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**PROMOTION SUNDAY
AUGUST 8**

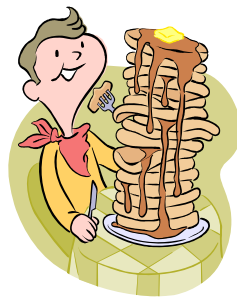
Sunday, August 8, is Promotion Sunday. This is the day that our children and youth “move up” into new classes and meet their new Sunday School teachers. Contact Betty Moye, Director of Children’s Ministries, or Brian Hasty, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information.



**Senior Adults
Potluck**

**August 19
11 a.m.**

Our Senior Adults will meet for a potluck lunch on Thursday, August 19, at 11 a.m. There will be entertainment and an informative program of interest about senior health care. For more information about this or any other Senior Adult program, contact Terry or Pat Hopper.



**5th Sunday
Breakfast**

**Sunday,
August 29
10 - 11 a.m.**

Our United Methodist Men are sponsoring a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, August 29, during the Sunday School hour. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL that morning so that everyone can participate in this event. Donations will be accepted and the proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the UMM Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office or can be downloaded from the church website at www.saralandumc.org. Applicants must be active members of Saraland UMC.



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The Urgency of Now

I am a student of preaching an oratory, and by far one of the greatest speeches I’ve ever read or seen was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech. I still get chill bumps every time I read it or see it replayed on television or the internet. In one of my favorite parts of this speech he says, “We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.” In two short sentences Dr. King points to a tremendous truth, some things are so urgent, they simply cannot wait.

In recent days, I have been reminded of the fierce urgency of now as it pertains to the life of our church and God’s call for us to be an irresistible influence for Christ in our community. I believe that God has been working in us and through us for years to bring us to this point in the life and history of our church. In just the last 4 years God has led us to: start powerful new ministries such as our Early Learning Center, Celebrate Recovery, and new worship services; purchase more property; expand and update our church campus; hire new staff; and so much more. The 50 years prior to that, countless faithful people

sacrificed and served so that we could call this church our church home. I believe that the Lord has prepared us for such a time as this, and he is prepared to do even more incredible things because we have been faithful to seek him and trust him.

The time is now! The time for us to use our valuable time and gifts for ministry is now. The time for us to invite our friends, family, neighbors, and strangers to experience God in this church is now. The time for us to financially give all that we can toward the vision God has for us is now. The time for us to be an irresistible influence for Christ in the school, workplace, marketplace, home, and everywhere we go is now. It is time for our promises of one day and some day to become to-day! A time for procrastination to end, and action to begin. The time is now!

Thanks to the faithful service and creative leadership of the past nearly 55 years an incredible window of opportunity is opening to our church this Fall. The fierce urgency of now calls us to action.

In Christ,
Rob
Rob

Jesus Encounter:

Coming Face to Face with Jesus through the Gospel of John

Throughout the Gospel of John we see different people having incredible life-changing encounters with Jesus, some of which are totally unique to John’s telling of Jesus’ story. You’re invited to have your own encounter with Jesus this Fall as we explore these incredible stories and come face to face with the one who changed history and impacts our lives today. This sermon series kicks off on August 15th, we hope you won’t miss a single week of it, and also hope you will invite others to come and see what Jesus has done, and can still do today.



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| August 15 | Jesus Encounter: Creation | John 1:1-5 |
| August 22 | Jesus Encounter: Humanity | John 1:6-18 |
| August 29 | Jesus Encounter: John the Baptist | John 1:29-35 |

District and Conference news and events...

UMVIM LEADER TRAINING



Saraland UMC is hosting a **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Leader Training** event on Saturday, August 28, 2010. Training events like this make it possible for the United Methodist Church to send well-trained mission teams into the world for Christ's sake. Participants will receive a wealth of information on preparing an UMVIM team for service, including such topics as effective project selection, spiritual development, cultural sensitivity for teams, logistics, and finance. Rev. Alan Gantzhorn will lead this training. Participating in the training does not obligate you to lead a team, but will help you understand the fundamentals of team leadership and will enrich any future Mission experiences you have. You will also gain ideas on places around the world where you can serve.

The registration fee is \$35 and includes the UMVIM Team Leader Handbook and lunch. For more information, speak to Rob Couch at the church. To register, contact Glenn Glover at umvim@awfumc.org or 334-703-1115.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The children at Sybil Smith Village could use your help with the below list of school supplies. Let's work together to help send these children off to school well equipped. If you have questions please call Shawanda or Joni at the Village @ 251-473-5526. **AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!**

1. Notebook Paper (Wide and College Ruled)
2. 3 ring binders (all colors) (1/2" and 1")
3. Dry erase markers (all colors)
4. Child Safety scissors
5. Composition Notebooks
6. Blue lined graph paper
7. Protractors
8. Jump Drives (1 GB minimum)
9. 3 ring folders with pockets (all colors)
10. Subject dividers (5 subject)
11. Four function calculators
12. Highlighters (yellow)
13. Hand Sanitizer
14. Paper Towels
15. Backpacks (no rolling backpacks please) (all sizes)

The United Methodist Women of Saraland UMC have placed a collection box in the lobby of the church for your donations.

