







Early on that first Easter morning, the women came to the tomb expecting grief. What they found instead was an empty grave and an angel's question: "*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!*" (Luke 24:5–6).

The resurrection of Jesus is more than just the centerpiece of our faith — it's the beginning of a new reality. The stone was rolled away, not just from Jesus' tomb, but from everything that tries to keep us stuck: fear, despair, sin, even death itself.

This Easter, I see signs that God is still rolling stones away in the life of our church.

New people are finding their way into our community. Longtime members are stepping into new roles of leadership and service. People are finding healing. Prayers are being answered. Joy is rising again — not because life is easy, but because Christ is alive.

Easter reminds us that resurrection is not just something we celebrate once a year — it's something we live.

Every time we forgive, every time we serve, every time we welcome someone in Jesus' name, we are practicing resurrection. We are saying, with our lives, that love is stronger than death.

So let me ask you: What stone is God rolling away in your life right now? What new thing might the Spirit be doing in you? In your family? In this church?

Let's keep walking together, as Easter people — with hearts open, eyes wide, and hands ready.

Practice Resurrection,  
**Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz**  
Senior Pastor



On Sunday, March 23, our Chair of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Bob Olliff, announced that the committee had been informed by our District Superintendent that the Rev. Brandon Bures is projected to be appointed at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida as Senior Pastor effective May 15, 2025. Rev. Bures has faithfully served our church for nine years through his preaching, teaching, offering pastoral care to countless families, leading our ICON worship service, and guiding the congregation through a significant transition in clergy leadership. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and ministry at First Church.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee has been actively engaged in the consultative process with our District Superintendent and Bishop to discern our next clergy leader. We anticipate announcing the appointment of our new pastor during worship on April 6, 2025. The new pastor will begin his or her ministry among us on July 1, 2025. The ICON service will be led by our other clergy staff during the months of May and June.

Please keep our church in prayer during this transition, and let us join together in expressing our gratitude for the Rev. Brandon Bures and his ministry among us.

Please join us in celebrating Rev. Bures on his last Sunday with us,  
April 27, 2025 at a reception in The Wright Place at 9:45am.



## THE GREAT 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 Lent and 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. Contact Lacey Adair ([LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com)), Director of Membership with any questions and visit the church's website ([FUMCPensacola.com/Membership](http://FUMCPensacola.com/Membership)) or the Church Office to fill out a membership form.



### EASTER LILIES - \$14

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/EasterLilies](http://FUMCPensacola.com/EasterLilies) or scan QR code to Purchase

You may honor, celebrate or memorialize individuals or events by purchasing an Easter Lily for \$14 each. The Easter Lilies will then be placed on the Lawn, Main Sanctuary, and Wesley Abbey during Easter. You may take home your Easter Lily following the 11:00am Easter morning services. A complete list of all lilies will be available in the bulletins and online. Orders must be placed by Palm Sunday (April 13). Email Sarah Bullock Head ([SHHead@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:SHHead@FUMCPensacola.com)) with any questions.



*Lent is a solemn religious observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers approximately six weeks (40 days, not counting Sundays) before Easter. Lent is a time of preparation and reflection through prayer, self denial, and repentance.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN LENT

Wednesdays through April 9 | 5:00 - 6:00pm | The Wright Place  
Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family! Cost is \$10/Adults, \$4/Children, \$27/Max Per Family.

### MENUS:

April 2: Beefaroni, Roasted Broccoli, Yeast Roll, & Dessert  
April 9: BBQ Pork, Collards, Cheese Grits, Cornbread Biscuit, & Dessert  
April 16: Holy Week, No Dinner

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, Through April 9 | 6:00 - 6:45pm

Each of these special Lenten services features a guest speaker from around the United Methodist Conference, music by our Music Ministry, and Holy Communion.



**APRIL 2: Rev. Carlea Jordan**  
6:00 - 7:00pm | Wesley Abbey  
*Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church,  
Pensacola, FL*



**APRIL 9: Ella Jane Hoffmaster**  
6:00 - 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary  
*Candidate for Ministry in the  
United Methodist Church*



### LENT FOR KIDS

Wednesdays, through April 9 | 6:00pm | Chapel

Children (K-5th) will participate in a worship time geared just for them with an activity time to follow. Drop-off in Chapel and Pick-Up in Gym.



# GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

April 5 | 8:00am - 1:00pm

All ages are invited to participate in this special day set aside to serve our beautiful community. Come help clean, paint, organize, do yard work, and more as we put hands and feet to our call to serve and love one another. *Childcare is available for children 5 and under.*

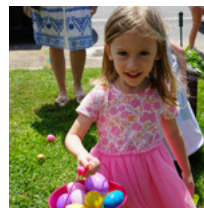
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for more info and to sign up!



## Easter EGG HUNT & LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS

FIRST  
KIDS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> | NOON | FUMC LAWN**



**FREE LUNCH, MUSIC, INFLATABLES, & MORE!**

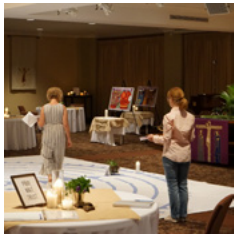
We are asking our congregation members and all families of children attending to **donate a dozen stuffed eggs** (no chocolate please) **per child**. *Stuffed eggs are due April 6.* Don't forget to bring your own chairs and blankets!





# Holy Week

The last week in the season of Lent is called Holy Week, and it is quickly approaching. We hope you will join us at First Church as we remember the sacrifice God made for us and focus our hearts and minds on the significance of this season. Lent is a time of preparation. And during Holy Week, in preparation for the coming Easter celebration, we are following Jesus on the way to agony, passion, and death – and then new life.



## **LABYRINTH & STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

HOSTED BY CENTER FOR SACRED SPACE

Tuesday, April 15 – Thursday, April 17 | 10:00am – 2:00pm & 4:00 – 6:00pm | Wesley Abbey

The congregation and community is invited to use this sacred space as an opportunity to focus their hearts and minds on the significance of Holy Week, as we all prepare ourselves for the coming Easter Sunday.



## **JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, HOLY WEEK CONCERT**

Tuesday, April 15 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Join us for a special Holy Week Concert featuring Libby Kephart Hargrave, Mitzi Presley Holt, Heidi Branch, Jennifer DelGallo Taylor, Sam Waite, Ty LoVette, Laura M. Young, Rick Branch, and special guest soloists, Anna Safko and Gregory Watson. A love offering will be taken.



## **PASSOVER & LAST SUPPER REMEMBRANCE MEAL**

Thursday, April 17 | 5:30pm | The Wright Place

To register, click or scan the QR code.



This special meal is an opportunity to remember and understand what Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper. Each of the items arranged on your plate has special significance to the retelling of the story of the exodus from Egypt which is the focus of this ritual meal.



## **HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Thursday, April 17 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

On this night we commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Join us for a Holy Thursday message, music from the Music Ministry, and Holy Communion.



## **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Friday, April 18 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Tenebrae is a service commemorating the crucifixion. The sanctuary will be dimly lit and we'll read 16 passages from the passion narrative (Jesus' journey to the cross) all while candles are extinguished making the sanctuary darker and darker. The service will end in complete darkness and we'll leave in silence waiting for the joy of Easter Sunday when the light returns.

# Easter

## DOWNTOWN

### SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

6:30am | Front Lawn

Sermon from the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz and music from the ICON praise band.

### TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE

8:30am | Main Sanctuary & Online

Sermon from The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz with special music from the Youth Choirs; and the Perdido Brass. Childcare provided.

### TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE

9:45am | Main Sanctuary & Online

Sermon from The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz and special music the from Adult Sanctuary Choir; and the Perdido Brass. Childcare provided.

### TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE

11:00am | Main Sanctuary & Online

Sermon from Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz and special music from the Adult Sanctuary Choir; and the Perdido Brass. Childcare provided.

### ICON EASTER SERVICE

11:00am | Wesley Abbey & Online

Sermon from the Rev. Brandon Bures and music from the ICON praise team. Childcare provided.

### FLOWER CROSS

Our beautiful flower cross is one of our favorite Easter traditions. On Easter Sunday, our congregation is invited to bring flowers to transform the cross into a celebration of the resurrection and the Light.

