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Dear Friends,

This year, our stewardship campaign theme is TOGETHER.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul gives us an image of the Body of Christ. A few years ago, I visited an archeological site in Ancient Corinth that was quite a curiosity.

They dug down a bit and found appendage after appendage and body part after body part, all made of clay. It was some kind of healing ritual at the Temple of Asclepion - where people presented a model of the body part they wished to be healed. It is quite a sight to see all of these body parts lying around by the hundreds.

I wonder if this is what Paul was thinking of when he wrote "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." He teaches us there that we are all an organ or appendage, we each have our place and function, but it is meaningless unless we work in tandem with the rest of the body. Each part needs the others to function as a living whole. Without this cooperation we are just a pit filled with random body parts that can do nothing.

On Sunday, October 29, we will have our Consecration Sunday services, along with a special brunch & lunch. We will be asking each of our members to think about their role in the Body of Christ here at First Church. God is not calling each of us just to do our part, but to do it with and for the whole. We will be filling out our Estimate of Giving Cards for 2024. These are the documents on which we base our ministry budget. Please be in prayer about the role that you are called to play in this body and join me in offering our gifts to God in thanksgiving. Let us put all of our parts TOGETHER and become the body that Christ has called us to be.

Dr. Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor

TOGETHER
FIRST UNITED METHODIST STEWARDSHIP

INTERFAITH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, October 1 | 5:00 - 6:30pm | On Wright Street

The Downtown Clergy Association is hosting an Interfaith Spaghetti Dinner! All are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and good food! We will enjoy our meal at banquet style tables lining Wright Street, between Guillemard and Palafox. Occurring during the Festival of Sukkot — the Feast of Tabernacles, we hope the event will honor the festival's themes of gratitude, community, and hospitality. This event is a collaboration of Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Temple Beth El, First Baptist Church, Allen Chapel AME, and First United Methodist Church. Registration is not required.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday October 30 | 6:00pm | Wesley Abbey

All Church Council members are encouraged to attend and as always, it is open to the congregation.

ICON ON THE LAWN

Sunday, October 15 | 11:00am

Join us for ICON on the front Lawn of The Consulate Cafe (Wesley Abbey). We will have special music by our ICON band.

COMBINED 11:00AM SERVICE

Sunday, October 22 | Main Sanctuary

Please note that our ICON family will join us in the Main Sanctuary for Worship & Music Arts Dedication Sunday.

ALL SAINTS BANNER

The All Saints banner will be in the Wright Place on Wednesday evenings October 18 - November 1 as well as in the foyer between the Wright Place and Main Sanctuary and ICON foyer on Sunday mornings October 22 - 29. You are invited to place a small bell on the banner in memory of those we love who have died. All Saints Sunday is November 5.

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THE CONSULATE

COFFEE • TEA • EATS • COMMUNITY SPACES

First Church's beautiful white building, on the corner of Palafox and Wright Street, has a new name and new mission. The space, formally known as The Perry Home, has officially been renamed "The Consulate" and "The Consulate Café". The building was originally the home of Charles F. Boysen, a prominent Danish Sea Captain. He constructed the Jeffersonian style home out of a wrecked building on Palafox St. in 1867 and crowned it with a cupola so that he could monitor the ships in the bay. Boysen was the Norwegian vice-consul and his home became the Consulate for Sweden and Norway. You will notice that the logo is based on the Norwegian flag which displays the cross. At the consulate, travelers could find hospitality and help. The word Consulate denotes a place of "solace."

Today the Consulate Café offers the same kind of hospitality to our community. However, instead of representing Sweden or Norway, we are reminded that as Christians our "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Our café had its Grand Reopening on Sunday, September 24 and received overwhelming support from our congregation. With its reopening comes a new, revised purpose... To open our doors of fellowship to our church and community, and raise funds and awareness for the missions at First Church.

Each Sunday, our café is open to our congregation for fellowship from 9:00 - 11:00am. Our children's ministry program will welcome children from our congregation and community on Wednesdays and one Saturday a month for fellowship opportunities. In addition, we will welcome members of the Pensacola community when we host events such as Pensacon and Candlelight Concerts and will be open during downtown parades. **One Saturday a month we will host a Mini Market on the lawn and our café will be open to the public. For a small donation, members can set up booths to sell their crafts, baked goods, etc. To inquire, contact Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967.** Our first mini market is Saturday morning, October 21!

