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Ever Outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, “I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world.” Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others’ actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first “to the lost sheep of Israel” (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to “all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God’s love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00 p.m. Emmaus

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9-12 noon Methodist Market

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

25. Patsy Clark
Josh Allen
Neetsie Gary
Rose Anderson
Lynn Howie

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25. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes
Mr. & Mrs. Slater Phillips



Please help! Not many boxes have been picked up!

Complete your Shoe Boxes and bring them to the church beginning November 12, 2023. Remember it isn't just the gifts, but the Gospel that goes with your shoe box. Last year around 3000 boxes were sent from the Yazoo Delta area. Last year First Methodist contributed 65 boxes. Our goal this year is 75. More boxes means more Children will learn about JESUS CHRIST!

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DESHA HINES III
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Nettie Rainer
to
Zachary John Watts

SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

Reception to follow
CARTER, MISSISSIPPI



Our new series for the month of October is called ***Taking a Stand for God***. The lessons we will be covering are "Unselfish Friendships", "Don't Get Even," "When Life Gets Tough," "Give God Credit," and "Showing Kindness." These lessons take us on a journey through the relationship of David and Johnathan and the jealousy that grows from Johnathan's father, King Saul.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. There are so many amazing stories throughout the Book of Genesis. During the months of August and September, we talked about the Creation Story, The Fall of Man, The Great Flood, and The Tower of Babel. For the next several Wednesday nights, we will be talking about the story of Abraham. We have some fun crafting activities planned for these lessons. Supper will be at 6:15, and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group have been talking about the importance of living a Christ-like life. We all have a story that God is writing for each of us. Sunday nights we have been having a great group of youth who continue to show up ready to study God's word. We have made a slight time change for Sunday's and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester. Wednesday Nights we will have supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:40 p.m.

WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. Payment of \$125 per participant will be due in full by the last week in October.

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Greeters	Angie & Archie Edgar/Brenda & Jim Oakes
Scripture	Genesis 31:36-47
Sermon	“Jacob’s Struggle”
Flowers	Clark Duncan

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER

22. 21th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 22:15-22
23. The fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
24. Babylon will be found no more	Revelation 18:21-24
25. Jesus pays the temple tax	Matthew 17:22-27
26. Death of Moses	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
27. Show your servants your works	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
28. The apostle’s concern	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8