

It's Camp Meeting Time!!

Camp Tygart – September 22nd-25th

While you are certainly welcome and invited to attend every night – we invite you especially to join us for Park Avenue's night – WEDNESDAY, September 25th. We are responsible for the meal at 6:00PM, so we need your good food to share with all those who will be there. Please, please bring something to share with everyone!

Our own Craig Rikard will be the preacher that night. Isn't that exciting?!? Craig always blesses my heart and inspires me to know God better and deeper.

Paula Lewis, our new District Superintendent, wanted to shake things up this year so the Chancel Choir is passing the torch to the Praise Band to lead in worship. We are excited to hear Brooks Mooneyham, Dane Boruff, Adam Smith, Rich Wardwell, Andrea Inman, Joi and Taylor Paine, Rusty Jones, Rob Rickert and Chris Williams.

Please be in prayer for Camp Meeting! Please support this endeavor with your prayers and presence! We need a good showing from Park Avenue UMC!

See you there!

Kathy Wright, Director of Music & Worship



... is extended to Steve Forester & the family for the loss of his father, **Jerry W. Forester**, of Albuquerque, NM. Our prayers are with the family.

... is extended to Becky Mullican for the loss of her father, **Gordon Burgin**, of Tallahassee, FL. We lift Becky & the family up in prayer and ask for peace & comfort for the days that follow.



Billie Ann Huling entered immortality on September 11, 2019. Our thoughts & prayers are with the Huling family during this time of loss.

BIBLE STUDIES:

Rev. Jimmy Towson leads the Monday Morning Bible Study each week which is open to everyone. Join him at 10:00am in the Pairs & Spares SS Room, B-26.

Rev. Jimmy Towson leads the Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week which is open to all men. Join him at 7:00am in the Library, A-32.

Upcoming:

Jamie Bone will be leading a Bible study open to all, titled, *The Gospel of Mark*, by Lisa Harper. The class started Tuesday, Sept. 17th. It will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm in the Jars of Clay SS Room, A-20. This is a 7 week study that will end on Oct. 29th. You may still sign up & purchase books (\$15) online at mypaumc.com under Forms.

Perfect Love by Lisa Harper is a women's Bible study starts today, Wednesday, Sept. 18th. **Jamie Bone** will lead the 6 week study on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am in the New Beginnings SS Room, A-10. This is a study of the Song of Solomon. There is no cost. Sign up online at mypaumc.com under Forms or call the church office at 242-3562.

Jennifer Sumner will be leading the women's Bible study *One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land* by Priscilla Shirer on Wednesdays starting October 2nd from 6:00 - 7:45pm. The class will meet for 7 weeks in the Jars of Clay SS Room, A-20. Sign up online & purchase workbooks (\$22) at mypaumc.com under Forms. You may also call the church office at 242-3562 for assistance.

Dr. Craig Rikard will be leading a Bible Study open to all starting Monday, October 7th, at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, A-35.

MISSION MINISTRIES

The next **Missions Meeting** will be Monday, November 18th @ 6pm in the Jars of Clay Sunday School Room, A-20.

Our **Homeless Bedroll Ministry** is back up and running every Wednesday from 1:00-2:30pm in the Jars of Clay Sunday School Room, A-20. We would love for you to come and join us!

The Park Avenue Methodist Men will have a "Pick up day" Saturday, September 28th to pick up any donations to help support **Hurricane Dorian Relief**. They are specifically looking for Tarps, Ropes, Work Gloves, Bungee cords, Flashlights and batteries, as well as other vital items. If you have items that you would like to donate please call Richard Reissiger at 229-561-5253.

Snack Packs are starting back up and we are so thankful for the dedicated volunteers who make this ministry happen. We are looking for people who are willing to deliver the Snack Packs to Clyattville Elementary School every Thursday morning. We are trying to find several pairs that could alternate months. If you would like to find out more contact Jennifer Clark.

Habitat for Humanity 2019 Faith Build will be November 20th. We will be putting together a team with Living Bridges. If you would like to be a part of this event please let Jennifer Clark know.

We would love for you to find your place in Park Avenue's Missions Ministry. You can always visit mypaumc.com and click on serve to see the different ways you can be a part of Missions. For more information, contact Jennifer Clark, Dir. of Missions, at 229-242-3562 or jenniferclark@paumc.com.

Infant baptism was administered to

JAMES GREER GARLAND

His parents are Brooks & Sarah Kathryn Garland.

and

ALLIE JAMES HAMEL

Her parents are Jon & Janice Hamel.

**September 15, 2019, 8:55am
Traditional Worship Service**

NO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

Bring a dish to share & join us at Camp Meeting that night! See you at Camp Tygart at 6:00pm!

**6:00pm - Dinner
7:00pm - Worship**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Kidzquest Please be in prayer for our 31 Third - Fifth grade children and 8 adults who will be traveling to Epworth by the Sea this weekend.