Our hope is that this building truly is a "Consulate" for all who enter whether it's in Wesley Abbey (worship space), in a classroom, or our newly reopened Consulate Café. We are excited about the opportunity to connect to our community and to show them our First Church hospitality! May God bless this space, and all who will enter.

See [page 12](#) for a list of our 2023 mission partners and other mission opportunities.

MINI MARKET OCTOBER 21 | LAWN



a ministry of
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA**

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A DONATION



LET'S SAY, THANK YOU!

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!

During this month, there will be a card collection box in the church office and the *Staff Parish Relations Committee* invites you to write to your Pastors and let them know personally, how much they are loved and appreciated. We will celebrate **Clergy Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 22** with a reception in Wesley Abbey from 9:45 - 10:45am.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 4:00PM | THE FOUNTAIN

Bring your beloved pets for a service of prayer and blessings. St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and environment, believed that God should be praised and celebrated for all His creation. All pets are invited but must be properly restrained.

We also ask that you bring donations for the Pensacola Humane Society. Visit the link below to view their wishlist.

pensacolahumane.org/our-shelter/how-to-help/our-wishlist



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29
4:00-5:00pm
 Parking Lot off Guillemard

**CRAFTS, GAMES,
 COSTUME CONTEST
 & MORE!**



- * Sign up to decorate your vehicle. (Scan QR Code)
- * Bring change for Serving the Hungry

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH OF PENSACOLA



holiday fundraisers

THANKSGIVING FEAST FUNDRAISER

First Kids & Ruth's Kitchen are joining together to raise money to improve their ministry areas. Support them by purchasing a smoked turkey breast, sides, and dessert for the Thanksgiving holiday! Turkey breasts will be frozen and vacuum sealed for reheating. Deadline to purchase is Sunday, November 5 and pick up is Friday, November 17. To purchase online, click [HERE](#) or scan QR code. To pay via cash or check, visit the Church Office (payment is required up front to order).



Turkey Breast: \$25/each (serves 2-4) // Cornbread Dressing: \$10/each (serves 4-6)
 Cheese Straws: \$15.00/10oz box // Pecan Pie: \$18.00/9in pie
 Red Velvet Cake w/ Cream Cheese Frosting: \$4/petite loaf (serves 2)
 Pumpkin Cake w/ Cream Cheese Frosting: \$4/petite loaf (serves 2)

FRESH EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER

The **FUMC Youth Choir** will be selling fresh evergreen wreaths and door sprays, centerpieces, & table top christmas trees to raise funds for choir tour. Prices start at \$35. Youth Choir Members will be taking in-person pre-orders & payments on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings through October 22. Products will be delivered to FUMC the week of November 27. More info to come on pick up times. Online ordering is also available at giftitforward.com (with code FIRSTUFL008) through December 7. Items ordered online will be shipped directly to your desired address and prices will vary.

MIDWEEK at First Church

Session 2 - Starts Wednesday, October 4

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

5:00 – 6:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for a time of fellowship and delicious food, reconnect with old friends, and meet some new ones. This is also a great opportunity for evangelism so invite your friends and family! Dinner can be purchased for \$10/adult, \$4/child, with a max cost of \$27/family. See FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights for a full list of menus. Dinner reservations are no longer required!

Midweek Classes for Adults

Wednesdays, Starting October 4 | 6:00-7:00pm | Room Locations TBA

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER or visit FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights



JONAH

TAUGHT BY ALEX BROWN

A look at Jonah, the Prodigal Prophet: In this discussion-based class we will read through the book Jonah and identify key themes in the book and important truths that we can use to help guide our daily lives. To help direct this study of the book of Jonah, Alex will share helpful insights from the book *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy* by Timothy Keller. No book purchase required.

THE PATH BETWEEN US: AN ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY TO HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

FACILITATED BY REV. EMILY KINCAID

Come learn how the Enneagram can be used as a spiritual growth tool for deeper insights about ourselves and others' personalities so that we can have healthier, more life-giving relationships. Book required: *The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships* by Suzanne Stabile available through Amazon, Kindle, or Audible. If you would like to purchase a hard copy through the church, please pay \$17.

