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Dear Friends,

Back in February, I was invited to a Leading Edge Conference in Phoenix, Arizona that was made up of the largest United Methodist Churches in the country. The time was so inspirational to me. I had an opportunity to visit with Adam

Hamilton, a well-known author and the founder of the largest United Methodist Church in the nation. I was inspired by Hamilton and others, and I came away believing that God is calling our church to a special season of growth.

Have you heard the phrase “you’re either growing or you’re dying?” I’ve found it to be true. It’s true physically, it’s true intellectually, it’s true relationally, and it’s also true spiritually. All living things are either being tended and growing toward maturity, or they are decaying. We were reminded of this truth this past Sunday in our gospel lesson. Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers” (John 15:5-6). So, as followers of Jesus, we are meant to grow. But, as a church, how can we welcome or prepare for such growth? Enter “Project Grow.”

Project Grow is an initiative put forward by church leadership to identify opportunities and make plans that allow for growth. On Monday, April 15, the Church Council met in what one member said was “the best church council meeting ever.” We focused the entire meeting on Project Grow and on the future. We identified ten initial areas of opportunity. You will find in this special edition

of the Witness a list of these new projects and initiatives. Some of these items are still in the visioning stages. Some are actionable right now. But this is only the beginning of these plans, and we will all be working together modifying and expanding these plans to grow. It’s very exciting!

In this work, it is important to remember that the only way for us to grow as individuals and as a church is to stay in Jesus. Project Grow is just a trellis not the vine. Jesus is the vine. And the new life that we long for can only come from God, the vine grower. We can pray and make plans and apply ourselves, but God gives the growth. So, I hope you will join our leaders in prayer as we discern how God is calling us to grow in this new season.

I am really excited about what is happening at First Church and Project Grow. There’s a lot to look forward to. We are already seeing some fruit. We are almost to the 50 new members in the Great Fifty Days of Easter, for which we have been praying. And I believe we are in a unique position in our community to welcome those who are unchurched and need to know the love of Christ. We need all of our members to help welcome newcomers into the life of our church. And it’ll take all of us to be the trellis that supports new growth and new life. Let’s believe in God’s promise! And let’s grow together in the name of Jesus!

Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor

NEW LOOK FOR ONLINE GIVING

You'll notice that our online giving platform has a new look! With this update, there is no change to existing user accounts. Recurring gifts and login information will also remain the same. Please contact [Holly Houghton](mailto:Holly.Houghton@fumcpensacola.com), Director of Finance with any questions or concerns. Visit FUMCPensacola.com/Give.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office & MCA will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

PROJECT GROW

At First Church, we have been witnessing an exhilarating phase of renewal and growth. And we believe it is now time to embrace God's call to concentrate on our fundamental mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Our leadership is inspired, envisioning a future where our average weekly worship attendance reaches 1,000 by the year 2030, and our community is transformed by the love of Christ.

Moreover, we are committed to deepening our discipleship through deliberate educational and spiritual formation efforts that extend into the community, exemplifying hospitality, mercy, and justice. This commitment not only nurtures our congregation but also leaves a lasting impact on the world around us.

Through an exciting new initiative called Project Grow, that Pastor Geoffrey introduced in his Pastor's Letter, the church has identified 10 initial areas of opportunity for growth, and these are laid out below and on the following pages. Some of these items are still in the visioning stages. Some are actionable right now. And we believe focusing on and working in these areas will help us to achieve our growth goal and set us up to serve God and love our neighbors in bigger, better ways.

1 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Committing to Evangelism and Discipleship for the Transformation of our Community and the World.

Achieving our membership development goal necessitates a revitalized emphasis on evangelism and discipleship, alongside fortifying the ministries that introduce new individuals to our church community. Key initiatives such as Community Outreach the Great Fifty Day Challenge and the formal establishment of a Pathways to Discipleship program will play pivotal roles in this endeavor.



