





Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Today we step into **Founders' Year 2026—All of us, sent again.** I can think of no better way to begin than with Jesus' own words to his followers: he gathers us and he sends us (Luke 9–10). He gives power and

authority for good, tells us to travel light, to lead with peace, and to say wherever we go, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." That is our calling in 2026. That is our identity.

This year is a holy hinge for First Church. In 1821, the Rev. Dr. Alexander Talley was sent to plant a Methodist mission in Pensacola. We are his heirs, but more than that, we are his partners across time. We are not curators of a museum; we are stewards of a mission. Our buildings are beautiful and our history is long, but the point has never been a monument; the point has always been movement—people formed in worship and sent in love.

In just days we will relaunch **ICON** in the Upper Room of the Consulate. Yes, the room is stunning—star-map ceiling, new windows (half of them are installed, the rest will be complete by Easter), and all the tools we need to proclaim the gospel clearly—but the real beauty will be lives awakened to Christ and sent to serve in his name. Later this year, we will open the **Beulah Chapel** campus with worship and preschool, planting a community of prayer, learning, and welcome in a growing part of our region. These are not projects for their own sake. They are instruments of blessing, ways we say to our neighbors with our words and with our lives, "Peace to this house... the kingdom of God has come near."

I want to begin this year with a confession and a commitment. The confession: last fall, when I looked at the scope of this vision,

doubts tried to crowd in—Will it work? Will people come? Do we have enough? The Spirit interrupted me with a simple question: "**Did I send you, or not?**" If the Lord sends, he also supplies. That is enough for me. Which leads to my commitment: I am all in. I am praying, giving, inviting, and serving with fresh courage this year. I believe God is doing something beautiful among us for the sake of Pensacola.

So how do we live this together? We start close to home. We worship faithfully, receive Holy Communion gratefully, and let Scripture set our pace. We make room in our pews, at our tables, and in our schedules. We carry Christ's peace into our daily rounds—classrooms and clinics, jobsites and offices, ball fields and coffee shops. We bless before we argue. We listen before we speak. We trust that the same Spirit who sent the Twelve and the seventy-two is sending us—women and men, younger and older, every gift needed for the work.

I believe the 1821 mission is alive in 2026. I believe Jesus intends to go to places in our city where pain and isolation have lingered, and that he is sending us ahead to prepare the way. I believe Pensacola will see and hear good news through the witness of this church. And I believe you have a part that only you can play. Happy New Year, First Church. Let's walk into it together—with courage, with joy, and with the blessing of the Lord on our lips. **All of us, sent again.**

Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz  
*Senior Pastor*

## PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMBINED EPIPHANY SERVICE

**Sunday, January 4 | 8:30 & 11:00am | Main Sanctuary**

We will have two services at 8:30 and 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary. Please note that our ICON service will combine at 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary.

### COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

**Sunday, January 18 | 9:45 - 10:45am**

**The Lower Sanctuary, Hospitality Suite**

This small gathering is a chance for all those interested in joining First Church to get to know each other, ask questions of our clergy and to find out more about the missions and ministries of First United Methodist Church of Pensacola. Contact Lacey Adair [LAdair@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:LAdair@fumcpensacola.com) for more information.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed **January 19** for Martin Luther King Holiday.

### LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

**Sunday, January 25 | Noon | The Wright Place, Great Hall**

This luncheon is held at the beginning of each year for all executive committees (Church Council, Finance, Laity, Trustees, Staff Parish)

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Sunday, January 25 | 1:30pm**

**The Wright Place, Great Hall**

Following the Leadership Luncheon on January 25, we will have our first Church Council meeting of the year.



## TRADITION RICH • MODERN WORSHIP

For nearly seventeen years, ICON has been an important part of the worshiping life of the First United Methodist Church of Pensacola. It has helped shape who we are as a congregation and how we welcome people into a life of faith rooted in tradition and engaged with the present.

On **Sunday, January 11 at 11:00am**, ICON begins a new season as it **relaunches in its new home, the Upper Room**. This move is more than a change of location. It is a renewal—an opportunity to recommit ourselves to worship that is both historic and alive today, and to share that worship with others who may be seeking a place to belong.