LOOKING FOR LOVELY: COLLECTING THE MOMENTS THAT MATTER

FACILITATED BY KATY LAUDERDALE

Only when we learn to spot the lovely in the midst of hardship can we experience the transcendent peace of God that keeps us persevering when we want to give up. In this 7-session Bible study, Annie F. Downs examines the ordinary people of the Bible - fishermen, farmers, musicians, women - to discover how they sought beauty in their everyday lives to hold onto the hope of God's presence with them. Book required: *Looking for Lovely - Bible Study Book: Collecting the Moments that Matter* available through Amazon. If you would like to purchase a hard copy through the church, please pay \$17.

INVITATION TO JOURNEY: A ROADMAP FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

FACILITATED BY DONELL SEAGER

Originally published in 1994, Robert Mulholland's *Invitation to Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation* was expanded and updated in 2016 by Ruth Haley Barton, just a few years after Robert Mulholland's death. I cannot think of better teachers to sit under to grow spiritually than these two teachers. If you would like to purchase a hard copy through the church, please pay \$17.

NURSERY

5:30-7:00pm | Education Building

Nursery is available for infants up to 2 years old for parents attending class and choir practice. No registration required.



FIRST KIDS MIDWEEK PROGRAMING

On Wednesdays, activities for kids include choir, a small groups program, and some active time. This is a time in which they participate in an extracurricular class, develop relationships in a small group setting, and have fun singing and playing together. Programs are divided by age-group and listed below:



KIDCONNECT (for K-3RD GRADE)

Wednesdays | 3:00-5:15pm | Start in Wesley Abbey

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER or visit FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights

All children, Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, are invited to join us for KidConnect, our midweek connection time with camp style classes like sports, music, drama, drawing - Pinterest Party games and more. Each week, from 3:00-4:25pm, kids will meet for worship, enjoy an extracurricular activity and connect with friends. Afterwards, from 4:30 to 5:15pm, they can join our Elementary Choir/Music program. Parents can drop off in the Wesley Abbey and pick up at 5:15pm in the gym. Families are then invited to Family dinner from 5:15 to 6pm. Then from 6-7pm, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun starting in the gym. (See First Kids:Midweek)



CHILLTIME (for 4TH & 5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays | 3:00-5:15pm | Start in Wesley Abbey

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER or visit FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights

Each week, all 4th and 5th Graders are invited to join us for Worship and Chilltime in the Wesley Abbey Cafe. Just like our Summer Kaboodle Cafe, we will enjoy lots of fun activities along with a yummy snack while we chill out with friends. We will start in Wesley Abbey for worship with the other children, then we will have our own Chilltime in the cafe. We highly encourage you to invite your friends too!

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK

(for PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

5:50-7:00pm | Gym, Ed. Building

After dinner, this Wednesday evening program is a great time of fellowship and faith building for Preschoolers and Elementary kids. Each age group will have a devotion/story and play time while parents enjoy a class and fellowship with others. Drop-off and pick-up is in the gym.



FIRST STUDENTS MIDWEEK PROGRAMING

6:00-7:00pm | Youth Building

Students, 6th to 12th Grade, are invited to the Youth Building for fellowship, games, learning, and worship on Wednesday evenings.



Music & Worship Arts DEDICATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 8:30 & 11:00AM MAIN SANCTUARY

Our children, tween, youth, handbell, & adult choir members will perform along with the Perdido Brass during our Main Sanctuary Services. It's a celebratory Sunday as we worship together in song and dedicate all of our choirs and musicians to the glory of God.

Please note that our ICON family will join us for a combined service in the Main Sanctuary.



BLUE LAKE RETREAT
REFRESH • RECALIBRATE • REUNITE

October 13 - 15

Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL

Registration is now closed. We can't wait to spend the weekend with you all! Activities will include break out sessions, pumpkin carving, canoeing, roasting marshmallows, playing games, and fellowshiping! Our guest speaker will be Patrick Hitchman-Craig Sr. Pastor of The Foundry UMC in Opelika.

Contact [Mici Kuba](#) for more information.

FIRST CHURCH CARES

Congregational Care Ministry of FUMC Pensacola

If you would like to add an announcement or purchase flowers please contact: Ginger Raines at GRaines@FUMCPensacola.com

LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE

Sheila Butler and family on the death of her mother **JoAnn Butler**. JoAnn died on September 5, 2023

Michael Percy on the death of his wife and **Marie Percy** on the death of her daughter in law Tammi Percy. Tammi died on September 7, 2023.

