

TUMC Live Nativity a Big Success!

On December 15, TUMC Presented an Outdoor Live Nativity. We had between 150 and 200 people from our community come celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Church members and friends of the church came together to create a scene straight out of Bethlehem! Thank all of you so much for your help in planning the nativity, building the set, bringing in live animals, finding a baby Jesus, providing props, making costumes, fitting costumes, wearing costumes, acting out the Christmas story, preparing and serving hot chocolate and cookies, and so much more.



We are also thankful to Victory Central Church for providing special music, to Dudley United Methodist Church for letting us borrow costumes, to the Cook family in Montrose for providing wood for the stable, to Rev. Allen Cason of Grace United Methodist Church in Vidalia for helping us put together the program, and to the community for coming out to witness the Christmas story.



Tennille UMC Makes the News!

Tennille UMC recently made headlines in the South Georgia Conference with a great article in the South Georgia Advocate on our health and outreach ministries. Not only that, but the article caught the eye of The United Methodist News Service and was shared with United Methodists throughout the world. Keep up your good and faithful work Tennille United Methodists!

If you have not seen the article, take a look at the following website:
<http://www.sgaumc.com/news/detail/9602>.

Community Easter Egg - Stravaganza Outreach for Children

Saturday, March 23 at Tennille City Park from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

How can you help?

1. Bring eggs, candy, or store-bought cupcakes to the church any time before the 23rd.
2. Give a monetary donation for the above or for a blow up slide.
3. Volunteer to help the day of the hunt. Talk to Jeff or Sandra to help.
4. Invite kids and pray for the event.



Hearing Assisted Devices Now Available in Social Hall

Help us spread the word that hearing assisted devices are now available in the social hall and sanctuary. We have had the devices in the sanctuary for over a year for worship. Now, for those with difficulty hearing, they can use the devices for Bible Studies, First Wednesday Night Supper, United Methodist Men and Women's groups, and any other meetings that take place in the social hall.

Remembering Our Saints

Since our last newsletter, we have had two members, Donna Mingledorff and Jon Ingram, who have gone to be with the Lord. Donna and Jon touched the lives of family, friends, and our church. They will be missed but certainly not forgotten.

Thank you Jean!



Jean Bevill recently retired from her volunteer position as TUMC Treasurer after 20 years of faithful service. We are so grateful to Jean for her faithfulness over the years in helping TUMC be a good steward of our financial gifts and resources. Fortunately, she will not be going too far as she has agreed to serve as our new Finance Chair as of January 2013. She is also helping our new treasurer, Margaret Alexander, learn the ropes. Jean, TUMC is so blessed to have you as a faithful member!

Council News

Our church leadership team, the Church Council, has begun 2013 working with each of the committee chairs to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities within the framework of our Disciple Plan and the church structure. Some activities currently evolving in this revised structure include:

Jeff and I are working with Martha and Sue , NURTURE Committee chairs, to plan such events as our Bible Studies, First Wednesday Night Suppers, and growth opportunities for children, young and older adults. Jeff is meeting with our OUTREACH chairs, Randy and Margie, to build on the successful programs such as Bread of Life and Feed My Sheep, to strengthen them and to plan for additional opportunities to reach out to our members and community. A new program, CLU groups has begun with the young adult group which is led by Jeff and Sandra. Plans for additional groups are underway. Selwyn and Russ, WITNESS committee chairs, are working with us to make our technological equipment more “user friendly” for those of us who have limited knowledge of computers. In addition they are providing local broadcasting opportunities for Jeff’s sermons as well as our newsletter.

If you are interested in joining one of our committees please contact the committee chairs, Jeff or me. We would like all our church members to be a part of the planning process.



2013 TUMC Church Council Leadership Team

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Cook
Council Chair (BOD Para. 251.3)	Margie Johnson
Secretary	Selwyn May
Assistant Secretary	Leona Rogers
Treasurer	Margaret Alexander
Annual Conference Delegate	Sandra Cook
Finance Chair	Jean Bevill
Trustees Chair	Billy McMaster
Lay Leader	Mary Moye
PPR Chair	Lucy Nell Smith
Prayer Coordinator (s)	Betty Freeman and Shirley Nicholson
UMW Representative	Leona Rogers
UMM Representative	Tony Orr

Program (NOW) Ministry Chairs:

Nurturing Team Chair (s)	Martha Taylor and Sue Burgamy
Outreach Team Chair (s)	Randy Thomas and Margie Johnson
Witness Team Chair (s)	Selwyn May and Russ Garland

*Church Council meetings are always open to all church members. If a vote is needed, the members listed are able vote according to the Book of Discipline. The next church council meeting is Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Tennille United Methodist Programming (NOW) Ministries

Listed below are the programming ministries of Tennille UMC. Is God calling you to use your gifts and talents in a nurture, outreach, or witness ministry? If so, pray hard and respond to God's call by talking to Pastor Jeff. He will help you find a place to serve.

