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The Circuit Rider

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Mission:

The mission of the Mississippi Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



In light of the tragic events that unfolded in Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday, August 12, a unity vigil was held under the covered area across from the State Capitol Building Sunday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. opened the vigil with a prayer (<http://bit.ly/2uQXRLi>) and Rev. Dr. Joey Shelton, chaplain and director of church relations at Millsaps College shared his thoughts with the crowd about 'crucial conversations' (<http://bit.ly/2vJHJMX>). As followers of Christ, The United Methodist Church recognizes racism as sin and seeks to eliminate it. Find stories, resources and tools to learn more about the issue of racism and the ways you can advocate for the fair treatment of all people here: <http://bit.ly/2i7hH2T>.



2017 Special Edition of The Circuit Rider is now available to view online! Go to: <http://bit.ly/2t7XYFm>

Purpose:

The Mississippi Annual Conference—empowered by love, generosity, justice and apprenticeship—forms spiritual leaders, faith communities and connections so more disciples of Jesus Christ transform the world.

Our Values

The Mississippi Conference Four Core Values are love, generosity, justice and apprenticeship. For more information, visit www.mississippi-umc.org/thepowerofwe.



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word POWER

Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Bishop On the Move

Below are some of the events where Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. will be visiting in the upcoming weeks.

September 16 (Saturday)

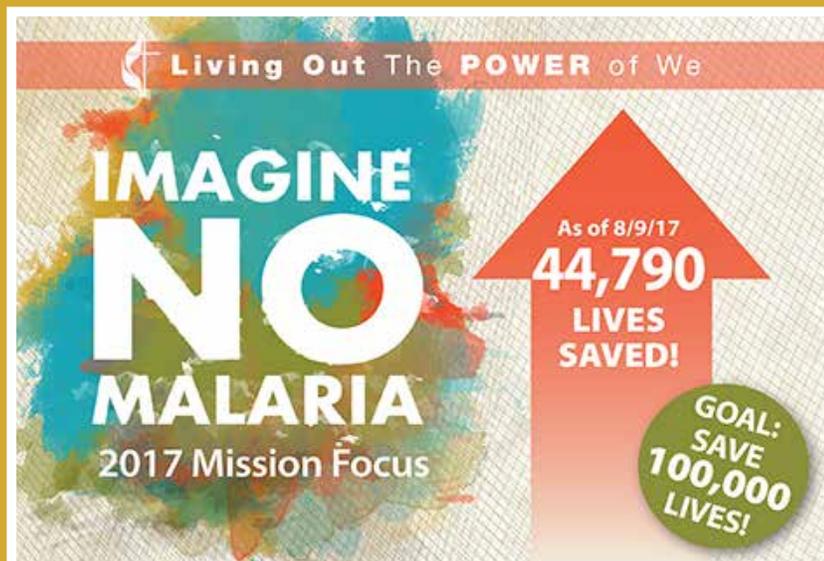
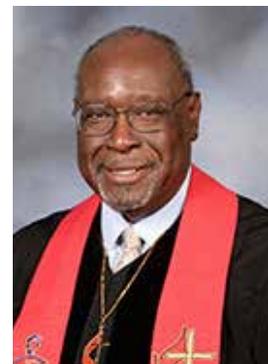
Bishop Swanson will lead closing worship at the Collaborative Leadership Conference beginning at 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, which is located at 6000 Old Canton Road in Jackson.

September 17 (Sunday)

Bishop Swanson will preach during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services at Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 305 N. Congress Street in Jackson.

September 24 (Sunday)

Moore Memorial United Methodist Church in Winona is celebrating 200 years of Methodism in Winona. Bishop Swanson will deliver the message for the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The church is located at 201 Magnolia Street.



