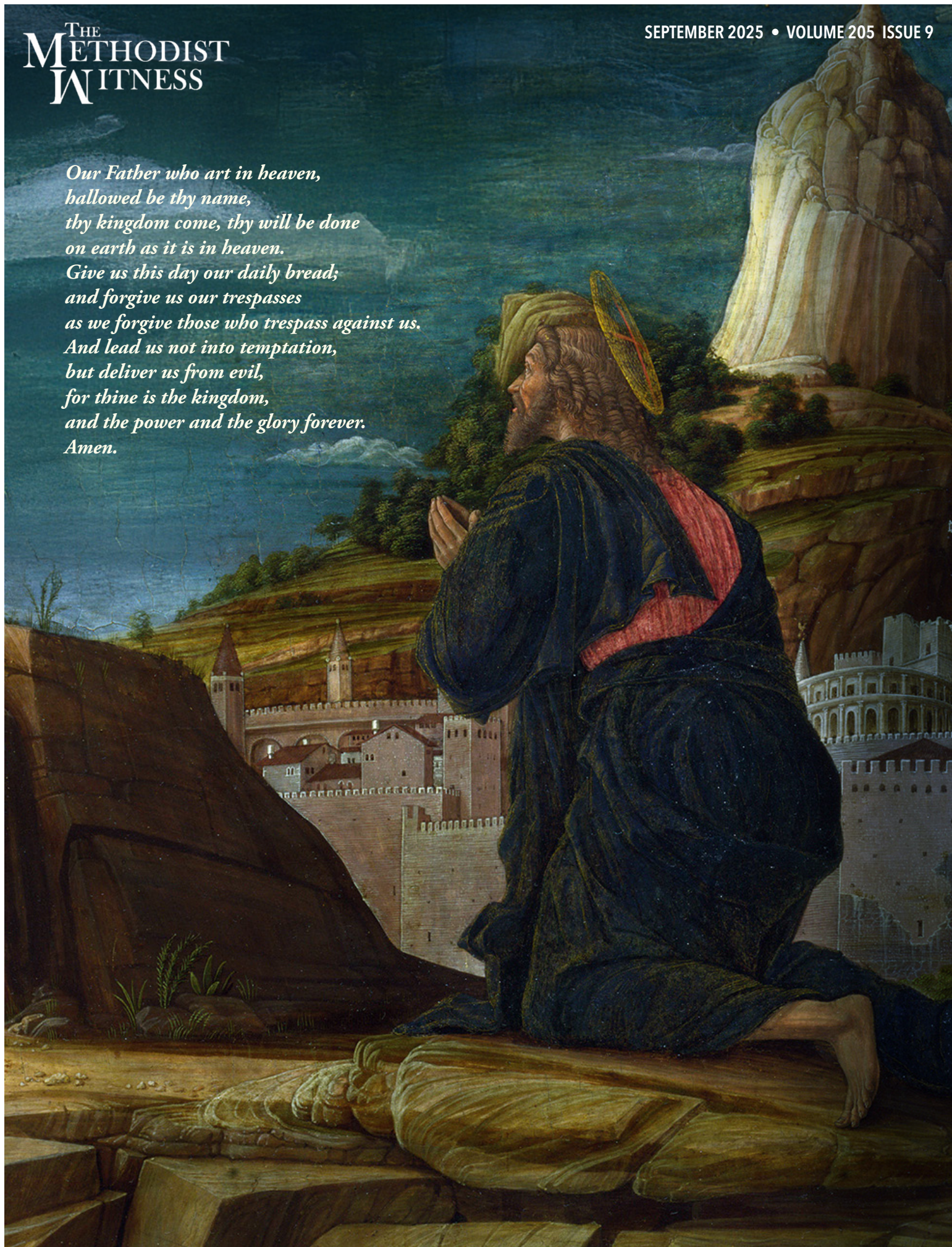


*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*



GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD



When Jesus teaches us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread,” He does not say “give me my daily bread.” He teaches us to pray in the plural—give us.

This petition reminds us that our sustenance, our livelihood, even our success, is tied to the needs of others. When I pray for daily bread, I am not just praying for my family’s table, but for yours as well. I am asking God to provide enough bread for all, and I am admitting that my well-being is bound up with yours.

In a culture that often prizes independence, this line of the prayer teaches us interdependence. It calls us to see our neighbors, especially those who hunger—physically or spiritually—as part of our own prayer. It pushes us to live as though my abundance is for your need, and your abundance is for mine.

