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UPCOMING DATES

<u>Sunday Sept. 15, 2024</u>

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP

11:10 am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL

4:00 pm COMMUNITY TAILGATE COOKOUT

5:30 pm YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday Sept. 16, 2024

Tuesday Sept. 17, 2024

Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024 6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

Thursday Sept. 19, 2024 9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY 6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday Sept. 20, 2024

Saturday Sept. 21, 2024 8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Here is your opportunity to join a small ladies group.

When: Sept. 10—Oct. 29.

Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm.

Where: Disciple Room

Why: Ladies need ladies!

I hope you will join this study. Invite a friend! What better way to enjoy quality time with other women. We will be studying God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions by Rick Warren. The book is available on Amazon for \$13.76. If you need someone to order a book for you or have questions contact the church office. See you on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6:00pm.

Caryl

Located in the very center of the floor of the Heritage Sanctuary are a number of articles left from a child care center that we can not use in our child care center. With a donation to our Capital Fund you are welcome to take anything you can use. Please check in with the church office so to avoid any confusion .



Attendance & Contributions

September 2, 2024	
Sunday Worship Attendance99)
Online Attendance958	3
Budget Contributions 9/2/24\$10,217.00)
Year To Date Total Budget	
Contributions as of 9/2/24\$269,816.22	

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers Kenny Coston Jack Moon Stuart McCrorie Ray Kilburn Ronny Duncan Carol Maddrra Marilyn Brown Terry Horne Tammy Moody Wanda England

OUR MISSION AT FIRST METHODIST ...

"To be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by: Boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone."

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sept. 8-13.....Redbird Mission trip.
Sept 10.......Childcare Center Feasibility Study
Group Meeting 6:30 pm.
Sept. 15......Tailgate Community Cookout,
4:00 pm, church grounds

Sept. 22......Invite a Friend Sunday, church lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 20-26...GMC General Conference Mtg, San Jose, Costa Rica

LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THESE DATES ON OUR PERSONAL CALENDARS.

In memory of Phil Vines and in honor of Carolyn Vines \$102.08 was collected for Society of St. Andrew after Phil's funeral service.

REDUCE WASTE. END HUNGER.

Gleaning & distributing thousands of pounds of fresh produce.



Hello Friends and Members! First, many thanks to Bro. John Simmons for preaching this past Sunday, and for preaching this upcoming week. Lisa and I have been trying to share pictures of our journey with you, and we hope you are taking in some of the sights with us through pictures. Thank you for your support, love and care in this time away for Lisa and myself to celebrate.

I can't help but think about the theme of our days right now as we travel, seeing new things. We are seeing things we've heard of; things we've seen in pictures; things we've studied about in history. Most importantly though, it's the new things TOGETHER! I understand even better now why Jesus sent the disciples out two by two (2 by 2). Just as Lisa and I have needed each other in navigating some of our travel sites and excursions, I am thankful for the learned and knowledgeable tour hosts that have "shown us the way."

Scripture is revelatory about spiritual partnerships and spiritual mentoring. Ruth had Naomi; Barak had Deborah; Timothy had Paul; Paul had Barnabas; Peter had Andrew; Apollos had Priscilla/Aquila; Esther had Mordecai; Elisha had Elijah; Samuel had Eli; Moses had Jethro.... In our spiritual lives, we need others in our walking the walk of discipleship. Our spiritual lives are strengthened when we are living a relationship with Jesus alongside others that can help us hear more clearly; that can help us experience Jesus' love through/in their lives; and that we can study His work and His life with, all to help us become more like Him. Whose your mentor, and who are you mentoring?

I look forward to sharing with you on Sunday, September 15, 2024, the first sermon in our new series, **WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR FAITH?** The first sermon in the series will have a feel like a report so to speak...kind of like the 'State of the Union' type address, but a "State of our Faith" if you will. I believe we will find it very sobering and somewhat eye-opening about Faith among Christians, and Faith in our world.

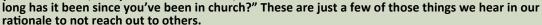
Keep the prayers coming, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

In Service to Christ,

Bro. John Verciglio

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

Actually, this should be every week event...inviting our friends who aren't going to church! It's such an intimidating thing to do for some of us...invite someone to church. An invitation to someone we know isn't in church can often feel like we are saying to them, "why aren't you in church?"; "do you believe in God?"; "how



On Sunday, September 22nd, we are hosting a "Invite a Friend Day" here at First Methodist Church. The only way this will be a successful outreach to our friends, our family, and our community is if we don't reach out and invite someone. It really is all up to you and me! I hope you will be a part of this great opportunity. I think we should also have a church potluck luncheon on this day. What do you think?

I hope you will decide to be a part of this great day, and that you will not be "shy" about inviting someone you know that isn't going to church...it doesn't matter if they are a member or not...just invite them!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET– In Memory of Phillip Grady Vines. With love & sympathy, Kathy Colburn, Gloria Daniel & Carol Jean McAlister.

RED BIRD— In Honor of Cheryl Finch on her birthday. By Bettye Stewart.

BUDGET – In memory of Phil Vines. By Wayne & Judy Mink

FOOD PANTY— In Honor of Marilyn Brown. By Wayne & Judy Mink.

YOUTH– In Honor Jack Moon. By Wayne & Judy Mink. **BUDGET**– In Memory of Phil Vines. He will truly be missed! By Steely & Cynthia.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY—In Memory of Phil Vines. In Honor of Carolyn Vines & Family. By David & Barbara Nichols.

BUDGET– In Honor of our Red Bird Crews, Past & Present. By Jeff Higgins.

BUDGET— In Memory of Phil Vines. In Honor of His Family. By Terry & Peggy Horne.

BUDGET– In Memory of Phil Vines. In Honor of Carolyn, Jeri & Jimmy and Jean & Eddie. In Honor of Wanda England. By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.

BUDGET– In Honor of Betty Jane Kornegay on her 90th birthday. By Nancy & Linda Hayley.

BUDGET— In Memory of our Brother in Christ, Phil Vines. By Pleasant Ridge Exercise Class.

BUDGET– In Memory of Phil Vines & Larry Gallups. By Danny & Kay karr.

FOOD PANTRY— In Honor of Carolyn Vines, Jeri & Jimmy Harris, Wanda England, Red Bird Mission Members, Nancy & John Simmons, Ronnie Duncan and Kenny Coston. By Danny & Kay Karr.







ENCOUNTER T-SHIRTS ... There are a few extra T-shirts from the D-NOW ENCOUNTER weekend. If you would like a T-shirt, swing by the office, \$10 a shirt. We have: 2-small; 2-Medium; 1-XLarge; and 2-XXLarge.

