

The Lamplighter

Sharing God's Hope, Love, and Healing

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The Gospel According to

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IN A FELLOWSHIP HALL NEAR YOU

In the month of August, we wanted to have a little fun bringing our kids, youth, and adults of all ages together to study Gospel truths as found in a few of the Pixar movies.

Movies spotlighted include Up, Monsters Inc., Cars, and Wall-E. This will be a light and entertaining class on Wednesday evenings in August. We will meet in the fellowship hall and the format will include movie clips, discussions, and activities

aimed at transcending generational lines and unifying us as a church. Our aim is a lot of laughs, possibly a few tears, and hopefully even some growth and learning. Join us and invite a friend!



Woodland Welcome & Woodland 101

New to Woodland?

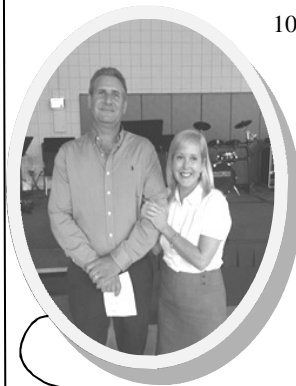
Interested in growing in your discipleship, learning more about our programs, or getting to know our staff better?

Join us for *Woodland Welcome* on **Wednesday, August 9th!** Dinner is a 6 p.m. and your meal is *free* on this date. Welcome and orientation to the church will begin at 6:45 p.m. Please make reservations through the church office @ 334.272.7230 by noon on **Tuesday, August 8th.**

We are offering *Woodland 101* classes again starting **Wednesday, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th.** These classes are great for new or prospective members or for those just wishing to brush up on United Methodist beliefs. These classes give a brief overview of denominational church history and structure, as well as defining the flavor of our local church. We close the sessions by beginning to help you understand your gifts and call to service.

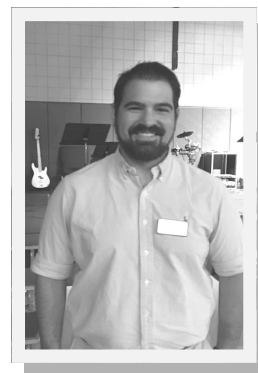
New Members

Linda & Dale Weeks
Joined 7/2/17
10:30 a.m. Worship Service



Jack & Amy Oster
(Children: William, Emma Margaret, Jeffery, Emma Cate, and Sophie) not pictured

Joined 7/2/17
9:15 a.m. Worship Service



Jesse Guffin
Joined 7/9/17
9:15 a.m. Worship Service

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

August's Communion Rail offering is going to support Pilots for Christ. Pilots for Christ is a non-profit organization from Monroeville and its mission is to glorify God by promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ through flying missions of mercy during a families most critical time of need. They strive to help those in need of air transportation due to medical reasons but are not physically able to travel by other means. Pilots for Christ has one of the few aircraft in the nation equipped with a stretcher that is not an air ambulance.

Pilots for Christ also transports missionaries and ministers, as well as medical and humanitarian supplies in times of disaster. Pilots for Christ provides this service free of charge and depends solely on donations. Pilots for Christ believes this ministry is essential to the area and the State of Alabama and are called by God to fulfill this need

Please help Pilots for Christ by supporting it with a generous contribution through the communion rail offering on **Sunday, August 6th**. Alternately, a check made out to Woodland UMC and designated for Pilots for Christ can be mailed to the church office to be included in our gift to Pilots for Christ.

CHOIR NEWS

Chancel Choir will begin preparing for their 2017 Christmas cantata, *Peace Has Come*, during the month of August. All seasonal singers are welcome to come and join us on **Wednesday, August 9th** when we resume choir rehearsal! The cantata will be performed on **Friday, December 1st** at 7 p.m., and **Sunday, December 2nd** at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Choir begins on **Sunday, September 10th** at 6 p.m. in the choir room. We'll have rehearsal CD's available with new Christmas music! Please make plans to join us in September!

Handbells resumes rehearsals on **Sunday, August 13th** at 5 p.m. as

we prepare for Homecoming and Christmas 2017!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HILLTOPPERS met July 11th at the church. We had a smaller group this month, but we had a good time socializing and playing dominos. Alma was the winner this month. We invite all seniors (55 and over) to join us. This month we are going to have **SALADS**, so bring a good salad to share. Beverages, dessert, rolls, and crackers will be furnished.

