

**St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
January 23, 2019**

Connecting Points

We live in extremely stressful times. Perhaps we always have, but it seems more so now because we live in the information age and know more than we ever have about everybody and everything. It has been said that knowledge is power but it can also be disconcerting. What we are learning is how diverse we are as the United States. We are also a diverse denomination and similar to our country, our Church is trying to navigate our differences. As you know, there will be a called General Conference in February and the delegates from all over the world will have the task of selecting an option that will help us move forward together as a denomination. Obviously, their choice could mean we remain together but the configuration would be more similar to an affiliation where churches choose a particular branch from within our denomination. Perhaps this sounds complex, and it is, but one would expect there would be an ample time frame for implementation of the new structure. At this point, we don't know what is going to happen but we can all pray that the delegates will honor God and that the Holy Spirit will lead those present as they deliberate and decide what's next for our United Methodist Church. You can also contact one or more of the delegates that will represent our North Alabama Conference. Their names and contact information are provided for you in this newsletter. Let us go to Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith in these challenging times and find rest for our stress. And let us remember the words of the hymn that sings, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that our unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love."

Pastor Dean

Delegates representing North Alabama Conference
@ General Conference in St. Louis on February
23rd thru 26th

Laity

Steve Lyles
Scott Selman
Zac Riddle
Carol Toney

Clergy

Robin Scott
Dale Cohen
Mary Henley
Tiwirai Kufarimai

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***Valentine Banquet
Wednesday, February 13th***

6pm

\$12 per person

"My Funny Valentine"

Featuring stories & songs by:

Walt Aldridge & Mark Narmore

*Menu: Smoke Pork Loin & Pecan Crusted
Chicken, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad &*

Dessert

Tickets go on sale today!!!

**Wednesday Fellowship Meals
January 30th
\$6 per person or \$18 Max per
family**

Menu:
White Chili
Salad
Children: Pizza

Name _____

____ Adults

____ Children

Clean-up Crew: Encouragers Class

Stewardship Report	January 13th	January 20th
Budget	\$8,916.00	\$7,282.00
Missions	\$51.00	\$24.00
Santa Rosa Daycare		\$30.00
Impact	\$100.00	\$100.00
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$100.00	
Fellowship Meal	\$463.00	\$410.45
Total	\$9,630.00	\$7,846.45
Sunday School Attendance	172	109
Sunday Worship	250	165

A substitute office worker for St. James is needed when Gale cannot be present. Please contact the church office immediately if you are interested! Thank you Sharon Pershke for your many years of service in this capacity!
SPRC

The Help Center needs used coats, blankets, sheets, and towels. If you have any to spare, please bring them to the church and place in the Missions Center outside the church office.
Thank you,
Pat Denier, Volunteer

**FOOD DRIVE FOR
WESLEY
FOUNDATION!!!!**
Please bring
Non-Perishable Food items
& place them in the Mis-
sions Center outside the
church office.

Prayer Concerns		
Members:	Non Members	Homebound
Pat Bailey	James & Joann Abbott	Bobbie Ashley
Pat Denier	Lois Allen	Ann Austin
Sam Brown	Louis Broussard	Allene Belew
Gene Call	Allyson Hanson	David Bratcher
Ben Carpenter	Jo McGuire	Marjorie Glasscock
Amber & Blaine Delia	Katelin Murphy	Nora Hart
Andrew Duessel (deployment)	Barbara Pace	Martha James
Nora Gibson	Louise Patrick	Jean Meyer
Marjorie Glasscock	Sean Putt	Mary Reeves
Karen Grisham	Grady Smith	Nancy Roberts
Murphy Heird		Irene Sanders
Janice Retherford		Sarah Triplett
Nancy Roberts		Vivian Wilson
Irene Sanders		
Vivian Wilson		