This fall, we are leaning into the Lord’s Prayer as a church-wide study. Each week in worship, in classes, and in small groups,

we are exploring one petition at a time. My hope is that this prayer will move off our lips and into our lives—shaping how we see God, how we treat one another, and how we live as disciples of Jesus.

I want to personally invite you to join us this fall for the many opportunities to worship, learn, and grow together. Whether on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, or in one of our special events, you’ll find ways to connect with God and with others.

So let us dare to pray boldly this month: “Give us this day our daily bread.” And let us live as though the bread we receive is meant to be shared.

Practice Resurrection,

Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor

BEULAH CHAPEL WORK DAY

Saturday, September 6 | 8:00am - 12:00pm | 6200 W Nine Mile Road

Beulah is the fastest-growing region in the panhandle, and presently there is no United Methodist (or any main-line church) presence in that community. So last year, we were called to consider establishing a worship site in the Beulah area. With our annual conference’s help, we made a commitment to meet the spiritual needs of expanding communities and establish a satellite campus in Beulah. Since then, we have identified and purchased property located at 6200 W Nine Mile Rd to begin ministry in the community. We invite you to join us at Beulah Chapel to get some work done! All skill levels are welcome.



BOLD to SAY

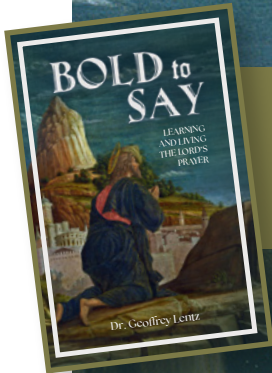
LEARNING & LIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

*August 20 - October 1 | 6:00pm
The Wright Place, Great Hall*

SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

*August 24 - October 5
8:30, 11:00am Main Sanctuary
& 11:00am ICON*



*Is available for purchase on Sundays
& Wednesdays for \$14.99.
You can also purchase on Amazon.*

First Church has started a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Geoffrey has authored an inspiring new book titled *Bold to Say: Learning & Living the Lord's Prayer*. On Wednesday nights during Pastor's Bible Study, we will explore this powerful book together, while each Sunday morning we will focus on a different petition of the prayer during our Main Sanctuary and ICON services. The Bold to Say series is both a thorough exploration and practical guide to the most cherished prayer in Christian tradition. Far from being a mere ritual, the Lord's Prayer serves as a revolutionary call—urging us to abandon complacency, embrace radical discipleship, and actively participate in God's unfolding kingdom. With clarity, courage, and conviction, this study invites us to reclaim the profound meaning behind these familiar words and empowers us to live them boldly.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- ✓ **Week 1:** *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*
- ✓ **Week 2:** *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- Week 3:** *Give us this day our daily bread.*
- Week 4:** *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*
- Week 5:** *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*
- Week 6:** *Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.*
- Week 7:** *Amen.*

Join us as we journey together into the transformative power of the Lord's Prayer!

LIBRARY

Grand Reopening

Sunday, September 28 | 9:45 - 10:45am



Join us as we celebrate the Grand Reopening of the First Church Library on Sunday, September 28! After almost a year of extensive renovations in our Lower Sanctuary, we are thrilled to welcome you back to one of the finest and most comprehensive church libraries in the country. Our dedicated team of volunteers has worked tirelessly to keep our impressive collection current and active for our community. **We invite you to a special reception from 9:45 - 10:45am** to explore our revitalized library, and see the new ministry offices, conference room, restrooms, and more!



MIDWEEK at First Church

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesdays | 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. The cost of dinner will be \$10/Adult, \$4/child (2-9 years old), \$27/Family Max | [Pay Online](#).

MENUS:

September 3: Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole, Mandarin Orange Salad, Yeast Roll, and Dessert

September 10: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Lima Beans, Yeast Roll, and Dessert

September 17: Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Peas & Carrots, Yeast Roll, and Dessert

September 24: Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles, Pat's Salad, Yeast Roll, and Dessert

October 1: Octoberfest meal: Bratz, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, and Dessert

October 8: Sloppy Joes, Mac & Cheese, Kale Salad, and Dessert

October 15: Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Green Beans, Asian Salad, and Dessert

October 22: Red Beans and Rice, Cornbread Biscuit, Green Salad, and Dessert

October 29: Cider Glazed Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Yeast Roll, Broccoli Salad, and Dessert

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

BOLD TO SAY

LEARNING & LIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Wednesdays | 6:00 – 7:00pm | The Great Hall

Everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall after dinner for the Pastor's Bible Study. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz will be leading us in a study called "Bold to Say: Learning & Living the Lord's Prayer". See [page 3](#) for more info.