Big Time Believers and **4th & 5th Grade Handchimes** will NOT meet this Sunday, due to the late afternoon return of the Kidzquest group.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry will kick off on Sunday, October 20th. Plan on having your entire family participate in this amazing ministry that provides gifts and the Gospel for children all over the world. *Also, you don't have to wait until October-consider having Shoeboxes brought in place of gifts at your children's birthday parties!* Information for how to pack boxes is at samaritanspurse.org. and Lynn Yost will also answer any questions you may have.

Lynn Yost, Director of Children's Ministries
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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, September 25th – There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY**. Instead we are encouraging all youth to join us at the FCA "Christ Makes Winners" event at First Baptist in downtown Valdosta. There will be dinner and worship with a special guest speaker. Students can be dropped off at the PAUMC Youth Building at 6PM. Pick-up from the PAUMC Youth Building is at 8:30PM.

Tuesday, October 1st – Please join us as we support the local Miracle League players! Miracle League is a softball league for individuals with disabilities. We plan to meet at the PAUMC Youth Building at 4:30pm to make signs and then take a bus to Freedom Park to cheer on the athletes during the games from 6-7pm! Pick-up from the PAUMC Youth Building is at 7:30PM. Chick-Fil-A will be available for purchase at the concession stand. We will be posting a sign up soon so we can secure transportation. This a great cause and should be a lot of fun!

Wednesday, October 2nd – Bible Study resumes.

Merge: Join us Sunday night, Sept. 15th from 5:30-7:30pm for Merge. We will have dinner, followed by games, worship, and small groups. We ask that students bring \$3 to help with the cost of food. Please join us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship!

Dane Boruff, Director of Student Ministries
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MUSIC & WORSHIP

Greetings! Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord....may that be our sincere and honest prayer this week!

How holy it is to see parents and families dedicate their children to the service and honor of God! May we take our responsibility seriously to "surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God."

We are excited for what God has in store for the Music Ministry – please be in prayer that we will follow God's leading and direction.

Camp Meeting is September 22nd-25th, Camp Tygart, 7:00PM worship.

Kathy Wright, Director of Music & Worship
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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service, PHILLIP & REBECCA STOREY joined Park Avenue UMC by Transfer of Membership.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

8:55am Traditional Worship & 11:00am Contemporary Worship

SERMON SERIES: BOOT CAMP, Week 7

SERMON TITLE: "AWOL"

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:17-32 (NLT)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

8:55 am Traditional Church Worship Service 306
Nursery 12
Online Streaming 26
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service 400
Nursery 38
Online Streaming 15
TOTAL FOR MORNING WORSHIP 797
Sunday School 358

PRAYER CONCERNS

AT HOME:	Jadan Pitcock	Casey Alexander
Janet Blalock	Jason Booth	Patty Himmelreich
Jane Grizzle	Kay Soutar	Howard Beaty
Bo Blalock	David Beaty	Bobby Merriman
Buddy Webb	Betty Becton	Shirley Dyer
Irene Bennett	Alton Becton	Jackie Anderson
Carole Nelson	Ansel Clark	Betsy Turner
Bill Bennett	Jake Hamlin	Marge Hamilton
Mell Woodward	Cay Simmons	Virginia Champman
Lois Carmichael		

The members listed above are lifted up in prayer each week by your Church Prayer Team. Names may be added or removed by calling the church office at 242-3562.

BAZAAR

NEW! OCTOBER DATE!
NEW FACES! (AND DEARLY LOVED ONES)
NEW BOOTHS! (AND OLD FAVORITES)

"Whatever you do, work at it with your whole heart, as working for the Lord, and not for men...It is the Lord Christ you are serving!" Colossians 3:23-24

The Bazaar House has been "busily buzzing" for months! Much "heart" is being poured into planning, creating, encouraging and teamwork for our - three Saturdays away - BAZAAR! Immense thanks to EACH of you who are offering "Hands to Work" and "Hearts to God"! And, if YOU (reader), would like to contribute "hands on" or with a "money donation" - please call Jacki Beasley (229-563-5202) or Joy Jennings (229-560-2198). Be a part of the excitement and the blessing!

PAUMC Bazaar - Saturday, October 5th - 9am to 2pm!
Lunch (11:30-1:00): hamburgers/hotdogs

Purpose: Support of local, regional missions (100% of our profit)
Community Involvement & PAUMC Fellowship/Service

Booths include: small works by local artists, gardening, wreaths & arrangements, sports teams, home décor, jewelry, rooster collectibles, doll clothes, children's items, foods from "sweets to meats"(including frozen casseroles for Thanksgiving/Christmas!)

