





Dear Friends,
 A few weeks ago, I found myself in Soweto, South Africa with our bishop and a group from the conference—worshiping at a neighborhood church where Archbishop Desmond Tutu lived and served. Everything about it felt different: the language, the rhythms, the movement, the sheer number of people pressed in close.

Then it was time for Holy Communion.

In that church, they receive from a common cup. If you know me at all, you know this was a moment of spiritual growth and personal anxiety. I'm not used to drinking after other people. I can be a bit of a germaphobe. And as the line moved forward—hundreds of people—my mind started doing what minds do: calculating risk, rehearsing excuses, drafting a polite “pretend sip.”

And then I ended up at the end of the line. Last.

I had already decided: I'll take the bread, I'll lift the cup, I'll act like I drank, and I'll move on. No harm, no foul.

But when the priest came to me, he didn't leave room for my quiet halfway version of obedience. He tipped the cup—and poured that wine down my throat like he meant it. I nearly choked. I nearly drowned.

And in the startled, laughing, coughing moment of it, I had a sudden, bracing thought: **Well... I'm all in now.** Not just in the cup, but in the call. Because that's what the Spirit

does with Communion when we stop treating it like a religious accessory and receive it as a real encounter: it pulls us into a life we can't control from a safe distance. It draws us into Christ's self-giving love—into a faith that isn't cautious and curated, but committed.

In Soweto, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit—not as a warm idea, but as a living summons: to new life, to costly love, to justice that is more than a slogan, to discipleship that does not stand at the edge of the line pretending.

This is what we say at the table, whether we realize it or not: **I am all in.**

So here's my invitation for this new year: join me in being all in. Not in perfection—none of us have that. But in wholeheartedness. In showing up. In praying like we mean it. In giving like we trust God. In serving like love is real. In standing with those who are hurting, marginalized, or dismissed. In being a church that follows Jesus without keeping one hand on the door.

Let's be all in—together.

Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz
 Senior Pastor

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENSACON SUNDAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 22 | The Upper Room

As Pensacon weekend brings thousands of visitors to our campus, we're leaning into the joy and hospitality of the moment with Pensacon Sunday during ICON worship. On Sunday morning, February 22, we're inviting our ICON community to dress up in Star Wars-themed costumes (family-friendly encouraged!) and welcoming Pensacon attendees to join us for worship just as they are—costumes included. We will also begin a new sermon series called Made for Wonder that focuses on Genesis 1 & 2 and the story of creation as told through the eight faceted-glass windows in The Upper Room. While the themed worship experience will take place in ICON only, we want everyone who steps onto our campus that morning to feel genuinely welcomed and included.

Whether you're here for worship, volunteering, or passing through as part of the Pensacon weekend, First Church is a place of hospitality, curiosity, and open doors. Pensacon Sunday is a reminder that church can be joyful, approachable, and rooted in connection—meeting people where they are and inviting them into something meaningful. See [page 8](#) for more information on how to get involved!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
CANNED FOOD
DRIVE
FEBRUARY 8

The Youth are hosting their annual SOUPER Bowl Sunday and this year's collection will go to support Serving the Hungry. Please bring all canned goods to the church where the Youth will be to collect them around campus.

Most Needed Items:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables
(PLEASE NO SOUP)



FAT
SUNDAY

CELEBRATION & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 15 | 9:00 - 11:00am | Gym

Come join your church family for a fun pancake breakfast with assorted toppings and bacon as we prepare for the season of Lent. This church-wide event will have beads, moon pies, and jazz music!

FREE - No Reservations Required

Burning of the Palms

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 10:45AM
FRONT OF SANCTUARY

Join us for a brief service to prepare for the coming Lenten Season. We will burn the palm branches used at last year's Palm Sunday service, and the ashes will be used to mark the crosses on our foreheads in the Ash Wednesday service.



DINNER • ADULT STUDY • AGE GROUPS • CHOIR

MIDWEEK

at First Church

FIND COMMUNITY HERE!

Wednesdays | January 7 - February 11

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:

February 4: Spinach Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert

February 11: Red Beans, Sausage, and Rice, Cornbread Biscuit, Salad, and Dessert

PASTOR'S MID-WEEK LECTIONARY STUDY

Wednesdays, through February 11 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | The Wright Place

Join Pastors Geoffrey, Brennan, and Emily for a six-week lectionary-based Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Each week, we'll take a conversational look at the Scripture passage that will be preached the following Sunday, offering space for reflection, questions, and deeper understanding.

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.

MID-WEEK PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS & STUDENTS

FIRST KIDS: MID-WEEK

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.

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.

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.



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, February 18 - March 20 | 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:

February 18: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

February 25: Chicken and Sausage Creole, Cole Slaw, Bread, and Dessert

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18

Make a commitment to observe a holy Lent and attend one of the 3 Ash Wednesday services at First Church on February 18. Receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead, a symbol that causes us to remember our mortality and need for repentance.