ICON follows the ancient pattern of Christian worship through Scripture, prayer, proclamation, and Holy Communion, while music and visual elements reflect contemporary expression. For many, ICON has been a place where liturgy feels accessible, questions are welcomed, and faith is deepened through community and shared participation.

The Upper Room is designed for this kind of worship. Surrounded by stained-glass windows and gathered beneath a star-filled ceiling, worshipers enter a space shaped by beauty, symbolism, and light—inviting reverence, reflection, and shared praise. It is a space created to serve both a beloved worshiping community and those who may be stepping into this kind of worship for the first time.

*ICON is led by Rev. Brennan Peacock and supported by a dedicated team of clergy, musicians, artists, and volunteers. As ICON enters this new season, there will be new opportunities to serve—from welcoming guests to supporting worship through technology and the arts. If you are interested in being part of the ICON team, please email [ICON@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:ICON@FUMCPensacola.com).*

January 11 is a meaningful moment for our entire church. For those who regularly worship at ICON, this is a long-awaited homecoming—your presence helps set the tone for worship and welcome. For others across our congregation, this relaunch is an opportunity to support ICON by inviting friends, praying for those who will attend, and helping ensure that guests and seekers have room to experience the service in a way that feels open and unhurried.

This relaunch also gives us an opportunity to practice the radical hospitality we have been exploring as a church—to go beyond being friendly by noticing those around us, making room for others, and helping everyone feel seen and included. A smile, an introduction, or a few intentional minutes with someone new can help make our church feel like home.

We invite everyone to hold this relaunch in prayer and to consider how God might use this moment—whether through presence, invitation, or hospitality—to extend Christ's welcome in a new space and a new season.

**RELAUNCH SUNDAY**  
**January 11, 2026 | 11:00am**  
**The Upper Room**



Visit **FUMCPensacola.com/ICON** for more information.

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**

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, \$27/Family Max.

## **MENUS:**

**January 7 (FREE): Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert**

**January 14: Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad, Yeast Rolls, and Dessert**

**January 21: Baked Pork Chops, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Cornbread, and Dessert**

**January 28: Chili, Grilled Cheese, Salad, and Dessert**

## **PASTOR'S MID-WEEK LECTORY STUDY**

**Wednesdays, January 7 - 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 (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.

### **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.

# Kid CONNECT

*Wednesday Small Group Program for Children*

All children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join us for KidConnect, our midweek connection time filled with worship, classes, and choir!

## 3:00 - 3:30pm | Chapel

Kids will meet for worship with Mrs. Lisa in Wesley Hall

## 3:30 - 4:25pm | Classes

Enjoy our fun classes and connect with friends. More info upon registration.

- Big Games
- Discovery Lab
- Crafty Corner
- Sewing (limited class; preference given to 3rd–5th graders)
- Bey Blades & Board Game

## 4:30 - 5:15pm | Children's Choir

*Led by Mr. Rick and Ms. Heidi*

Students who love to sing and would like to participate in our Christmas musical are invited to stay and participate in our Children's Choirs.

## 5:15pm | Pick Up

Please pick your child up in the the Activities Center.

Families are 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. (See First Kids: Midweek for more details.)

**Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to register.**



# JOURNEY TO THE MANGER Epiphany Concert

**TUES, JAN 6 | 7:00PM | MAIN SANCTUARY**

Join us on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary at First United Methodist Church of Pensacola for a very special last concert of the season, "Journey to the Manger". A love offering will be taken. Proceeds go to the FUMC Music Ministry



### FEATURING

Libby Kephart Hargrave, Mitzi Holt, Laura M. Young, Sam Waite, Ty LoVette, Heidi Branch, Jennifer DelGallo Taylor, Rick Branch with Zoe Hoffman, Neko Yotov, Vivian Simmons, Mary Foster Leidner

### AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Jordan Benson and Grant Schmidt

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

# Night of the Classics

**FRI JAN 23<sup>RD</sup>** **6:00PM**      **SAT JAN 24<sup>TH</sup>** **5:00PM**

The NEW Upper Room at First United Methodist Church      Featuring Music from the **>>> 1950's - 1980's**

**Tickets Available Now!      \$30 DONATION**



## **GREAT NIGHT. GREAT CAUSE. NEW SPACE!**

Night of the Classics returns this January—and this time, we're excited to welcome guests into the **newly renovated Upper Room**. This special evening will be both a beloved fundraiser and a first opportunity for many to experience one of First Church's newest and most beautiful gathering spaces.