GED Classes will begin this fall at West Wilmer UMC. Volunteers are still needed to assist with instruction. Volunteer training will be held at Wilmer UMC on July 24, 9am – 2pm. Lunch will be provided and no fee is charged for the training. Pre-registration for training is not required. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Gregory at 404-6893.

Facts about the Alabama-West Florida Conference

The Alabama – West Florida Conference is divided into eight districts. Those districts are:

- Baypines District**
Frederick Outlaw, Superintendent
- Demopolis District**
John Bonner, Superintendent
- Dothan District**
Walker Epps, Superintendent
- Marianna – Panama City District**
Gary Daniel, Superintendent
- Mobile District**
Tonya Elmore, Superintendent
- Montgomery – Opelika District**
Ron Ball, Superintendent
- Montgomery – Prattville District**
Philip McVay, Superintendent
- Pensacola District**
Jeremy Pridgeon, Superintendent

St. John United Methodist Church is sponsoring its second annual free seminar with attorney Luke Coley on the issues of child support, custody, and visitation. Mr. Coley will give a general overview of the law, and will answer your questions. The seminar is free and open to the public. 6 p.m., Sunday, August 8, 2010, at St. John United Methodist Church, 6215 Overlook Road, Mobile, AL 36618.

August 2010

Saraland
United
Methodist
Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Classic Service 2:00 PM Stubbs Baby Shower 5:00 PM Greeter Training	2 6:00 AM YMCA Summer Day Camp 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM Evelyn Joy Circle	3 6:00 AM YMCA Summer Day Camp 12:00 PM Lions Club Lunch 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	4 6:00 AM YMCA Summer Day Camp 6:00 PM Project 2819 (Youth) 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	5 6:00 AM YMCA Summer Day Camp	6 6:00 AM YMCA Summer Day Camp	7 SCMA Block Party @ Adams School
8 Promotion Sunday 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Classic Service 2:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party 6:00 PM Trustees Mtg	9 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Mtg	10 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	11 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Live Kick-Off 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	12 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	13 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	14 Yard Sale 6:40 AM St. Francis Street Breakfast
15 7:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM UMW Brunch 11:00 AM Classic Service 4:00 PM Discovery 101 5:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party	16 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Hope Circle	17 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 12:00 PM Lions Club Lunch 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	18 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner 6:15 PM Wed Night Program 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	19 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 11:00 AM Sr. Adult Pot Luck 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:00 PM Boy Scout Round Up	20 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	21 9:00 AM Coupon Workshop 4:00 PM Swann Wedding Reception
22 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Classic Service 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party	23 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	24 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	25 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner 6:15 PM Wed Night Program 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	26 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall	27 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	28 9:00 AM UMVIM Leader Training
29 NO Sunday School this morning. 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Church-wide Breakfast (by UMM) 11:00 AM Classic Service 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party 6:00 PM 5th Sunday Night Service @ Saraland UMC	30 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	31 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	<p>Do you want to know more about the United Methodist Church? Join us at DISCOVERY 101 on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m. Discovery 101 is the primary path to church membership at Saraland UMC. During the 1.5 hour session, you will learn about the history and future plans of Saraland United Methodist Church as well as Methodism, Christian beliefs and church membership. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to reserve a space or complete a registration sheet at the Welcome Center in the lobby. A nursery will be provided if needed.</p>			

News from The Bridge Student Ministry

Summer is almost over and school starts back soon...keep your Wed & Sun nights open for youth events!

PROJECT 2819

Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Youth on Wednesday nights is known as Project 2819. This night is dedicated to worship and learning to "Go and make disciples" as stated in Matthew 28:19-20. We will kick off the year on Wednesday, August 11! Wednesday Night Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. Make sure you have reservations for dinner if you want to eat at church before Project 2819. The cost of dinner is \$3.

August events...

Rising 6th Grade Orientation

Rising 6th graders and their parents have the opportunity to be introduced to our youth program on **Sunday, August 8 @ 5 p.m.** You will get the latest scoop on what, where, why and who for activities that are regularly scheduled throughout the year.

Back to School Bash

August 15 from 12:30-5 p.m. More details to come.

