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MONTGOMERY ~ OPELIKA DISTRICT NEWS

Welcome to the District Office: Ashley Epler

Mrs. Ashley Epler was born in Selma, She and her husband, Dr. Neil Epler, have been married since 1982 and have 2 sons, Charles and Joel and Hayden their 3 year old grandson. Ashley was working in a doctor's office in Enterprise, Alabama when Neil was appointed to Frazer Memorial at this Annual Conference and they moved to Montgomery in June. She began working in the Montgomery Districts Office August 1st.

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"I am looking forward to meeting you and working closely with you in this capacity. Feel free to contact me anytime you need to. I am always available for a question or to help you reach the D.S. when needed. If you need to reach me at times other than office hours, my cell number is 850-266-4550 and my home number is 334-215-6796."



Our office hours are:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-12:00 noon

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District Prayer Needs

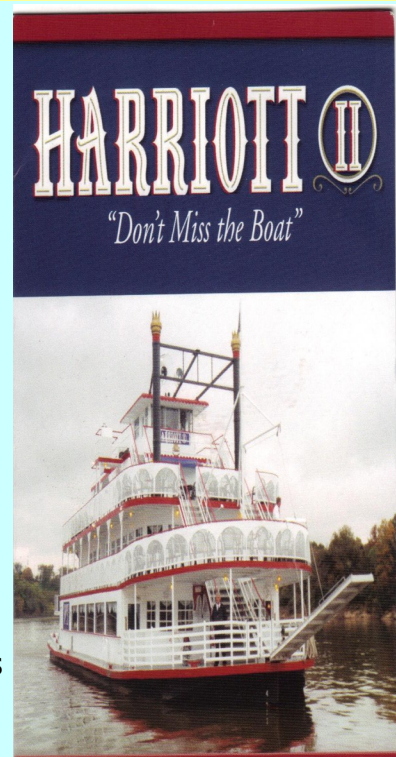


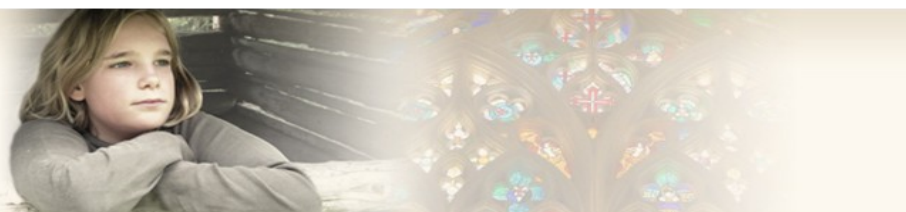
Our Country
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Take a luncheon cruise with your friends on the Harriott II

Tuesday, Oct. 11 \$25/Per Person
Reservations Required
Meet at the Boat Dock at 10:15 am
Cruise: 11:00 – 12:30
Additional afternoon touring opportunities:

Little White House of the Confederacy
Alabama State Archives
Trolley Ride Tour Ends 2:30pm
Sponsored by the Older Adult Task Force
Ala-W. Fla. Conference of the UMC
Deadline: Sept. 20, 2011
Contact Sonya Murphree at FUMC Prattville Travel Ministry to make reservations
334-365-7264





Montgomery/Opelika District
Children's Home
White Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, September 20, 2011
6:30pm (Central Time)

Auburn United Methodist Church
220 Magnolia Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830

The cost is 10.00

Everyone in your congregation is invited to attend with you. Rev. Ball encourages Children's Home Representatives and pastors to attend. Nursery is provided for ages 5 and under with a reservation. Please register everyone either by calling 334-239-7329, e-mail mtopds@knology.net or you may go on the district website at www.themontgomerydistricts.com to register and pay in advance.



Local Church Jobs

8/18/2011 -

[Student Minister - Trinity UMC \(Phenix City, AL\)](#)

Trinity United Methodist Church (Phenix City, AL) is looking for a 3/4 time student minister. This position will oversee a healthy and growing Children's Ministry and be the "hands on" leader with the Youth Ministry.

Preferable Requirements:

- A United Methodist
- Bachelor's degree
- 3 years' experience
- A strong walk with God
- A self-starter,

A passion for youth/children ministry

For a detailed job description please contact the church (334) 298-4140 or pastor, Rev. Steven Gregg PastorSteven-

Local Church Needs:

8/25/2011

Pentecost UMC is in need of 40 metal folding chairs to help furnish our Fellowship Hall. As many of you know Pentecost UMC was completely destroyed by a fire last September. We will be in our new building on October 1, 2011!!! If anyone can help us meet this need we would be grateful. Any number of chairs your church can donate will be greatly appreciated. I will be available to pick them up.

Please contact me at 334-546-8176 or at pastorbob67@yahoo.com

Thank you all in advance!

