

# Announcements for Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>



## Today

### (SWEL) Single Women Enjoying Lunch

Single women or women who attend church alone are invited to join SWEL Sundays at 12:30PM for lunch and fellowship. This month, the ladies will lunch at Fernandina Beach Golf Club, on Bill Melton Rd. at 12:30PM. Please RSVP weekly to Marilyn Perkins at [mjperkins1@comcast.net](mailto:mjperkins1@comcast.net).

**Bloodmobile on Campus TODAY** The Bloodmobile will be on Memorial's campus today until 12:30PM. Please give the life-saving gift of blood if you are able.

**Important Acolyte Training for all Current and New Acolytes TODAY** All children currently serving, or children 3rd grade and above, interested in serving as acolytes in our worship services are asked to come to an important training session TODAY at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. This is for ALL acolytes, even those who have been trained before. **One parent must also attend the training to assist with the learning process.** Lunch will be served. Please contact Pastor Carrie with questions.

***The Church Office in the Partin Center & Lamb Early Education Center will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Both will reopen Tuesday morning.***

***Have a Church-Wide Announcement to Share?***  
Email the Who, What, Where, When, Contact & RSVP info to [CarrieMac@mumconline.com](mailto:CarrieMac@mumconline.com)  
**TWO Sundays before** it should run.

## ***Living Our Calling***

Great things are happening in our Youth Ministry at Memorial! Our youth began the year with a focus on "intentional spiritual growth". During the ski retreat, they concentrated on and studied 2 Timothy 4:7 "*I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.*" They are continuing that dedication to intentional spiritual growth, as they resume their small groups and classes. The support of parents and volunteers has been vital, as they are committed to guiding our youth by passing on what they've learned on their own faith journeys. It's an exciting time at Memorial!

## ***Planning Ahead***

**TODAY – Bloodmobile at Memorial**

**TODAY – Acolyte Training, 12:15PM,  
Multipurpose Room**

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Dinner at 6:00PM,  
Chicken Gumbo**

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Pastor Beth's Last Sunday  
Preaching at Memorial**

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Classes Begin  
for Adults and Youth, 3:30PM**

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – M&M's Monthly Dinner,  
6:00PM in Maxwell Hall**

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Rise Against Hunger Event,  
Rec. Center, 10:00AM**

**Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - UMW Annual Dinner, 6:00PM,  
Maxwell Hall**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Riley Short's first  
Sunday Preaching at Memorial**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Taizé Worship, 6:00PM, Trinity**

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday, Dinner at  
5:00PM and worship at 6:00PM**

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Beth's Retirement Reception**

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## ***Upcoming Events & Announcements***

**Confirmation for Youth and Adults Beginning Soon** Memorial offers two parallel confirmation classes. One for youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade and older) and one for adults. Both classes will begin on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30PM. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Drew or Pastor Carrie.

**AARP Driver Safety Course** Memorial will sponsor an AARP Driver Safety Course on February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00AM to 12:15PM to be held in the multipurpose room. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. The course is open to the church and community. Most auto insurance companies offer a discount on premiums with a completion certificate. Please call the church office to RSVP or call Marilyn Perkins at 904-849-7545 for further information.

**Share the Gift of Stephen Ministers** Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are available to them, too. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. They meet weekly with their care receiver to listen and provide emotional and spiritual support. Women are paired with women, and men with men. The relationship lasts as long as the person needs care. For information, contact either Carol Dunnagan, 904-261-6484, or Pastor Drew, 904-261-5769.

**You Can Help Feed the Community: Participate in the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event on January 27<sup>th</sup>** In line with Memorial's calling to help feed the community, we are supporting the Rise Against Hunger Event, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Noon at the Atlantic Avenue Rec Center. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals for those in need. You'll see many friendly, Methodist faces there so be sure to stop by and be a part of making a difference!

**Memorial United Methodist Women's (UMW) Annual Celebration, Jan. 30th** All women of Memorial are invited to this celebration and potluck dinner. Show off your culinary skills and bring a dish to share. Come enjoy the fellowship and learn about United Methodist Women and Circles at Memorial. Each Circle has a different personality that provides support to its members and focuses on missions and activities that suit the group. Childcare provided.

**Messages for Pastor Beth's Retirement Reception** Do you have a special memory of Pastor Beth's time with us at Memorial? Please write notes or cards for Pastor Beth to show your appreciation for her. Baskets will be in the back of the Sanctuary and on the table by the doors in Maxwell Hall and your messages can be placed in those. They will be presented to her at her retirement party on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM in Maxwell Hall.

**M&M's January Dinner, January 25<sup>th</sup>** The Mature & Methodists will hold their January dinner on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in Maxwell Hall. Kay Stephens will be the guest speaker and update the group on the Porch de Solomon mission. An enchiladas dinner will be \$8.00. Please RSVP to [squirerod63@att.net](mailto:squirerod63@att.net) or call 904-335-0902.