



The Messenger

June 15, 2014

WHAT A JOY!

What a joy it's been this past week watching 167 or so children of all different ages and races smiling, singing, playing and laughing as they learned about the God who still works wonders in our Workshop of Wonders Vacation Bible School. After a wonderful kick-off last Sunday afternoon on the front lawn of the church, the VBS began in earnest on Monday morning. There were 75 youth and adults working with the children each morning. And there were 40 plus people who supplied snacks for the children. One of the things that really thrilled me was the broad age range of the people who participated in the VBS effort. I was again reminded that this is how the church should be, a community of believers made up of people of all ages working with each other and helping each other. Many who helped had no children in the Vacation Bible School. Their children are grown and gone. But they understood that these children are the church's children and we all have a responsibility to the children. We will continue to give our full support to strengthen and develop our Children's Ministry to the maximum. It is absolutely one of the most important sub-groups of ministry in our church.

I thank God for all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this one of the very best Vacation Bible Schools we've ever had. And I thank all of you members of the church who, through your faithful financial support of First United Methodist Church, enable this kind of life-changing ministry to take place. The best is yet to come!

Jim

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. James W. Smith	Senior Minister	Christie Umpleby	Preschool Director
Rev. Noel C. Perez	Hispanic Minister	Mike Jones	Church Administrator
Rev. David Warlick	Minister of Worship Arts	Stephen Thompson	Facility Manager
Charles McLendon	Director of Student Ministries	Elaine Smith	Finance Secretary
Valerie Duff	Director of Children's Ministries	Anne Hunter	Church Hostess
Christi Barr	Praise Team Leader	Connie Brodess	Secretary
Alwen Yeung	Pianist/Accompanist	Lyn Dozier	Secretary
Mark Watford	Organist		

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Americus First United Methodist Church

MORNING WORSHIP

June 15, 2014 — 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
First Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

- PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC** Frank Lowrey
- WELCOME** Rev. Jim Smith
- GREETING AND WELCOME CHORUS** — *Surely the Presence*
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. David Warlick
(Please fill out your communication card and place it in the offering plate later in worship.)
- THE CHILDREN OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014**
A Word from our Director — Valerie Duff
Y-O-U and Sing to God
Wonder Words
- ***HYMN OF PRAISE #576** — *Rise Up, O Men of God*
- PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER #895** Rev. Jim Smith
- CHORAL RESPONSE** — *Fivefold Amen* (Mark Burrows)
- ANTHEM** — *Holy Ground with God Himself Is with Us* (Davis; Patti Drennan, arr.)
Chancel Choir
- 3K to 2nd Grade Children dismissed to Children's Worship with Christie Umpleby.*
- ***HYMN OF PREPARATION #710** — *Faith of Our Fathers*
(Sing only stanza 1.)
- SCRIPTURE** — Acts 4:1-22 Rev. Jim Smith
- THE MESSAGE** — *Godly Men* Rev. Jim Smith
- TITHES, OFFERINGS and COMMUNICATION CARDS**
- OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Jim Smith
- OFFERTORY** — *Workshop of Wonders*
Slideshow of VBS 2014
- ***DOXOLOGY #95**
- ***CLOSING HYMN #408** — *The Gift of Love* (Sing only stanza 1.)
- ***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Smith
- ***POSTLUDE** Mark Watford, Pianist

Sammy Bledsoe, Audio Tech Justin Arnold, Visual Tech

* Congregation stands.



Please see an usher for an assisted listening device.

If you need a nursery for your infant (to age 2), please ask an usher to direct you.

Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!

We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.
We invite you to join our congregation. If you are interested in
membership, call Rev. Jim Smith at 924-3169.

Americus First United Methodist Church
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

June 15, 2014 9:00 a.m.

“Godly Men”

Acts 4:1-22

Rev. Jim Smith

Children of VBS 2014

Praise Team

Christi Barr, leader, keyboard and vocals
Morgan Youngdale, electric guitar; Stephen Thompson, electric guitar
Paul Farr, percussion; Keith Pinckard, bass guitar

Ross Youngdale, Visual Tech
Travis Warlick, Audio Tech

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to **Children's Worship**
with Valerie Duff immediately before the Message.

JUNE 15, 2014 GREETERS AND USHERS

9:00 Greeters for June 15, 2014

Ginger and Calvin Starlin

11:00 Greeters for June 15, 2014

Front Door - Lutrelle Perry and Eugenia Smith

North Door - Anne Hunter

South Door - Liza Parker and Susan Shealy

11:00 Ushers for June 15, 2014

Captain Jay Cliett, Bill Bird, Jamie Collier, George Ellis, Bill Kipp,
Floyd Martin, Ted McMillan, Bobby McNeill, Kevin Reeves,
Sonny Shealy, Brian Simmons, Bobby Strange, George Torbert,
Rusty Whaley, Jay Umpleby, Jim West, Ryan Young

