First United Methodist Church

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2022 Annual Conference

Annual Conference News

What a grand time to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way.

Worship at annual conference was dynamic and moving as we celebrate the 'Journey Continues' together with the Bishop and several of his close friends that spoke of the friendship that has lasted for many, many years. As Bishop Swanson moves into retirement, and will yet continue to serve the Mississippi Annual Conference through December, it will be the last annual conference that he will preside over thus giving us an opportunity to thank him for his many years of service to not only Mississippi but from all the places he has served. Thank you Bishop Swanson.

Business was light but there was budget talks, district realignment discussions, and the future of Methodism all brought to the floor of the annual conference. Whether it was addressed at the 'family meeting' on Wednesday afternoon, or the business sessions throughout the two days that followed, many people were satisfied that we are a strong denomination and thrive in loving others with differing opinions.

The official journal will be published later this calendar year and will be available for anyone to look through.

I urge you brothers and sisters to continue to pray for us as we transition to a newly elected Bishop that will begin serving in January. We do not know the name of this Bishop as of yet, but know God does and we will pray "Thy will be done."

Peace,

Bro. Gary

I want to thank you for allowing me to represent FUMC, Kosciusko at the 2022 Annual Conference in Tupelo. Unfortunately I could not stay through the business session on Friday.

This was the first time in two years that the Conference was held "live" due to the coronavirus pandemic. Bishop Swanson held a "family meeting/reunion" for those present to become reacquainted. Lay delegates and pastors expressed a lost sense of closeness and relationships during the pandemic. The Bishop challenged us that when you lose something, you must learn new things while lamenting the loss. As a family, everyone doesn't always act right and life is complex. We do so much good work in the local church that is not talked about. We often focus on the negative. We should focus on not what we want to say about it but rather what we are going to do about it!

We also heard from Rev. B. Michael Watson, retired Bishop from Georgia and close friend of Bishop Swanson. He gave the message during the Thursday morning communion service and reminded us that to go fast we go alone but to go far we go together!

Bishop Swanson will maintain his status through December, 2022. He was dynamic and enthusiastic and I feel as though my cup was filled! Thank you again.

-Mary Al Alford

FUMC Financials

Tithes and Offerings

January: \$27,276.00

February: \$19,660.00

March: \$18,957.00

April: \$20,683.00

May: \$31,349.60

June: \$29,659.00

Giving online is a convenient, safe way to send your tithes

and offerings to the church.

GIVE ONLINE: go to our website

fumckosciusko.com and click on the word give and follow

the link.

Church Family

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Monday

9:00am Tai Chi in the fellowship hall 11:00am Book Club first Monday of each

month

Tuesday

1:15pm Computer class first Tuesday of

each month

Time TBD Senior Activities second Tuesday of

each month

Wednesday

12:00pm Bible Study

4:30pm Homebound meals

Thursday

9:30am Tai Chi in the fellowship hall

10:00am Ladies Bible Study in the chapel

AUGUST 2022 PRAYER LIST

Church members who are at Atwood: Dr. Bob Gilliland, Vic Gressett, Bill and Carolyn Mitchell, June Stokes.

Homebound

Kosciusko VA Home: Joe Doty

Attala County Nursing Center: Tex Ritter

Family & Friends

Mary Cobb (Mary Al Alford) Ray Patterson Gloria Carden Larry Rea

Joe Carden Stevie Steen Family
Skipper Davidson Teachers and Students

Debra Edwards (Harper McBride) Ben Terry Family of Jimmy Henry Roy Terry Jordan McPherson (Eddie & Angela Thomas)

The Family of Sue Alber Doris Blaylock Ginger Alexander **Catherine Crout** Frank Bailey Jeanette Oakes **Doris Blaylock Charlie Davis** Joe Doty Walker Hill **Ruth King** Val King Karen Jones Leesa Grey McBride The Family of Fred Miller Linda Milner Carolyn Mitchell **Roy Oliver** Tex Ritter The Family of Beverly Varsel Tom Wasson **Tommie Wasson**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| Eli Cade John Wiggers | 08.11 08.16 | Caroline Arrington Hank Jones | 08.24 08.25 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Angela Clark | 08.10 | Mavis Draper | 08.26 |
| Jeanenne Riecken | 08.19 | Tommy Davis | 08.27 |
| John Davis | 08.20 | Matt Tucker | 08.27 |
| Barbara Burns | 08.20 | Alicia Carter | 08.28 |
| Doris Blaylock | 08.23 | Diane Grey | 08.31 |
| Bill Musselwhite | 08.24 | • | |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

| Marie & Cletone Pope | 08.14 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Judy & Charlie Davis | 08.24 |
| Rev. Doyle & Marie Mitchell | 08.27 |
| Joe & Rebecca Doty | 08.29 |



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY NEEDS:

August: Spaghetti Sauce



Senior Activities

Senior Activities will be Tuesday, August 9th. We will be going to Lake Tiak-O' Khata for lunch. Please meet at the church at 10:30 to carpool.

After School Care

We will be welcoming back our After School Care children on Thursday, August 4th. We look forward to a fun and exciting year!





Homebound Meals

Homebound meals will start back this month. If you know of someone who needs a meal delivered to them, please call the church office or Mary Al Alford. Kosciusko First United Methodist Church 110 East Washington Street Kosciusko, MS 39090

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