Guests will enjoy a three-course meal while our "classic" acts take the stage in full costume, performing favorite hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. With live music, laughter, and nostalgia throughout the night, Night of the Classics is a wonderful date night or friends' night out—all while supporting the Church in Tanzania. Musicians will be members and friends of First United Methodist Church.



## **SHOW DATES AND TIMES:**

**Friday, January 23 | 6:00pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)**

**Saturday, January 24 | 5:00pm (doors open at 4:30 pm)**

Shows last between 2 and 2.5 hours. Saturday's earlier start time is ideal for families and those who prefer an earlier evening, and childcare will be available on Saturday only.

**Tickets are \$30 per person** and include dinner and the show. To purchase tickets, visit the Church Office, **scan the QR code above**, or visit the church's website at [FUMCPensacola.com/NightOfTheClassics](http://FUMCPensacola.com/NightOfTheClassics).

Night of the Classics also serves as a showcase of the Upper Room—a newly renovated space designed for worship, music, and community gatherings. Whether this is your first time seeing it or your first time seeing it come alive with dinner and live music, we think you'll be inspired.

All proceeds from the evening benefit our congregation's mission partnership with Nyegezi UMC in Tanzania, supporting vital ministry and future mission 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.

If you purchased tickets for the originally scheduled Night of the Classics, **your tickets will be honored** for the January shows.

To help us with seating and planning in the Upper Room, please email [info@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:info@fumcpensacola.com) or contact the church office to:

- Confirm that you plan to attend, and
- Let us know which night you would like to attend (Friday or Saturday)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

# [un]plugged WOMEN'S RETREAT

**FRI, FEB 27 - SAT, FEB 28, 2026**  
**EMBASSY SUITES, DESTIN-MIRAMAR BEACH**



Join us for Unplugged, 2026 Women's Retreat, February 27 – 28. Step away from the noise and reconnect with what matters most. Unplugged is a refreshing, 24 hour, women's retreat hosted by First United Methodist Church of Pensacola, offering space to rest, reflect, and renew your heart through intentional time with God. We welcome, guest speaker, Reverend Lynn Kilbourne.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES & LODGING**

**Step 1:** Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/WomensRetreat](http://FUMCPensacola.com/WomensRetreat) or scan QR code and fill out the FUMC online registration form. The \$85 registration fee can be paid online or via cash/check ("Women's Retreat" in the memo line).

**Step 2:** Visit [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) (with code FUM) to book a room. Cost of lodging is not included. Accommodations must be made through Embassy Suites. Hotel rooms are available for Friday and Saturday at \$139\* (discounted) nightly rate through January 28. Please note: It is the responsibility of the participant to reserve their hotel room.



#### **ABOUT OUR SPEAKER | REVEREND LYNN KILBOURNE**

As a 2006 Foundation Seminary Scholar, Lynn Kilbourne served on the Board of Directors for the Foundation before joining the MFA staff. She earned degrees from Henderson State University and Duke Divinity School, and in 2011 was ordained as a United Methodist elder in the Arkansas Conference. Rev. Kilbourne served in pastoral ministry for 12 years, as Associate Pastor of Bryant FUMC and Conway FUMC, and as Senior Pastor of North Little Rock FUMC. She serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry, is a former member of the Conference Episcopacy Committee and past chairperson of the United Methodist Clergywomen of Arkansas, has taught at the Hendrix Course of Study, and served as a delegate to the 2020/2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. She also serves as the Executive Director of the National Association of United Methodist Foundations (NAUMF). Lynn and her husband, Rev. Nathan Kilbourne, have two daughters, Eleanor and Lydia.

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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)

### KIDCONNECT (FOR K-5TH GRADE)

*Wednesdays, starting January 7  
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, including:

- Big Games
- Discovery Lab
- Crafty Corner
- Sewing (limited class; preference given to 3rd–5th graders)
- Bey Blades & Board Games

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 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.