Imagine No Malaria Update

For more information:
www.mississippi-umc.org/inm

Jam Y'all: Inaugural FamJam a Hit with Kids and Parents

By Jasmine Haynes, Web and Social Media Specialist, Mississippi Conference

Photo right: *Worship leader, Yancy has guitar duet with a girl from the audience.*

Photo below right: *Three members of team mosquito struggle to face the toilet tissue blower and land more cubes in the net than team jellyfish before time runs out.*

Mosquitos, Jellyfish, T-rexes, chickens, toilet paper blowers, megaphones and super hero capes were all used to praise God at FamJam Saturday, August 12 at Christ United Methodist Church.

DJ Blaha hyped the crowd with music and games that included a man-sized t-rex leading the audience in doing the wave. Shortly after that, children from kindergarten through sixth grade had a blast rocking out with Nashville-based Christian artist, Yancy, taking turns with guitar solos on stage, wearing super hero capes singing about a super God and using megaphones to make Jesus 'loud.' Yancy paused from singing praises to share with the audience the meaning of worship.

"Just like we like to hear nice things said about who we are and the things that we do, God loves it when we as His children, just simply tell Him thank you for what He's done for us in our lives," explained Yancy. "Worship is an opportunity to tell God about the cool things that he has done, so when you come to church and sing songs, it's a chance for you to tell God, 'you've done some amazing things in my life and I'm grateful for that.'"

After a lively praise party with Yancy, students were jumping and cheering as kids and chaperones from team jellyfish and team mosquito competed in several interactive challenges with biblical principles led by Kidz Blitz Ministries, a faith-based crowd participation show. After orchestrating a three-person toilet tissue cube toss that required a parent and two children, the Kidz Blitz host explained how the challenge illustrated that we often have to face adversities in life, but with the help of our heavenly parent -- God, our Father -- we can overcome those challenges.

Take a peek at FamJam highlights (<http://bit.ly/2vF2F9D>) and photos (<http://bit.ly/2w2KQ4Z>) and plan to attend next year.



Available Financial Planning and Health Benefits Resources Explained at 3L Academy

By Jasmine Haynes, Web and Social Media Specialist, Mississippi Conference

Over two days, Mississippi Conference clergy and their spouses absorbed a multitude of information about the resources made available to them pertaining to financial planning, clergy compensation, how to navigate through the complexities of health benefits and stewardship at the 2017 3L Academy, hosted by the office of administry. Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society was the keynote speaker and begin the event focusing everyone's attention on how a commitment to stewardship is not only helpful on a personal level, but it also aides United Methodists in fulfilling their financial commitment to social principles.

"On average we are not a poor church-at best we're middle class," said Henry-Crowe. "The goal this quadrennium is to identify and connect with those doing ministry with people in poverty."

The academy then transitioned from justice and stewardship to financial wellness, a term used to describe overall financial health, specifically how you manage your day-to-day finances and financial plans for the future. Ernest & Young(EY) financial planner, John Garrison pleaded with participants to learn to use the financial planning process to accomplish their goals, develop and implement a plan for retirement and know what steps to take next. Garrison shared that free webinars, a financial planning center, a financial wellness assessment and social media were just some of the tools available to attendees. To demonstrate the importance of financial forecasting for retirement, Garrison used an example of how seeing possible future money gaps when you look at what income you'll need to cover your expenses today, can save you from having unpleasant circumstances and conversations years from now.

"As you move closer towards retirement, you don't want to go home and tell your significant other, 'I'm going to be able to retire at 65, but you're not,' explained Garrison. "You can save more now, work longer or change your lifestyle, and I don't mean up-you don't want to run out of money before you die."



Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe



John Garrison

Learn How to Get Your Church 'Unstuck' at Time of Discovery Events

By Jasmine Haynes, Web and Social Media Specialist, Mississippi Conference

Photo right: Assistant to the bishop and director of faith community formation, Rev. Tim Thompson shares resources and next steps for the journey of church planting and revitalization.

Clergy and laity from the Jackson Metro Area met to learn about church planting and revitalization at the 'Time of Discovery' session at Anderson United Methodist Church in Jackson. Rev. Timothy Thompson, assistant to the bishop and director of the faith community formation office facilitated the event and expressed that sometimes pastors and members feel stuck and seek to hear direction from God before taking next steps as a faith community.