Block Party

Our Sunday night youth activity known as "Block Party" will resume August 22 from 5-7 p.m. This is a night of fun, fellowship, and Bible study for students grades 6-12.



Car Wash

We will host a car wash on August 21 to benefit the Saraland Spartan Uniform Closet at Saraland Middle and High Schools. Part of our effort to be an irresistible influence in our community is supporting our school system through this effort. Time and location will be announced at a later date.

ACOLYTE TRAINING Sunday, August 15 3 - 6 p.m.



Acolytes serve an important role in leading worship for our Classic Service. ALL 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to serve as an acolyte. For more information, see Betty Moye.

WISH LIST...

VCR's and DVD players are great... when they work! We could use a working VCR in the Children's Department. If you have one that you are willing to donate, please let Betty know ASAP.



Many thanks!

LOTS of people have put in sweaty hours on the playground! Thanks to each of you for the work you have done so far. There will be one more work day to set up the play structures. That date has not been set yet. Watch the bulletin for updates.



We are providing a continental breakfast to the teachers and staff at Saraland Elementary on Wed., Aug. 7. If you can help set up and serve early on Wed. morning, please call the church office.

Children's Ministry

AUGUST ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

August 1 Katie Leaird & Genna Myers
August 8 Dylan McFarland
August 15 Wyatt Fulton
A new schedule will be available after the training on Sunday, August 15.

Readers Needed!

Our Early Learning Center teachers would love to have adults come and read to our children! If you would like to be put on a rotating schedule to come and read, please contact our ELC Director, Michelle McDaniel (675-2904). School starts on Aug. 9! Books will be provided.



Children's Workers Needed



Our children need you!

Children's activity require adult leadership. That leadership can take many forms. To name a few...Leaders are needed to teach classes; supervise indoor/outdoor play; organize special events; staff child care for church ministries (i.e. Celebrate Recovery); organize supplies; assist teachers when needed; greet new families and children; help in the nursery when needed; work with acolytes; and much, much more! We have a lot of activities for children at Saraland UMC and need a lot of leaders. Please prayerfully consider where you can serve and call Betty for details.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

PRAYER CONCERN

We express our deepest sympathy to Joe Eagan and family on the death of his grandson, Kenny.

Special Concerns: Eunice Addison, John Aikens, Helen Allen, Julie Bacon, Billy Beckman, Buddy Boyington, Jakie Sue Brown, Alan Canfield, Todd Canfield, Virginia Canfield, Vernon Capps, Gerald Cargile, Kathy Cave, Sim Clark, Herbie Clifton, Randy Daugherty, Jean Faggard, Noah Faggard, Louise Fox, Claire Garlington, Olen Gunn, Tommy Harbour, Mary Huff, Ralph Hyer, Linda Jennings, Lillian Jepko, Wendell Kennedy, Myrtle Lewis, Eunice McAleer, Dana McDonald, Helen Mitchell, Kenneth Mowery, Stephanie Moye, Abbie Myers, Mary Parnell, Bonnie Ramsbottom, Michael Salter, Joe Simison, Tammy Stringfellow, Joseph Toomey, Rebecca Walker, Daryl Wallace, Francis Wiggins, Kathryn Williams, Dick Wilson, Hazel Yarborough



Shut-ins:
Eight Mile Nursing Home: Herbie Clifton
Veteran's Home in Bay Minette: Bill Rodgers
Westminster Village: Dan Mason

Please continue to pray for all of our men and women in the military.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 08/01 Abbie Myers
Jennifer Head
Thomas Holley
- 08/03 Rebecca Johnson
Maxine Linder
- 08/04 Nita Adams
Stephanie McKibben
- 08/06 Elvin French
Molly Grant
- 08/07 Nathan Pope
Wayne Parmer
- 08/08 Jay Driver
- 08/09 Megan Morgan
- 08/11 Alison Stubbs
- 08/12 Guy Mead
- 08/13 Jessica Riley
- 08/14 Hannah Leveritt
- 08/16 Terry Hopper
- 08/17 Helen Mitchell
- 08/19 Winston Boddie
Stephen Pope
- 08/20 Jeff Thompson
Bobby Epperson, Jr.
Jack Greene
Gina Danzey
Wyatt Clearman
- 08/21 Deborah Murphy
- 08/22 Mike Davis
Joseph Simison
Jared Alford
- 08/23 Larry Stevens
- 08/24 Becca Moore
- 08/25 Phillip Messer
- 08/27 Judy Gardner
- 08/28 Debbie Sullivan
Tanya Bonvillain
Peter Kim
Katie Clearman
- 08/29 Janette Platt
Punk Thomas
Diana Grant
- 08/31 Mary Goldman

Best wishes to each of you!