MORNING SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 | 7:30am (15-min) | Chapel

Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of the ashes, designed especially for those who need a service before school or work. We will have a short message by Rev. Brennan Peacock.

and flexible space for those who are unable to sit through a typical worship service. We will have a sermon by Rev. Brennan and music by our Music Ministry.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 | 6:00pm | Main Sanctuary

The traditional service will have a sermon by Rev. Emily Kincaid and music led by the Sanctuary Choir. *Please note that there will not be any children's programming in the evening, however, the nursery will be available for infants - 5 years old. We encourage the whole family to attend the service together!*

NOON SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 | 12:00pm (30-min) | The Upper Room

In connection with our Respite Ministry, we are offering an accessible 30-minute Ash Wednesday service. This service is open to the community and will offer a judgment-free, safe,

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25 | 6:00 - 6:45pm | Main Sanctuary

Each of these special Lenten services features a guest speaker from around the Alabama - West Florida Conference as well as music by our Music Ministry. *Stay tuned for more information about our March guest speakers.*



February 25: **The Rev. Dan Baughman**

Panhandle Regional Cultivator for New Ministry Strategies, AWFUMC and Senior Pastor of St. Mark UMC, Pensacola



LENT FOR KIDS

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25 | 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.

SERVE TOGETHER

FUMC PENSACOLA

As we continue into our Founders' Year, we are leaning into a renewed way of naming how ministry happens at First Church: Serve Together.

Serve Together is more than a single Sunday or a one-time emphasis. It is a reframing of how we approach service and ministry as a congregation. From the earliest days of this church, ministry has moved forward through people who noticed real needs, stepped in faithfully, and invited others to serve alongside them. That spirit continues today.

On Sunday, February 8, you will receive two resources designed to help you take the next step:

- A **Serve Together booklet** outlining the many ways you can get plugged in through service across the ministries of First Church
- A removable **Immediate Needs insert** highlighting where help is needed right now to keep ministry moving forward

The Immediate Needs list is active and ongoing. As needs change, new opportunities will be added and others may rotate off. The most up-to-date list as well as our Serve Together Booklet will always be available at FUMCPensacola.com/Serve.

When real needs are named, this congregation has always responded with generosity and faithfulness. Thank you for continuing to step in and serve together.

NEXT STEPS:

For Those Wanting to Serve

1. Read through the Immediate Needs list to see where help is needed right now at First Church.
2. Choose an opportunity that fits your availability and interests.
3. Reach out to the ministry leader to get started.

For Those Currently Serving

1. Invite someone to serve alongside you.
2. Reach out to the ministry leader so we can support you and stay connected.

Serve Together isn't about filling a role—it's about showing up, inviting others, and continuing the shared work God is doing among us. We are grateful for all the members who serve in different ways and invite others to join them, reminding us that ministry is lived out together.



Meet Angela and Eric Weatherford.

Angela serves as an ESE Department Staffing Specialist with Escambia County Public Schools, and Eric serves our community as a United States Postal Service mail carrier.

At First Church: they serve together in the Consulate Café on Sunday mornings and during special events, creating a warm, welcoming space through hospitality and coffee.



Meet Cody Titus.

Cody is a Paralegal & Office Administrator in the Office of General Counsel at the University of West Florida.

At First Church: Cody serves with the Youth Ministry on Sundays and Wednesday nights, chaperones trips like Choir Tour and Wilderness Trail, and serves in the sound booth. Cody also helps with Children's Ministries during special events and Community Days, and serves on the 2026 Lay Leadership Committee.



Meet Paula Harris.

Paula is a retired Speech Language Staffing Specialist with the Escambia County School District.

At First Church: Paula serves dinner on Wednesday nights, teaches Elementary Sunday School, participates in Story Time at MCA, sings second soprano in the Sanctuary Choir, serves on the Finance and Missions Committees, volunteers at Community Day, is part of the Care Delivery Team, and volunteers with United Ministries.



Meet Morgan Gibowski.

Morgan is a stay-at-home mom to three daughters.

At First Church: Morgan helps coordinate Community Day events and activities, serves on the Night to Shine Board and participates in the event each year, and serves on the Children's Ministry Council, helping create meaningful experiences for families and children.



Meet Parker Chaudron.

Parker is a financial advisor and local business owner in Pensacola.

At First Church: Parker serves as an usher in the 8:30 Main Sanctuary service, a role he has faithfully held since 1987, first serving under the late George Olliff. His long-term service reflects a steady presence that has welcomed generations into worship.



Meet Kari Barlow.

Kari is a freelance writer and editor and also works as a pet sitter.