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Georgia Anne Arthur, Renee Gatian Bearden, Arcey Brown, Gail Brown,
Beth Carroll, Rickey Carter, Janice Cliett, Freddie Dudley,
Sharon Dutton, Anne FitzHenry, Marion Franklin, Billy Horne, Anne Hurst,
Jim Ed Knight, Mary Frances Knight, Larry Kobs, Cooper Kurth,
Norinne Lowell, Gene Malcom, Augusta Mathis, Kaitlan McKinnon,
Rebecca McNeill, Casey Mason Norton, Jack Partain, Ginger Perkins,
Jasper Poole, Carroll Purvis, Nell Purvis, Charlene Sanders, Dean Scoggins,
Geri Smarr, Brenda Stanfield, Chuck Strange, Betty Teasley, Liz Turpin,
Rodney Vance, Thomas Wall, Hazel Waller, Julian Webb,
Justin Willis, and Keith Wilson

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A Gift was made In Memory of
Richard Powell

From
Jenny and Henry Crisp
Candy and Lou Riccardi

PARKING NOTICE

We will start enforcing the parking restrictions on parking on the sidewalk. There should be **NO PARKING ON THE SIDEWALK on Lee Street** in front of the church. Please remind others not to park there also.

PASTOR'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, July 13, 2014, from 4-6:30 p.m.

This class will look at what it means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and a faithful member of First United Methodist Church. This class is required for anyone wanting to become a member of the church, but attending does not obligate one to join the church.



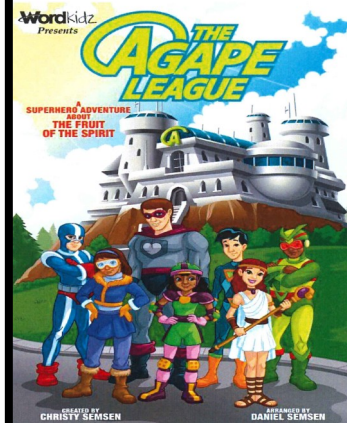
CHILDREN'S MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

July 14-20, 2014
Children's Music and Arts Camp

Monday, July 14— Friday, July 18
8:30 am—1:30 pm

Performances the following Saturday
& Sunday, July 19 & 20

Brochures around the church have registration forms included.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR:

(forms available on church website for VBS and in church office for the others)

Dooly Camp for Children & Youth. . . June 19-22, 2014

Children's Music & Arts Camp. . . . July 14-20, 2014
8:30a-1:30p

Caravan Youth Camp at Dooly July 20-23

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership: 969

Total Worship Attendance June 8: 4

9:00 Worship Attendance..... 1	Hispanic Attendance..... 99
11:00 Worship Attendance..... 1	Hispanic Offering \$1,002
Sunday School Attendance..... 1	Hispanic Offering YTD \$17,436
Benevolent Fund YTD..... \$2,723	
Budget Giving \$11,229	
Budget Giving YTD \$300,004	

Reminder:

You may make donations to the church by automatic draft.
To do so, just call Elaine in the finance office at 924-3169.

DOOLY CAMPGROUND

Father's Day Offering to benefit DOOLY CAMPGROUND

The Dooly Campground continues to be a place of worship and holiness. We are constantly striving to keep our buildings and grounds in good condition and an attractive place for all to visit. There have been extensive ground improvements and clean-up. Buildings have been repaired. All these improvements come with a cost.

Would you consider giving a donation to Dooly Campground this Father's Day so that it can continue to serve God by providing a place for people to become disciples of Christ.

WESLEY GLEN

FATHER'S DAY OFFERING

For the parents of a child who is developmentally disabled, the most profound question facing them is "who will take care of their child when they are no longer able to do so?" Consider making a donation to Wesley Glen in honor of your father through FUMC. (www.wesleyglenministries.org)

MISSION TRIP TO CUBA



The Hispanic Committee invites you to go on a **mission trip to Cuba November 13-18**. They are planning this trip through the Methodist Bishop of Cuba. Tentative plans include going November 13-18, 2014. The team will fly from Tampa or Miami to Havana and will stay at the Methodist Center in Havana. The estimated cost is \$1,000 to \$1,500 (depending on the number of people on the team). The focus of the trip is interaction with Methodist congregations there.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Mike Jones or the church office at 924-3169 or office@fumcamericus.com. The trip may seem far away, but please let us know as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 15, 2014
United Methodist Men's Breakfast
7:45 am in the Social Hall

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendar

June 19-22		Dooly Camp for Children & Youth
June 22-26		Camp Meeting at Dooly Campground
July 13	4:00 pm	Pastor's Membership Class
July 14-20		Children's Music & Arts Camp
July 20-23		Caravan Youth Camp at Dooly

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 15, 2014

- 7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast in the Social Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Social Hall (VBS Children Sing)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary (VBS Children Sing)
- 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship in the Hispanic Worship Center
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection in the Parlor

Monday, June 16, 2014

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Arts Committee in the Social Hall

