

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
September 12, 2018

Connecting Points

We have entered one of the busy times in the life of our church. There is a lot going on that is visible but also much that happens behind the scenes. The nominating process has begun as well as other meetings in connection with the reporting we do for Charge Conference. We are also preparing for the new Sunday schedule and the adjustments that will be made to our worship experiences. All of this will be happening in the midst of our ongoing Wednesday night meal and campus group meetings. In a couple of months we shift our focus from planning and reporting toward the spiritual emphasis we call Advent. There's always seasonal events and worship gatherings to plan for and implement. All that to say we will be busy from now until Christmas Day.

Our District and Annual Conference are also busy during these next months. We have interviews with new ministry candidates and those who are continuing their process toward being credentialed. There will also be meetings in every District about The Way Forward. These meetings are to help us discuss and understand better the options that the called General Conference will be considering next year. We have been invited to pray about this important decision our denomination is facing and to ask God to give our delegates wisdom and discernment as they pursue His will. I will include this concern in my pastoral prayer this Sunday as a reminder for all of us to make this a prayer priority. Please check out the Conference web site to read what Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett has written about this recently.

Thank-you for making St. James the great church it is.
 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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th @ 8AM**

**Wednesday Fellowship Meals
 September 19th
 \$6 Per Person or
 \$18 Max Per Family**

Menu:
 Hamburger Casserole
 Pinto Beans
 Salad
 Children: Mac n Cheese, Fruit

Name _____

_____ Adults

_____ Children

Clean-up Crew—New Horizon Class

We need some help!!!!
 We have an old drawing of the layout for our Sunday School Classes. We are looking for someone who could draft on the computer a new layout of the Sunday School Classes.. Please contact Gale in the church office if this is something you can do.

*St. James Family,
 Thank you so much for the prayers and acts of kindness since my recent surgery. I appreciate each of you.
 In Christ, Rick Ashley*

**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	September 2nd	September 9th
Budget	\$12,715.00	\$11,461.00
Missions		\$25.00
Youth	\$15.00	\$827.50
Red Bird Christmas	\$1,175.00	\$1,325.00
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$50.00	\$125.00
Reimbursement State Farm	\$431.00	
Impact	\$107.09	\$100.00
Communion	\$31.00	
Bible Study	\$8.00	
Children	\$150.00	
Eagle Scout Project		\$110.00
Fellowship Meal	\$599.00	
Santa Rosa Day Care	\$50.00	\$150.00
Total	\$15,331.09	\$14,123.50
Sunday School Attendance	125	134
Sunday Worship	173	225

College & Career Class will meet Sunday, Sept. 23rd @ 11:30am @ Swampers Restaurant at the Marriott.

Members:	Prayer Concerns		
	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	Fred Mitchell	Nora Hart
Ned Cox	Sarah Triplett	Barbara Pace	Martha James
Karen Grisham	Charlie Wilson	Katelin Murphy	Jean Meyer
Johnny McClanahan			Edith Putt
Linda McKinney			Mary Reeves
Peggy Mitchell			Nancy Roberts
Edith Putt			Irene Sanders
Janice Retherford			Sarah Triplett
			Vivian Wilson