*All services include Holy Communion.*

### EASTER BRUNCH

7:30am - 11:00am | Gym

Everyone invited to join us for our annual FREE Easter Brunch. All morning long we will serve First Church Easter favorites with a few new tasty treats! Reservations are not required.

## Menu

Grits Bar with Toppings  
Sliders  
Frittatas  
Breakfast Casserole

Fruit Parfait Bar  
Biscuit Bar  
Brie  
Charcuterie Board

Macaroons  
Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20





## OUR PROGRESS

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GIVEN



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for more information and to give.

## Rally FOR RESPITE!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
10AM - 2PM | WESLEY ABBEY



FIRST CHURCH  
RESPITE MINISTRY

### COME JOIN THE PARTY!

-  GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, ART
-  SERVE THE COMMUNITY
-  LUNCH FROM DOG HOUSE DELI!
-  MUSIC FROM THE BLUE ANCHOR BELLES!

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DINNER • ADULT STUDY • AGE GROUPS • CHOIR

# MIDWEEK

*at First Church*

Wednesdays, April 23 - May 14

*Dinner: 5:00pm | Programming: 6:00 - 7:00pm*

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

5:00 - 6:00pm | The Wright Place

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family! Cost is \$10/Adults, \$4/Children, \$27/Max Per Family.

## MENUS:

April 23: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Salad, & Dessert

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## PASTOR'S LECTIONARY STUDY

LED BY PASTOR GEOFFREY & PASTOR EMILY

Wednesdays, April 23 - May 14 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | The Wright Place, Great Hall

Developing a scriptural imagination is one of the marks of Christian maturity. Join Pastor Emily and Preacher G for a four-week study as we study Easter themes from the lectionary scripture passages for each week. All you need to bring is your Bible and an open mind and heart! The focus texts each week will be:

April 23: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, Luke 24:13-49

April 30: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

May 7: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 14: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

AN INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY BASED ON THE CHOSEN TV SERIES

FACILITATED BY HANK THOMPSON

Wednesdays, April 23 - May 14 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 233

The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him. Many who watch the series have seen the scriptures come alive and identified with Biblical characters in new ways. Participants will watch an episode of The Chosen each week (either on their own or at a designated time at church) and then together on Wednesdays study and discuss the scriptures portrayed on the screen. Come experience the Bible in a whole new way!

\*Participant books are available in the church office for \$10 each or purchase online here.

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## WEEKLY ADULT SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:30pm | Choir Room

Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:30pm. No experience needed. Open to all adults and sings at either the 8:30 or 11:00am Main Sanctuary worship services.

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## MID-WEEK PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS & STUDENTS

### FIRST KIDS: MID-WEEK (FOR PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays | 5:50 - 7:00pm | Gym, Education Building  
(Drop-Off In Gym)

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.

### 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 STUDENTS: MID-WEEK

Wednesdays | 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.

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## 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](mailto:GRaines@FUMCPensacola.com)*

### LOVE & REMEMBRANCE

#### Loved ones who have died:

*We extend our christian love and sympathy to:*

Marie Percy on the death of her brother.

Scott Snyder and Kelsey Seager on the death of their father and grandfather, respectively.

Marty Sherlock on the death of his mother.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

March 9: Given in honor of our ministers, Geoffrey, Brandon, Emily, Heather, Denise, Lisa and Rick and Heidi, by the Ferry family.

March 16: Given in loving memory of Teresa Bradley by Wayne, Tricia, Ryan and the boys.

March 23: Given in loving memory of Walter Glenn by his family.

March 30: Given in loving memory of my mother and daddy, Ruth and Ralph Compton, by Linda Terhaar.

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## THE LIVING TRUST FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 31, 2025

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, contact the finance department ([accounting@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:accounting@FUMCPensacola.com)).**

### IN HONOR

Dr. Henry Roberts

By Rebecca Roberts Charitable Fund

### IN MEMORY

Walt Glenn

By Laura Mehle

By Clara Wimberly

Willie Tyrrell

By Kay Richie and Family

Julia Sherlock

By Wendi Fairchild and Kevin Flynn



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## WAYS TO HELP:

### Donate!



We welcome both monetary donations and items from our regularly updated Wish List, posted weekly on our website and Facebook!