Stan Tarter and family on the death of his wife **Christine "Chris" Tarter**. Chris died on September 25, 2023.

John Susko on the death of his brother, **Jim Susko**.

Karen Feliciano on the death of her mother, **Nancy Legler**

Martha Rogers on the death of her brother, **Mike Rogers**.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor, celebration or memory of someone. The arrangements are \$65.00 each.

September 3: Given in celebration of **Bob and Sharon Espersen's 56th wedding anniversary** on September 9th.

September 10: Given in loving memory of **Lauren Ramsey** on her 47th birthday on September 11 by her mother and brother, Jan and Charles.

September 17: Given in celebration of **Jim and Lynda Babbitt's 60th wedding anniversary** on September 1st.

September 24: Given with love and affection from **Garlan Sisco**.

THE LIVING TRUST **AUGUST 2 - 27, 2023**

The Living Trust is a special fund set up to receive gifts for memorials that you may wish to give in memory of or in honor of an individual. This is given to meet extra needs of the church above those of the annual budget. **If you would like to give towards The Living Trust at FUMC Pensacola, contact Liz Noyes, LNoyes@FUMCPensacola.com.**

IN MEMORY

Dr. Roy Wayne Miller
By Patricia Miller

Bob Park

By Emily Gray
Sue Benvenuti
Wil and Jackie Pergande
Jerry and Donna McNary & Family
Elaine Mitchell
Tom and Libby Mayhugh
Andy and Renae Riddle
Walt and Sue Glenn

Anne Stanley
By Linda Pallin

Anne Bullock
By Rhonda Pippin

Jack McIntosh
By Anibel Tyrrell

Donald McLaughlin
By Anibel Tyrrell

JoAnn Butler
By Elaine McDaniel

Virginia Maxton for Serve the Hungry
By Janis and Larry Davison

WHAT'S HAPPENING at FIRST CHURCH for

FIRST KIDS

First Kids is our children's ministry at First Church. All children 3 years old (as of Sept. 1, 2023) through the 5th grade are invited to be a part of this ministry. We have a great time connecting with each other while singing, playing, learning about God, and learning about ourselves.

Lisa Bond
Director of Children's Ministry
LBond@fumcpensacola.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Sunday, October 1 | 9:45 - 10:45am
(during Sunday School)

All Kindergarteners are invited to a special Pancake Bar hosted by their 4th/5th buddies. This event, which will be held during Sunday School is the 4th/5th graders way of welcoming our Ks into the Elementary Program and connecting with them as buddies and mentors for the year. Please rsvp to Lisa Bond @ 850-549-8967.

FUN FRIDAY HOSTED BY YOUTH CHOIR

Friday, October 20 | 5:30 - 8:30pm
\$20/max per family

[Click HERE to Register by Oct 18](#)
The Youth Choir is hosting this Fun Friday for kids / Parents Night Out as a fundraiser. Parents are invited to drop their kids off for a fun evening including dinner, games and a movie. Suggested Cost is: \$20/per family and donations are appreciated. It's Gallery Night, so you may want to make dinner reservations ASAP.

KABOODLE CAFE

Saturday, October 21 | 8:30-12:00am

This community wide event is our way of welcoming children to our FUMC First Kids program. We will invite our children as well as any other children to a morning of fun. Parents are welcome

to stay or go enjoy the Market for a few hours. We will need some of our children and parents to come and help be a part of the welcoming team. If you can help for an hour or two, please text Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967. Invite your friends today!

FIRST STUDENTS

First Students is our youth ministry at First Church for students in the 6th-12th grades. We have many combined activities and occasionally separate into mid-high and senior-high activities.

Denise Van Atta
Director of Student Ministries
DVanatta@fumcpensacola.com

BURGERS & BINGO

Sunday, October 22 | 4:15 - 6:00pm
The Wright Place | No Cost

Join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship with our 50 Forward friends as we host Burgers & Bingo! Youth do not need to register. Please arrive at 4:15

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct 1 | Choir only
Oct 8 | House meetings (TBA)
Oct 13-15 | Blue Lake Retreat
Oct 15 | Choir Practice Only
Oct 22 | Burgers and Bingo
Oct 29 | Trunk or Treat

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is our mission here at First Church. John Wesley believed that to be formed as a disciple, as a follower of Jesus, you need the large community (the church). But where the real Christian formation happened was in the small groups of the class meetings and then even smaller groups of about 5 people.