The **36064 SUPPER CLUB** will be hosted by Shaun & Summer Rice on Friday, **August 25th**, at 6:30 p.m. at a restaurant. More details coming by email. Child care will be provided at the church. Please call the church office by **Wednesday, August 23rd**, to make reservations for your child or children.

The **LEFTOVER SUPPER** club will not meet in the summer. Check out the September issue for the next get together.

PRIME TIME will meet **August 24th** at 6 p.m. (*Please note we have moved to the 4th Thursday.)

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will not meet in August.

The **LADIES OF EMMAUS** will meet on **Sunday, August 20th**, at 4 p.m.

The **WOODLAND MORNING CIRCLE** will not meet in August.

PRAYER MINISTRY PRAYER

May the Lord bless you and keep you today. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, giving you His peace. May the Lord help you achieve your

divine destiny; may the Lord make a way for you where there seems to be no way; may God cause your enemies to scatter to see them no more; may God give to you victory that is only explained in the fact that a supernatural God has made it possible. In His name we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

We will meet on August 27th at 11:45 a.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.!!

FOOD PANTRY

This past Saturday, the food pantry served 71 families. There were 16 new families. That may be a record. Lots of work, but very rewarding.

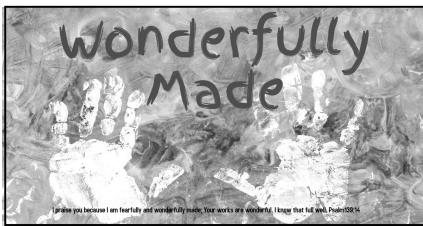
Even though the majority of the people we serve are very elderly, I spoke with a client who has lost her job as a cook and is looking for work. One family needs a refrigerator. Another is looking for a safe place to live. One elderly man has to take his twin sons to work and pick them up every day in Troy. He is praying for a car so his sons can continue to work. A lady from Midway lives in a remote area and wishes she had a dog, but she will not get one for fear she will not be able to feed it. There are at least two families who have lost loved ones to violent crime this year. The stories are so touching and the people are so dear.

If you have not participated, there are many ways you can help. We need people on Thursday mornings, twice a month, to unload and shelve the groceries. We need workers on Food Pantry Saturday. We often need donated food and personal care items. We need dog and cat food. And most of all we need your prayers for this wonderful ministry. (ARTICLE WRITTEN IN JULY 2017)

Children

We have had a great summer of VBS, fun trips and we are not done yet. Terrific Tuesdays will wrap up the summer with a fun trip to Alabama Splash Adventure in Bessemer on **Wednesday, August 2nd**. RSVP to Debbie @ mills.debbie5@gmail.com if your child would like to attend.

As we gear up for back to school, it is time to move up in Sunday school also! Promotion Sunday will take place on **August 13th**. Each of our children's Sunday school classes hold 2 grades, therefore not every child will be moving to a different room.



August 19 is our very first event of Wonderfully Made. Wonderfully Made is a respite ministry offered by Woodland United Methodist church for families of children with disabilities. We will offer quarterly services from 4-8 p.m. for children 18 and under with special needs, and their siblings. Each participant is paired with a volunteer capable of meeting their needs based on the application. The program is absolutely free to all participants. We are blessed to be able to give this time to families to do with as they please. We are in need of volunteers! Please contact Anne Alan Jemison if you are able to help or if you would like or know someone who would like to be a participant Anne Alan's email is aajemison@gmail.com or contact the church office 334.272.7230.

Thank You

It has been smooth sailing throughout my recent surgery and recovery with nothing more than discomfort. The

support and kindness in each and every way of our Woodland family has been received with more gratitude than I know how to express.

Don and I covet your continued prayers as a new battery of tests and treatment will be forthcoming in the days and weeks ahead.

With love and thanks to each of you.
Nancy Rabren

CONGRATULATIONS

Noah Andrew Frazer was born June 23, 2017. Parents are Andrew and Jennifer Frazer, and big sisters Reagan and Delaney and big Elijah.

Prayer Class

Deepen your prayer life this summer. Learn to connect with God on a whole new level. Practice skills that will help you grow in your discipleship. Throughout the month of August, Scott Borders will be leading a prayer class sponsored by our prayer ministry. (Ashley Davis will occasionally throw in her two cents as well). The class will be loosely based on the second half of Richard Foster's book, *Prayer*. Over the course of 5 weeks, we will practice and experiment with centering and contemplative prayer techniques. The class will begin on **Tuesday, August 1st**, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to invite friends. Please let Ashley or Scott know if you are planning to attend so that books can be purchased.