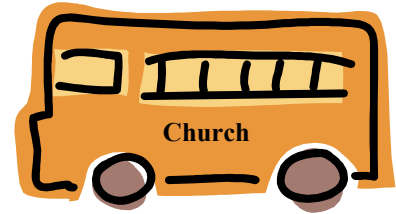
In Christ,

Rev. Bob Bachant

8/14/2011

****Does your church have a van or bus for sale?**

Please contact Arthur Brown, member of the Board of Trustees at FUMC Milton, at a125b@bellsouth.net.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP

You may have seen in the Montgomery Advertiser a few weeks ago that Reality and Truth Ministries was feeding the homeless nightly at Overlook Park in downtown Montgomery. As of August 14th, Overlook Park is being renovated and the event was in need of a new home to continue this crucial and powerful ministry. We, at Dexter Avenue United Methodist, prayerfully considered this wonderful opportunity to delve into the work for Christ and as of August 15th, we will be teaming with Reality and Truth to continue this much needed ministry in downtown Montgomery. As you can imagine there are many issues which have worked to derail this ministry, but God is good and has put the pieces in place so that we can put our faith into action as a local church through the broader support of other servants in the River Region. With the ministry occurring each night of the week from 5pm-6pm, we are in need of many volunteers who would be willing to help serve meals to our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in serving, cooking, or simply committing yourself to prayer for this missional opportunity, please contact Gail Pelt (phone: 334-451-4494 or email: GPelt@alfains.com). We need several volunteers for the evening meal each night, especially weekend nights, and would appreciate any individuals or groups that would feel called to commit on a regular basis. There is a vast ministry field in Montgomery and we are hoping that this partnership is the one small step to show the love of Christ to our community through the local church.

In Him,

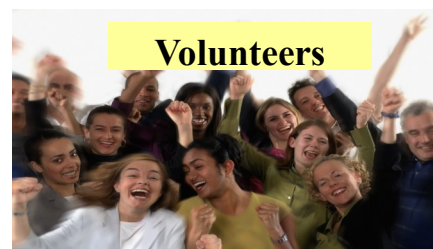
Tony McCullough

Minister

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A special retreat for clergy (Elders, deacons, local pastors, and provisional and associate members) and their spouses. Soul Care is designed to refresh, reconnect and renew participants:

· **Refresh.** The average pastor works 60 hours a week. Ministry is exhausting work! Soul Care gives participants the opportunity to renew bodies, minds, bodies and souls through rest and relaxation.

· **Reconnect.** Many pastors feel isolated and alone. Soul Care gives participants the opportunity to reconnect with God and other clergy through meditation and fellowship.

Renew. Do you remember the passion you felt for ministry when you first answered God's call? Soul Care gives participants the opportunity to renew the call through theological reflection and prayer. Soul Care begins Sunday, October 2 with a special celebration and cookout. Blue Lake is providing free accommodations to all participants Sunday night and First United Methodist Church, Brewton is providing dinner. It will be a night you will not want to miss!

Monday morning will be a time for rest, fellowship, and contemplation including options to ride motorcycles together, golf, play tennis, walk or bike around the trails of Blue Lake, visit the Solon Dixon Nature Center, enjoy the lake, hike to the streams, learn about stewardship or wellness or talk to one of the spiritual directors available to you during the Soul Care retreat.

The remainder of our retreat will consist of four (4) sessions with Dr. Roberta Bondi and plenty of time for fellowship, rest, worship, prayer, and reflection.

The cost for Soul Care is \$130 per person which includes the program and materials, accommodations at Oakwood (double occupancy) and all meals. If space becomes available, partial or non-resident fees will be determined. It is our hope that everyone would stay at Blue Lake and participate in the entire event.

Click [HERE](#) to register. Deadline to register is August 31.

Questions? Contact Pat Luna patluna@charter.net

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Take a lunch- eon cruise with your friends on the Harriott II Deadline 6:30 PM <u>MTOP</u> White Christ- mas Banquet	21	22	23	24
25 4:00 PM <u>CC</u> <u>MTOP: Bo-</u> <u>wen/Tuskegee</u> <u>, Armstrong</u> 6:00 PM <u>CC</u> <u>MTOP: Brad-</u> <u>ford's Chapel,</u> <u>Williams</u> <u>Chapel/Societ</u> <u>y Hill, Neal's</u>	26 <u>Catapult Con-</u> <u>ference</u>	27 <u>Catapult Con-</u> <u>ference</u>	28 <u>Catapult Con-</u> <u>ference</u>	29	30	





Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

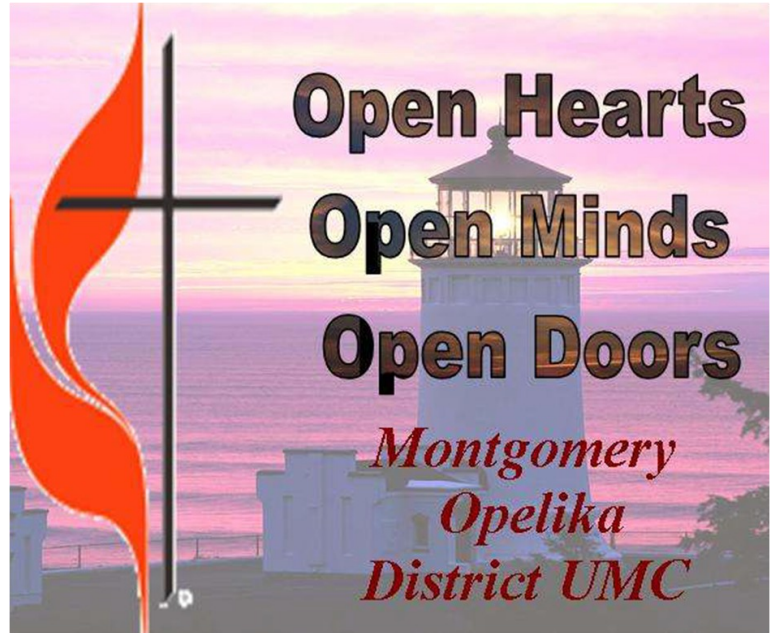
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