Christians can be aware that God called them to be a disciple and to make disciples, but aren't really sure how to actually become one. A Time of Discovery's purpose is to give an overview of what tools can help believers become and make disciples. These tools include 360+, a survey created to aid churches take clear steps as they walk through the process of revitalization. In addition, coaching was not only mentioned as a resource but also clearly defined in terms of what coaching is and what it is not. Coaching is not managing or mandating, but it is encouragement and an added level of accountability to help faith communities achieve the vision they feel God has called them to work towards.

"One of the most important things in church revitalization is keeping the main thing, the main thing," said Thompson. "Good leadership is choosing the right focus at the right time -- that's what revitalization is about."

Thompson shared with the group the danger of pastors attending these revitalization and planting events alone or sending one lay person to take notes.

"Take a team because whoever goes -- if they go by themselves-they will get excited because a spark will be lit," explained Thompson. "Then the person who attended will go home and try to explain the vision to the rest of the church and they'll put cold water on your fire." More informational church planting and revitalization gatherings are to come. Visit <http://bit.ly/2vK8XmN> to see times, dates and locations for upcoming Time of Discovery events.



Mississippi's Rev. Tanya Edwards-Evans, One of Two Women Staff Chaplains at Boy Scout Jamboree

Photo right: Chaplain Tom sewing on patches and offering a listening ears to staffers.

The Mississippi Conference's Rev. Tanya Edwards-Evans was part of the over 80 clergy serving as chaplains for the 2017 Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Jamboree and one of The United Methodist Church clergy.

"As I look back on the past two weeks, it was an enlightening, challenging and wonderful experience being with over 6,000 staffers and more than 30,000 scouts and scout leaders at the 2017 National Jamboree," shared Edward-Evans. "I had the opportunity to be part of a team of clergy from different faith traditions who worked as a team or better yet, as the body of Christ to all we met."

Edward-Evans said that they lived in tents, took solar-heated showers and walked anywhere from three to six miles daily. During her time at the jamboree, she counseled others, sewed patches and had conversations with persons from other countries. In closing, Edward-Evans wanted to thank Bishop Swanson, the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM), Anderson and Wesley Chapel-Meridian United Methodist Men and her appointment for such an awesome opportunity to represent The United Methodist Church.

Go to <http://bit.ly/2i7awaZ> to read more about the Boy Scouts Jamboree in a story by the United Methodist News Service.



Stellar AU Grad Changes Lives in Malawi Village

The women of the village built the hut for their "sister," Mercy Chikhosi, *pictured right (black shirt)*, because she has changed their lives. It is only occupied when she visits. Chikhosi has made these women and others in the Dowa District her personal mission, arranging for United Methodist donations to provide the women with small business loans. She graduated from United Methodist Africa University in Zimbabwe with a degree in nursing. She first came to this district in 2011 as a community health coordinator with Malawi United Methodist Church. Read the full article by Kathy L. Gilbert from United Methodist News Service here: <http://bit.ly/2uK3SO0>.



Disaster Response News

Register Now for Upcoming ERT Training: August 19

Those who feel called to providing a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster, are not only welcome but encouraged to attend an early response team (ERT) training.

The registration fee is \$40 and includes a manual, t-shirt, lunch, background check and leader expenses. For ERT certification, participants will need to attend the entire course. For more information and how to register for the August 19 (<http://bit.ly/2uezM4a>) training at Emmaus Camp, visit <http://bit.ly/2x5MDDm>.



Opportunities to Serve in Disaster Recovery

If your church is looking for opportunities for a fall mission trip, you do not have to look far. There are many places that your team can serve in long-term recovery from several disasters that have affected the lives of people here in Mississippi.

Go to <http://bit.ly/2kuIVAi> to find out regions where you can serve and Live Out The POWER of We.



Main Street UMC Helps Hattiesburg Neighbors with Repairs

Submitted by Chris Adams

Photo right: Team Main Street UMC help repair ceiling damage. Photo courtesy of Chris Adams.