Our United Methodist Women are having a Women's Brunch

Sunday, August 15 10:00AM

ALL of the women of Saraland United Methodist Church are invited! This is a great opportunity to learn what UMW is all about.

YARD SALE

We are having a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, August 14. All money raised will go towards helping a local-area woman, Amber Wilson, who has just started treatments for breast cancer. We will be accepting items for the yard sale beginning Sunday, August 8th. For any large items that may need to be picked up please call 675-6850.

Wednesday Night Live

Kickoff – August 11th

Our weekly Wednesday Night Live dinner and programming kicks off on Wednesday, August 11. The kickoff will feature special fun activities to get the year started off right, as well as a presentation by our Guatemala Mission Team. Dinner will be served at 5:45 PM and the programs will begin at 6:15. Wednesday Night Live is fun, food, fellowship, and learning for the whole family. Children will enjoy our special WOW! (Wonder of Worship...a time for worship and learning) and the youth will have their traditional Project 28:19 Bible Study time.

Dinners!

Dinners this year will again be served from 5:45-6:15. Each week different groups within the church will prepare meals for the night. Proceeds from these meals will go to benefit these various ministries throughout the church such as: The Choir Scholarship Fund, Celebrate Recovery, United Methodist Women, Youth, Children, Early Learning Center, and others. Because of this we are asking each person to pay for their meal at the door on the night the meal is held (some people have paid in advance on Sunday morning or combined their payments throughout the month). Cost of the meals are \$5 per adult and \$3 per child/youth (over 3 years old) with a \$15 family maximum. It's hard to feed a family for less than \$15 – but you can do it at Wednesday Night Live – and now it will always go toward a good cause! (If your group would like to help prepare a Wednesday Night Meal, please contact Crystal Couch 675-1750).

Adult Bible Study: Jesus Encounter

This year Pastor Rob will be teaching a new Bible study entitled “Jesus Encounter: Coming face to face with Jesus through the Gospel of John” which will also coincide with his sermon series this Fall. This verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of John will help you come face to face with the one who absolutely changed the course of human history – and is still changing the world today. Books which contain the Gospel of John with the Life Application Bible study notes will be available for purchase for \$8 – using this resource, though not required, will greatly aid students’ understanding of the study.

Invite, Invite, Invite

The main reason many people don't take advantage of excellent church programming, such as what we offer at our church, is simply because no one has ever invited them. Wednesday night is a great, non-threatening (not-so-early) time for people to come and be introduced to our church. Please invite co-workers, neighbors, and others to come and see what they are missing.

Free Coupon Workshop
Learn to save so you might live more generously!

Saturday, August 21
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to:

- Drastically reduce your grocery bill
- Where to find coupons
- How to organize your coupons
- Coupon terms and acronyms
- Local store coupon and price matching policies
- How to plan your shopping trip
- How to stock your pantry

Everyone is welcome!

Please call 675-2728 to reserve your seat.
 Childcare will be provided upon request.



JULY STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE	
WORSHIP	158
SUNDAY SCHOOL	96
GIVING	
2010 MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS:	
	\$ 27,154
RECEIVED IN JULY:	
General Budget	\$ 25,784.53
Season of Growth	\$ 11,406.66
Helping Hands	\$ 36.00
Rent	\$ 725.00
Celebrate Recovery	\$ 508.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 750.00
Choir Scholarship	\$ 50.00
VBS Offering	\$ 524.25
Facility Usage Fee (YMCA)	\$ 1,388.80

PLEASE NOTE: Reimbursements and pass through funds are not shown.

5th Sunday Night Service To Be Held at Saraland UMC

Join us on Sunday, August 29, at 6 p.m. for our 5th Sunday Night Service. This service will include musical presentations by groups from several of our local United Methodist congregations. We will host a reception after the service. Finger foods are needed for the reception. Please bring something to share with our guests! See Ann Carter if you can help set up or clean up.

FILL A BAG...FEED A FAMILY

Our church receives requests for assistance every week. You can help us respond to requests for food by filling a brown paper bag or box with the items listed below.



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| 1 jar peanut butter | 1 jar jelly (any flavor) | 1 box instant potatoes | 1 bag rice (16 oz.) |
| 1 box macaroni & cheese | 1-2 cans of chicken (10 oz.) | 1-2 cans tuna | 1 can ham (10 oz.) |
| 2-3 cans condensed soup | 1 pkg. spaghetti | 1 can spaghetti sauce | 2-3 cans fruit |
| 6 cans vegetables | 1 box cereal (not sugary!) | 1 box instant oatmeal | 1-2 instant pudding mixes |

Other non-perishable items can be added as space allows. Bring filled bags to the church office.