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## Ashland Place UNITED METHODIST CHURCH October 3, 2024 E-News

### A mid-week word from Pastor Darren...

Dear Family of APUMC,

It's been another great week here on Wisteria Avenue!

On Monday morning, we launched a new men's group with an emphasis on spiritual formation. 11 participants is a great start! We began with an examination of the psalms, which inevitably led us to an examination of ourselves. This group will continue each Monday at 7am in the Wisteria Parlor. Gentlemen, come and join us!

The return of our Wednesday Night Suppers was a wonderful success, with 50+ in attendance for our first meal back together. Many thanks to Mae Winters and Crystal Roberts for their love and care in the kitchen, and to all who contributed to the overall spirit of hospitality that was present. And did everyone enjoy their "grilled cheezus?"



I was also greatly enthused by the response to my 'Pastor's Class' after the dinner last night. I came with 21 copies of a handout and ran out. It's always nice to have a full room (and perhaps I also need to raise my expectations of what God is doing in our midst)! We began our discussion with some of our common understandings of the Christian faith and a brief introduction to some of the distinctive characteristics of United Methodism. There is so much about the faith and practice of our Wesleyan heritage that I look forward to diving into with this group. I encourage you to join us whenever you can.

As we live into this new schedule, I think it is fair to say that we will begin our dinner at 5:00, begin to gather upstairs at 5:50 and then hold my class from 6:00-7:00.

Naturally, we are eager to grow this fellowship. The more, the merrier! We hope that you and your family will make plans to join us next week. Activities for children and youth are also in the works as well. Let us know if you plan to attend. We want to welcome you!

This has also been a week for us to lead and to serve.

Yesterday, a major correspondence was mailed to you from the church office with information about this year's stewardship campaign. If you have any questions about that material, or believe that you may have received it unnecessarily, please let us know. Our Consecration Sunday will be October 20 with a celebration brunch between the two worship services.

Even as I am writing this, there are members of this church responding to the reality of food insecurity in our community through the ministry of the Joseph Project.

This Sunday afternoon at 4:00, we will be enjoying our "Blessing of the Animals" event for our friends and neighbors. These are all opportunities for sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

**On Tuesday evening, October 8, all are invited to attend our annual Charge Conference at 6:00 with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Sheila Bates.** This will be yet another opportunity to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and the future that God is revealing through the work and witness of this beloved congregation. That gathering will take place in the Sanctuary.

Lastly, I want to let you know that we are in active conversation with a variety of United Methodist relief efforts about coordinating a short trip to Florida to provide meals and aid for those suffering the effects of hurricane Helene. If you would be interested in participating in this particular mission, please contact me, Bob Sharp, or Beth Morrow.

It is good to be alive, friends. Let us make the most of it!

Grace to You,

Darren



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### **Monday Morning Men's Group**

What does it mean to have a spiritual life? Where can I get one? Inspired by the flourishing of our regular Women's Bible Study, Pastor Darren will be hosting a weekly opportunity for men to come together to explore the work of the Spirit in their own lives. This will be a regular opportunity to listen for God through a variety of Christian disciplines and scriptural means of discernment. Is this sort of thing for you? Come and find out! We will meet each Monday beginning **September 30** in the Wisteria Parlor at 7:00am.

## *Wednesday Night Supper*

Dinner will be served from 5:00-5:30pm. The cost is \$10 (adults and ages 12 & up) and \$5 (children under 12), with a maximum cost of \$30/family. NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

### **MENU for October 9**

Shepherd's Pie  
Spinach  
Salad  
Banana Pudding  
and of course, "grilled cheesus" sandwiches!

**Please RSVP to [communication@apumc.com](mailto:communication@apumc.com) by 2:00pm on Sunday, October 6 with the number of adults and children.**

In addition to the usual handbell and choir practices at 5:00 and 6:00, respectively, we are excited about our new opportunities.

### **Wacky Wednesday**

Wednesday nights include our children too! Starting at 5:30 in The Landing, there will be games, art, music, experiments, but most of all, FUN!

### **Pastor's Class**

***Recapturing the Wesleys' Vision* by Paul Wesley Chilcote**

What does it mean to be a United Methodist Christian today? Join Pastor Darren for this well informed introduction to the faith of John and Charles Wesley. In a world (and Church!) that is too often shaped by polarization and division, this course promises to offer a new perspective that is rooted and grounded in the unifying love of Christ. The class will meet each Wednesday at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. No registration necessary. Just bring your Bible!

### **Wednesday Walking Group**

NEW THIS WEEK! Looking for a way to get some fresh air and connect with others? Join our Walking Group as we take a stroll around the Ashland Place neighborhood following Wednesday night dinner. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, build community, and get moving together. Everyone is welcome—come as you are, and bring a friend!

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### Youth

Youth (grades 7-12) will gather in the basement after supper for fun and fellowship.



So we can plan accordingly,  
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or by calling the church office

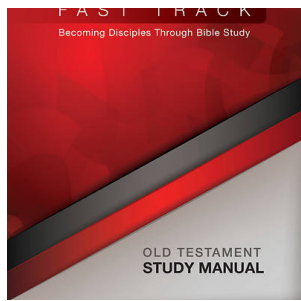


Blessing of the animals will take place this Sunday in the grassy area by the Fellowship Hall parking lot. There will be music and blessings for all varieties of pets. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and of course, your pets too! To help those animals waiting for a "forever" home, we will be collecting Milkbones to donate to local shelters.



**Disciple Fast Track: Old Testament**

Inn Pastor Kristen for *Disciple*



Join Pastor Kristen for *Disciple Fast Track: Old Testament Study Manual*, a dynamic and engaging Bible study designed for people who want to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Beginning on **Tuesday, October 15**, we'll meet each week from 5:30-7 PM to explore the Bible in a supportive community setting. Whether you're new to Bible study or looking to grow in your faith, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn together. Email Kristen at [kwright@apumc.com](mailto:kwright@apumc.com) to sign up.



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST

## YOUNG ADULT

LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 19



11AM-1PM

The Cheese Cottage  
650 St. Louis Street  
Mobile, AL 36602

questions? email [kwright@apumc.com](mailto:kwright@apumc.com)



We are accepting candy donations, and are looking for people to decorate trunks. Please let the church office know if you would like to provide a trunk, or volunteer in another way.



**HELP THE JOSEPH PROJECT!**

**GROCERY BAGS**

**CLEANING PRODUCTS**

**GENTLY USED TOYS AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

**PAPER PRODUCTS**

**PLEASE PLACE ITEMS ON THE SHELVES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL HALLWAY**

### Are you feeling Hospitable?

Our hospitality committee is looking to expand! We need volunteers who are willing to help prepare and serve food, arrange flowers, and assist with special receptions and events. If this sounds like you, please contact Mae Winters at (251)533-4725 for more information.



### Altar Flowers - Would you like to honor someone, remember a loved one, or celebrate a happy occasion???

There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board or you may click below for a link to Signup Genius.

Your \$55 donation can be made to APUMC and placed in the offering plate, arranged online (apumc.com) or delivered to the office. Please include your preferred wording.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

### Around the Congregation...

**Circle of Concern**

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Linda Chamlee, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, Jim Harter, Bill Higgs, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Tee Hope, Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Kathryn Willingham (*\*new concern this week*)

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