Nurture Ministries

Worship

1. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
2. Special Worship Services- Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Family Day, Christmas Eve

Christian Education and Spiritual Growth

1. Sunday School- 2 adult classes every Sunday and Children's class as needed
2. Nursery
3. Bible Studies (at least one a quarter)

Prayer and Care Ministries

1. Prayer Coordinators- prayer vision, special times of prayer, communication
2. Prayer Card Ministry
3. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Christian Fellowship and Growth Opportunities

1. First Wednesday Night Suppers
2. Special Fellowship Opportunities: Summer Picnic, Christmas Party, Decades Party
3. United Methodist Women's Circles (2)-
4. United Methodist Men's Group

Older Adult Ministries

1. Special Birthday Celebrations for 90th, 95th, and 100th birthdays

Outreach Ministries

Health, Welfare, and Community Service Ministries

1. Tennille BBQ Blast Bumps and Bruises Tent in October (First Aid/ Blood Pressure)
2. Hosts and plans WACO Cancer Support Group monthly
3. Partners with the American Cancer Society to host Look Good Feel Better
4. TUMC Relay for Life team participates in WACO Relay in May
5. TUMC Relay for Life Luminary Sunday (week before Relay)
6. CPR classes for the church and community

Children's Outreach Events

1. Community Easter Egg Hunt (held in conjunction with community churches)
2. Community Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat (held in conjunction with comm. churches)

Feeding and Community Care Ministries

1. Feed My Sheep - Feeding and reaching out to grieving families following a death in the church and/or community.
2. Bread of Life- Planning for the cooking, boxing, and delivering of meals to the needy.
3. Partners with Golden Harvest Food Bank Weekend Backpack Program to feed school kids.

Tennille United Methodist Programming (NOW) Ministries (continued)

Special Community Needs

1. Considers request as they arise- i.e. transportation ministry

Small Group (CLU) Ministries

1. Young Adult Small Group

Witness Ministries

Media Team- Worship

1. Operates sanctuary sound and video equipment on Sunday mornings and special services
2. Operates and trains in using social hall sound and projection equipment
3. Prepares DVD and CD's as requested
4. Radio Ministry for 11:00 a.m. worship

Media Team- Communication

1. Quarterly Church Newsletter
2. Church Web Site and Facebook
3. Explores ways to keep the church members connected and church connected to community.

Evangelism and Hospitality Team

1. Special Event- Outdoor Live Nativity
2. Exploring Membership Classes
3. First Time Visitor Gift Bags and Follow-Up
4. Invitation Cards

Nehemiah Bible Study -Plan to be there!!!! Our next Bible Study will be a Seven Week Study on Nehemiah. The dates are April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29, and June 5. Time is 6:00 p.m. in the W.B. Smith Building.

BAKE SALE- We are doing a bake sale on **Friday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in front of Farmers Furniture. Will you consider preparing baked goods to help us raise funds for Relay? If so, please email tumc@tennilleumc.org or call the church office at 552-7811. If you can help, we ask that you price each baked good, bring your goods to the Farmers Furniture lot on the morning of the sale, or arrange to bring your goods to church the night before.