2 "DO UNTO OTHERS" CAMPAIGN

Promoting Kindness and Unity in a Divisive Season

During this period of division in American society, amplified by the ongoing 2024 election season, we are aligning with a grassroots movement initiated by the Church of the Resurrection United Methodist in Kansas City, under the leadership of Pastor Adam Hamilton, to embark on a kindness campaign. Centered around the timeless principle of Jesus' Golden Rule, "Do unto others," this initiative offers a direct, impactful response to prevailing cultural tensions through the transformative message of Jesus Christ. This campaign is designed to be both evangelistic and prophetic, inviting our community to aspire to greater ideals and embody a more compassionate way of living.



3 WORSHIP

Facilitating transformative encounters with the Living God through existing and new worship services.

Our focus will be on cooperating with the Holy Spirit to create worship services that facilitate a transformative encounter with the Living God. Through the avenues of music, proclamation, and sacrament, we aim to create a joyful experience of worshipping the Triune God. A special emphasis will be placed on enhancing the ICON service, alongside the exploration of additional worship services and the potential for multi-site ministry.



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4 BEULAH CHAPEL OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Planting New Churches

The Beulah community is one of the fastest-growing areas in the panhandle, and it presently lacks a United Methodist Church presence. We are being called to consider establishing a satellite worship site in this budding region. This initiative represents our commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of expanding communities. Beulah Chapel will be shepherded by the Rev. Brandon Bures and services will likely begin in small established meeting places with a goal of eventually having our own building in the new planned downtown development. We are proposing the establishment of a church adorned in classic white siding with Craftsman-style architecture, and are even entertaining the possibility of relocating a historic church built in that style to the area



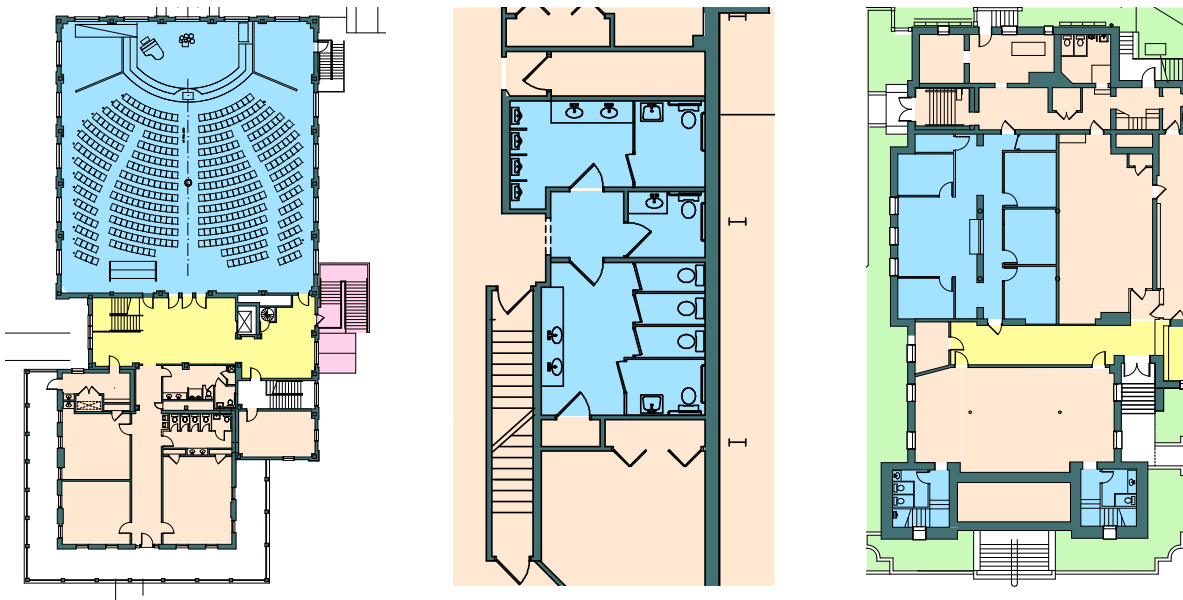
5 CATHEDRAL FUND
Setting Up for Financial Stability

To fortify the church's Permanent Endowment, we are establishing the Cathedral Fund. This fund is intended to support our historic church building by covering non-budgeted repair costs through the use of interest generated by the fund. The Weatherford Estate will provide the foundational gift to initiate this fund.



