



Merry Methodists Newsletter

First United Methodist Church

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Older Adult Ministries

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SUNDAY THEATRE

WEDDING ON SAND MOUNTAIN

at the Virginia Samford Theatre in Birmingham Sunday, April 11 for 2:30 p.m. matinee (depart 12:45).

Sign up by 3/8—\$30 each.

The Dill Pickers, a group of six actor/musicians, play countless different characters in this sequel to the hilarious Sand Mountain Saturday Nite. Many characters return from SMSN but new characters arrive as the Sand Mountain community gathers for the wedding of two of their favorite people. Who will it be?



DRIVING MISS DAISY at Shelton Sunday, April 25 matinee - 2 pm.

Sign up by 3/24—\$10 each.



Sunday, July 18 matinee at Shelton. Sign up by 6/16 - \$15 each.

ISRAEL WITH CHARLES PAGE & KEN DUNIVANT



Dome of the Rock and Temple Mount

Dr. Charles Page is making one last trip to Israel before he retires from international travel. He will be going November 4-13, 2010. Over the years, Ken Dunivant has had the pleasure of traveling and studying with Charles and he wants to share this last adventure with him. The trip will explore the impact of the land on the life and ministry of Jesus. Charles and Ken

will be offering insights and perspectives on the Biblical stories with on-sight lectures. Traveling with Charles Page is an unforgettable experience.

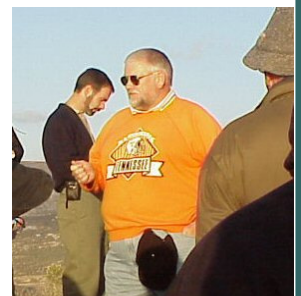
Some of the places to visit are: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Bethsaida, Capernaum, top of the Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Jericho, Bethlehem for a visit of the Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Fields, The Herodion, the Dead Sea, Masada, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock.

Charles Page will speak at the **Merry Methodist Luncheon Wednesday, March 24 at noon in Chitwood** (see details on page 2). There will also be an **informational meeting from 4:30-5:15p.m.** with those interested in the trip. He will also **lead Ken's Bible Study from 6-7 on Jesus' praying in Gethsemane about prayer in times of stress and crisis.** Plan to join us.

Details are being finalized with the cost less than \$3900.00 which includes the insurance (\$156), tips (\$75), add-on air to departing city of New York (around \$400), and airport taxes and fuel surcharge (\$440 which is subject to change). Full breakfast and dinner daily are included. Brochures with full details will be available soon.

Dr. Charles R. Page, II is the **Academic Dean** of the Jerusalem Institute for Biblical Exploration. He was raised in Tennessee, but his soul has always been in the Middle East. Since 1968, he has been excavating, spending a good portion of the year in Israel.

Charles attended the University of Tennessee where he concentrated his studies in the Bible, anthropology, and Middle Eastern studies. In graduate school and seminary, he also focused his studies on the Bible, archaeology, and anthropology. Finally his Ph.D. concentration was Biblical Archaeology.



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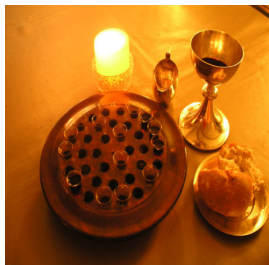
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Communion in the Home during Holy Week

Holy Week is such an important time in the life of the church. We will be busy with worship services on Palm Sunday, Monday through Friday Noon Services, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. During that week, we want to give you the opportunity to participate in Holy Communion in your home if you are unable to take part at church. The Congregational Care team and your pastors would like to offer to serve you communion sometime between Monday and Friday of Holy Week, March 29-April 2 if you are interested.

All you need to do is call the church office 345-7261 ext. 26 by Monday, March 22 and let me know that you would like us to come to your home.

We will be in touch with you by Thursday, March 25 and schedule a time to come. Please pray for your church and the leaders that we may be open to God's leadership. May you have a wonderful Lenten Season. Ethelyn Stuhr



Holy Week Communion

Pine Valley—Tuesday, March 30 at 2:45 p.m. in the chapel

Clara Verner—Thursday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the activity room

Merrill Gardens—Thursday, April 1 at 2 p.m. in the activity room

Capstone Village—Thursday, April 1 at 3 p.m. in the card room

Regular Monthly Communion

Pine Valley—2nd Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m. in the Chapel:

March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13

Merrill Gardens—4th Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Room:

Communion will not be held on March 23 due to Holy Week the following week.

April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27

Wednesday Luncheons

Luncheons are usually the 4th Wednesday of the month at noon in Chitwood Hall **unless otherwise noted**. Great time of fellowship and good food. There are short programs occasionally. \$6/person.

- March 24 - Dr. Charles Page— "Three most exciting discoveries from the ancient world in the past 20 years for Christians today." He will be available afterwards and from 4:30-5:15 to talk with those interested in the Israel trip in November with Ken as field instructor and Ethelyn as hostess.
- **April 21(3rd Wednesday)** — short program by Westwood Elementary School Singers from Coker under the direction of Aldis Donald.
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28

Sign up in the office or email ekstuhr@fumct.org to let us know by the Monday before if you plan to attend each of these special days!

Hope you will become active with FUMC Merry Methodists! No dues or fees! Come when you can!

If you would like your name removed from this mailing list, please call Ethelyn at 345-7261 ext. 26 or email ekstuhr@fumct.org.