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We believe the church belongs to God and that the church is, in the words of the Apostle Paul, the body of Christ. The church is to be the physical presence of Christ in the world. As such, our primary aim is to do God's will.



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I Am the Good Shepherd

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10.27-30

Have you seen the commercial where different people carry around a surf board sized number? The number that they carry with them everywhere represents what she or he will need when they retire, to live on. Interesting. Do you have a number?

Numbers. Our lives are filled with numbers. Each year we file our income taxes. Now that's an exercise in numbers to end all numbers games. Pages upon pages of numbers: earned numbers, spent numbers, invested numbers, and saved numbers. When it is finally prepared, we send it off to the Internal Revenue Service with our Social Security number on it. And the IRS takes all those numbers and puts them into a computer, along with the numbers of thousands and thousands of other people. And to them, we become a number. People can now steal that number and file a tax return with your number and get your refund! Oh boy.

The government knows us by our tax number. The state knows us by our driver's license number. The bank knows us by our account number. And when we retire, we'll be remembered by our Social Security number. And it goes on and on. In fact, sometimes I wonder if anybody knows us at all without a number!

And that's why these words from Christ are so significant, because it tells us that God knows us. He knows us intimately, in fact, better than we know ourselves. That's important to remember. In spite of the fact that the image of sheep and shepherd is foreign to our experience, the words of the Gospel resonates a truth that our human hearts long to hear. The Old Testament writer put it even more clearly when he wrote, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Jesus says it today, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life." Where in your life is the Lord, your Shepherd?

Join us on Sunday, May 5th as seven of our students publicly profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, their Shepherd! Amanda, Kennedy, Adam, Noah, Lyndsey, Nicholas, and Jacques.

You are more than a number...
You belong to a Shepherd!

Rev. Jim

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

10: Bill & Joy Schneider

Birthdays

2: Brian Thrift
3: Joy Askin
5: Candace Slavens
8: Julie Wilson
12: Lauren Akins
16: Robin Wallace
16: Betty Wiley
20: Preston Agee
22: Matt Griffin
29: Jackie Wiggins

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MAY REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	
Sunday	Team
May 5th	Jackie Wiggins Mandy Wiggins
May 12th	Amy McCoullough Bobbie Wilcox
May 19th	Fumiko Malave Debbie-Joy Agee
May 26th	Ann Cannon Dani McGee

Welcome our newest members:

Jack Mbugua
Nick Gentile
Elaina Gentile



Member Service Schedule

Lay Liturgists

Mandy Griffin
Sue McKenney
Jenny Herrington
Jennifer Love
Christa Meliezer

Usher Captains

Larry Wiggins
Gene Staulcup

Greeters

Col Jack Bailey
Carol Cox

Preschool Update



**Preschool graduation is
May 24, 2013 at 9:45am.**

The excitement is building as we prepare for the 2nd annual preschool graduation at Woodlawn. The teachers and children have worked hard all year to make sure the students are prepared to attend the kindergarten of their choice. Audrey Baldwin has already taken the test and she has been accepted to Charles T. Walker for kindergarten. Julianna Rodriguez has submitted an application to Heritage Academy and is expecting to hear from them soon. The time is now! Don't wait and miss out on the opportunity for your child to attend the school of your choice. If you have any questions feel free to stop by the office and speak with Ms. Brenda. Summer Camp starts May 27th. Don't miss out on the fun. We will be offering lots of exciting activities this summer. Last year you were charged only for the weeks you signed up for. We are offering the same opportunity again this year. Summer calendars will be available May 10th. Please return your calendar to Ms. Brenda, Ms. Mary-Anne or Ms. Fumiko no later than May 17th. Availability is on a first come basis.

Spread the word about camp and receive a **free** week of child care if you refer a child to summer camp.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth News

KNOW YOUR STORY...CONFIRM YOUR FAITH... LIVE YOUR COMMITMENT...

May 5 will be a very special Sunday for our church. Five youth: Jacques Nipper, Adam Kiss, Kennedy Smith, Lyndsey Willcox, and Noah Willcox will be Baptized. Then they will join Amanda McCollough and Nicholas Ellington in Confirming publicly their Baptismal vows. According to "By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism and Confirmation,"

"Deliberate preparation for[Confirmation] focuses on the young person's self-understanding and appropriation of Christian doctrines, spiritual disciplines, and life of discipleship. It is a special time for experiencing divine grace and for consciously embracing one's Christian vocation."

