several different aspects and times of the life of Moses. God had a plan for Moses from the very beginning. Lesson 3, "Trust God and Keep Trying", takes us on a journey with Moses and his brother Aaron and the Ten Plagues that God brought upon Egypt.

W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K – 6th grades. Along with Bible Study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. We will have many fun games and activities planned for this year. Invite a friend and get ready for our first fun Bible Study about **BIBLE HEROES**. For the first 5-6 weeks, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." Last Wednesday we learned about Ruth – The Faithful Friend. Next week our lesson will introduce a new hero of the Bible.



Sunday School:

We recently fell behind on some of our lessons, so we are taking time to catch up. Once we have caught back up, we will get back on track with our series about Moses. This series focuses on Moses' faith and leadership and how God uses him to achieve what appears to be impossible. The lesson, "Prized by God", shows God's plan for Moses. Moses doubted himself and felt he was not capable or even feared being used by God. However, God had a plan from the beginning, and He had specifically chosen Moses. God has a plan for each of us, and it is important that we seek Him and His plans for our lives.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday Night Bible Study is back underway. We will meet every Sunday night in the Youth Basement at 6:00 p.m. Our Bible Study for Sunday nights will be a series on the book of James. This week we move to lesson 4 in the series, **The Power of the Tongue**.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with snack supper in the Fellowship Hall followed by Bible Study in the Youth Basement. Our topics on Wednesday night will vary but will focus more on everyday life experiences, life application, and testimonies.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

D'Ann Adams/Ardis Russell
2 Kings 5:1-19
“Healing Naaman”
Brent & Carrie Chaney

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

18. 16th Sunday after Pentecost

19. Rich in good works

20. Should I not care?

21. Generations declare your mighty acts

22. God's answer to grumbling

23. Delivered with joy

24. Firm in one spirit

Matthew 18:21-35

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30