At First Church: Kari helps serve in Ruth's Kitchen, serves on Church Council, and is a member of the General Church and Society Committee, offering both hands-on support and thoughtful leadership.



Meet Gloria Holcombe.

Gloria is a retired Escambia County school teacher and talented local artist. Gloria creates and sells her artwork throughout the community.

At First Church: Gloria serves as Head Library Volunteer in the Wesley Wacob Library and greets alongside her husband, Don, at the 8:30 am Main Sanctuary service, offering warmth and hospitality each Sunday.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

WELCOMES **PENSACON**

PENSACON is coming back to First Church!

February 20-22 we will be hosting thousands of Pensacon visitors from the greater Pensacola area and beyond. Founded in 2013, Pensacon is the premiere comic book and pop up culture convention serving Pensacola and the Gulf Coast. Celebrities from television, movies, and pop culture will be on hand to have discussion panels and meet with their fans. First Church staff and members are excited to extend our hands and reach out into the community again, as last year we welcomed over 5,000 guests on campus.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FROM FIRST CHURCH!

Some of our ministries, including Missions, Youth, and Youth Choir, are selling parking and concessions. There are two ways you can significantly help our ministries, as well as our outreach to our community:



1) volunteer to be a greeter, concessions worker, or parking attendant (and several pre-Pensacon prep shift) by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code.



2) volunteer to provide some of the concessions we will sell by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code.

To fill every volunteer worker slot, we need 148 FUMC members to sign up! To fill every concession donation slot, we need 116 donations! This is one of the most ambitious volunteer undertakings of the year, and we need YOU!



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, March 7 | 8:00am - 1:00pm
Registration Opens Wednesday, February 18



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:

Denise Russell on the death of her mother, **Barbara Hubbard**.

CELEBRATIONS

Ruby Seacrest (12th grade WHS), who has been nominated for the Women's Empowerment Award in the Youth Women in Leadership award for her work with Change Makers.

The DuDads are a band made up of FUMC Dads (Parker Payne, Kevin Vitale, William Griffin) who have been performing at our community day and even a fraternity party in Mobile. The DuDads have graciously given all their proceeds, over \$1000, to the FUMC Weekend Feeding Kids Program. Thank you, DuDads!

BAPTISMS

Jayveon English was baptized on January 18, 2026.

NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Leake

BIRTHS

The birth of **Annie Jo Truncale** on January 26, 2026. Annie Jo is the daughter of Christine and Joseph Truncale.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

January 4: Given in loving memory of **Ben Paramore** by Susan Paramore.

Arrangements are available for purchase on February 15 and 22 as well as March 1, 8, 15, and 29.

THE LIVING TRUST JANUARY 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).**

IN MEMORY OF:

Sue Thomas
For the Children's Ministries
By Frank and Mary Willis
By Lou and Holly Pierce
By Lisa Ihns
By Faye McNeal

IN HONOR OF:

Lora Millard
For the Children's Ministries
By Vesta Jones

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

KIDCONNECT (FOR K-5TH GRADE)

*Wednesdays, through April 8
3:00 - 5:15pm | Start in Wesley Abbey
[Click HERE to Register](#)*

All children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join us for KidConnect, our midweek connection time filled with worship, classes, and choir! Each week from 3:00–4:25pm, kids will gather for worship, enjoy their selected classes, and connect with friends. From 4:30–5:15pm, children may participate in our Elementary Choir/Music program.

When registering, kids will choose from a variety of class options, with more details available during registration. Parents may drop off children in Wesley Hall and pick up at 5:15pm in the Activities Center. Families are then invited to Family Dinner from 5:15–6:00pm. From 6:00–7:00pm, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun in the gym.

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

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

After dinner, this Wednesday evening program is a great time of fellowship and faith building for Pre-

schoolers 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.

LENT FOR KIDS

*Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25
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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

The traditional service will have a sermon by Rev. Emily Kincaid and music led by the Sanctuary Choir. Please note that there will not be any children's programming that evening and we encourage the whole family to attend the service together! The nursery will be available for infants - 5 years old.

MOMS COFFEE BREAK

*Friday, February 20 | 3:30 - 5:00pm
Starbucks, 501 E Gregory St*

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

CHILL TIME

*Monday, February 23 | 3:15 - 4:15pm
Cordova Mall Food Court*

A time for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to gather in fellowship and learn about their bibles. Remember to bring your bibles and money for a treat! Reoccurring every Monday through March 30th (We will not have on March 16 while on Spring Break).

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

FIRST STUDENTS: MID-WEEK

*Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00pm
Youth Building*

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

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 8

Bring your canned goods to support Serve the Hungry for our annual canned food drive! Youth will be standing at donation boxes all over campus on Sunday morning. Current ministry needs are: Canned Vegetables & Canned Tomatoes. Please NO SOUP.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

Students are invited to join us at the various services throughout the day. This will kick-off a youth Lenten series where we will be going through the concept of the stations of the cross leading up to Easter.