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.

WEEKLY ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30pm. No experience is needed. The Adult Sanctuary Choir is open to all adults and sings on Sunday mornings alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00am Main Sanctuary worship services each week.



FIRST KIDS PROGRAMING

Our Wednesday programming for Kindergarten–5th Grade starts at 3:00pm with a time for great extracurricular classes, developing relationships in small group settings, and having fun singing and playing together. This program lasts until dinner. After dinner, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun with our Midweek program starting in the gym. *More details can be found in the First Kids section on [page 10](#).*

KIDCONNECT (FOR K–5TH GRADE)

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

[Register Online](#)

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK (FOR PRE-K – 5TH GRADE)

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



FIRST STUDENTS 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.


DINNER & LIVE MUSIC BENEFIT SHOW FOR *Tearing with*
TANZANIA

Night OF THE Classics

Performed by Musicians from
First Church and friends

FRIDAY SEPT 12TH 6:00PM
SATURDAY* SEPT 13TH 5:00PM

*FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE AT THE SATURDAY SHOW

 The Henry Roberts Activities Center
at First United Methodist Church

\$30 DONATION

Tickets Available Now! >>> **1960's - 1980's**



GREAT FOOD. GREAT ENTERTAINMENT. GREAT CAUSE.

It's back! *Night of the Classics* returns this September with two nights of dinner, music, and mission. Guests will get to enjoy a three-course meal while our "classic" acts take the stage in full costume, with plenty of fun, laughter, and memories along the way—all to support our sister church in Tanzania. Musicians will be members and friends of First United Methodist Church. This year, our Friday show begins at 6:00pm (doors open at 5:30) and our Saturday show begins at 5:00pm (doors open at 4:30). Saturday has an earlier start time for families and those who prefer an earlier evening, and childcare will be available on Saturday only.



Tickets are **\$30 per person**. This will be a great date night or friends night out. To purchase tickets, visit the Church Office, scan the QR code above, or visit the church's website. All proceeds from the evening benefit our congregation's sister church in Nyegezi, Tanzania and future trips to the region.

TEAMING WITH TANZANIA

Since 2018, First Church has been building a strong partnership with **Nyegezi UMC** in Mwanza, Tanzania. Over the past five years, we've taken five teams: two exploratory trips in 2018 and 2019, and three children's ministry workshops that brought leaders together from across the country. Alongside those efforts, we've laid groundwork for future **medical missions** and **clergy training**, strengthening ties between our congregations and the broader United Methodist connection.

Looking ahead:

- In **February 2026**, Bishop L. Jonathan Holston will travel to Tanzania.
- In **April 2026**, we'll send another First Church team to continue education training.
- A **third clergy training and medical mission** is also being planned for **November 2026**.

This year's fundraiser has a focused goal: helping Nyegezi UMC **resume their nursery school**, which brings children and families into the life of the church. The congregation has begun a three-phase construction project to make the needed upgrades, and our fundraising goal is **\$8,500** to support this effort. Any funds raised beyond that will go directly toward future trips and mission projects in the Mwanza region.

BE PART OF THE STORY

Through every trip, every training, and every relationship, we've seen the Spirit at work—expanding the witness of the church in Tanzania and here in Pensacola. *Night of the Classics* is more than a fun evening out. It's a way for us to come together, share in food and music, and make a lasting impact in the name of Jesus Christ. So tell your family. Tell your friends. And join us for *Night of the Classics*!



BLUE LAKE RETREAT

REFRESH • RECALIBRATE • REUNITE



Dr. Jason Borders

CHURCH-WIDE BLUE LAKE RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

October 17 - 19 | (Friday Night - Sunday Morning)
Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL

The weekend will include break out sessions, pumpkin carving, canoeing, roasting marshmallows, playing games, and fellowshiping! Dr. Jason Borders, Huntingdon College Professor of Religion, will be our retreat speaker. To find out more about our speaker, visit FUMCPensacola.com/Retreat. We hope you will join us for a great weekend with your First Church family!

Visit FUMCPensacola.com/Retreat or scan the QR code to register!



