

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	May	21	9:00am	Chapel Prayer
			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			9:45am	Men's Bible Study in the Visioning Center
			11:00am	Worship
			12:15pm	Youth Band
			12:30pm	Scholarship Committee in the Conference Room
			1:00pm	Knit Wits in the Parlor
			2:00pm	UMW in the Chapel
			3:00pm	Kingdom Kids Children's Fellowship at the Parsonage
			5:00pm	Trustees in the Conference Room
			6:00pm	Finance in the Visioning Center
			7:00pm	Church Council in the Visioning Center
Wednesday	May	24	12:00pm	Bookworms in the Visioning Center
			5:30pm	Divine Dining: Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Succotash, Bread and Your Tasty Desserts!
			6:10pm	Children's Choir
			6:30pm	Bible Study for Everyone!
			7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	May	28	9:00am	Chapel Prayer
			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			9:45am	Men's Bible Study in the Visioning Center
			11:00am	Worship
			12:30pm	Youth Lunch and to Cornerstone for Bingo

Our nursery is  
staffed from  
9:30am -12:30pm

### Easter Bible Study – Change in Dates

Tuesday night Bible Study “This Risen Existence: The Spirit of Easter” is being **moved to Wednesday nights!** We will eat together at Divine Dining in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm; then move to the Chapel for discussion.

“The Ascension can feel even more remote from us than the resurrection, but in fact it shapes our lives as Christian at least as much as, if not more than, the resurrection. The resurrection transforms us, our relationships and the world around us, but the ascension gives us both the motivation to act and a blueprint for how to do it.”

Hope to see you Wednesday!

### Book Club Will Meet May 24

The Bookworms will meet on Wednesday, May 24 at Noon in the Visioning Center to discuss the latest reading “Five Practices of Fruitful Living” by Robert Schnase.

If you would like the office to order the June book for you, please contact the office by Friday, May 26. The book for discussion is “Get Off Your Donkey” by Reggie McNeal.

## Final Week of Preschool Year 2016-17

This week begins the final countdown for Preschool 2016-17. Thursday, May 25 will be the final day for our 2-day and 4-day classes. Friday, May 26 will be the final day for our 3-day class and Mother's Morning Out. Thank you to all the teachers, students, parents and board members for a wonderful year. Good luck to all the boys and girls that are graduating and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. We know you are ready!

### Divine Street Note Cards For Sale

The UMW are selling Divine Street note cards and envelopes. The notecards have the picture of the church on the front cover and are blank inside. They come in packets of 20 cards/envelopes for \$10.00. See Lois Dail, Huntsie Strickland, Joyce Draughon or Susie Creel to purchase, or stop by the church office Monday-Friday during office hours.

### Divine Street Tshirts are Coming to Divine Street

Our Outreach Committee has been busy designing a new Divine Street UMC tshirt that will be sold to raise money for Outreach missions. The tshirt color will be navy with white print and will include the United Methodist cross and flame and church logo on the back. The flame will be in red. We need your input please! We plan to order all sizes AS – 6XL, with the majority of shirts ranging AS-XL. If you think you would be interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact the church office to let us know your specific size so we ensure to get enough of the sizes needed for everyone interested, especially if you wear an XL or larger. We plan to place the order on Monday, May 22 to take advantage of sale pricing. Shirts will sell for \$15.00 each. If you do not pre-order a specific size, we will still have extras in a variety of adult sizes for you to select from while supplies last.

### VBS Supplies Needed

Vacation Bible School is just a few weeks away! **Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose** is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 – Thursday, June 29, from 5:30 – 8:00pm each night. Dinner will be served each evening at 5:30pm with the VBS program beginning at 6:00pm.

Pastor Kristina has compiled a list of supplies needed throughout the VBS week. Please look for a whiteboard with post-it notes in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday listing the needed supplies. If you are able to help, please take a post-it as you exit on Sunday, purchase the item/s listed, and return to the church by Sunday, June 18. Items may be deposited in the new welcome center cabinet located inside the courtyard entrance in the drawer designated for VBS supplies. See Pastor Kristina for additional information.



**At Maker Fun Factory,  
kids will learn they're  
created by God and built for a purpose!**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Register online: [www.divinestreet.org](http://www.divinestreet.org)**

**VBS Dates: June 25 – 29, 2017**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:00pm Dinner  
6:00 – 8:00pm VBS Program**

For more information, call 910-892-2339

## **BLESSING OF THE ANGEL GOWNS**

As the Church, our role is to respond to God's love in all that we do. One of the ways Divine Street truly reaches out to others in a way that glorifies God is to provide infant burial gowns for those families whose new child has been lost.

Our infant gowns are created and hand-smocked by members of this church, and this morning we pray God's blessing for each child who will wear this gift and each family member who suffers the loss of that child.

### Prayer of Blessing

Almighty God, loving Parent of all your children, we are saddened that our babies are sometimes taken from us so soon. At times the burdens of life almost overwhelm us, but still we put our full trust in you. We know that through your Son Jesus Christ you are with us always.

**We pray for the comfort of your loving arms to surround all those who suffer the loss of a child.**

Bless these gifts of infant gowns that those families who receive one may feel the love with which they are created and given.

**Bless the giver and the receiver, and may each one sense your tender mercy. May these beautiful gowns help to ease some small part of the pain.**

Soothe the hearts of those who grieve. Give them strength to go forward and trust that your love never ends.

**We thank you for the hope that you give us through your Son Jesus Christ. When all else fails, you still are God. Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another, and may our efforts here bring glory to your name. Amen.**