This past year, we have explored what it really means to be a United Methodist and a disciple of Christ. We, as a group, have grown closer together through Christ during this journey: asking tough questions, supporting each other, studying the Bible, and praying for our community. I feel so blessed to have worked with these youth and I'm also so excited to see these seven proclaim their love for Christ! Thank you to the congregation for lifting them up during their spiritual journey and celebrating this special occasion!!

God Bless!

Jennifer Powell, Youth Director

Rethink Church...



Join us!
Contemporary Worship
Sundays @ 9:06am

- ◆ *What if every person was really welcome in every church?*
- ◆ *What if the expression “We never did it that way before” was never heard again?*
- ◆ *What if our hearts, our minds, and our doors were truly open?*



Take action to help those in need! Join us for a walk through downtown Augusta on **Saturday, May 11th**. Registration is at 7:30 am and walk starts at 8:30am. Start and finish is at Action Ministries @ 303 Hale St in Augusta.

Flyers and pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex and the Church office



UPCOMING EVENTS

Woodlawn Summer Camp

May 27th—August 19th
 Mon-Fri 8:30am—5:30pm
 Ages 5 & up

Registration Fee \$25 per child
 \$125/week— Pay only for the weeks you sign up for.

Camp Activities

- ★ Field Trips
- ★ Dance Camp
- ★ Swimming
- ★ Tee-Ball Camp
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Cheer Camp
- ★ Fitness Camp
- ★ Movies
- ★ First Tee
- ★ Volleyball Camp

**Sign up now—
 limited spaces!**

Contact our office for more info:

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Mother & Child Banquet

Sunday, May 26th @ 5:30pm

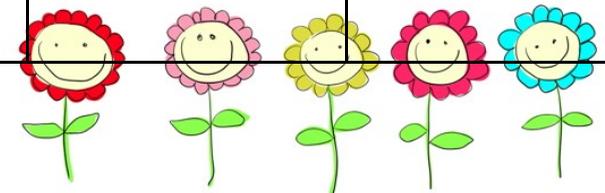
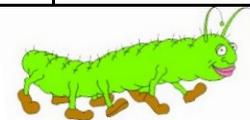
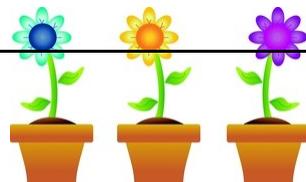
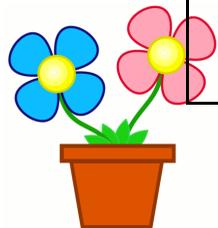
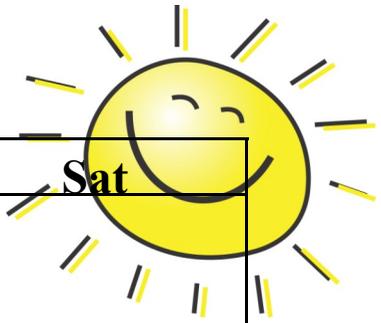
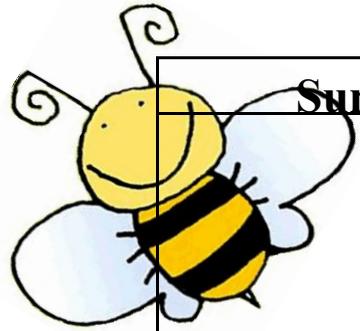
All 2013 graduates will be recognized as well as newborns.

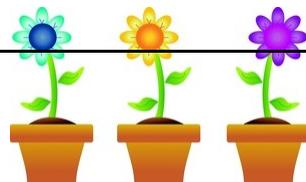
**Tickets are \$10 each
 (children 10 & under are free)**



Join us on Sunday, May 26th during the 11 am service as we honor our Preschool, High School, and College Grads!

May 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Eri	Sat
			1 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Worship Planning 6:15 pm Prayer & Youth Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 6pm Couples Small Group NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm	4
5 Confirmation Sunday 9:06 am un•bound worship 9:45 am Turner-England Fellowship 10:00am Sunday School 10:35 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Traditional Worship 1:00 pm Youth BBQ and Pool Party	6 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm	7 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 10:30 am Prayer Group	8 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Worship Planning 6:15 pm Prayer & Youth Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 6pm Couples Small Group Preschool Open House 6:30- 7:30	10 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm Master's Table 10:30am	11 8:30 am Action Ministries Event to benefit the needy Walk for Others
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