Main Street United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg took a multilevel approach to tornado recovery in Hattiesburg when they decided to help a homeowner whose house suffered damage in the Jan 21 tornado. Members from Main Street UMC raised money for materials and are providing volunteer labor while building a relationship with the homeowner.



Faith Communities

Readiness 360 Now Available to Churches in Mississippi

Readiness 360 is an online assessment (survey) tool that assesses four critical capacities for multiplying thriving ministries: spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment and cultural openness.

Whether starting a new worship service, a new ministry site or even revitalizing an existing faith community, the Readiness 360 survey report can be a helpful tool. It will not only aid your congregation gain shared, unprecedented insight as to where you are (your unique strengths in your current context) so that any new vision, goal or ministry becomes more achievable, it also points your church toward specific steps that builds on these areas of strength, leading your church toward renewal and a future that is befitting of the Gospel.

Find more details here: <http://www.mississippi-umc.org/readiness360>.

Students Take Advantage of Spiritual and Academic Wisdom at BMCR Harambee

Submitted by Rev. L. Fitzgerald Lovett, pastor of New Zion UMC in Crystal Springs

Twenty-eight youth and adults from Mississippi participated in the 20th Anniversary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction's Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) Harambee at Claflin University in South Carolina. The SEJ BMCR Youth Harambee is planned each year for students grades seven through 12. The event's purpose is to be a celebration of gifts, talents and willing hearts of ethnic United Methodist youth. These



Photo courtesy of Rev. L. Fitzgerald Lovett, pastor of New Zion UMC in Crystal Springs

events also focus on helping youth and young adults understand BMCR's history, purpose and focus on equipping and supporting Christian youth.

Besides great music, praise, drama, dancing, delicious food, prayer and Bible study, youth had opportunities for creative expressions, mission work, youth-led worship services, activities and much more. Youth learned leadership qualities that can help them become better students and better Christians in a fun, no-pressure, relaxing way.

Youth were given an opportunity to take another step toward their future both educationally and spiritually. It was a wonderful time for youth to share and meet new friends. The trip is sponsored each year by Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Mississippi where Mollie Stewart serves as executive director. The attendees took a Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) tour that featured Claf-
lin University, South Carolina State University, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College and Morehouse College. University administrators shared with students what they should be doing to prepare for college admission to any school.

New Life for Closed Church's Windows

Submitted by Ben and Heather Hatcher

Photos right and below: *Members of Enterprise UMC remove and work on a stained glass window from the now closed DeSoto UMC to use in the rebuilding of Enterprise UMC.*

DeSoto United Methodist Church closed its doors in 2013. Now their stained glass windows will see new life in Enterprise United Methodist Church. With the permission of the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church and the blessing of former members of DeSoto UMC, members of Enterprise UMC removed the stained glass windows of the closed church to use in the rebuilding of Enterprise UMC following the tragic fire which destroyed this house of worship last year.

Monday, June 12, as volunteers worked to remove the beautiful windows, First UMC Quitman's pastor, Rev. Hiram Coker stopped by DeSoto and shared his gratitude for the project.

"DeSoto United Methodist Church is where my journey began as a minister. I have many fond memories of the congregation, also two of my children were baptized there 34 years ago. It was a sad day for me personally when the church closed," said Rev. Coker. "I am celebrating today with Enterprise UMC that this history will continue on as new life in the church."

Rev. Coker's excitement was echoed by Caycee Speed, a member of Enterprise UMC.

"I love the idea of reclaiming something that many generations before us loved and cherished," Speed shared. "I feel like the presence of the Holy Spirit is already part of our new church building even before construction has begun."

Those assisting with the project from Enterprise UMC were Rev. John Wesley Leek, John Brown, Steve Helms, Caycee Speed, Darrell Phillips, Keith Buckley and Brandon Buckley. Also providing much needed help were David Kowall who is a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church, and Mike Russell who is interim pastor at Central Baptist church in Meridian.



