



BEULAH
CHAPEL

A PLACE FOR ALL...

even the **CURIOUS**,
the **UNCERTAIN**,
and those **HURT**
by the church.



*Pictured: The steeple at
Beulah Chapel of First United
Methodist Church*



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OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ALL OF US, SENT AGAIN



Dear First Church Family,

On Sunday, August 23, at 9:00am, we will launch Beulah Chapel of First United Methodist Church at 6200 West Nine Mile Road.

Methodists have always believed the Church should go where the people are. Thankfully, this time no one has to ride a horse across Florida to do it.

Our message to the community is that Beulah Chapel will be **a place for ALL; even the curious, the uncertain, and those hurt by the church.** We are inviting children, families, older adults, lifelong churchgoers, first-time visitors, those finding their way back, and those looking for a fresh start. We are telling them, plainly and boldly: **You are welcome here. No exceptions.**

That is the kind of community we are preparing to build, and we are still looking for people to help us build it.

Members of the Beulah Chapel Founding Team will worship there faithfully during the first nine months, welcome new people, form relationships, and help make sure the hospitality we promise is the hospitality people actually experience.

You do not need special training or a perfect church résumé. You simply need a willing heart and a desire to help create a church where every person knows there is a place for them.

Could God be sending you to Beulah Chapel?

To learn more or become part of the Founding Team, contact me at BPeacock@FUMCPensacola.com.

There's a place for ALL and a place for YOU.

Rev. Brennan Peacock
ICON & Beulah Chapel Pastor



**BEGINNING
AUGUST 23**



**SUNDAYS
at 9:00AM**



**6200 WEST
NINE MILE RD**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 17 | 6:00pm | The Upper Room

This meeting will be a 1st quarter review as well as new business. We encourage all council members to attend, and as always, the meeting is open to all members of the congregation.



through THE Night

SUNDAYS, AUGUST 2 - SEPTEMBER 13 CHURCH-WIDE SERMON SERIES

Life includes seasons of uncertainty, struggle, grief, and change; times when the road ahead is difficult to see. Scripture does not promise that faithful people will avoid these seasons. It promises that God is present within them.

Each Sunday during our new church-wide sermon series, **THROUGH THE NIGHT**, we will explore stories from Genesis and Exodus featuring Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Miriam, and the people of Israel. These passages address struggle, betrayal, reconciliation, courage, calling, injustice, and liberation.

Together, we will consider how God meets us when answers are unclear, gives us courage to resist what is wrong, calls us toward faithful action, and leads us toward healing and freedom.

Join us for Sunday worship August 2 through September 13 as we trust the promise of Psalm 30:5:

***“Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.”***

MEETING GOD
IN THE DARK
& WALKING
TOWARD
THE DAWN



With our young people going back to school and re-entering the rhythm of the school year, we want to invite you to make church a part of your weekly routine. Join us on Sunday for services. Join us on Wednesday for mid-week dinner and programming. Make church part of the rhythm of your life. You'll be glad you did.

END OF SUMMER SPLASH

Wednesday, August 5 | 5:00 - 7:00pm | Front Lawn

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FAMILY ICE CREAM CELEBRATION & PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 16 | 9:45 - 10:45am | The Wright Place, Great Hall

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A PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Lord,
Open my **EYES** to see new friends
Open my **EARS** to listen
Open my **MIND** to learn new things
Open my **HANDS** to help others
Open my **HEART** to love like you

Philippians 4:13- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

MIDWEEK at First Church

starting August 19

During the Spring & Fall we have a Fellowship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00pm in The Wright Place as well as seasonal studies and programming for all ages from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

FREE DINNER FOR MIDWEEK KICK-OFF

Wednesday, August 19 | 5:00 - 6:00pm | The Wright Place

We are kicking off our regular Midweek activities with a FREE dinner in The Wright Place! Join us for a time of fellowship and delicious food, reconnect with old friends, and meet some new ones. This is also a great opportunity for evangelism so invite your friends and family! *Menu: Meat Spaghetti, Green Beans, Bread, and Chocolate Cake.*

NEW KID'S TABLE

Kids may choose a PB&J sandwich with fruit and chips as an alternative to the regular dinner menu.