DIVORCE *Care*®



DIVORCE CARE

Sundays, Sep 14 - Dec 14 | 4:00 - 5:45pm | Conference Room

[Click HERE to sign up](#) or scan QR Code

DivorceCare's life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this 13-week, video-based series. This class will be guided by John Susko, Collaborative Divorce Attorney and Marnie Wartgow with Faith and Hope Counseling. Childcare will be available by reservation only. Contact John Susko (john@susko-collab-med.com) for more information.





FIRST CHURCH
RESPITE MINISTRY

HEARTS IN SESSION

LEARN. SERVE. CARE.

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 10 | 12:00pm - 12:30pm | Wesley Hall

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

September 17 | 9:00am - 1:00pm | Wesley Hall

It's time to head back to school with Respite! Join us for Hearts in Session - is a special back-to-school series designed to welcome new volunteers and community members into the heart of our dementia care mission. Through an interactive training workshop, a screening of the Respite For All documentary, and a community worship service, there will be ample opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Alzheimer's and related dementias—and learn how to serve with confidence, empathy, and joy in our Respite program. Whether you're just curious or ready to jump in, there's a seat for you! Contact Kirsten Gartner (KGartner@FUMCPensacola.com for more info).



SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

Sunday, September 14 & Sunday, November 16 | 12:00 - 2:00pm

The Wright Place, Great Hall

[Click HERE to Register](#) or scan QR Code

Since the release of Safe Sanctuaries in 1998, churches have changed the way they attempt to prevent abuse of the vulnerable and protect staff and volunteers. FUMC is offering a Safe Sanctuary training for all who volunteer in our children, youth, Serve the Hungry, Respite, Congregational Care, Disaster Relief teams and other ministries. Lunch will be provided. All volunteers are required to attend one of these sessions, unless their ministry coordinator has already trained them within the last year. Check with the staff person related to your ministry area if you have questions.



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 & REMEMBRANCE

Loved ones who have died:

We offer our christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Courtney Fain Snuggs**.

Gloria Holcomb on the death of her sister-in-law, Ann Wilson.

BAPTISMS

Elena Grace Wimberly the daughter of Evan & Rachel Wimberly, baptized on August 31, 2025.

NEW MEMBERS

Wendy and Jack Taffar

CELEBRATIONS:

The marriage of **Jacob Greeson and Brooke Lawyer** on August 23, 2025.

Jean Odom on her retirement from the Escambia county school system.

Lala Pierce on being named Best Boss on the Gulf Coast in the Best of the Coast 2025 awards.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor, celebration or memory of someone. NOTICE: The cost for our Sunday Flower arrangements has increased from \$130.00 to \$165.00 (\$82.50 each).

August 10: In honor and celebration of our mother, Joan Milman Ferry, on her 91st birthday, on August 14th by the Ferry family.

August 17: In celebration of Floyd and Ruth Ann Replogle's 48th wedding anniversary by their family.

August 24: In loving memory of Martin Thompson by his family and **in celebration of Watson and Anne Aldridge's 62nd wedding anniversary** on August 24th.

August 31: In celebration of the marriage of Khaki Wade, daughter of Bill and Linda Wade, **to Bennett Brownlow** on April 19, 2025, in Jekyll Island, GA.

THE LIVING TRUST AUGUST 6 - SEPTEMBER 3, 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).**

IN HONOR

The Christening of Elena Wimberly
By Clara S. Wimberly

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sundays, September 21 - November 9 | 4:00 - 5:45pm | The Consulate, Room 102

[Click HERE to Register](#), scan the QR code, or visit FUMCPensacola.com/GriefSupport

ICare Grief Support Group is an 8-week Christ-based course that offers guidance, comfort & hope after loss through discussion, bible readings, useful resources, self-care tips, prayer, journaling and more. Join us on Sunday afternoons in a place where you will find support and together we will begin our journey to healing. This class will be Led by Donell Seager. Contact Donell Seager (dseager@centerforsacredspace.org) or Jennifer Piver (jpiver@fumcpensacola.com) for more information.



