

SAGES News

April 18, 2017

Thanks to everyone who came out for the last SAGES Quarterly Luncheon. Our speaker was Steve Cates, who talked with us about the Cripple Creek Cloggers. It was a wonderful day. The food and fellowship were great as well.



Remember that on Wednesday evening, April 19 at 6:15 P.M. as part of WNT, one of the workshops will be "Early Christian History" led by our own Reverend Jeff Reynolds. Jeff serves as Pastor of the Tuckers Crossroads United Methodist Church near Lebanon. He attends St. Mark's for other services with his family. Come out and enjoy his presentation and learn about early church history. This will be a special seminar. Don't miss it.

Sages will do the tour of Rattle And Snap on Thursday, April 20. The cost for the tour is \$15.00. We'll have lunch at Puckett's Grocery in Columbia. Please sign up for the trip in the church office, if there are seats available. The bus will leave at 9:00 A.M.

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!

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, April 27 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!

We also have planned a tour of the Fontanelle Mansion and lunch, 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.