## MOMS COFFEE BREAK

*Friday, January 16 | 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.

## 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)

## FIRST STUDENTS: MID-WEEK

*Wednesdays, Starting January 7*

*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.

## CONFIRMATION BEGINS

*Sundays, Starting January 11*

*9:45 - 10:45am | Youth Building*

The Confirmation class of 2026 will begin their journey on January 11. Lessons will continue over the course of 8 lessons, the Bishop's Confirma-

tion Retreat at Blue Lake Camp, and will conclude the Sunday before Easter. There will be a Confirmation Sunday rehearsal on Saturday, April 11 with Confirmation Sunday falling the Sunday after Easter, Sunday, April 12. If you have an questions, please reach out to Rev. Heather Nysewander at [hnysewander@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:hnysewander@fumcpensacola.com).

## PARENT MEETING

*Sunday, January 11 | 4:30 - 5:20pm  
Youth Building*

Parents of youth are invited to meet to learn what the Spring semester has in store for their youth. This meeting will take place while youth are in youth choir rehearsal, however, youth who are not in youth choir are invited to join the meeting with their parents.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS BEGIN

*Sundays, Starting January 11  
5:30 - 7:00pm | Youth Building*

Youth, 6th to 12th grade, are invited on Sunday evenings for dinner, games, learning, and Choir.

## SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

*Mondays, Starting January 12 | 7:30 - 8:00am | Panera 5091 Bayou Blvd.*

Youth, 9th to 12th grade, are invited to join us Monday mornings for breakfast and a devotional before the school day begins.

## MID-HIGH BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

*Thursdays, Starting January 15  
7:00 - 8:30am | Whataburger 417 E Gregory St.*

Youth, 6th to 8th grade, are invited to join us on Thursday mornings for breakfast and a devotional before the school day begins.

## 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)

## LUNCH OUT - SCENIC HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

*Thursday, January 8 | 11:30am*

[Click HERE to Register by January 6](#)

Join us for Lunch Out and fellowship at Scenic Hills Country Club, where tradition meets southern charm. Serving Pensacola, FL since 1958, this semi-private golf club boasts superb facilities and a warm, welcoming experience for the community. The Grille Restaurant offers a variety of savory appetizers and classic entrees.

## SILVER & GOLD - WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

*Thursday, January 15 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | The Wright Place | \$10*

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

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 a variety of drama performances, as we welcome back the talented students in the Washington High School Drama Club. Bring a Friend! Doors open at 10:30am.

## XYZ TRIP - ANOTHER BROKEN EGG & INSTITUTE OF HUMAN MACHINE COGNITION

*Tues, January 27 | 9:15am - 12:45pm*

*Church Bus Departs from FUMC at 9:15am (Limited Seating)*

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

Join us for an outing that includes fellowship, breakfast together at Another Broken Egg in their private room, and a personal tour at the Institute of Human Machine Cognition. The Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC) pioneers technologies aimed at leverag-

ing and extending human capabilities. Let's go explore their research areas to see what they're doing.

## 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](http://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. 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](mailto: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*

### JANUARY 7: FREE!

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

### JANUARY 14

Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad, Yeast Rolls, and Dessert

### JANUARY 21

Baked Pork Chops, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Cornbread, and Dessert

### JANUARY 28

Chili, Grilled Cheese, Salad, and Dessert

## CHURCH & SOCIETY

*Church and Society is the agency within the Church that educates, advocates and connects in an effort to implement the Social Principles and other policy statements of The United Methodist Church. Continually advocating with policy makers, organizing the grassroots, and educating future leaders, Church and Society works to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace.*

Dr. Rick Branch

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

## JUST PENSACOLA FUMC

### NETWORK MEETING

*Sunday, February 1 | 12:30pm*

*Wright Place*

All members of JUST Pensacola at FUMC are asked to attend our annual Network Meeting. This meeting is our opportunity to prepare for the Nehemiah Action and learn more about our work on mental health this year.