6 BUILDING PROJECT
Making Room for New Growth

The Long-Range Planning Committee has identified several priorities essential for our future growth. A primary focus is the addition of more restrooms at the Sanctuary level to accommodate larger crowds. This suggests the relocation of some ministry offices to facilitate this. A suite of offices is currently being planned in the basement of the Main Sanctuary. Furthermore, there's an ongoing investigation into the requirements for bringing the upstairs of Wesley Abbey up to code. This would enable one of our largest spaces on campus to accommodate the ICON service in the future, aligning with our goals for community engagement and worship expansion.



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7 THRIFT STORE

Supporting Missions with Secondhand and Vintage Items

When envisioning the future use of some of our unused spaces, we were inspired by ministry models from other United Methodist Churches within our conference. The concept of a Thrift Store dedicated to missions caught our attention. Our Outreach Building will be the home to this new initiative. We are currently making minimal repairs to the building and preparing to repurpose it for impactful ministry. We will begin taking donations later this summer and plan to open in the fall. Watch for more information.



8 RESPITE MINISTRY

Community Support for Memory Loss Diseases

We recognized that there is a need in our community for a program that supports individuals and families affected by memory loss diseases such as Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, or stroke. And we aim to launch a Respite Ministry to serve these families. Inspired by and modeled after the successful program at the First United Methodist Church of Montgomery, AL, this ministry will provide much-needed respite for participants and their caregivers. The program is based on a social, self-sustaining model for ministry.



9 METHODIST CHILDREN'S ACADEMY - EAST HILL

Providing Quality Childcare to a Community in Need

Escambia County is currently facing a childcare crisis. Families are finding it difficult to find childcare and the waitlists are very long. In our ongoing efforts to bolster our school, we are investigating opportunities for expansion both on our current campus and at additional locations. Currently First United Methodist of Pensacola and its Methodist Children's Academy is beginning a new partnership in ministry with St. Mark UMC. Our MCA will be taking over management of their preschool and together we will share the love of God, grow disciples, and provide a loving, safe, nurturing environment for the children of Pensacola.



10 STAFF CHANGES

Building A Team to Support Growth

To realize our ambitious objectives for growth, we're implementing several critical staff changes.

1. **Teaching Pastor:** Rev. Brandon Bures will play a pivotal role in driving church growth, particularly through the ICON service and our exploration in Beulah. He will also oversee Pastoral Care and Membership Development, ensuring our congregation is nurtured and expanded thoughtfully.
2. **Executive Pastor:** Rev. Emily Kincaid will oversee the administration of ministry and operations within the church, as well as manage our staff. Her role will include continuing supervision of the discipleship ministries, including our comprehensive age-level ministries.
3. **Church Administrator:** Denise Van Atta assumed the role of Church Administrator in January and will lead the operational and project management aspects of the church, streamlining processes and enhancing efficiency.
4. **Youth Director:** We are nearing the conclusion of our hiring process for a new Youth Director. Our goal is to complete interviews soon and make an announcement before the summer break, ensuring a vibrant leader for our youth ministry.
5. **Director of Finance:** Holly Houghton has been appointed to head our finance office, where she will manage the church's financial strategies and operations.
6. **Assistant Director of Finance:** Jennifer Richardson has joined us as the Assistant Director of Finance, supporting our financial management and operations.
7. **Respite Director:** We are beginning the search for a director to launch our new Respite Program, aiming to provide crucial support for families dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's.
8. **Thrift Store Director:** Our search will soon commence for a dedicated leader to helm our mission-focused Thrift Store, turning it into a cornerstone of our outreach efforts.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Sunday, May 5

8:30am - 12:30pm | The Wright Place, Dining Room

EVERYTHING IS ONE DOLLAR! 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. *Contact Gloria Holcombe for more information (gwholcombe@bellsouth.net).*



FIRST
STUDENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 11:00AM | WESLEY ABBEY

Come support our youth as they lead the entire ICON service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey From the sermon to the music, and everything in between.