Rev. Emily Kincaid
Associate Pastor
EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com

QIGONG/TAI CHI WITH JEAN PARKER

Mondays & Wednesdays | \$5 per class | 10:00 - 11:00am | Franklin Building

QIGONG, the "meditative martial art", has its roots in Chinese Medicine, and is a close cousin to the better-known tai chi. The slow, graceful motions are simple and repetitive, making the practice of qigong accessible to just about anyone. Some benefits include: increased energy, better balance, improved muscle strength, reduced joint pain, lowered inflammation, decreased stress, anxiety and depression, improved overall well-being and more. Join us and bring a friend! Dress comfortably. You can sit for class, or hold on to the back of a chair. Even lie down. For more information contact Jean at jeanp347@gmail.com or Jennifer Piver.

LECTIONARY LUNCH

Mondays, Starting October 2 | Noon
The Dining Room

Join Rev. Brandon Bures as we kick-off Lectionary Lunch again! Each Monday, we will study the upcoming lectionary Gospel Lesson. All you need is a Bible. Lunch will be provided.

FIFTY FORWARD

50 Forward is First Church's ministry for adults over the age of 50 (but all ages are welcome to participate). It provides opportunities for adults to be in community with one another and share in the gifts and graces of the more experienced members in our congregation.

Jennifer Piver

Director of 50 Forward Ministries
JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com

LUNCH OUT - MCGUIRE'S

Thursday, October 12 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register by Oct. 11](#)

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and lunch at McGuire's Irish Pub. Pensacola's locally owned award-winning restaurant has a turn-of-the-century, New York Irish Saloon theme. The atmosphere is exciting and the food is fantastic!

BURGERS & BINGO

Sunday, October 22 | 4:30 - 6:00pm

The Wright Place | No Cost

[Click HERE to Register by Oct. 17](#)

Join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship with the First Church Youth as they host Burgers & Bingo! It's going to be fun spending time with the future of First Church as we laugh and win some Bingo prizes.

SILVER & GOLD - JOE VINSON PRESENTS "LOST PENSACOLA"

Thursday, October 26 | 11:00am -

1:00pm | The Wright Place | \$10

Doors open at 10:30am

[Click HERE to Register by Oct. 22](#)

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship with friends and lunch from Ruth's Kitchen. Joe Vinson, designer of Lost Pensacola, will be presenting a poster series highlighting beloved Pensacola landmarks that have been lost to time, whether by fire, storm, or demolition. Each poster in the project is designed in a graphic style that would have been appropriate during the building's heyday. Joe is a native Pensacolian and local history aficionado who started the website Pensapedia. Lost Pensacola was his capstone project for the Public History master's program at the Univer-

sity of West Florida, and he was selected as one of the "Emerging Artists" of the 2022 Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival. An exhibit of twelve Lost Pensacola posters opened at the Voices of Pensacola Multicultural Center in October 2022. The project was awarded the Florida Historical Society's 2023 David C. Brotemarkle Award for creative expressions of Florida history.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am | Library

We have a small, friendly group that meets each week for coffee and fellowship in the Church Library. We have no agenda other than to get out of the house and enjoy time with friends... new and old. Anyone is invited to join us. Coffee and pastries are provided.

GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00-8:00pm

Grand Monday Nights is a free weekly webinar to help you grow as a Christian grandparent. In these webinars, you'll get practical ideas and information on grandparenting, learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith and overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition. Register at legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Since our beginning Methodists have been "a singing people," and we especially love our Music Ministry at First Church led by Dr. Rick Branch with Heidi Branch (Assistant Music Director) and Brian Brown (Music Assistant and ICON Worship Leader). Anyone is invited to join our choirs, no matter the skill level. Check our choir schedules or contact Rick if you would like to be a part.

Dr. Rick Branch

Music Minister

RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 17 | 5:30 pm

Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (Choir Room)

It's time to plan our Advent/Christmas season!

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

DEDICATION SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 22 | 8:30 &

11:00am Main Sanctuary

All choirs, Kindergarten - Sanctuary Choir will sing/play at BOTH services! All choirs, except for the Sanctuary Choir will be finished by 15 minutes into each service. You will sit with/join your families after you sing, so please know where to find them.

