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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

DO WE CARE?

While visiting a hospital a pastor met a little 9 year old girl who was a patient. He thought he recognized her name, so he asked her if she was the little girl who went to their church Sunday school? She replied “No Sir! I don’t go anywhere to Sunday church school.” He told her who he was and said, “While I am here perhaps we could pray together! Her response was, “That is fine, but I don’t know what prayer is.” He said, “I will offer you a prayer.” She replied, “That would be fine, but no one has ever offered me a prayer before.”

Of course he followed up with her after she left the hospital. He discovered she lived between 2 Christian families of other churches. Amazing how many people live right within our neighborhoods and somehow they have been overlooked.

I guess the question I would ask all of us, “DO WE CARE?” Do we know the Patrick, Katie, Genevieve, Steve and Laura? Getting to know our neighbors is a great way to reach the world for Christ. Jesus said, “there were 99 sheep and the shepherd went looking for the one lost sheep.” Luke 15!

Pastor Doug Walker



FROM THE PULPIT

3:16 Series

For the next few Sundays, our sermon series will be focused on some of the Scriptures in the Bible that have a "3:16" connection. We all know John 3:16 "For God so loved the world . . ." but do we know any others. You be surprised how many you know.

May 30 (Pentecost 1) "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit"

Luke 3:16 Baptized in this context means
(Ignite, empower, fill you)

June 6 (Pentecost 2) "In the name of Jesus" (faith in His Name)

Acts 3:16

June 13 (Pentecost 3) "The Fear (Reverence) of the Lord . . .

Malachi 3:16 Respect of the Lord!

June 20 (Pentecost 4) The Faith of Daniel and 3 friends

Daniel 3:16

June 27 (Pentecost 5) Lukewarm Churches!

Revelation 3:16

MISSIONS COMMITTEE



The missions committee continues to support the Vashti Children's Home, Mission on the Move, the Inner City Night Shelter, the Park Ministry, and provides ongoing support to people in our community that need financial assistance. We were the host church in May for Family Promise. Thank you to all who volunteered. Special thanks to Marshall Acree for his leadership with Family Promise.

Pam Anderson, Missions Chairperson

Middle and High School Students:

Join us for

Youth Sunday School!

Sundays at 9:45am.

Come spend time with us reading and discussing the Bible and learning more about our amazing God!

June 10 - Youth Service Day

@ PACK Savannah 10:00 to Noon

PACK is a non-profit organization that battles childhood hunger.

RSVP to Youth@islandmethodist.com

School Community Service hours can be given for attending.

We ♥ our students!



MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT

Happy June, WIUMC! As summer approaches, many of our music ensembles will be taking a break for the summer. This coming week, the WIUMC Handbell Choir will be performing for the last time until this fall as we prepare to ship the bells off to be overhauled. This is an intensive process where the bells will be cleaned, tuned, and repaired, and it will be both time-consuming and expensive. The only way we can make this happen is because of the money raised from last year's BBQ fundraiser, so another big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed! This overhaul will keep our handbells in tip-top condition and allow us to continue to perform using these instruments for many years to come.

Speaking of handbells, I am going to brag on the WIUMC Handbell Choir for a minute. Since my arrival in January, this group has learned six new pieces, performed a total of eight times in five months, and added three new members to the group! They have blown me out of the water with their hard work and dedication, and it is truly a blessing that this group is able to share their incredible gifts with the WIUMC congregation. Their last performance of the season will consist of two new pieces focused on the season of Pentecost. First will be Spirit Dance, a bright and rhythmic tune highlighting the joy the Holy Spirit brings! It will be sure to have you smiling and dancing in your pew! We then will balance this with Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God, a beautiful and familiar tune in a contrasting, lyrical style. "Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, come renew my heart and make me whole." A big thank you to each of the members of the WIUMC Handbell Choir for sharing their gifts with us all!

Caitlin Long



VBS – Rainforest Explorers!
July 12-16, 2021; 9:00am to 12 noon
Ages: 4 years old thru 5th grade

At the Rainforest Explorers VBS, our children look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover that Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him. What do you need when you go on a journey? The Bible gives us resources (special tools) to show how Jesus leads the way in our lives. **WE HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS! The registration form for children is on the church website or in the church office. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**



LAY LEADER MESSAGE

Ephesians 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Do you ever feel that you are working very hard to DO everything that God wants you to do and stuff just keeps happening? Spending time in the presence with your Father is necessary to keep our eyes on HIM, to walk by faith and not by sight.

Spending time alone with Me is essential for your well-being. It is not a luxury or an option: It is a necessity. Therefore, do not feel guilty about taking time with me. Remember that Satan is the accuser of believers. He delights in heaping guilt feelings upon you, especially when you are enjoying my Presence. When you feel Satan's arrows of accusation, you are probably on the right track. Use your shield of faith to protect yourself from him. Talk with Me about what you are experiencing, and ask Me to show you the way forward. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to Me, and I will draw near to you .

Jesus Calling by Sarah Young

Diane Reeder
Lay Leader



THE JOY (Just Older Youth) GROUP

Wednesday, June 2 - This trip to **St. Simons Island** is **FULL**. For those attending, please be at the church at **8:45am.** . Bring money for lunch. We will return at **5:00pm.**

Wednesday, June 23 - Trip to **Mrs. Wilkes Restaurant** and a **boat ride on the Savannah River.**

Wednesday, July 21 - Tour the **famous churches of Savannah**

Saturday, August 14 - **Alhambra Dinner Theater** in Jacksonville, **RSVP by June 1**

Friday, September 17 - Trip to **Darien, GA**

Friday, October 22 - **Concert** at a famous Savannah Church

Please contact **Pastor Doug Walker 912-293-7087** or **897-2835** if you are interested in these trips.



The **South Georgia Annual Conference** is set for **8:30am** on **Monday, June 7** via **Zoom** webinar. Go to **www.sgaumc.org** to view.



GOSPEL CELEBRATION

Please join us this **Sunday, May 30**, for a special **Gospel Celebration** featuring **Ben Strong**, former Director of Music, here at the church. A **covered dish lunch** will follow the **10:45am service.**

FAMILY PROMISE



We have just completed our **second** Family Promise week this year. Our church workers provided **evening meals, lunches and breakfast snacks.** Also, a **generous offering** was given to help Family Promise with expenses. We had church workers who drove to the Oasis Center to deliver the food. **More than forty people** contributed to this effort. Thank you all for your service.

In His Service, Marshall Acree.

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ by inviting, incorporating, nurturing, and serving.”

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UPDATE ON REBUILD THE TEMPLE



Progress – Progress – Progress!!

Let me start off this update by thanking each and everyone of our wonderful church members. Your support has been amazing!

This committee started with a simple vision: Bring our church buildings and grounds back to life! I think we can all say that we are well on our way to making our church home beautiful!

In the last month or so we have completed the exterior painting of the church, cleaned and painted the church sign, finished a majority of the new landscaping, replaced carpet in 2 locations in the pre-school wing, and have cleaned up all over the church.

Our list of completed projects is growing but we still have so much left to do! During the next few months you will see the hallways in the office area painted, Pastor Doug's office refurbished, and a complete makeover of the choir room!

We still have a few major improvements in the planning stage such as replacing the carpet with new flooring throughout the educational wing along with refurbishing the pews in the sanctuary. This list continues to grow as we strive to make our church home beautiful!

We are extremely blessed to have your support and we are sincerely thankful!

Rick Long

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**Church Office Hours 9:00am - 5:00pm
Monday - Friday**