WHAT'S HAPPENING at FIRST CHURCH for

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO CHURCH



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

ICON CHILDREN'S TABLE

Sundays | August 24 - October 5
11:00am | ICON Service

During our current sermon series, The Lord's Prayer, we will be offering a special worship moment during the sermon time called Children's Table. Children's Table is a special space where elementary children (K-5) can engage with the scripture and sermon in meaningful ways. It provides a quiet time for interactive reflection, where children thoughtfully respond and create their own worship offering. Each week, after the children's sermon, children will be escorted to the lobby for Children's Table.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 7 | 9:30 - 10:45am
The Wright Place, Great Hall

We invite all grandparents to a special Grandparents Day Brunch, hosted by the kids and students of First Church! Come celebrate with us, whether your grandchildren are present or not, for food, fellowship, and activities. Parents, please note that this celebration is for grandparents and grandchildren only. Parents, we ask that you take this time to attend a Sunday class and allow the kids and students to honor all grandparents.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 14

Great Hall at 9:45am

Main Sanctuary at 11:00am

All third graders and their families are invited for a special Sunday celebrating this milestone. At 9:45am in the Great Hall, we will begin with an interactive Bible reception where families can participate together in Bible games and activities. At 10:45am, third graders will gather at the chapel to line up for our processional into the 11:00am Sanctuary service where all will receive their third grade Bibles.

COMMUNITY DAY FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, September 13

10:00am-1:00pm | The Consulate

Fan-tastic Family Day - think tailgate without the game! Wear your favorite team colors, come play games, eat, make spirit crafts, and enjoy live music by the Dudads. Great fun for the whole family!

MOM'S COFFEE BREAK

Friday, September 19 | 3:30 -

5:00pm | Starbucks on Gregory St.

Drop your kids off at church and come join us for some kid-free mom time. RSVP to Lisa (850-549-8967).

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL MEETUP

Saturday, September 27 | 10:00am

All families are invited to meet up at our FUMC First Kids booth at the Seafood Festival. You can enjoy our booth and join FUMC friends for fun.

KIDCONNECT (for K-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:15pm

Starts in Wesley Hall

[Register HERE](#)

All children, Kindergarten to 5th Grade, are invited to join us for KidConnect our midweek connection time including worship, classes, and choir! Kids will have the opportuni-

ty to choose from an array of classes upon registration (starting August 6). Each week, from 3:00 - 4:25pm, kids will meet for worship, enjoy classes, 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 Hall and pick up at 5:15pm in the Activities Center. Families are then invited to Family dinner from 5:15 to 6:00pm. Then from 6-7pm, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun starting in the gym. (See First Kids:Midweek)

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK

(for PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays, Starting August 20

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

If you like to cook with amazing friends, try out new recipes, or want to be the hands that feed our church and community, we need you! Please join us for 2-3 hours one day a month. We have lunches and dinners all during the week. Please contact Mici Kuba (MKuba@FUMCPensacola.com) or Eric Penley (EPenley@FUMCPensacola.com) for more information.

GREETERS

If you would like to help us greet guests to our campus for various events including Candlelight Concerts, Community Day, or special events contact Lisa Bond at LBond@FUMCPensacola.com.

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

GRANDPARENT'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 7 | 9:30 - 10:45am | The Wright Place, Great Hall

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YOUTH GROUP (6th – 12th Grade)

Sundays | 5:30 - 7:00pm | The Youth Ministries Building

Join us for dinner, games, music, and worship. Friends are always welcome!

YOUTH CHOIR (6th – 12th Grade)

Sundays | 4:30 - 5:20 pm | Choir Room

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! All our students are welcome to join regardless of skill level. Contact Rick Branch for more information.

BEULAH WORK DAY

Saturday, September 6 | 8:00am-12:00pm | 6200 W Nine Mile Road

Join us at our new Beulah Campus to get some work done! All skill levels are welcome.

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00pm | The Youth Ministries Building

Students, 6th to 12th Grade, are invited to the Youth Building for fellowship,

games, learning, and worship on Wednesday evenings.

SENIOR HIGH AND MID-HIGH BIBLE STUDIES

Mondays | 7:30am | Whataburger on N. Davis Hwy (Sr High)

Thursdays | 7:00am | Whataburger on Gregory St. (Mid-High)

Students are invited to join us for our school year morning devotions at restaurants around town.

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

GRANDPARENT'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 7 | 9:30-10:45am The Wright Place, Great Hall

We invite all grandparents to a special Grandparents Day Brunch, hosted by the kids and students of First Church! Come celebrate with us, whether your grandchildren are present or not, for food, fellowship, and activities. Parents, please note that this celebration is for grandparents and grandchildren only. Parents, we ask that you take this time to attend a Sunday class and allow the kids and students to honor all grandparents.