### Meals!



We need 3 meals a day, all year! Bring your group to cook your favorite recipe or order from your favorite restaurant and drop it off at the House!

### Volunteer!



We want our House to feel like home! Whether welcoming families, answering questions, or helping clean, you'll see the direct impact you're making.

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# 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, 2024) 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](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)

## LENT FOR KIDS

**Wednesdays, through April 9**  
**Chapel**

Children (K-5th) will participate in a worship time geared just for them with an activity time to follow. Drop-off in Chapel and Pick-Up in Gym.

## PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS & INFANTS GATHERING

**Friday, April 11 | 5:30 - 7:30pm**

Let's grow some friendships this spring! Littles will play together and share a meal with our childcare team while parents enjoy fellowship over a dinner you don't have to cook! Children drop off is in the Education Bldg (door near playground). Adults meet in the Consulate Cafe for dinner and fun. Please RSVP with your child's ages to Lisa Bond at [lbond@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:lbond@fumcpensacola.com) (Infants are welcome to join us in the Consulate).

## PALM SUNDAY PARADE & FAMILY HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

**Sunday, April 13 | 9:45 - 10:45am**

All children and parents are invited to participate in this special Palm Sunday event! We will go on a parade through the church halls, then over to Wesley Haven. After our parade, we will all go into the Great Hall for an interactive Holy Week experience. Parents will drop off children in their normal Sunday School room and then line up on the mezzanine in the gym.

## EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS

**Sunday, April 13 | Noon | Lawn**

All are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will enjoy a picnic lunch, egg hunt, prize drawing, games, music, & and fellowship on the FUMC lawn. We are asking our congregation members and all families of children attending to donate a dozen stuffed eggs (no chocolate please) per child. Please have them dropped off in the designated bins by Sunday, April 6. Make sure to bring your own chair, blanket, & basket! No registration is required (donation accepted).

## 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.*

Rev. Heather Nysewander

Director of Student Ministries

[HNysewander@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:HNysewander@fumcpensacola.com)

## BURGERS AND BINGO

**Sunday, April 6 | 12:15pm - 2:00pm**  
**The Henry Roberts Center (Gym)**

We are back with our Spring edition of Burgers and Bingo! Students will join up with our 50 Forward group and, you guessed it, enjoy some burgers while playing bingo together. This will be after services. Youth Choir will meet following the event but there will be no other youth events that evening.

## CONFIRMANDS MEETINGS WITH PASTOR GEOFFREY

**15 - Minute Time Slots**

**Pastor Geoffrey's Office**

Each confirmand is to select a time slot to meet with Pastor G before confirmation Sunday. This is a tradition here at First UMC Pensacola where Pastor Geoffrey takes 15 minutes to meet with each confirmand to learn of their faith

journey personally and give them some preparation for the coming Confirmation Sunday. The time slots will be emailed out to each parent.

## CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

**Saturday, April 26 | 9:00am -**

**1:00pm | Meet in Main Sanctuary**

Our confirmands will be preparing for confirmation Sunday with a rehearsal on Saturday, April 26. Students will go over what is expected at the confirmation service. At 12:00pm, families are invited to come join us for lunch.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 27 | 10:45am**

**Main Sanctuary**

Confirmands are to meet outside of the Main Sanctuary for a picture before the service. You should have received a flyer setting what attire is appropriate for this event. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

## 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 even smaller groups of 5 people.*

Rev. Emily Kincaid

Associate Pastor

[EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com)

## UWF: BOOK CLUB CIRCLE

**Thursday, April 10 | 6:00pm**

**Wine Bar Restaurant (Bayou)**

This new group will be discussing a Reese's Book Club pick, "The Three Lives of Cate Kay" by Kate Fagan. We will meet to discuss it on April 10. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

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## 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](mailto:JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com)

### COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

**Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am | The Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 205**

We have a small, friendly group meeting weekly for coffee and fellowship. 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**

Register at [legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights](http://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, overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition. Register at [legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights](http://legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights)