Sermon: *Coulson Voeltz*
Children's Sermon: *Anna Cook*
Acolytes: *Molly and Bailey Fitzgerald*
Collect: *Sammi Parris*
Prayer: *Libby Krehely*

CLASS OF *twenty-twenty four*

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 12 | 8:30am | Main Sanctuary

Graduating Seniors will be recognized and given Bibles at the end of the service. A representative of the class will speak at all the services.

GRADUATING SENIORS OF FIRST CHURCH

Anna Christine Cook
 Keller Fairchild
 Thomas Fairchild
 Ashlyn Greeson
 Connor Gunn

Lily Hoffert
 Harrison Jones
 Carter Killingsworth
 Haden Lauderdale
 Anderson Lenga

Sammi Parris
 Katherine McDaniel
 Margaret Anne Adair
 Mabry Worley
 Samuel Rowland

Ryan Grace
 William Grissett
 William Westerheim
 Aubrey Tylavsky





PENTECOST *celebration*

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Article provided by UMC.org

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Join us for our Pentecost Celebration! We will have delicious red velvet cupcakes in the dining room from 9:00 - 11:00am.

Don't forget to wear RED!



THE GREAT FIFTY
50
DAY CHALLENGE

First Church is answering the call and taking the challenge again this year! We are asking all of our members to invite people to church during the season of Easter and to help welcome fifty new people into the life of our church. We will have people joining starting on Easter Sunday, through Pentecost, on May 19. Join us at the next Coffee with the Pastors to learn more about First Church, contact Lacey Adair (LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com), Director of Membership with any questions and visit the church's website (FUMCPensacola.com/Membership) or the Church Office to fill out a membership form.



CHURCH-WIDE BLUE WAHOOS GAME

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00pm | Blue Wahoos Park

Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register

All are invited to join us at the Blue Wahoos Park for fun and fellowship with your church family! Tickets are \$15 each.



Summer Sunday School Sessions

JUNE 2 - JULY 28
9:45-10:45AM
THE WRIGHT PLACE



All are invited to join us for our church-wide Summer Sunday School Sessions in June and July. We will have a different speaker each week to facilitate discussions about how they "multiplied" their ministries. These sessions will help make space for new people, give teachers a break during the summer, and create an opportunity to get to know people from other classes.

Multiplied Ministry

June 2: *Anna Miguera* - Pastor/Leader from Tanzania

June 9: *Heather Howell* - Director of Lay Servant Ministries Alabama-West Florida Conference

June 16: *Jessie Spangler*, Program Director, Blue Lake United Methodist Camp, + summer staff

June 23: *Jack Knott + Jennifer Piver* - Stephen Ministry

June 30: *Jennifer Lusher* - Family Promise of Escambia County

July 7: TBA

July 14: *Rev. Dr. Brian Miller*, Chair of the Order of Elders in the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference and is appointed in an extension ministry as Vice President of External and Church Relations at Huntingdon College, a college of the church

July 21: *Dawn Wiggins Hare*, General Secretary for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church

July 28: TBA

SCAN TO
REGISTER
and party!



VBS | JUNE 3 - 7

START
the

PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! Come celebrate friendship, belonging, forgiveness, life, and purpose, and learn why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. All kids (completed PreK-5th) are invited to join the party from 9:00am - Noon each day for great lessons games, crafts, worship, and missions. \$10 donation per child is appreciated. Registration is required.

