

# SAGES News

May 16, 2017

Thanks to everyone who helped make May Bags for the shut-ins of St. Mark's. For all who delivered the goodies, God bless.

Almost all seats are taken on the bus for The Festival of Wisdom of Grace, Monday, August 7-Thursday, August 10 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The theme for the week is

"Forgiveness-Living In Grace." The Conference preacher will be Dr. John Ed Mathison, who was pastor of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama for 36 years. During his tenure the church grew from 400 to more than 8800. The platform speaker will be Dr. Everett Worthington who is the Commonwealth Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. There will be several workshops and a host of other activities. It's also a great time for fellowship, sightseeing and lots of fun. If you would like to go, please come by the church office and get a registration packet today. The bus will leave at 7:30 A.M. on August 7 and return as soon the conference is over. You will not want to miss this!



Great meeting of the SAGES Ministry Team last Monday. Thanks for all who participated.

Representatives of the SAGES who would like to attend the Murfreesboro District Conference, that will be at 3 P M at Manchester First UMC on May 21.

Please keep in mind that the Adventures In Learning Committee for 2017 is meeting regularly now planning for the AIL experience in September, 2017. We have now been informed this will take place the last three Mondays in September. Plan now to be a part of this excellent programming in the Fall. Thanks to everyone from St. Mark's who serves on that team.

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet in Room 1203 on Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 P.M. Remember this is available for people of all ages who may be caring for those who have Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. You are welcome!

Our tour of the Fontanelle Mansion and lunch is coming up on Tuesday, May 30. The cost of the tour is \$15. Lunch will be at Legends in Smyrna. The bus will leave the church at 8:00 A.M. Please sign up in the church office. Look for the book!!!

We also have planned two shows at the Cumberland Mountain Playhouse (15 tickets each for these shows are reserved), lunch at the Cumberland Mountain State Park, just to name a few of our ventures. Please plan on joining us for some meaningful and exciting activities.

Please make plans for Christian Education every Sunday. And please let someone in the office know if you find out that one of our Sages needs congregational care.

Please remember that we are continuing the tradition of honoring with a cake in the Narthex between services those who reach their 90th birthday. Right now we have celebrations planned for two persons in July and August. If you know of others, please let someone on the Sages Ministry Team know.

As we move into the summer experience at St. Mark's, please remember that there are lots of opportunities to be involved during this great season of the year. Check your newsletter, the web page, all of our other publicity and look for the ministries that will be meaningful and challenging.

**New Ministry** - Members of the Sages Ministries Team are now having tea parties with those on our extensive caring list in their residences. Thanks to Susan Green and Laura Hinote who are presently coordinating this new ministry.