LUNCH OUT - FOUNARIS BROTHERS

Thursday, September 11 | 11:30am
[Click HERE to Register](#) - by Sep 9

Join us for our monthly lunch outing with friends. We will be gathering at Founaris Brothers. Established in 2001, offers a variety of homemade Greek dishes, including customizable spaghetti, Greek-style pizzas, and Mediterranean seafood. The restaurant is known for its delicious food, large portions, and friendly service.

SILVER & GOLD

Thursday, September 25 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | The Wright Place | \$10

[Click HERE to Register](#) - by Sep 21
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship, entertainment, and a delicious lunch provided by Ruth's Kitchen! Doors open at 10:30am.

BURGERS & BINGO

Sunday, October 5 | 12:15 - 2:00pm The Wright Place | FREE

[Click HERE to Register](#)

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, break bread and win some Bingo prizes. Register online or to the church office TODAY.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

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

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.

QIGONG/TAI CHI WITH JEAN PARKER

Wednesdays & Fridays | \$5 per class 9:45 - 10:45am | 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 (jeanp347@gmail.com).

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GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm

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.

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). 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

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Friday, Sep 5, 6:30 - 8:00pm &

Saturday, Sep 6, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (choir room)

We would LOVE for you to join us for our Christmas Concert with Orchestra on December 14! We will begin rehearsing all the Christmas music at this retreat. Please let Rick know (RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com) if you are coming to the retreat so we can have your music ready and give you the door code to get you in the building.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sundays | 4:30-5:20pm | Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (choir room)

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to rehearsals to prepare to sing at Choir Dedication Sunday, the White Christmas Program, and our Summer Tour (yes, we're already working on music for tour!), just to name a few opportunities. Bring a friend - the more the merrier the melody!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Wednesdays | 4:30 - 5:15pm

Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (choir room)

All children in grades K - 5 are invited to join us for rehearsals. Mrs. Heidi leads the K & 1st Grade group and Mr. Rick leads the 2nd - 5th Grade group.

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](#)

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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

NEW DEVOTIONAL SERIES

If you're looking to steep yourself in God's Word and presence every day, discover these two great devotional series. Find daily spiritual nourishment in the brand-new 365-day devotional, Steadfast, and the best-selling daily companion, The Upper Room Disciplines 2026. Preorder online at Cokesbury.com.

STRENGTHEN THE SOUL OF YOUR LEADERSHIP: A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WHO LEAD MINISTRY

Thursdays, September 4 - October 16 | 5:30 - 7:00pm | \$60

Online via Zoom

[Click HERE to Register](#)

This 7-week online offering will use Ruth Haley Barton's book Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry as our guide to learning to let God nourish us so that we can nourish others and lead from that place of spiritual abundance. We will be using Ruth Haley Barton's book, Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry, which you can purchase here. Please be sure to purchase as soon as possible. This class is offered in partnership by Center for Sacred Space and the Alabama-West-Florida Conference and Led by Donell Seager.

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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 grassroots, and educating future leaders, Church and Society works to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace.

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J.U.S.T. PENSACOLA

J.U.S.T. Pensacola will soon begin another year of working for justice and pursuing peace. The group will begin holding house meetings the first week of September, so stay tuned for those dates. Following the house meetings, J.U.S.T. Pensacola will hold its annual Community Problems Assembly at 6:00pm on October 28, with the location to be determined. For more information about J.U.S.T. Pensacola, go to www.justpensacola.org.

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. Visit fumcpensacola.wefaith.com for more info.

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MOVE 4 MISSION

Saturday, September 13 | 10:00am
Activities Center

Move 4 Mission is a fundraising initiative hosted by a United Women in Faith (UWFaith) group. It is an opportunity to move together and raise funds for the work supported by UW-Faith. FUMC will participate this year with a special Refit® class in the Gym. Refit® is a cardio dance class designed for everyBODY. The moves are simple to follow and adaptable for all fitness levels. The important part is that we get moving for missions! This event is open to everyone and the suggested missions donation is \$5 per person. You will be asked to sign a waiver at the event.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 21 | 12:00pm
The Wright Place, Great Hall

Please mark your calendars! All women of First Church are invited to a taco luncheon following the 11:00 services in the Wright Place. This will be a great time for fellowshiping with other women in the church and learning about United Women in Faith activities.

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.

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SERVING THE HUNGRY

Serve the Hungry needs your help! We are in great need of men's short sleeve t-shirts, size medium to 2XL, and men's shorts, size 28-38. Items may be delivered to the Serve the Hungry box in the gym.

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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