Ask us about...

WAYS TO GIVE
WAYS TO SERVE

for more info, contact:
LBond@FUMCPensacola.com

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/VBS](https://www.FUMCPensacola.com/VBS)



THE LIVING TRUST BEGINNING APRIL 9, 2024

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

Marilyn Harris

By Bob and Nettie Joseph

Kenneth Tyrrell

By Anibel Tyrrell

Aden Sowell

By Troy and Diane Tippett

Jack W. Motley

By Risa Leary

Bill Bower

By His Corr Relatives

Jim, Pat, Katie, Debbie, Chrissy & Sean

By The Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Jack and Jean Wallace

By Crystal Ward

Bill Bower

For the Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Charlie and Sandra Davis

Mazie Bowen

By Rebecca Williams

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

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our love and sympathy to:

Members Who Have Died

Karen Bower, Lani Titus, Mike Bower & family on the death of **William (Bill) K. Bower**, their husband and father respectively. Bill died April 6, 2024

Melissa Poppy Storey on the death of her mother, **Ann Davis Poppy**. Ann died on April 6, 2024.

Loved Ones Who Have Died

Leigh Clark on the death of her mother, **Linda Blakeny**.

CELEBRATIONS

Joseph Levi Virgilio, was born on April 9, 2024. Levi is the son of Joseph and Valerie Virgilio. Proud grandparents are Kaye and Scott Westmark.

Carter James Beck, was born April 30, 2024. Carter is the son of Kait and Trent Beck. Proud grandparents are Melanie and Gary Turner, and proud aunt is Danielle Turner.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

April 7: In celebration of Marie Percy's 90th birthday on April 6th by Michael, Bobby and Elizabeth Percy.

April 14: In loving memory of O. Alexander Ferry, whose birthday would have been on April 11th, given by Chris & Nicole Ferry and kids.

April 21: In loving memory of Virginia Williams by Jennifer Flemming

April 28: In celebration of the Varnson family being a member of FUMC for 100 years!

BAPTISMS

Stella Rose Weis: Sunday April 7, 2024.

Harvey Daniel Lindeman: Sunday April 7, 2024

Helen Lauderdale: Sunday April 7, 2024

Reese Katherine Hodges: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Leighton Clair Hodges: Sunday April 14, 2024

NEW MEMBERS

Marsha Thames

Laura Huxtable (Caden)

Alison Davenport

Teresa & Roy Stewart

Hamilton Harper & Danny Andrews

Susan Tribo

Erin Kirk

Anne & Kyle Lindsey

Nancy & Shawn Hale

Tom Hood

Skylar & Matt Snyder (Sawyer)

Hannah & Thomas Simmons

Daniel Childress

Dana & Eric Goss

Marion Yetman

Justin Hodges

Robert Althar

Donna, Dennis, Dillon & Derek Del Rosario

Nadine & Allen Fox (Hunter, Rylan)

Michelle & Jim Ballentine

Owen Thomas Houghton

John-Patrick Floyd Fairchild

William Pierce Ahlstrand

Marian Blount Mitchell

Tripp Crawford Hale II

Roey Cathleen Foreman

Bina Carolyn Westerheim

Asher Webb Wiggins

Piper Lynn Christian

Stella Rose Weis

Harvey Daniel Lindemann

Helen Lauderdale

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
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PENTECOST PARTY

Sunday, May 19 | 9:45-10:45am

Education Building

First Kids are invited to celebrate the birthday of the church complete with birthday cake and party fun!

FIRST KIDS/MCA SUMMER CAMPS

May 28 - Aug 7 | 7:30am - 5:30pm

8:30am - 1:00pm

[Click HERE to Register](#)

We have weekly summer camps for all rising 1st – 6th Graders. Each week has a theme/focus with fun field trips, pool outings and trips to parks, crafts, gym games and lots of fun activities in a safe and positive environment. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

START THE PARTY!

