RIVER OF LIFE 2018

The current in the River of Life is beginning to flow faster at Milledgeville First United Methodist Church preparing for July 11-15, 2018. So many volunteers jump in the River each year; financial supporters, local business owners, prayer warriors, cooks, meal servers, meal deliverers, snack preparers, sitters, band members, dorm chaperones, youth leaders, site workers, site leaders, barn workers, greeters, videographer, pastors, church employees, site gatherers, site assessors, material deliverers and river girls.

River of Life could not reach out into the communities of Baldwin, Wilkinson, Hancock, and Putnam Counties each year without the time and talents of the members of FUMC. We host 200 plus youth and adults from 8 churches from around the state of Georgia so that they can be the hands and feet of Christ to individuals that need a wheelchair ramp, yard work, house painting, or just shown some love and kindness. The youth and their leaders will be living in the GMC Baugh Barracks this year. Each morning the sites will take a break and enjoy a devotional together. Hopefully, the homeowner will be able to join them. The sites will be eating lunch close to their sites either at Hopewell UMC, Pierce Memorial UMC, Devereux UMC or a home in Ivey. Our pastors, Rev. Mac Enfinger and Rev. Stephanie Caldwell, will visit each home while there they will pray and present a Bible from the workers of that site. The youth enjoy down time at the barracks each afternoon after working. Following dinner, each night at MFUMC, a praise and worship service is held at the GMC Goldstein Center. The youth groups are able to worship with the GC Wesley Foundation band. This year’s speaker, Hannah Stubblefield, youth leader for Acworth UMC, will be bringing the message each night and Sunday morning. Sunday morning brings closure to a work week filled with great emotions. We love taking our individual youth group pictures along with a group ROL picture. We head into worship thankful for God’s many blessings from the week. After Sunday worship, we send our youth groups off to their hometowns, with well wishes to see them next year. The saying goes, “There is no tired like River tired, so a River of Life Sunday nap is the best you will ever have”.

For over 20 years, Milledgeville UMC and participants from other churches have been a part of so many God winks while being the hands and feet of Christ; adults have met and married, a college graduate has met back up with a mentor near a worksite, a baby girl took her first steps with the youth, volunteers and youth have found Christ in their hearts, a couple recently married because of meeting on a worksite as youth, college students come back each year, former youth bring their spouses back to work with them, and one of the River girls participated as a youth from MFUMC.

There are so many special moments and friendships that have happened because of this ministry. My child, Millie Gray, has grown up as a River child, taking her first steps at River in 2008. This summer, she will take her first ‘dip in the river’ as a Little River participant. May God bless each and every individual touched by the river waters!

River of Life Committee,
Autumn Chapman

Missed church?
See last week’s sermon
“ONLINE”
www.milledgevillefumc.org

Sermon
“Sacred Spots”
Mark 5:21-43

We now have mobile giving!
Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.

Week 1

Daniel 3—The story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Remember to trust that God is always with you.

Remember:

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

Serving Him Together,
Ms. Shannon Bentley

July 1st
Stan Aldridge
Ellary Manchester

July 2nd
Harold Ewers

July 4th
Tripp Simpson, III

July 5th
Nancy Brown
Joe Conoly
Joe Grant
William Smith
Tom Torrance

July 7th
Wyatt Baugh
Nancy DeVore
Bailey Mullis

July 9th
Wes Cobb
Traci Medders

July 10th
Nancy Mims
McKay Pittman

July 11th
Stephanie Caldwell
Carly Cowart
Kaleigh Donnelly

July 12th
Kay Collins

July 13th
Sam McChesney
James Pope

July 14th
Mandy Blackwell
Evan Harrington
Linda Hodges
Jonathan Pope
Steve Rush

July 15th
Madi Bentley
Dotty Jones

July 16th
Marge Smith

July 17th
Lindsey Poe
Carley Stanley
Mark Strom
Georgia Treichler

July 18th
Scott Tidwell

July 19th
Andrew Hayes
Bill Jones, Jr.
Aubri Medders

July 20th
Neil Dyer
Nancy Mizelle

July 21st
Betty Sue Hemphill
Andrew Hitchcock
John Austin Vance
Notes from Steve

We are using a new hymnal at the 8:30 service and it appears to be well liked, so much so, that about 20 are missing. If you took one home to look at it more closely, or just picked it up with your Bible, please bring it back. We need it. They have a GPS tracker implanted so we will be able to find them at your house. Not really, but they are needed.

Summer is a great time to renew your spirit and do some reflecting. Perhaps it is also a time to consider what you will do when summer is over. The one place you can continue the wonderful summer feeling is in the Chancel Choir. Not because it is hot in the choir loft but because it is fun singing with others and serving God in that manner. We will start rehearsals back Wednesday, August 8. Mark your calendar now.

Blessings,
Steve

Vacation Bible School 2018 Reminder!!!!

Only two services this Sunday!!!
8:30 am @ Lake Pavilion and 10:30 in Worship Center
We will move back to 3 services until November 4th.

Serving This Weekend: July 1st, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte/Acolyte Parent  Ella Matthews/Jill Matthews
Sound Technicians  Paul Hitchcock & Chuck Shaw
Ushers  Communion Team

Correction to Newsletter from May 30, 2018

The Needles for Jesus report said Friendship Home but should have read Fellowship Home. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Invitation to Attend

George O. King Sunday school class will meet this Sunday at 9:30 am before the 10:30 am Worship Service. Any adult is invited to attend. Please come and join us.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have 3 hours per week or bi-weekly or even monthly to volunteer in the church office. We would love for you to join us in the valuable ministry to the congregation. The job is not hard so all we need is a commitment. Please call Cathy at 478-452-4597 to see what time slots are available.

SPECIAL GIFTS

*A gift was given to River of Life in honor of Glenn & Phyllis Veal by the Turner Farmer Sunday school class.
*A gift was given to River of Life in memory of Ira Maddox by Ruth Maddox.

Worship & Music
The Milledgeville First United Methodist Church’s mission is to serve Jesus Christ, share God’s word, grow in faith, and love one another.

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Financial Report
1/1/2018 thru 06/24/2018
YTD Budget $ 509,323
YTD Expenses $ 465,491
YTD Giving $ 505,882
YTD Missions Giving $ 34,596

THIS WEEK AT MILLEDGEVILLE FIRST

Sunday - 1st
Two Service Times
8:30 a & 10:30a

Monday - 2nd
9:00a Prayer Group @ Chick-fil-a

Tuesday - 3rd
11:00a Stephen Ministry

Attendance Report—06/24/18
8:30 - Early Service 107
9:30 - Contemporary Service 94
10:30 - Traditional Service 123
Total Worship Attendance 324
Sunday School Attendance 128

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 — 9:30 — 11:00
Sunday School: 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.