Room To Grow

At Woodland United Methodist Church, our mission is to glorify God through life-changing worship, studying and living His word, making disciples, and serving our neighbors everywhere. The Room to Grow Campaign is an effort to continue to fulfill our mission. The building committee continues to work with the Build Design

company and 100% plans should be on hand soon, which will allow us to know the final budget. We ask that you continue to be in prayer for the building process, and the Room to Grow Campaign. If you have not pledged to the campaign, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge.

YOUTH

Sunday Mornings:

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 7th and 8th with Mr. Mike Smith and Ms. Cindy Smith
- 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th with Mr. Eric Mackey
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- All Youth with Mr. Scott Mills

August Information:

- Sunday Nights:** No Youth on Sunday Nights in August as we get ready to launch our new Girls and Guys Small Groups that start in September!
- Wednesday Nights:** Join us as we join the entire congregation for a Pixar Study on Wednesday Nights in August!
 - We will be releasing upcoming events so keep an eye out!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Dates for unloading:
August 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.
August 17th @ 8:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Opens:
August 19th 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

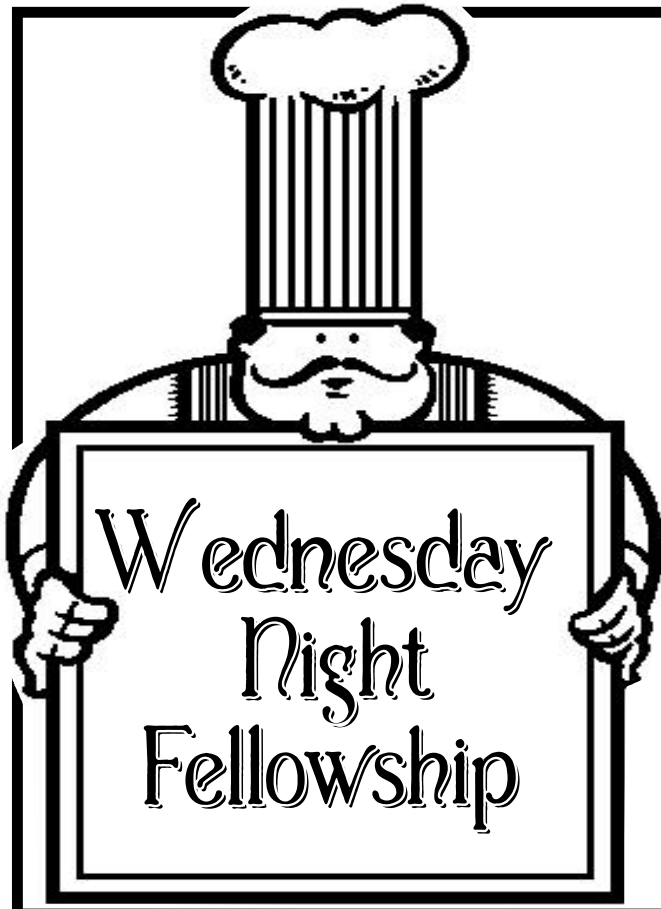
Worship Services: 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Breakfast: 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided 7:45-11:45 a.m.
Youth: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Children Activities: 6:30 p.m.
Supper: 6:00 p.m.
Youth, & Adult Activities Follow

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



August 9

Cook Team: Paula Lansdon, Pat Killough, Linda Chandler and Jeannie Handey
Baked Ham, Fresh Peas, Squash Casserole, Sliced Tomatoes, Corn Bread Dressing, and Dessert

August 16

Cook Team: Bob & Lynda Maddox, Frances Ard, Linda Reynolds & Jill McCain
Chicken Casserole, Rice, English Peas, Sherry's Marinated Tomatoes, Rolls, and Dessert

August 23

Cook Team: Don & Charlene Meadows, George & Linda Carleton, Margaret Pippin & Myra Mills
Hamburger Streak, Hash Brown Casserole, Baked Beans, Rolls, Green Salad, and Dessert

August 30

Cook Team: Frances Ard, Linda Perdue, and Pam Singley
Chicken Pot Pie, English Peas, Copper Penny Salad, and Banana Pudding

Adults ~ \$6 Children ~ \$3 Maximum per Family ~ \$18
Note: Children's Meals Consist of Adult Half-Portions unless otherwise stated.