MIDWEEK ADULT STUDY AND AGE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

6:00 - 7:00pm

After dinner, we will kick-off our new Midweek studies and activities! There is something for every age. In The Wright Place, hang around after dinner for the Pastor's Bible Study with Dr. Lentz. Kids and Students will have programming in their own areas and in the gym. Nursery will be available for those attending Bible study.

ADULTS

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: AS YOURSELF

The Surprising Holiness of Loving Yourself

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. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz will be teaching a seven week study on his new book, *As Yourself: The Surprising Holiness of Loving Yourself*. We will learn more about why Jesus included loving ourselves in the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Books will be available for purchase at the front desk.

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.

NURSERY

5:30 - 7:00pm | Education Building

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



FIRST KIDS 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 8.*



KidConnect (for K–5th Grade)

Wednesdays | 3:00 - 5:15pm

Starts in Wesley Abbey | [Click HERE to Register](#)

First Kids: Midweek (for Preschool–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 mid-week worship time! We will sing praise songs, play games, and study different series from Grow Curriculum.

Sunday, August 23 | 12:30 - 5:30pm

FINDING LIGHT

IN THE DARKNESS

Mental Health Symposium

This event will take a deeper look at mental health with breakout sessions led by local professionals for Anxiety, Depression, Grief & Loneliness, Religious Harm, Substance Misuse, and Trauma. Cost is \$12/person to cover lunch. Childcare available.

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/Mental Health](https://FUMCPensacola.com/MentalHealth) or scan the QR code.

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CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

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CHURCH-WIDE BLUE LAKE RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

*October 16 - 18 | (Friday Night - Sunday Morning)
Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL*

The weekend will include break out sessions, pumpkin carving, canoeing, roasting marshmallows, playing games, and fellowshiping!

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



SERVE TOGETHER SPOTLIGHT

Serve Together is how we live out our calling at First Church — by using our gifts to serve God, one another, and our community. Throughout the year, opportunities are available both inside our church and beyond our walls, and we regularly share an updated Immediate Needs (at FUMCPensacola.com/Serve) list highlighting where help is most needed right now. Our featured immediate need is:



SERVING THE HUNGRY VOLUNTEER

Need: 3 Kitchen Volunteers (Mondays and/or Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:30am and/or 10:30am -12:30pm)

Why It Matters: These volunteers prepare hot meals that allow us to serve those in need in our community.

Contact: Lisa Bond | LBond@fumcpensacola.com

Visit FUMCPensacola.com/Serve or scan the QR code to explore more current opportunities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING at FIRST CHURCH for

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO CHURCH



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

RESIST AND PERSIST: FAITH AND THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

Wednesdays, August 19 - October 28
6:00pm | The Wright Place, Room 203 | Facilitated by Pamela Brown and Sara Hunt

[Click HERE to Register](#)



In 2026, the United Methodist Church is celebrating 70 years of full clergy rights for women, and in recognition of that anniversary, Pamela Brown and Sara Hunt will lead a special class focused on the book *Resist and Persist: Faith and the Fight for Equality*. This class offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and engage in meaningful discussion about faith, equality, and the ongoing pursuit of justice. This class is open to the whole church, and the book is also eligible for the United Women in Faith Reading Program.

REDISCOVER A DEEPER LIFE WITH GOD

Sundays, August 16 -
September 20 | 9:45 - 10:45am
Consulate, 1st Floor, Room 102
Facilitated by Donell Seager

We are constantly being formed by the world around us. To truly be

formed by Jesus, we have to become his apprentice. Join us for a new class based on John Mark Comer's New York Times bestseller and ECPA Christian Book of the Year. Together, we'll explore the ancient concept of a Rule of Life—a practical set of daily habits and rhythms designed to slow us down and open up space for God to transform us. If you want to rearrange your days to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did, this class is for you.