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Sheffield-Wootten Classroom
- 12:00 p.m. Young At Heart Covered Dish Luncheon in the Social Hall

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study and Lunch in the Foundry

Thursday, June 19, 2014

- 5:30 p.m. Church Council in the Epworth Classroom
- Children and Youth Camp at Dooly Campground in Vienna

Friday, June 20, 2014

- Children and Youth Camp at Dooly Campground in Vienna

Saturday, June 21, 2014

- Children and Youth Camp at Dooly Campground in Vienna

Sunday, June 22, 2014

- Children and Youth Camp at Dooly Campground in Vienna

**4th Sunday
Macaroni
& Cheese
And
Ramen
Noodles**

MISSION CORNER

The **Sumter Faith Clinic** seeks to bring **HEALING, HELP AND HOPE** in the form of quality medical care and Christian support to those in our community without financial means. Each person whom God brings through our doors will be greeted with smiles and humble service. In the course of their visit, each patient will receive health care from volunteer nurses and a nurse practitioner or doctor. The patient will also be offered the opportunity to have a volunteer pray for or with them and arrangements for spiritual counseling if needed.

Local medical providers are contributing their time and expertise to access and treat patients, as well as collaborate with other community medical services on behalf of the patient.

FUMC has several members who serve others through this ministry.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry or if you want more information, please contact:

Anna Stinchcum, NP
229.815.0443
stinchcum@bellsouth.net



OUR ANNUAL
FATHER'S DAY OFFERING
TO BENEFIT
DOOLY CAMPGROUND



“One of the greatest assets this district has is Dooly Campground. It continues to serve God by providing a place for people to become disciples of Jesus Christ.”

The Dooly Campground continues to be a place of worship and holiness. We are constantly striving to keep our buildings and grounds in good condition and an attractive place for all to visit. Over this past year there has been extensive ground improvements and clean-up. Many of the buildings have been repaired to better fit the needs of those who use the facility. Our swimming pool has been changed over to a saltwater system, and we now have a recreation field that has a baseball field, two volleyball courts, two tetherball areas and a soccer field. These changes and additions have been wonderful and needed but they come with a cost.

Along with another successful Camp Meeting in 2013, there were 3 camps (together there were more than 465 campers at these events). The campground also hosted 10 Emmaus related events, 30 day-events, 8 multi-day events and many other events throughout the year. Anyone can use the campground; call for reservations.

One of the greatest assets this district has is Dooly Campground. It continues to serve God by providing a place for people to become disciples of Jesus Christ. If you would like to make a donation, you may write a check to FUMC and mark it for “Dooly.”



Dooly Campground

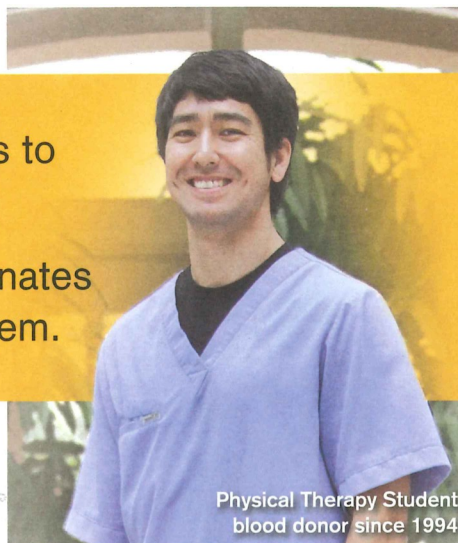
21 Parsonage Rd.
Vienna GA 31092
Phone: 229-268-4393
E-mail:
doolycampground@gmail.com

Upcoming Activities:

Children & Youth Camp - June 19-22
Campmeeting - June 24-27
Caravan Youth Camp - July 20-23

Every day Tony works to
better patients' lives.

Every 8 weeks he donates
blood to help save them.



Physical Therapy Student,
blood donor since 1994.



**American
Red Cross**

Firecracker 200 Community Blood Drive

at

Americus First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall – 221 South Lee Street

Friday, June 20, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Each donor will be entered to win 2 Nascar tickets for
the Coke Zero 400 in Daytona on July 5!

Each donor will receive a free t-shirt!

Random prizes from local businesses will be
given away during drive!

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code: PSMC, or call
1-800-RED-CROSS or your local American Red Cross
at 229-924-2026.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

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Calendar Dates for 2014

2014

June 19-22, 2014

Children and Youth Camp
Dooly Campground, Vienna

June 27-29, 2014

**Come Away...Finding My Way
Through Grief**
Epworth By the Sea

July 14-18, 2014

Children's Music & Arts Camp
FUMC

July 14-17, 2014

Grand Camp
Epworth by the Sea

September 22-25, 2014

**Plantations, a Mansion and
Gardens at the Museum:
An Event for Older Adults**
Epworth by the Sea

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Friday is Jim's, David's,
and Charles' day off.

Finance Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00a -3:00p