WARMUP SCHEDULE:

Kindergarten & 1st Grade, 2nd - 5th Grade, and Youth Choir: meet in the

Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (main choir room) at 8:10am and then meet in the classroom below the sanctuary (where the stairs that go up into the back of the sanctuary are located) after Sunday School at 10:50am.

Sanctuary Choir: meet in the Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (main choir room) at 8:05AM and again at 10:50am.

Handbell Choir: be prepared to process by 8:20 and 10:50am.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

It's good to gather around the table with each other. It's a form of communion. The table is a place where strangers can become friends and friends can become family. So join us on Wednesdays this month for these delicious meals. Cost: Adults - \$10, Children (2-9 years old) - \$4, Max Family Cost - \$27 | [Register Online](#)

10/4

Cheeseburger in Paradise, French Fries/ Potato Chips, Pina Colada Cake, & Methodist Virgin Margaritas

10/11

Bratwurst with peppers and onions, sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, & Dessert

10/18

Fish Fry, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, & Dessert

10/25

Cowboy Casserole, Garden Salad, Yeast Rolls, & Dessert.

MISSIONS

Mission and Outreach is at the heart of who we are at First Church. By supporting various missions and ministries, we strive to serve our community in love, sharing with them the message of Christ through example.

Lisa Bond
Missions Coordinator
LBond@fumcpensacola.com

CAR MINISTRY

Want to learn how you can turn your love of cars and working on them into a way to serve others? Contact Michael King at mdkgator1@gmail.com for more information.

READING PALS - READY KIDS

Reading Pals program is looking for people who want to help 4-year-old pre-kindergarten students build strong early literacy skills necessary for kindergarten success. It only takes 45 minutes a week at an area school, but makes a huge difference. To learn more, contact Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967 or Kari Lindemann, program Manager for Reading Pals at 850-572-3674.

DRIVER NEEDED FOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 8:30am

Driver needed to pick up a load of groceries with the church trailer at Feeding the Gulf Coast in Milton and deliver it to FUMC.

SERVING THE HUNGRY NEEDS

- New or used Metal water bottles.
- Volunteers for Monday Mornings make tea, wrap silverware, & serve drinks.
- Volunteers for Thursday Mornings Help prepare lunch.

ROCK CITY VIRTUAL RUN - SUPPORTING WESLEY COLLEGE

[Click HERE Register by Oct. 20](#)
Join our Virtual 5k Run to support students at Wesley College located in Mwanza, Tanzania. You may run at any time between now and November 4, 2023--when the official Rock City Mar-

athon will happen in Tanzania. You will even receive a t-shirt to commemorate the fun! If you register and plan to join the FUMC group run/walk, contact Lisa Bond at lbond@fumcpensacola.com or 850-549-8967 to receive location information.

CONSULATE CAFÉ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Sundays | 9:00 - 11:00am

The Consulate Cafe is open each Sunday morning for anyone wanting to enjoy coffee drinks, tea, hot chocolate, a sweet treat and support Missions at FUMC. Donations can be given in both cash and through PayPal.

Special Events

We will be welcoming our community to visit the Cafe during Pensacon, Candlelight Concerts, Parades and once a month for Market Days.

Kid Kaboodle Kafe

Children and parents in our community are invited to join us one Saturday a month for a fun time designed with kids in mind. Our FUMC children and any other children in our community can come for a two hour program that will include fun activities including crafts, Lego fun, board games and much more. Please share with parents and children in our community. See First Kids section for more info.

Mission Opportunities:

SERVING THE HUNGRY

**Mondays & Thursdays
2-3 hour shifts | 8:00-12:30pm**

Provides 100+ hot meals, clothing, and toiletries for those in need in our community.

KIDS FEEDING PROGRAM

Help shop for, pack, & deliver food to local schools to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available. The Kids Feeding Program supplies enough food to last them through the weekend until they return to school.

FOOD BOX PROGRAM

**2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings
9:00-11:00am.**

Pack food boxes twice a month for families in need in our community.

BRIGHT BRIDGE MINISTRIES

Every 4th Sunday | 4:00-6:00pm

Provide & serve meals to 60 individuals who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, and hunger at Bright Bridge Ministries. Located on the corner of T and Strong streets in the Brownsville community.

DISASTER RELIEF

Through our conference connection, this ministry assists communities experiencing disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods through work trips to clean debris and repair homes and by providing meals and much-needed resources.

FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY PARTNERS

First United Methodist Church partners with many amazing non-profits throughout our community and the world. They each have various opportunities to serve and we would love to help you get connected with them to learn more. These non-profits include:

- **Teaming with Tanzania**
- **JUST Pensacola**
- **Milk-n-Honey Outreach Ministries**
- **Ronald McDonald House**
- **Embrace Florida Kids**
- **United Ministries**

WANT TO HELP?

We could always use more hands in our missions and outreach. If you want to assist in any of these ministries, please contact [Lisa Bond](#).

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Church and Society is the agency within the Church that educates, advocates and connects in an effort to implement the Social Principles and other policy statements of The United Methodist Church. Continually advocating with policy makers, organizing the grassroots, and educating future leaders, Church and Society works to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace.

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JOHN WESLEY'S EXTRAVAGANT SOCIAL HOLINESS

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:00 - 7:15pm
The Wright Place

First Church's J.U.S.T. Pensacola and Church and Society organizations are hosting an event on Extravagant Social Holiness in the Wright Place. Come learn about Wesley's Social Holiness and how our church aims to put this into practice in Pensacola. If you are a member of a J.U.S.T. Pensacola team or are curious about our mission, please attend. This event is open to all church members.

CLARA ESTER PRESENTATION

Sunday, November 5 | Lunch:
12:15pm; Presentation: 2:00pm

First Church's United Women in Faith and Church and Society is joining with other area churches to host a presentation by Clara Ester, a witness to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr, and a United Methodist deaconess. Lunch will begin at 12:15pm and the presentation will begin at 2pm. This will be a god-centered time to talk about how women can help bring the idea of justice—social holiness—to the heart of our community. Reservations are required for lunch and donations will be accepted. No reservation or fee is required for the presentation.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 6 | 6:00pm |
Gateway Church of Christ

J.U.S.T. Pensacola will host our Community Problems Assembly at Gateway Church of Christ. This annual event is where we come together to strengthen our relationships and to discuss serious community problems. Gateway Church of Christ, 445 Creighton Rd, Pensacola, FL 32504.

ART SPACE @ THE WRIGHT PLACE

Our beautiful "Art Space at The Wright Place" is open to local artists to display and sell their work. Each artist will be able to have their work displayed and available for purchase for a month.

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FEATURED ARTIST: DAVE PERSELL

October 9 - November 13

Reception: Oct 15 | 9:45 - 10:45am
The Wright Place, Dining Room

A baby-boomer, born in the north-central rural community of Trenton, Missouri, Dave Persell was raised on a small family farm that gave him the rich experience of the wonders of nature. Art and music were important pursuits during his formative years. His professional career as a minister of music gave him the opportunity to live in various parts of the country. Even though his art was an avocation, he employed it frequently in his work and his hobbies. He has produced numerous portraits that are now owned by friends, family and collectors across many states. It had always been a dream for Dave to spend his retirement years pursuing his art. In 2015 he began taking classes at Arkansas State University as a studio art major with a split focus on painting, sculpture and ceramics. He completed his bachelor of fine arts in the summer of 2018 with a 4.0 GPA. His encore

years as a college student has opened doors that allow him to express his faith through his art and has afforded him significant relationships with the faculty as well as the Millennial generation. His artistic expressions manifest themselves through his drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculptures. He will be exhibiting his Genesis Series of 6 compositions. The series was conceived by a query from a professor of philosophy; "If artists express and reveal themselves through their art, what did God reveal of Himself through His Creation?" You can view his collection of works at DavePersellStudios.com.

LIBRARY

The Wesley Wachob Library is a great place to find discipleship resources and other good books that can strengthen your faith. If you've never been, Back to Church time is a great time to check out the huge selection. There are usually seasonal featured books or reading lists from the pastors. Or you can just walk around until you find something that speaks to you. Stop by anytime!

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SAVE THE DATE!

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Sunday, November 12

8:00am - 12:00pm

The Wright Place, Dining Room
(Postponed from Oct. 8)

The FUMC Library is holding a used book sale! Genres you can expect to find include, religious, nonfiction, fiction, history and even cookbooks. All funds raised will be used to buy new books to add to our wonderful collection. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the event on November 8 & 9. Contact Gloria Holcombe for more information.

**SUNDAY
SERVICE
TIMES**

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

8:30 & 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary
& ICON AT 11:00am in Wesley Abbey

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