PARENTS OF LGBTQ CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP - INTEREST MEETING

Tuesday, August 25 | 6:00pm | Conference Room, Lower Sanctuary

We are hosting an interest meeting for parents and loved ones of the LGBTQ community. Come meet others walking a similar journey and help us plan a group to provide outreach with the love of Christ and support to our community! For more info, contact Rev. Emily Kincaid EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, August 30 | 12:00pm
The Wright Place, Great Hall

[Click HERE to Register](#)



United Women in Faith (UWFaith, formerly United Methodist Women) invites all women of the church to a complimentary luncheon at 12:00pm on Saturday, August 30, in the Wright Place, Great Hall. This special gathering is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries and activities of UWFaith and connect with other women in our church family. We hope you'll join us—we look forward to seeing you there!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, Beginning September 14 -
November 9 | 4:00 - 5:30pm
Consulate, 1st Floor, Room 102

[Click HERE to Register](#)



We know that losing a loved one is incredibly difficult, and sometimes the best comfort comes from being with others who understand the depth of that loss. This group is designed to be a safe, sacred space where we can share, listen, and find encouragement together. Whether your loss was recent or long ago, you are welcome here. There is no cost to attend. If you have any questions or would like to talk before attending, please reach out to Donell Seager via phone at (850) 723-5781 or via email at dseager@centerforsacred-space.org.

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

AUGUST 19 (FREE): Spaghetti, Green Beans, Bread, and Chocolate Cake.

AUGUST 26: Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole, Mandarin Orange Salad, Yeast Roll, and Dessert.

NEW KID'S TABLE: Kids may choose a PB&J sandwich with fruit and chips as an alternative to the regular dinner menu.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 9:45 - 10:45am
Education Building

Children are invited to join us each week for engaging lessons, activities, and fellowship designed to help them grow in faith while having fun!

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KIDCONNECT (FOR K-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays, Starting August 19
3:00 - 5:15pm | Wesley Abbey

[Click HERE to Register](#)

All children, Kindergarten to 5th Grade, are invited to join us for Kid-Connect our midweek connection time including worship, classes, and choir! Kids will have the opportunity to choose from an array of classes upon registration (starting August 2). 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)



NEW KID-FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

A special meal option is now available for children each Wednesday night! Kids may choose a PB&J sandwich with fruit and chips as an alternative to the regular dinner menu. Make sure you join us for our FREE Wednesday Night Kick-Off Dinner on August 19 from 5:00 - 6:00pm in The Wright Place. The following weeks, dinner can be purchased for \$4/child.

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK (FOR PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays, Starting August 19
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.

KINDERGARTEN BIBLE & WORSHIPPING W/ CHILDREN CLASS

Sunday, August 30 | 11:00am
The Upper Room (ICON Service)
(Meet at 9:30am in Chapel)

Kindergarten Bible Sunday marks the beginning of our Kindergartener's "official" journey in worship at our church. Parents and kindergartners are invited to come to the Chapel at 9:30am to hear about the "K" year and learn about ways to encourage their child's faith journey. Children will be released to go to their Sunday Class during our gathering while parents stay behind to hear about the "K" year and how to worship with your children. Then, families will attend the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey where the "K"s will be presented with their Kindergarten Bibles. Parents, please text Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967 and indicate what name you would like announced (ie Lisa Renee Bond or Lisa Bond).

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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. Lauren Cowan
Youth Director
LCowan@FUMCPensacola.com

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5:00 - 7:00pm | Front Lawn

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END OF SUMMER TUBING TRIP

Thursday, August 6 | Drop off:

10:00am, Pickup: 6:00pm

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Summer isn't over yet...

