

Mission Statement

Memphis Conference Single Adult Ministry... *providing inclusive ECUMENICAL community of Christian fellowship... Welcoming and reaching out to ALL SINGLE ADULTS offering opportunities for Spiritual Growth, Unconditional Love, Support, Worship and Praise.*

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McSAM Design Team

Meetings

You can help set the course for McSAM and plan upcoming retreats, mission opportunities, fun events, camping, etc.

MCSAM will have a 2007 Planning Meeting on December 2, 2006.

Where: Northside UMC
(One block north of I-40, Exit 82 on the left)
Times: 10:00 a.m./noon
(Dutch treat lunch for those who can stay)
Questions: Call Wendy Hopper @ 731-661-0862.



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"You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
I Corinthians 12:27



The Fall Singles Retreat was a great weekend. While the weather was rough at times, the sessions, music and fellowship remained smooth. Scottie Brafford's presentation on a "Closer Walk with God" was just what we needed. The skit on "Coffee at Starbuck's" was a lot of fun and got many people involved in our group. The John Wesley, "Agape Love Fest" was a fresh change from our traditional candlelight communion service. Mike Jeffers returned to lead our music and he got Janice Baker, Robert Cotham, Kaye Thetford and Kathy Ramsey to assist to make it even better. Dusty Dyer was the winner of our Retreat Recruiter contest. He received a nice Red Lobster gift certificate. Dusty and Wendy Hopper worked hard to get the word out on brochures, the internet, churches, community and *The United Methodist Reporter*.

Our ice cream social was a lot of fun, too. Some of us got to pretend to be Dairy Queen employees for about an hour. Melinda Ferrante donated the ice cream. What a nice gift! We weren't sure how far it would go. You know how Singles' appetites are when it comes to free food. As it turned out, we had plenty. We decided to share with the Holy Communion Episcopal Youth that were also at Lakeshore for the weekend. Once again we wondered would we have enough. All of the youth got ice cream, some even got seconds. Maybe letting them have chocolate was a bad idea, not sure, but we fed two groups and probably had enough to share at Nathan Bedford Forrest Campground. Does this story sound familiar? I believed it involved fish.

We missed our Memphis and Indiana friends. Hopefully, we will be reunited with them in the Spring.

Love in Christ,
Jeff

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MCSAM is an acronym for Memphis Conference Single Adult Ministry. We have two retreats at Lakeshore each year that promote spiritual growth and that address practical issues such as Single Parenting, Caring for Aging Parents, Managing Finances, and Divorce Recovery. We serve adults of all ages. We have had participants as young as mid-20's to as old as 90. Our largest age group is 35-60, including those who have never married, as well as persons who are divorced or widowed. We also sponsor several family friendly social activities for singles who have children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In the past year we had a cookout, attended a baseball game, camped and canoed, and visited the Memphis Zoo. We have worked at the Reelfoot Thrift Store and helped complete a Habitat House in Dyersburg.

Visit our website www.mcsam.org for more information or call Rev. Autura Hampton at 731-664-8480.



The MCSAM group had lunch at Picadilly's in Memphis, September 9, 2006, before heading to the Memphis Zoo for our third "Fun & Fellowship" activity of the year.

We enjoyed a beautiful day walking around the zoo, checking out all of the different animals and sites, including the new bear exhibits.

We also enjoyed watching a wonderful show put on by the Zoo's Staff and its Sea Lions.

We followed up a great day at the zoo with a dinner in Memphis, where we savored some really good "conversation and fellowship."



September 16, MCSAM spent four hours at the Reelfoot Rural Ministries Thrift Store sorting floor to ceiling piles of donated clothing.