Spiritual Leadership

Collaborative Leadership Conference 2017

Plan to attend this annual state-wide gathering of clergy and lay at the 2017 Collaborative Leadership Conference. This event will be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson. It starts at 9:30 a.m. and end with Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. leading closing worship at 3:00 p.m. This year's conference mission is to provide an experience with how disciple-making systems are being lived out in the Mississippi United Methodist Conference. For schedule, brochure and how to register, go to www.mississippi-umc.org/clc2017.



Image courtesy of 'The Interpreter Magazine'

Introducing Play and Pray

The office of spiritual leadership and youth and families ministries are sponsoring the 2017 Play and Pray: Wesley Open. This event will be held September 25-26 at the Bay Pointe Resort and Golf Club which is located at 800 Bay Pointe Drive in Brandon. If you don't play golf, you're welcome to participate in worship and eat supper Monday, September 25 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Brandon for \$10. Find the schedule, how to register and more details here:

<http://www.mississippi-umc.org/playandpray2017>.



Take a Deeper Look at Lay Ministry: Certified Lay Ministry Academy

A certified lay minister (CLM) is a qualified United Methodist layperson called to congregational leadership as part of a ministry team under the supervision of a clergy person, but who often serves the church in many other ways. The academy consists of six modules that will advance your depth of knowledge about lay ministry and equip and empower you to serve your faith community. The CLM Academy launch will be September 24 at the Cabot Lodge in Jackson. The registration fee for the academy is \$300. The cost of lodging for one evening for each class meeting scheduled is not included in that fee. For a full schedule and how to register, go to

<http://bit.ly/2uK0vGT>.



Administry

Conference-wide Stewardship Training: This Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

This training event is sponsored by the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation for pastors, members of finance committees and stewardship committees of local churches.

Amerson, photo right, is the author of three books: *Stewardship in African-American Churches: A New Paradigm* (<http://amzn.to/2wbWQSo>), *Celebrating the Offering* (<http://amzn.to/2wbWQSo>) and *Fruit for Celebrating the Offering* (<http://amzn.to/2x5PfkD>) (which is a collection of offering invitations). Through his energetic and engaging training events, Amerson has become a nationally-recognized stewardship ministry consultant.



This two-hour training will be held Sunday, August 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Anderson United Methodist Church, which is located at 6205 Hanging Moss Road in Jackson. For more information, call the foundation at 601.948.8845.

Protecting Our Churches: Preparing for Hurricane Season

The official hurricane season runs from June through November, but historically the most active storms occur August through October, which makes this time of year the perfect time to prepare for a storm. If you live on the coast, you are aware of all the preparation that goes into hurricane season. However, whether you are familiar with this kind of storm or not, it's always important to have or create a safety plan for your church. Find tips on how to be prepared here: <http://bit.ly/2fMllsS>.



Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. administers the conference property insurance plan and writes a monthly newsletter titled, Protecting Our Churches for the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Students

Tour, Preview to The Gathering Student Conf. Beginning August 27

Let youth get a sneak peek of what's to come at The Gathering 2018 by bringing them to one of four The Gathering: Director's Cut Tour stops. The tour features Mike "The Youth Guy" Howington, "Big Al" Cherry, illusionist Todd Smith and DJ Blaha. Each stop is free to attend. Registration for this event is requested for planning; however, additional guests are welcome.

All tour stops are on Sundays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Make plans to attend where The Gathering Director's Cut Tour stops in your region! To check out the schedule, go to <http://bit.ly/2tR089w>.



Leaders of Student and Family Ministry, Orange Tour is for You

Experience fresh insight and new ideas for children, youth and family ministry that is powerful and lasts week after week at the Orange Tour Friday, October 20 at Heritage United Methodist Church (<http://bit.ly/2wglJuk>) in Hattiesburg. Sponsored by Heritage UMC and co-sponsored by the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church (<http://bit.ly/2lbVpLm>), Orange Tour is easy to attend, easy to afford and easy to see the impact on your whole team and your whole church. Go to <http://bit.ly/2vF65ZE> find a list of Orange Tour pricing, registration and other details.