Children's Activities: Pumpkin Photo Op, Cake Walk, Face Painting, Games, Slide

Please note: Clean "out" now for "Trash to Treasure". Bring your "stuff" to the storage room down from the church office (A-22)! Deadline: September 30th!!!! Also, in order to honor community participation in our Bazaar, NO MERCHANDISE (except "Trash to Treasure") will be sold prior to 9:15am on October 5th!

Save the Date: United Methodist Women's World Thank Offering Program/Lunch: ALL women are invited! November 11th at 11:00 in the Coffee Social Room. That's 11/11 @ 11:00! (Nursery is provided!) Begin saving your change!

FOUNDATIONS NEW TESTAMENT

If you joined the Foundations Bible Study, please follow the reading plan provided in your bulletin last Sunday. Extra copies are available in Guest Services, A-26. You may contact the church office with any questions, 242-3562.

NEWSLETTER NEWS!

Starting Wednesday, September 25th, the newsletter will change from a weekly publication to a monthly publication. The format will be similar to our Summer newsletter with a monthly calendar on one side.

Information for the newsletter will need to be turned into the church office by the 15th of the month to include it for printing on the last Wednesday of the month.

Look for additional church information in the Sunday bulletin, Facebook page, church website (paumc.com), app, and church database (mypaumc).

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 22, 2019

KIDZ QUEST

8:55 - Traditional Worship Service
10:00 - Sunday School
11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 - Griefshare Mtg.
4:30 - 4th & 5th Grade Handchimes Rehearsal
4:30 - Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 - Big Time Believers
5:30 - Snack Supper
5:30 - Financial Peace University
5:30 - Youth Snack Supper & Worship
6:00 - Camp Meeting
7:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

MONDAY, September 23, 2019

10:00 - Monday Morning Bible Study
12:00 - AA Meeting
6:00 - Camp Meeting
6:00 - American Heritage Girls Troop Mtg.
7:00 - Radical Mentoring led by Brooks Mooneyham
7:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY, September 24, 2019

9:00 - Clothes Closet
9:00 - Parent's Morning Out
12:00 - AA Meeting
1:00 - Pack Snack Packs
6:00 - Camp Meeting
6:00 - *The Gospel of Mark* Bible Study
7:00 - Community Group Mtg.
7:00 - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2019

7:00 - Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
8:30 - Women's *Step By Step Thru the New Testament* Bible Study
9:00 - Clothes Closet
9:30 - *Perfect Love* Bible Study
9:45 - Keenagers Khorus - Parkwood
12:00 - AA Meeting
1:00 - Homeless Bed Roll Workshop
3:00 - K Kids
4:15 - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 - Camp Meeting - Park Ave. Night!
6:30 - Christ Makes Winners Rally
7:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY, September 26, 2019

7:00 - Thurs. Morning Men's Bible Study
9:00 - Clothes Closet
9:00 - Parent's Morning Out
9:15 - Deliver Snack Packs
12:00 - AA Meeting
7:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, September 27, 2019

12:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, September 28, 2019

12:00 - AA Meeting
8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

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UPDATE ON THE STATE OF OUR DENOMINATION

We want to keep you all up to speed on developments as we approach the 2020 General Conference of the UMC (GC 2020). So far, there have been 3 significant plans submitted that propose a division or dissolution of the UMC. Here they are:

1. The UMC Next Plan would remove all the restrictions in the Book of Discipline regarding clergy performing same-sex weddings and self-avowed practicing homosexuals being ordained as clergy. In essence, this is another attempt to enact the One Church Plan that was defeated at GC 2019.

2. The Bard-Jones Plan proposes to create three new denominations — progressive, centrist, and traditional — by allowing annual conferences and local churches to withdraw from The United Methodist Church, similar to the Connectional Church Plan that also was rejected at GC 2019. It maintains an umbrella structure of our general boards and agencies.

3. The Indianapolis Plan proposes birthing two new denominations — a traditionalist church that maintains the current stance of the church and a centrist/progressive church that removes all the restrictions regarding LGBTQ marriage and ordination. Other "branches" could also emerge under this plan, including a progressive church that mandates same-sex marriage and LGBTQ ordination for all. This plan is an attempt to create a process for a relatively equal, amicable separation to take place in the UM Church. It does NOT dissolve the United Methodist Church.

There seems to be a growing consensus that it is time to separate and move on. However, nothing is guaranteed at this point. Bishops from the Central Conferences in Africa and the Philippines have recently issued statements that they will not support any legislation that results in a split or dissolution of the UMC. This complicates matters somewhat.

What are we to do at this point? Pause, Pray, Prepare and Prove. (You've heard that before!)

We are not sure what will happen at GC 2020 - could be a division, dissolution, no action at all or something completely unexpected. No matter what happens, we want you to know that Park Avenue will still be Park Avenue. We will still be who we are and we will still do what God continues to lead us to do.

God is in control and our job is to follow him more closely every day! If you have any questions about this, I'm not sure I can answer them all, but will give it my best try.

Love you guys!

September 18, 2019

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