PENSACON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

February 20 - 22

Youth are invited to sign up as volunteers in various roles for PensaCon this year. This weekend is made possible by volunteers of all ages as we host thousands on our campus. See [page 8](#) for more info.

FIRST STUDENTS CONT.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Friday, Feb 27 - Sunday, Mar 1

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Youth in the 6th grade confirmation class are encouraged to sign up for the Bishop's confirmation retreat. We will also need a parent chaperone. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Rev. Heather Nysewander at hnysewander@fumcpensacola.com. For students not in 6th grade who would like to attend, this event is open to anyone from grades 6 - 12.

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.

Jennifer Piver

Director of Senior Adult Ministries
JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com

LUNCH OUT - CACTUS FLOWER CAFE' / 12TH AVENUE

Thursday, February 12 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register by Feb 10](#)

Join us for our monthly lunch outing with friends. We will gather at Cactus Flower Cafe' for fellowship and California Style Mexican Cuisine. Enjoy a delicious lunch made with a fusion of fresh ingredients, family recipes and love. Feel free to bring a friend.

MOVIE & POPCORN - THELMA

Tuesday, February 17 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | *The Wright Place* | \$5

[Click HERE to Register by Feb 15](#)

Lights, Camera, Popcorn! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and watch the Action/Comedy movie, *Thelma*. When 93 year-old *Thelma*

Post gets deceived by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. Popcorn and snacks will be served. Feel free to bring a friend.

SILVER & GOLD - ALLEN POTE & ILA BROWN

Thursday, February 26 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | *The Wright Place* | \$10

[Click HERE to Register by Feb 22](#)

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, lunch and entertainment with friends. It will include a delicious meal provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with folk tunes and hymns performed by Allen Pote and Ila Brown. Allen Pote is a widely renowned sacred music composer and has received numerous commissions for his works. He is also a former Music Director of First Church and co-founder, with his wife Susan, of Pensacola Children's Chorus. Ila Brown, well known piano accompanist and teacher in the Pensacola area, will accompany Allen Pote. Doors open at 10:30am.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am

Church Library

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

GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm

Grand Monday Nights is a free weekly webinar to help you grow as a Christian grandparent. In these webinars, you'll get practical ideas and information on grandparenting, learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith and overcome obstacles,

and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition. Register at legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights.

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).

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

FEBRUARY 4

Spinach Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert

FEBRUARY 11

Red Beans, Sausage, and Rice, Cornbread Biscuit, Salad, Dessert

FEBRUARY 18

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

FEBRUARY 25

Chicken and Sausage Creole, Cole Slaw, Bread, and Dessert

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

YOUTH CHOIR

Sundays at 4:30pm

Regular rehearsals on Feb. 1 & 15, but no rehearsals on Feb. 8 (Super Bowl) & 22 (Pensacon).

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Ash Wednesday, February 18

You sing for the 6pm Ash Wednesday Service. Warm up at 5:35pm. No rehearsal afterwards. Rehearsals will begin at 6:45pm for the following Lent Wednesdays.

RESPIRE

Kirstin Norris
Respite Director
KNorris@FUMCPensacola.com

Respite ministry is proud to announce the opening of the First Church Care Partner Center. The Center will provide vital resources to caregivers of loved ones enrolled in Respite and allow them a space to relax during Respite hours. Along with these resources, a monthly guest will provide an education workshop for care givers.

As always, we are continually seeking new volunteers to join our ministry and pour into the lives of those living with dementia. Volunteers are the life force of Respite and we want you to join in on the fun! Email Respite Director Kirstin Gartner to learn more about how to get involved with our ministry at kgartner@fumcpensacola.com.

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

SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT:

JOE HARRELL BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

*2nd & 4th Wednesdays | Noon | \$10
The Wright Place, Dining Hall*

Looking to grow spiritually, understand God's Word more fully, and be in fellowship with other men? If so, the Joe Harrell Men's Bible Study Lunch may be for you. This small group meets twice a month for lunch and informal discussion. Lunch is \$10, with your first lunch free. Founded over 50 years ago by longtime FUMC leader and local attorney Joe Harrell, this group has a rich history of gathering men around Scripture and fellowship. Today, the group is sponsored by United Methodist Men and continues to welcome new participants. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the group studies the Lectionary Scriptures used in Sunday worship; often the same texts preached from the pulpit, allowing members to reflect more deeply together in an open, conversational setting. As one member says, "Fellowship is the reason I come." Questions? Call or text Frank Brown (850-361-9098), Tim Price-Williams (850-572-6516), or Dixon Moseley (850-501-8665).

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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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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