Register by August 24 and save \$30!

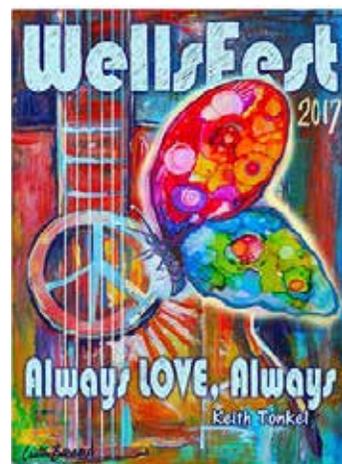


Save the Date | Announcements

WellsFest Activities to Benefit Miss. Methodist Children's Homes September 21-30

The 34th WellsFest will be held Saturday, September 30 at Jamie Fowler Boyll Park next to Smith-Wills Stadium on Lakeland Drive in Jackson. Presented by Wells United Methodist Church, WellsFest 2017 will donate all proceeds to the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi. Through on-campus residences, foster care and adoption, Methodist Children's Homes help neglected or abused children surmount their challenges and mature into productive, satisfying lives.

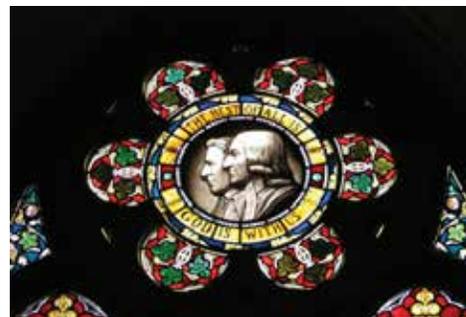
In addition to WellsFest on Saturday, there will also be a WellsFest Art Night held at Duling Hall in Fondren Tuesday, September 26. The event is free with live music and food donated by Table 100 and Babalu. WellsFest also includes a golf tournament Thursday, September 21, at Live Oaks Golf Club in Jackson. It will be a four-person scramble with a \$400 per team entry fee. Contact John Brashier at johnbrashier@wellschurch.org for details pertaining to the golf tournament. The registration deadline is September 17, 2017. To register or for more information about any WellsFest activities, please visit www.wellsfest.org.



Administry Courses Now Available September 23 - December 9, 2017

This financial leadership training provides counsel and guidance to strengthen the administrative and financial abilities of the local church treasurer, financial secretary, finance committee members and church business administrators. Course options range from human resources to budget preparation to internal controls.

The training cost \$60 for the first person from a church and \$10 for each additional person from the same church. This fee covers meals, snacks and resources for the complete day. For more information on course descriptions, the agenda and registration, go to <http://bit.ly/28T7OBx>. Click on the location below nearest you if you're ready to register today!



- District Office, Senatobia District - Sept. 23, 2017 [<http://bit.ly/2uWD5Kw>]
- West Point First UMC, Starkville District - Oct. 14, 2017 [<http://bit.ly/2tka5KF>]
- District Office, Meridian District - Nov. 18, 2017 [<http://bit.ly/2tkaaxX>]
- Williamsburg UMC-Collins, Hattiesburg District - Dec. 9, 2017 [<http://bit.ly/2uWoKxP>]

2017 Annual Racial Reconciliation Celebration

September 26

This event will be a full day of events geared toward racial reconciliation and education on how Mississippians, from all walks of life can continue to work together to create a more unified Mississippi. The celebration will be held at the Jackson Convention Complex from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m. for more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2v37yp7>.

Clergy Spouse Retreat

September 29-30

Come and enjoy fellowship with other clergy spouses while embarking on a path of spiritual renewal. Dr. Barbara Stanford, *photo right*, is the featured speaker and the retreat will take place at the Holiday Inn at Trustmark Park in Pearl. Registration is \$100. This includes double occupancy of hotel room by attendees along with Saturday morning breakfast. Private room or non-conference attendee rates are \$150. Visit <http://bit.ly/2i6P3ix> for more information and to download the registration form.



