

**St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
September 5, 2018**

Connecting Points

I hope you had a fun and safe labor day. Perhaps you did a lot of nothing to celebrate all the somethings you do. It may seem like a contradiction to celebrate labor by having a day of rest. But then we remember that our weekly sabbath is a time of resting after a week of work. The writer of Genesis reports that God rested on the Sabbath and called it holy. Holy means set apart and so a sabbath is to be different than other days of our week. Sabbath means stop. So we are to cease from our routine and the business and busyness of our lives. We create margin and because we do, we are able to do more when we return to business as usual. Recently, some one talked about how much more productive we are if we take a break after working 90 minutes. If you get up and take a walk or talk to someone or change your focus for a few moments, when you return to the task at hand you'll be more focused and productive. God created us not only to be fruitful but also to rest. In fact, Jesus said come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you will find rest for your souls. That same Jesus looked at frazzled disciples and invited them to go bird watching with him so they would know that God is their caregiver. May our good shepherd lead you beside still waters and make you lie down so your soul is restored through rest.

R & Ring with Jesus,
Pastor Dean

**RED BIRD CHRISTMAS IN
SEPTEMBER
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A
DONATION!!!!**

JOY Class will resume their game nights Friday, September 14th. Everyone is invited and the games are not limited to Dominos So join us Friday, Sept, 14th @ 6pm in the Family Life Center. Bring a covered dish & join us for food, fun & fellowship!!!

DAY TRIP!! September 27th

Join us as we take Pastor Dean on a day trip to some of the Shoal's most visited sites.

Lunch at **Claunch Café** in Spring Park

Tour the **Alabama Music Hall of Fame** with **George Lair** as our guide

Shopping in downtown Tuscumbia

Ice cream at the **Palace Drug Store**

We will leave St. James at 10:30 Signup sheet will be outside the office this Sunday.

Wednesday Fellowship Meals

September 12th

\$6 Per Person or

\$18 Max Per Family

Menu:

Smoked Chicken

Green Beans

Salad

Children: Pizza

Name _____

____ Adults

____ Children

Clean-up Crew—Encouragers

UNA Wesley Foundation
Presents
3rd Annual Golf Tournament
September 15th
8am
The General Golf Course at Joe Wheeler
2-person Scramble: \$75/person \$150/team
Includes Fee, Cart, Prizes and Lunch
\$10,000 Hole in One Prize
Registration Forms available @ the
Welcome Centers

In case your schedule interfered with the last banding we will be banding hummingbirds again on Sept. 8 at 9 AM. Please bring the children! 256-710-5851 And many thanks to you who brought me jars for pepper jelly!
Margie Anderton

**Remembering Alex
A Day for St. Jude**
Saturday, September 22nd
10am—2pm
Muscle Shoals Rec Center
Inside Gym 3
Free admission to all games & activities
Donations Accepted
All proceeds go to St. Jude in memory of Alex Denton

Stewardship Report	August 26th	September 2nd
Budget	\$5,478.00	\$12,715.00
Missions	\$34.00	
Youth	\$176.34	\$15.00
Red Bird Christmas		\$1,175.00
Paraguay Mission Fund		\$50.00
Reimbursement State Farm		\$431.00
Impact		\$107.09
Communion		\$31.00
Bible Study		\$8.00
Children		\$150.00
Trustees-Parsonage Furn.	\$35.00	
Fellowship Meal	\$584.00	\$599.00
Santa Rosa Day Care	\$25.00	\$50.00
Total	\$6,332.34	\$15,331.09
Sunday School Attendance	167	
Sunday Worship	269	173

Prayer Concerns			
Members:	Members	Non Members	Homebound
Rick Ashley	Nancy Roberts	Lois Allen	Bobbie Ashley
David Bratcher	Irene Sanders	Jackie Berrens	Ann Austin
Gene Call	Jean Sharp	Jim Fennell	Allene Belew
Florence Carpenter	Bob Simmons	Nell Hester	Nora Hart
Ned Cox	Sarah Triplett	Barbara Pace	Martha James
Karen Grisham	Charlie Wilson	Katelin Murphy	Jean Meyer
Laura Hardeman			Edith Putt
Johnny McClanahan			Mary Reeves
Linda McKinney			Nancy Roberts
Peggy Mitchell			Irene Sanders
Edith Putt			Sarah Triplett
Janice Retherford			Vivian Wilson