Get your student signed up for tubing on Coldwater Creek with Adventures Unlimited on Thursday, August 6th! Students will be dropped off at the Youth Building at 10:00am and picked up at 6:00pm. They will need to pack a boxed lunch and bring money to stop for dinner on the way home after our trip. Cost: \$25



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 9:45 - 10:45am

Students are welcome to join Pastor Lauren in the Youth Building to eat breakfast, discuss the lectionary text of the week, and have fun with each other on Sunday mornings!

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FIRST STUDENTS PARENT MEETING

Sunday, August 16 | 4:15pm -

5:15pm | Youth Ministries Building

Before we kick off the fall semester with Eggstraganza, parents of our youth are invited to an informational meeting. Included in this meeting will be medical release forms, a moment to check our rosters to make sure our information is accurate, and a discussion of upcoming events this year. There will also be opportunity for you as parents to learn how you can get plugged in and help our students grow in their faith development.

SUNDAY EVENING KICK-OFF YOUTH CHOIR & EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Sundays, Starting August 16

4:30 - 5:30pm (Choir)

5:30 - 7:00pm (Eggstravaganza)

Students, 6th - 12th grade, are invited to join us for Youth Choir practice from 4:30 - 5:30pm, then from 5:30 - 7:00pm we will kick off the start of the school year with EGGS, as we have been traditionally cele-

brating for 20+ years! Wear clothes you can get dirty!

WEDNESDAY EVENING KICK-OFF

Wednesday, August 19

6:00pm - 7:00pm

After fellowship supper at 5:00pm, youth will have mid-week worship time! We will sing praise songs, play games, and study different series from Grow Curriculum. Our first study will be Wonder, a 4-week series from the Book of Psalms, where students will learn what it means to worship - not just with songs and prayers, but their entire lives. If you have a student that is interested in helping lead music, please have them reach out to me at (334) 315 -0398.

GIRLS & BOYS MORNING BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

Tuesdays, Starting August 18

7:30am | Bagelheads (Girls)

Thursday, Starting August 20

7:00am | Panera Bread (Boys)

To kick off our Youth Morning Bible Studies, students will be studying The Wesleyan Prayer Challenge by Chris Folmsbee which will encourage students to carefully consider the words of the Wesley Covenant Prayer and put them into practice.

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SENIOR ADULTS

The Senior Adult ministry at First Church is 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.

Denise Van Atta
DVanAtta@FUMCPensacola.com

LUNCH OUT

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

Thursday, August 13 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register](#)
by August 11



The chain was founded by John Charles "Johnny" Carrabba III and his uncle Damian Mandola. Together, they opened the first restaurant in Houston, Texas. Many of the recipes for the dishes on Carrabba's menu are those of Damian's mother, Grace, and his sister, Rose. These recipes appeared on the PBS cooking show Cucina Sicilia, hosted by Carrabba and Mandola. One specific dish, Chicken Bryan, consists of an 8 oz grilled chicken breast topped with goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and a basil lemon-butter sauce. It is named after the city of Bryan, Texas, where the Carrabba family settled. Feel free to bring your family and friends!

POPCORN & MOVIE PROJECT HAIL MARY

Tuesday, August 18 | 2:00 - 4:30pm

The Wright Place | No Cost

[Click HERE to Register](#)
by August 16



Lights, Camera, Popcorn! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship! We will watch Project Hail Mary which follows science teacher turned astronaut Ryland Grace, who wakes up on a spaceship with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memo-

ry returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge to save everything on Earth from extinction... but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone. Blending hard science, high-stakes suspense, and an unlikely extraterrestrial alliance, this adaptation of Andy Weir's novel is positioned as an epic, emotional sci-fi adventure. Snacks will be served. Feel free to bring your family and friends!

FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE WRIGHT PLACE - THE DUDADS

Friday, August 28 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

The Wright Place | \$15

[Click HERE to Register](#)
by August 23



Join us for an evening of fellowship, dinner and entertainment with friends. It will include a delicious meal provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with great music performed by our very own church members, The DuDads. Be ready to sing along and tap your toes to songs you will recognize and love. Feel free to bring your family and friends! Doors open at 5:00pm.