Black Methodist for Church Renewal Annual Meeting

September 30

This event will be in Jackson and the venue will be selected and shared in the near future. For more information, contact Rev. L. Fitzgerald Lovett at revlovet@hotmail.com or 662.897.0581. You can also visit <http://www.bmcrrms.org> to catch up on the latest BMCR news in Mississippi.

Camp Lake Stephens Older Adult Gulf Coast Trip

October 17-20

Attendees will depart from Camp Lake Stephens early Tuesday morning and return late afternoon on Friday. Lodging is at the Courtyard Inn in Gulfport and overlooks the Gulf Coast. The cost is \$450 and includes transportation on a charter bus, three night lodging, most meals and tickets to all special events. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with registration by September 8 and the remaining balance is due October 3, 2017. For more details, download the brochure here: <http://bit.ly/2uK5zLa>.

2017 Mississippi Convocation on the Black Church

October 28

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Mississippi Convocation on the Black Church taking place at Anderson United Methodist Church in Jackson. This year's theme is 'Intentional Discipleship Through the Lens of the Black Church Experience.' More information on this event will be released via conference communications in the near future.

Scholarships Now Available for Exploration 2017

November 3-5

Registration for Exploration, a three-day event for young adults age 18-26, is now open. This event is designed to help attendees discern and respond to God's call to ordained ministry. This year's event will be held November 3-5 in Portland, Oregon. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2wbScE6>.

There are a limited amount of registration scholarships available through the office of spiritual leadership. Contact Rev. Dr. Larry Hilliard at lhilliard@mississippi-umc.org for more details. Registration will be open until September 15.

Heritage Preservation Workshop

November 17-18

The Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) Commission on Archives and History will present its bi-annual Heritage Preservation Workshop on November 17-18 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. Bringing Life to History will explore the creation of an oral history program, development of a living history presentation and best practices for the creation of a written church history. Registration is limited to 50 persons. For more information contact Nancy Watkins at nwatkins@lakejunaluska.com or 828.454.6781.

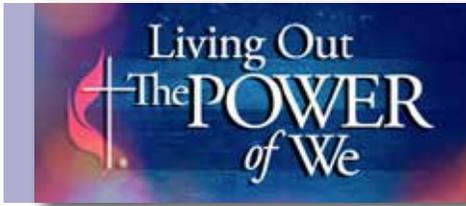


Announcements

September is Hunger Action Month -- Get Resources Here

Plan now to make September a time for your congregation to stand together against hunger. Join with the Society of St. Andrew to see that each person in this country has healthy, nourishing food to eat.

To find our Calendar of Prayer and Action, go to <http://endhunger.org/ham/>.



Four-part Bible Study: Living Out The POWER of We
With Bishop James E. Swanson Sr.
Link to access the videos: <http://bit.ly/2l1bUbW>

Employment

As a courtesy to the Mississippi Annual Conference, job announcements from across the United Methodist connection are featured in *The Circuit Rider*. To submit an employment notice, send an email to news@mississippi-umc.org. Postings are not guaranteed to appear more than once in Mississippi Conference publications. **To read a description of job opening(s) listed below as well as other listings, go to <http://www.mississippi-umc.org/employmentopportunities>.**

- Full-time Children's Ministry Director
- Director of Youth Ministry
- Part-time Children's Ministry Director
- Director of Music Ministries
- Full-time Director of Youth Ministry
- Minister of Music/Lead Musician
- Part-time Choir Director
- Youth Minister
- Director of Music Ministries
- Full-time Music Director
- Director of Children's Ministries

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- Flickr: www.flickr.com/photos/119483421@N02/

Stay Connected with ConnectText

Mississippi United Methodists with the ability to receive text messaging via phone are encouraged to sign up for ConnectText. The service is another option for people to stay informed about important dates and other conference happenings.

To sign up for ConnectText:

1. Remember, you must have the ability to get text messages on your phone.
2. From your mobile phone, text the letters 'MSUMC' to the number 95577 and press send.
3. Wait a few seconds for a confirmation text and you're connected!