June 3 - 7 | 9:00am - Noon

[Click HERE to Register](#)

More info on [page 2](#)

BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP BLAST

July 22 - 26 | Blue Lake Camp

[Click HERE to Register](#)

All completed 3rd-5th graders are invited to go to this great away camp! Join your friends for a fun week of camp traditions like lake swimming, campfire, gaga ball, crafts and camp food while experiencing God in new ways.

SPORTS WEEK

July 8 - 12 | 9:00 - 12:00am

[Click HERE to Register](#)

All completed K-5th are invited to a fun week of sports. This week we will be honing our skills in various sports and learning the importance of teamwork and just having fun. An Obstacle Course inflatable will be featured this week to test those muscles and those reflexes. Your youth coaches will be there with their enthusiasm and energy this week!

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

CACTUS FLOWER CAFE'

Thursday, May 9 | 11:30am [Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and lunch out at Cactus Flower Cafe' on 12th Ave. We will have a private room, and lunch will include traditional Mexican food items that are fresh, clean, family recipes made with love! The owners believe Fresh is always Best! Register online or to the church office by May 7.

XYZ TRIP - PANHANDLE BUTTERFLY HOUSE & NATURE CENTER

Thursday, May 23

9:30am - 1:00pm | \$15

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for a fun outing on our church buses filled with fellowship and a guided tour at the Panhandle Butterfly House & Nature Center in Milton, Florida. This center is committed to

exclusively displaying Florida-native butterflies in the vivarium, allowing visitors to learn about the butterflies they may encounter in their backyards and throughout nature. In addition to live butterflies in the vivarium, they also have a collection containing more than 300 mounted butterflies from all over the world. We will enjoy a Box Lunch on their campus after our tour. Register online or to the church office by May 19 and let us know if you need a seat on the bus.

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 | Online

Register at legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights. 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.

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.

Geoff Cook

Interim Director of Student Ministries
GCook@fumcpensacola.com

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5 | 11:00am

Wesley Abbey

Come support our youth as they lead the entire ICON service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey.

BACCALAUREATE BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 11 | 9:00am

The Wright Place

Our Junior class hosts our graduating high school seniors and their family for breakfast, followed by a worship celebration in ICON.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 12 | 8:30am

Main Sanctuary

On this Sunday, we celebrate our graduating high school seniors. We want everyone to come to celebrate them and pray over them.

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 | [Pay Online](#)

May 1: Beef Burrito Bake, Mexican Salad, Tres Leche

May 8: Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Thighs, Fried Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert

No Dinner May 8 - 29.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Peggy Groves

peggygroves1941@gmail.com

TANZANIA TAMASHA

Saturday, June 8 | 2:00pm

Wright Place, Great Hall

United Women in faith present a Tanzanian style festival with refreshments and music, introducing deaconess Anna Migera from Tarime, Tanzania. Free admission, love offerings accepted.

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

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, May 5

You sing for the Youth Sunday ICON service at 11:00am. Please meet in the ICON space at 10:45am to warm up. Rehearsal that evening from 6:00-7:00pm.

Sunday, May 12

You sing for the Baccalaureate service at 8:30am. Warm up in the choir room at 8:05am. Donuts are put away at 8:06am. No rehearsal that evening.

Sunday, May 19

No rehearsal that evening.

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.

Dr. Rick Branch

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JUST PENSACOLA SUMMIT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tuesday May 14 | 6:00pm

Wesley Abbey

JUST Pensacola invites you to a Summit on Affordable Rental Housing in Escambia County. This is an opportunity to gather community members, business leaders, nonprofit leaders, and government officials from Pensacola and Escambia County together to hear local and statewide experts speak about the need in Escambia for affordable rental housing, best practices for addressing the crisis, what is being done in the City, and how other Florida counties have been successful. Come see What is Possible! Attendees will also have a chance to meet JUST Pensacola's new Community Organizer.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA**

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