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*Each year on Mother's Day First United Methodist Church, along with other United Methodists across the state, receive contributions to **The Sunday Fund**. The Sunday Fund is the MOST critical part of the Senior Services' ministry. It is a benevolence fund designed to assist elders living on any of Senior Services' twelve campuses. Elders of all denominations, who have outlived their financial resources and can no longer afford the cost of housing and/or care, are eligible to receive Sunday Fund assistance. The Sunday Fund receives support from a variety of sources including individuals, churches, local businesses, as well as elders living on the campuses who have the means to support The Sunday Fund. However, over half of support comes directly from church families.*

An insert for the 2019 Sunday Fund was in last Sunday's bulletin. Please make your check to First United Methodist Church and write Sunday Fund in the memo line and place it in the offering plate in the specific envelope included in the insert. There are additional inserts available. Let us continue to generously support this worthy ministry.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

There will be no evening activities this week
due to Mother's Day

MONDAY, MAY 13

9-12 noon Methodist Market

6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

- 12. Pam Hatfield, Linda Fennell,
Joe Dearman
- 13. Timothy Newman
- 14. Danielynn Denson, Mary Kathryn Hart
- 16. Sterling Allen
- 17. Jason Dees
- 18. Terri Goodman

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- 12. Mr. & Mrs. Clay Adcock
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Ledbetter
- 18. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richards,  
Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Burnham



*Sympathy and love is extended to Harry and Shirley Simmons and family in the death of Harry's mother, Macel Gary Simmons, who died May 1, 2019.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Barbara Parks in the death of her sister Loretta Moak, who died April 28, 2019.*



**Roger Lyles**

M/M Jim Oakes

Janice Middleton

**Sue Parker**

M/M Jim Oakes

M/M Larry Clark

Janice Middleton

**Macel Gary Simmons**

Marsha Bond

Millie Phillips

Frank Patty, Jr.

Bettye Crout

M/M Larry Clark

M/M David Parker

M/M Jim Oakes

M/M Camp King

M/M Andrew Gary & Family

Marian Davis

Janice Middleton

Robbie & Mitsy Pettigrew

**Marvin Terrell**

Marsha Bond

Bettye Crout



## **Solid Ground Youth**

This Sunday we will continue our study from the Book of Psalms. This week's lesson is on one of the most well-known and influential Psalms – Psalm 23. This Psalm helps us to see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We can be assured that if we follow Jesus, He will lead us to good things.

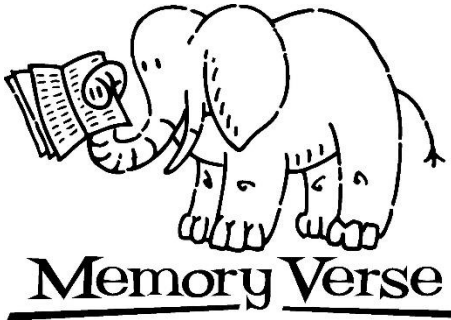
## **Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group**

With Exams around the corner and Summer fast approaching, we will be taking a break from our regular Bible Study meetings. However, there will be weekly activities and gatherings for the youth to fellowship and remain tied in throughout the Summer. Our first get-together will be on Sunday, May 19 at the home of Julie and De Paul. There is also a calendar of events on the wall in the youth basement. Run downstairs and snap a quick picture so you will know what's going on ahead of time.

## **Lake J/M28 Camp**

The dates for Lake J are July 6-10. Both of the Camps are full. We have 1 boy spot and 1 girl spot available if anyone is interested in attending. We have a great group of youth going this year. The first payment is due now.

# Children's Page



"Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk  
are born for times of trouble."

Proverbs 17:17



As we move into the month, our lesson this week is about a group of courageous friends. These friends were asked to do something that would keep them from following God's law. They stood together, they had each other's back. They chose to put God first, and He protected them. This lesson is a great reminder for us to choose our friendships wisely. We should surround ourselves with those who believe as we do and will take a stand with us.

## HisKidz & Planet 456 Summer Activities:

On Friday, May 24, all grades 1-6 (this includes those who will be 1<sup>st</sup> graders in the Fall) will be going to the movie in Madison to see Disney's *Aladdin*. The cost of the movie is \$8.00, and you will also need money for snacks (\$12). The meeting time will be announced once the movie has been released. Parents are welcome to tag along to enjoy the show. Please contact Tera Smith if you will be joining us.



The theme and dates for this year's Vacation Bible School have been set. The dates will be Tuesday, May 28-Friday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The theme this year is **ROAR: Life is Wild - God is Good**.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our HisKidz Choir, soloists and Scripture readers for the outstanding music you provided in our worship service last Sunday morning. We are so blessed to have so many children participate in all areas our Children's ministry.



## **Special Guest Zakary Jackson Joyner**

This Sunday, we are privileged to have as our guest musician, Zakary Jackson Joyner, grandson of Penny Jackson. Zak is an accomplished violinist from Sallis, MS, is a graduate student at Belhaven University working on his Artist Diploma in violin performance. He graduated from Belhaven with a performance degree in 2018. Along with teaching music in the public and private school systems, Zakary also plays full-time with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. He has played violin since the age of four and has always had a passion for making music.

## **West Jackson District Church of the Year**

The Glory Sightings Award Banquet at which we will be honored is at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, at the Jackson Convention Complex on Pascagoula Street. Tickets to attend are \$20 each. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

## **Volunteers serving Sunday, May 12, 2019**

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Greeters  | Christy Cader/Myra Dunlap         |
| Scripture | Joshua 2:1-14; Hebrews 11:31      |
| Sermon    | <b>“Rahab: A Mother’s Legacy”</b> |
| Security  | Mike Hughes/Michael George        |

## **Attendance, May 5, 2019**

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| Worship Services | 228 |
| Sunday School    | 104 |

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## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **MAY**

|                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>12. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> | <b>John 10:1-10</b>  |
| 13. Wisdom’s part in creation              | Proverbs 8:22-31     |
| 14. Delight in God’s commandments          | Psalms 119:41-48     |
| 15. A standard for judgment                | Amos 7:7-9           |
| 16. The stoning of Stephen                 | Acts 7:54-60         |
| 17. You are my refuge                      | Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 |
| 18. Now you are God’s                      | 1 Peter 2:2-10       |