

SANDERSVILLE

UNITED METHODIST MEN

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WHAT'S NEW?

YOU ARE A UMM!

Perhaps obvious to some, but new to others – if you are a man and a member of the Sandersville UMC, you are a member of the Sandersville United Methodist Men. Please repeat after me, “I AM a United Methodist Man.” OK, good. Now let’s try it out loud: “**I AM a United Methodist Man.**”

So now that you’ve said it, what does it actually mean to be a United Methodist Man? You will find part of the answer inside this newsletter. The other part you will find inside yourself. Our mission statement is included as the footer on this page. Think of the mission statement as a foundation – a foundation for a ‘club’, a foundation for a ministry, a foundation for a healthy, Spirit filled life. What can we, together, build on that foundation?

LOOKING FORWARD

August 12, 6:00 PM UMM cook for Youth Pool Party at Scheff’s house.

August 15, 7:00 Monthly Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Low Country Boil Sheriff Thomas Smith Guest Speaker

September 19, 7:00 Monthly Meeting, Fellowship Hall

October 1, 7:00 AM-10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast to support Scouts

The August meeting will be in the Social Hall. All men of the church are encouraged to attend. Sheriff Thomas Smith will speak about his recent trip to Israel.

LOOKING BACK

Ten men from Sandersville attended the July Sub District meeting in Wrightsville. In all, 39 men from area churches attended the meeting.

The Rev. Marty McLeod from Swainsboro gave an inspiring message about “Venturing Out in Faith”. Abram left his home in Ur to travel to a land he had not seen. The Bible is replete with stories of men who have chosen to follow a God they don’t hear often enough, who seems more absent than present, and who often takes the long way around. But these men stepped out in faith for lands, for ideals, and for a God they couldn’t always see.

Rev. McLeod likened their experience to his own experience of transitioning from a white cane to a Seeing Eye dog, for the Rev. McLeod is blind. During a four-week training program in Florida he had to learn to yield control to Roderick, a yellow Labrador retriever who has now been his companion for 3 years. He had to learn to trust Roderick, to trust Roderick’s teachers, and to believe that Roderick would lead him safely, even when Roderick seemed to be dragging him around a corner.

Like Abram, and like the Rev. McLeod, we need to learn to trust the one we purport to follow. We need to give up the old way for a better way. We need to learn that we are never called to go alone – that God goes with us. And we need to learn that sometimes God will drag us around a corner. And we need to learn that’s a good thing.

The mission of the Sandersville United Methodist Men is to assist men to know Jesus Christ, to serve Him, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily to do his will.

LOOKING AROUND

Are you looking for opportunities to serve? Please consider supporting the Harris Family Project through contributions to the Altar Fund earmarked for the Harris Family. The purpose of this project is to assist the Harris family obtain adequate housing and running water. A mobile home has been donated to the family, but the set-up expenses will be \$1000. A new well will cost \$2000. Donations of appropriate used furniture are also needed. Please contact Frances Veal for further details.

LOOKING INWARD

Are you looking inward at opportunities for spiritual growth? In the Fall 2005 issue of "Vision Magazine", Small Groups Pastor Patti Anderson of Corona, California's "Crossroads Church" describes the purpose and impact of small groups: "Crossroads' goal is to bring God into people's everyday lives. 'When you think about it, most people have a small group; they just don't call it a small group,'" she says. "They have a group of friends that they do things with - perhaps around a hobby or socially, so why can't we bring the God factor into that?" For people to really grow, they need to be in worship and in a small community to hold them accountable."

At Crossroads, they now have a surfing group, a motocross group, walking groups, dessert and devotion groups, even a job search group. Patti supports these groups with a light Bible study including key scriptures, a teaching theme, and questions, all of which group leaders can get at the church or download from the web site.

Would you like some help in making Christ a bigger part of your life?

What group are you a part of?

Is Christ a part of that group?

Is there a group that needs to be formed to meet a specific need?

Do you need assistance with devotional materials?

Let's get started! Together!

LOOK IT UP

What we can do, and be, together...

(Mat 18:20 NIV) For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

(Ps. 34:3 NIV) Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

(Ps. 133:1 NIV) How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

(Luke 9:1-2 NIV) When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

(Acts 2:46-7 NIV) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

(Eph 3:6 NIV) This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

(Isa 1:18 NIV) "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

(1 Th 5:10 NIV) He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

(Col 3:12-14 NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these

virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
(Heb 10:25 NIV) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A LOOK AT SCOUTS



Our adult leaders: Lynn Smith, Mark Riner, Connie Riner, Cheryl Mimbs, Rose Prosser, Andy Still, Eugene Prosser.

The United Methodist Men's Club is the chartering organization for Cub Scout Pack #74. Pack Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month. We have a large and active group of scouts, leaders, and parents under the leadership of Chet Smith, Cubmaster.

The men will host a pancake breakfast on October 1 to support the Cub Scouts. The goal is to raise \$2000 for Pack #74.

OUR MEN



Juan Diaz and Ed Scheff traveled to Lake Wales, Florida, in late June. Working

with 5 students from Mercer University and Michael McCord, the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Mercer, they replaced Mrs. Loretta Dix' roof which had been damaged during last years' hurricanes.



Please continue to pray for:

Biv Bivings, Darryl Harris, Howard Sheppard, Joe & Pat Scheff, Lewis West

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If you have newsworthy information to share, please contact Jason Alexander at 553-9307(H), Larry Smith at 552-2255(W) or 552-3727(H) or Ed Scheff at 553-0197(H).

LOOK AND SEE

Look and See what's at these sites...

Volunteers in Mission =>

<http://www.umvim.org/home.htm>

Upper Room Daily Devotional =>

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>

Sandersville United Methodist Church =>

<http://www.sandersvilleumc.org>

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon
you, and be gracious unto you;*

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*The Lord lift up his countenance upon
you, and give you peace. Amen.
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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