

Pioneers Newsletter

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Upcoming Programs

- May 13 Koinonia
June 10 Harry Clarke –
Musical Program
July 8 Luncheon &
FUN DAY

Upcoming Trips

- May 27 Koinonia,
Americus, GA
We leave TFUMC
at 9 AM!
June 24 Jarrell Plantation
& Whistle Stop
Café, Juliette, GA

The TFUMC Pioneers meet the second Thursday of each month for lunch and program at 11:30 a.m. Day Trips are the fourth Thursday of each month...

...except March, which is SPECIAL because of XYZ Senior Day!

Registration is required and your presence is appreciated!

To register, please call Marilyn Parsonson at 678-985-9507.

Pioneers are on the Web:
<http://tfumc.org/pioneers>

From The President

Greetings Fellow Pioneers,

Haven't we had a glorious April? Nature has shown us all her glory in the beautiful spring flowers – and some of it was in time for Easter. How good our God is to us!!!!

We Pioneers have had a busy month. First we celebrated Easter, then on April 8, we had our meeting with an inspiring talk by Mrs. Pola Arbiser, a Holocaust survivor. She made us realize just how fortunate we were to have been Americans and live in America during WWII. She and her husband had some fascinating life experiences to share. Mrs. Arbiser donated a copy of her book to our church library, so if you want to know more, check it out.

We celebrated Senior Sunday on April 25. Reverend Sam Coker preached an excellent sermon on love and Dawn and Bill Hines entertained us with a skit about seniors.



The Pioneers at Noah's Ark
Photo: Carlyn Greene

Jane did a wonderful job of organizing this for us.

On April 22, we took our much anticipated trip to Noah's Ark. The weather cooperated, and we could not have had a more beautiful day. We were a little early, so we spent thirty minutes doing some "retail therapy" at the outlet mall in Locust Grove. It is amazing how much can be accomplished in thirty minutes. Of the thirteen people on the bus, only two came back empty handed. The rest of us had a package – or two. Some of our group suggested that next year we plan a trip to an outlet mall just to shop!!

Noah's Ark is very interesting. We did a lot of walking. The llamas were a little "fragrant" but otherwise it was very nice.



photo: Pat Brady

The screaming monkeys were in rare form, very raucous, but the lion, tigers and bears just laid around. No big deal to them.

Noah's Ark was followed by lunch at Buckner's family style restaurant where all stuffed ourselves with their delicious food. For those of you who could not go you really missed a treat.

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thanks to a
generous gift
from
Carlyn Greene

From your newsletter editor:

Hello Pioneers!

I hope you are having as much fun
at your lunches and on your trips
as it sounds like you are having!

Happy May birthday to:

Frieda Alston
Mary Lockhart
Bill Turrentine

Happy June birthday to:

Ethel Bay
Joe Bishop
Jean Ghormley
John Ivester
Ward Pollard
Mary Anne Rowan
June Sherrill

Don't forget to take your camera
with you on your trips. Don't worry
if you don't know how to get the
pictures out of the digital
contraption...I will help!

Remember, we want to share a bit
of the experience with anyone who
can't make the trip and encourage
others to join the fellowship and fun
when they can!

God bless!
Evelyn Burkett
communications@tfumc.org

President's Letter, continued

On May 13 we have a speaker
coming from Koinonia in
Americus, Georgia. Koinonia is
the home of the Cotton Patch
Gospel and also the home of
Habitat for Humanity. They will
probably bring some of their
pecan products for us to
purchase. On May 27, we will
take a trip to their facility to
witness for ourselves their farm,
and we will eat lunch there.

We will be leaving the
church at 9:00 AM, an
early start for some of us.

I look forward to seeing
all of you at our next
meeting and hope you
stay well and have good
days until then.

God Bless You All,
Pat

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who made Senior Sunday a meaningful, spiritual experience. Rev. Sam Coker presented an excellent sermon, *What Wondrous Love Is This*. Dawn and Bill Hines gave a tribute to senior adults that showed we do have a sense of humor. Thanks to Pat Brady and Joe Bishop for leading the Affirmation of Faith. Joyce Turrentine gave us a Children's Moment that applied to everyone. Thank you, Joyce. We are blessed to have involved seniors in the church.

Tom Moore, as usual, led music that lifted us. The Sons of Grace blessed us with songs as well as the Chancel Choir at the 11:00 worship. Senior Sunday was a special day for all of us. Let's celebrate life and the joy we experience.

Jane McCombs