Save the Date - **Decades/Masquerade Party Fundraiser for Relay for Life Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m.** at Tennille UMCTo enter, make a donation of your choice at the door to Relay for Life. Wear any costume from your favorite decade or wear your favorite mask.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities:

March 28 – 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship at Tennille UMC
Choral Singing, Rev. David Perry Preaching, and Holy Communion

March 29 -Good Friday Worship Opportunities

Noon: WACO Community Good Friday Service on the Courthouse Square

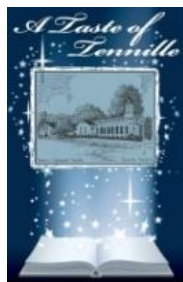
7:00 pm: Good Friday Evening Service at Wrightsville First UMC

TUMC and Wrightsville First are joining together for a Tenebrae Service. We need scripture readers from our church. If you are interested, let Jeff know.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 Jeff- Ministerial Assoc. 8 a.m. Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	3 First Wednesday Night Service 6:00 p.m.	4	5 TUMC Relay for Life Decades/ Masquerade Party 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	6 Small Church Leadership Academy at New Hope UMC 9 a.m. to Noon	
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter	8 Annie L. Hodges Circle 3:30 p.m. (Someone else teaches) Jeff at Epworth by the Sea for Order of Flame	9 Jeff at Epworth by the Sea for Order of Flame	10 Bread of Life 3:30 p.m. Jeff at Epworth by the Sea for Order of Flame	11 Jeff at Epworth by the Sea for Order of Flame	12 Jeff at Epworth by the Sea for Order of Flame	13 UMW Dublin District Day Apart at Calvary UMC Swainsboro 10 a.m.	
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter	15 TUMC Men Group 7 p.m. W.B. Smith Building	16 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	17 Erin H. Smith Circle Meeting 10:30 a.m. Jeff- S3 Group Retreat	18 WACO Cancer Support Group 6 p.m. Jeff- S3 Group Retreat	19 Jeff- S3 Group Retreat	20	
21 4 th Sunday of Easter Relay for Life Luminary Sunday	22 TUMC Church Council 6:30 p.m.	23 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m. TUMC Relay Team Meets at 6 p.m. W.B. Smith Building	24 Nehemiah Bible Study Begins at 6:00 p.m.	25 Jeff Coaching Network with Dr. Brady and Rev. Hanson 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.	26	27 UMW Dublin District Mission Study Bethel-Stapleton UMC 10:00 a.m.	
28 5 th Sunday of Easter	29 TUMC Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.	30 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	Notes:				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 First Wednesday Night Service 6:00 p.m. Nehemiah study continues	2 National Day of Prayer Service Courthouse Square Noon	3 Relay for Life At the Tennille Ag. Center begins at 6:00 p.m.	4 TUMC Men Feed the First Love Kids at 11:00 a.m. Jeff- Rotary District Conference	
5 6 th Sunday of Easter Family Day at 11:00 a.m. Worship- Mr. Hill Thomas is our guest speaker	6 Jeff- Childbirth Class 6 p.m.	7 Jeff- Ministerial Assoc. 8 a.m. Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m. N.O.W. Team meets at 6:00 p.m. W.B. Smith Building	8 Bread of Life 3:30 p.m. Nehemiah Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.	9 Jeff/ Sandra- Childbirth class 7 p.m.	10	11	
12 7 th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Mothers Day	13 Annie L. Hodges Circle 3:30 p.m. (Jeff teaches) Jeff- Childbirth Class 6 p.m.	14 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	15 Erin H. Smith Circle Meeting 10:30 a.m. Nehemiah Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.	16 WACO Cancer Support Group 6 p.m. Jeff- Newborn care- 7 p.m.	17	18 Dublin District Mission Study Dexter UMC 10:00 a.m.	
19 Pentecost District Conference at Louisville UMC 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	20 TUMC Men Group 7 p.m. W.B. Smith Building	21 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	22 Nehemiah Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.	23 Jeff Coaching Network with Dr. Brady and Rev. Hanson 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.	24	25	
26 Trinity Sunday/ Peace with Justice Sunday Memorial Day Worship	27 Memorial Day	28 Jeff- Rotary 1 p.m.	29 Nehemiah Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.	30	31	Notes: 1. 2 nd Quarter Study in May or June 2. Plan Family Picnic for Summer	

Just a Few Left



Place Your Order!



Sunday School
We have a Class for You!
10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

The Seekers Class - Leona Rogers
John Wesley Class - Mary Moye
Children Class - Sandra Cook and
Margaret Alexander
Nursery - Rotation of Safe Sanctuary
certified volunteers

Join our active Women's
Groups!



United Methodist Women
Women's Division

Annie Lou Hodges Circle
2nd Monday of each month
3:30 p.m.

Erin Holder Smith Circle
3rd Wednesday of each month
10:30 a.m.

Call 552-7811 for more information.

United Methodist Men

Third Monday nights at 7:00
p.m. in the church social hall.

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