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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](mailto:EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com)

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL DAY

*Saturday, January 31 | 10:00am  
Wesley Abbey*

All women of the church are invited to our United Women in Faith Annual Day. Our guest speaker will be our own Lea Farrington! We will also install our new officers for 2026. If you are a member of a Circle or just want to see what it's about, we want to see you there.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NIGHT TO SHINE 2026: FORMAL DRESS DONATIONS NEEDED

First United Methodist Church is collecting formal dresses for our Night to Shine guests. We are especially in need of larger sizes. *Please Note: To help streamline sorting and preparation, we ask that all dress donations be brought directly to one of the drop-off locations listed below rather than to FUMC.*

#### Dress Requirements

- Must be formal
- Must be clean
- Must be on a hanger

We are unable to accept casual dresses. Please drop off donations at any of the following locations before January 4:

#### PENSACOLA

- Essentially Fit – 6707 Plantation Rd
- Everyday Nutrition – 4421 Bayou Blvd
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – 1320 Creighton Rd
- Bombshell Blowout Bar – 5555 N Davis Hwy, Ste D
- Bridal Suite – 1340 E 9 Mile Rd
- Key Nutrition – 10437 Sorrento Rd #204
- The Pink Pineapple Boutique – 2475 E 9 Mile Rd

#### GULF BREEZE

- Coastal Fitness Training – 6057 Gulf Breeze Pkwy
- Jen's Designer Deals – 360 Gulf Breeze Pkwy

#### MILTON/PACE

- Nixon's – 4847 W Spencer Field Rd

*All donated dresses will be provided to the nonprofit 4EVR Dez so our guests can select a dress at no cost.*

## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE**  
8:30 & 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary  
& ICON at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey

*stay connected*    
[fumcpensacola.com](http://fumcpensacola.com)

# 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

### Members who have died:

*We offer our christian love and sympathy to:*

**Charles Thomas, LaLa Pierce, Frances Sharp, Thomas, Gordon and Caroline Pierce** on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, **Sue Parker Thomas**. Sue died on December 4, 2025.

### Loved ones who have died:

*We offer our christian love and sympathy to:*

**Padma Odom** on the death of her father, **Mr. V. Chandrasekaran**, in India.

**Nadine Fox** on the death of her sister, **Angelina Campbell**.

## BAPTISMS

**Gwendolyn Joann Carter** daughter of Julie and Daniel Carter was baptized on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

## NEW MEMBERS

Judy Holloman

James Bowers

Shari Harrell

## CELEBRATIONS

The birth of **Corrine Marie Olliff** on December 2, 2025 to Michelle and Brett Olliff. Proud grandparents are Janet and Bob Olliff.

The birth of **Adeline Wilder** on November 26, 2025 to Eden and Zach Wilder.

Congratulations to **Carter Killingsworth and Lawson Killingsworth** on becoming Eagle Scouts.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

**December 14:** Given **in loving memory of Sue P. Thomas**, beloved wife of 57 years to Charles Gordon Thomas, Sr.; mother to Lalla Pierce (Walter), and Chip Thomas (Kristin), and Gogi to all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**December 21:** Given **in loving memory of Paulette and Christian Woodroof** by their family.

## THE LIVING TRUST DECEMBER 1 - 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 MEMORY OF:

**Tom Helms**  
By John and Sherry Hutcheson

**Sue Thomas**  
*For the Children's Ministries*

By Charles Thomas  
By George and Sue Pomeroy  
By Frederick Raby  
By Bob and Janet Olliff  
By Bob and Liz Noyes  
By Eric Smith  
By Susan and Gene Schmidt  
By The Pensacola Association of Realtors  
By Joyce and Victor Demarest  
By Kathy Cook

**Tom and Margaret Helms**  
By Julie Seabrook  
By Cyndi and Rob Hermann

**Bill Sneed**  
By Glenda Sneed Williams

**Heather Kay Faustlin**  
By Bob and Janet Olliff

**Rev. Norman G. Williams**  
By Rebecca Williams

**IN HONOR OF:**  
**Mr. Robert Walker**  
*For the Mackey Scholarship Fund*  
By Jim Fitzpatrick

**Ms. Melissa Mackey**  
*For the Mackey Scholarship Fund*  
By Jim Fitzpatrick

By Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart  
By Mrs. Sallie Brown

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