### 50-FORWARD CELEBRATES SENIOR WEEK

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/50Forward-Celebrates](http://FUMCPensacola.com/50Forward-Celebrates) to Register by April 1. Join us for our week-long celebration, April 6 - 11, 2025 as we recognize 50-Forward Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Pensacola. We will have a week full of fun and fellowship as we enjoy a variety of activities including: Burgers & Bingo with First Church Student Ministry, A Learning Table Education Speaker on "What you need to know about Annual Wellness Visits", a delicious Lunch Out at The Grand Marlin on Pensacola Beach, an XYZ Trip with guided tour at the Chappie

James Museum of Pensacola and lastly, a special evening at our 50-Forward Banquet in The Wright Place. Join us for a Grand Night of Singing with Libby Kephart Hargrave, Sam Waite and Heidi Branch as they bring Broadway to First Church. Registration and payment are required for all events by April 1. Email Jennifer Piver at [JPiver@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:JPiver@fumcpensacola.com) for assistance.

## 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.*

**Adults: \$10, Kids (2-9 years old): \$4  
Max Family Cost: \$27**

**April 2:** Beefaroni, Roasted Broccoli, Yeast Roll, & Dessert

**April 9:** BBQ Pork, Collards, Cheese Grits, Cornbread Biscuit, & Dessert

**April 16:** Holy Week, No Dinner

**April 23:** Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Salad, & Dessert

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day held each month on 2nd Saturday from 10:00am - 1:00pm. This is a day when we welcome the community to our campus for fellowship and fun. We need people to greet, help children with crafts, or just come and be among us. Please come check it out one Saturday or contact Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967 for more info. Upcoming Community Days are: April 12 and May 10.

## 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 Jacob Hall (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](mailto:RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com)

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

**Wednesday, April 16**

You rehearse in the sanctuary at 6pm with The Perdido Brass

**Thursday, April 17**

You sing for the 7pm Maundy Thursday Service. Warm up at 6:30pm.

**Easter Sunday, April 20, at the 9:45 AND 11:00am services**

You will sing (accompanied by The Perdido Brass) at two services that morning. Warm up at 9:20am.

**Wednesday, April 30**

No rehearsal.

### YOUTH CHOIR

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

You sing (with The Perdido Brass) at the 8:30 service. Warm up at 8:00am.

**Sundays, April 20 and 27**

No afternoon rehearsals.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (K-5TH GRADE)

**Wednesday, April 9**

This is your last regular rehearsal. End of year party will be on April 23 from 3-5:15pm.

### HANDBELL CHOIR

**Wednesday, April 9**

You play for the Lent Service at 6pm. Warm up at 5:30pm in the choir loft.

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## 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 grass-roots, and educating future leaders, Church and Society works to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace.*

Dr. Rick Branch  
[RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com)

### JUST PENSACOLA RALLY

**Tuesday, April 8 | 6:00pm**

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**

This rally is for all persons from the 17 JUST Pensacola congregations who participated in House Meetings back in the fall and agreed to invite people to our Nehemiah Action (May 6). Come and learn what we'll be asking of our community leaders and get inspired for the N.A.

### NEHEMIAH ACTION

**Tuesday, May 6 | 6:00 - 7:00pm**

**First Baptist Church of Warrington**

Once a year, 17 congregations from all around Pensacola and Escambia County come together in an exciting meeting to generate power to address serious problems in our community. This year's area of focus is:

- The deficit in affordable housing for middle/low income households, and
- The problems in our criminal justice system - specifically children and adults being arrested and then being unable to get jobs due to minor, non-violent offenses

You can learn more about the details of these issues at [JUSTPensacola.org](http://JUSTPensacola.org). It takes people power to address these serious problems in our community.

Our congregation's goal is to have 200 people at the Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, May 6 at the First Baptist Church of Warrington to show our local decision makers (the ones that have these abilities to change these systems) what we care about. Everyone is invited to attend.

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

*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  
Director of Missions  
[LBond@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)

### GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

**Saturday, April 5 | 8:00am - 1:00pm**

Register at [FUMCPensacola.com/GreatDayOfService](http://FUMCPensacola.com/GreatDayOfService). All ages are invited to participate in this special day set aside to serve our beautiful community. Come help clean, paint, organize, do yard work, and more as we put hands and feet to our call to serve and love one another. Childcare is available for children 5 and under.

## 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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