COFFEE (& MORE) WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am

Church Library | No Registration

Join us for fellowship on Tuesday mornings in the Library! We have no agenda other than to get out of the house and enjoy time with friends... old and new. Coffee and pastries are provided but feel free to bring water, soda or tea if you are not a coffee drinker. ALL are welcome!

GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm

Grand Monday Nights is a free weekly webinar to help you grow as a Christian grandparent. In these webinars, you'll get practical ideas

and information on grandparenting, learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith and overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition. Register at legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights.

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. 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).

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

YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF

Sunday, August 16 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

Join us for the kick-off of Sunday evening youth activities. Choir practice will be from 4:30 - 5:30pm with the Eggstravaganza starting immediately after. Make sure to wear old clothes.

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MUSIC & WORSHIP CONT.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

Wednesday, August 19 | 4:30 -
5:15pm | Choir Room

The kindergarten and first grade choir, and the 2nd - 5th grade choir resume on Wednesday, August 19, from 4:30 to 5:15pm. Contact Rick for more info.

FESTIVAL OF KEYBOARDS

Sunday, August 23 | 6:00pm

First Baptist Church of Pensacola

Rick and Heidi will participate in a festival of keyboards (organ and piano) concert at First Baptist Church. The festival is open to the public.

ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT MUSIC RETREAT

September 11 & 12

This will be Rick and Heidi's last year giving leadership to this concert, so if you've ever thought you wanted to join us for it but haven't, this is your last chance to sing Christmas music with them! We would love to have you! Contact Rick for more info.

LIBRARY

First Church has one of the finest and most comprehensive church libraries in the country. This impressive collection is managed by a staff of volunteers who put hours of service to keeping our library current and active. The library is located on the basement level of the Administrative Building on the campus of First UMC Pensacola.

Rev. Emily Kincaid

Associate Pastor

EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com

TEACHER/CLASS RESOURCES

The library staff has created a special section featuring resources for teachers, making these materials easier for members to find and use. This section contains books that have DVD's, teacher's guide, or multiple copies for classes. Please take a moment to explore the collection.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LIBRARIANS

Come check out the new books available in the library!

- *Madame C.J. Walker*, Freeman, (UWF)
- *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* (UWF)
- *Surprised by Hope*, Wright (UWF)

Other interesting books are *Theo of Golden, Levi*; *A Most Peculiar Book: the Inherent Strangeness of the Bible*, Swenson; *Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Evolution*, Bohannon; *The Prodigal Prophet*, Keller.

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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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:

Greg Brock on the death of his sister.

Rebecca Theologous on the death of her mother.

Nick Medley on the death of his father.

BAPTISMS

Jacob Wayne Roche was baptized on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Jacob is the son of Heather & Sandra Roche.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

July 12: Given **in loving memory of Matt Bryant** on his 37th birthday on July 13 by Jeff, Terrill, Chris, and Katie Bryant.

July 26: Given **in celebration of Jim and Jean Hamilton's 50th wedding anniversary** on July 31, 2026.

RETIREMENTS

After nearly 17 years of faithful service, **Robyn Sandfort** is retiring from her role as a volunteer Preschool Sunday School teacher. Through her love, patience, and dedication, Robyn has helped introduce generations of our youngest children to God's love and made Sunday mornings a welcoming and joyful experience. Her final Sunday in the classroom will be August 9.

After 12 years, **Ann Grandin** is retiring from her role as our volunteer Children's Librarian. During her time with us, Ann has helped grow and enrich our children's library by adding many wonderful new books. She has also partnered with our Children's Ministry and Methodist Children's Academy to provide valuable reading resources for children and families.

THE LIVING TRUST JULY 1 - 31, 2026

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).**

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Marilyn Jones

By Sue Glenn

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Cam Johnson's Birthday

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