

SAGES News

May 2, 2017

Our SAGES had a wonderful trip to the Rattle And Snap on Thursday, April 20, in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. We had a wonderful tour and tour guide. We learned a lot of the history of the place. Then we had lunch at Puckett's Grocery in Columbia. The weather was wonderful. Thanks to Joe Green for driving, to Sue Jones for coordinating the trip, and to Barbara New for her fine leadership of SAGES.



The Festival of Wisdom of Grace will be 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. St. Mark's has six rooms reserved at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska for this conference. Several of our members have already made reservations. 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!

SAGES will prepare May Bags on Thursday, May 4 at 9:00 and then deliver them to the homebound of St. Mark's at 10 A.M. Thanks to everyone for participating.

The SAGES Ministry Team will meet on Monday, May 8, at 9:00 A.M. in Room 506.

Important dates: For all the men of our SAGES group, please remember that the United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 A.M. The time includes a free breakfast and great programming. Brian Seadorf also always gives a wonderful devotional. 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. And there will be Safe Sanctuary Training here at St. Mark's on Monday, May 15.

Please keep in mind that the Adventures In Learning Committee for 2017 is meeting regularly now planning for the AIL experience in September-Oct. 2017. 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 who 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. 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.