

SEASON OF

Lent

## LENT: OUR SPRINGTIME WITH GOD



Dear Friends,

One of the best clues to the meaning of Lent is hidden in the word itself. In English, Lent comes from the Old English *lencten*—a word that meant “springtime,” tied to the “lengthening” of the days. That origin matters, because

Lent is not only about what we give up. It is about what God is growing.

Lent begins in a wilderness season. It starts with ashes and honesty, with the acknowledgment that we are not self-made or self-sustaining. It begins, spiritually speaking, in late winter—when the landscape looks bare, when the air is cold, when the branches seem lifeless.

But Lent does not end in winter. Lent moves. The days lengthen. Light returns. What looks dormant begins to wake up. The church travels with Jesus from wilderness to Jerusalem, from cross to empty tomb, from death to life. Lent is a journey through the honest chill of repentance into the surprising warmth of resurrection.

That’s why an old Christian phrase calls Lent “the springtime of the soul.” Springtime is not instant. It is gradual, sometimes muddy, sometimes unpredictable. But it is real. And the point of Lent is not spiritual misery—it is spiritual renewal: hearts softened, habits pruned, prayers deepened, generosity strengthened, love restored. Lent is where God makes new life possible again.

That theme could not be more timely for us. This year at First Church, we are living into our Founders’ Year—All of Us, Sent Again. Lent is the perfect season for that. Because “sent again” does not mean we pretend the past didn’t happen. It means God gives us a new start that includes the past but is not trapped by it. It means we allow the Holy Spirit to re-form our desires, reset our priorities, and reawaken our courage.

To help us embrace this new beginning, we’re hosting special Wednesday Lenten speakers who are directly involved in church planting and revitalization—leaders who know what it looks like when God brings life where people assumed only decline was possible. Their witness will be practical, hopeful, and timely for a congregation in a fresh season of mission. Please make plans to join us. Bring a friend. Come ready to listen for what God might be stirring in you—and in us.

May God make this Lent a true springtime among us—new life in our hearts, and new mission through our church.

Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz  
*Senior Pastor*

### *inside this edition...*

**PASTOR'S LETTER**

PAGE 2

**YOUTH CHOIR FUNDRAISERS**

PAGE 7

**LENT**

PAGE 3

**HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH**

PAGE 8

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

PAGE 4

**FIRST CHURCH CARES**

PAGE 12

**HOLY WEEK**

PAGE 5

**GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**

PAGE 6

# SEASON OF *Lent.*

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

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN LENT

Wednesdays, through March 25 | 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:

March 4: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

March 11: Shepard's Pie, Irish Flag salad, Irish Soda Bread, and Dessert

March 18: Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, and Dessert

March 25: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

## 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. Nursery is available for infants up to 5 years old.



March 4: **Rev. Jennifer Precht**  
*Senior Pastor of Spring Hill Ave UMC – Mobile, AL  
and New Ministry Cultivator for the Southwest District*



MARCH 11: **Rev. Chris McCain**  
*Senior Pastor of Grace UMC – Prattville, AL, New Ministry  
Cultivator for the West-Central District, and Adjunct  
Professor of Religion at Huntingdon College*



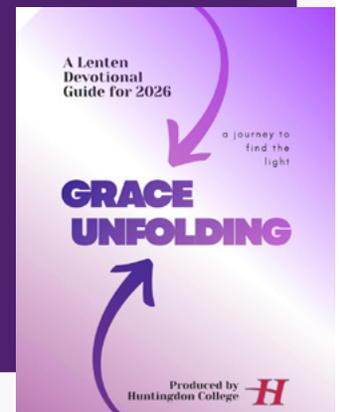
MARCH 18: **Rev. Todd Dowdy**  
*Senior Pastor of Magnolia UMC – Gulf Shores, AL*



MARCH 25: **Rev. Tony Jeck**  
*Director of the Auburn Wesley Foundation and New  
Ministry Cultivator for the Southeast District*

## DAILY READINGS

During the season of Lent, we invite everyone to join us in some daily devotions provided in our conference by our friends at Huntingdon College. The devotion book is called *Grace Unfolding: A Journey to Find the Light*. Scan QR code or visit [FUMCPensacola.com/Lent](http://FUMCPensacola.com/Lent) to view.



## 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.



# EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS

**Sunday, March 29 | Noon | Lawn**

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

*Contact Lisa Bond ([LBond@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:LBond@FUMCPensacola.com)) with any questions.*

FIRST  
KIDS

# Holy Week

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



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

HOSTED BY CENTER FOR SACRED SPACE

Tuesday, March 31 - Thursday, April 2 | 10:00am - 2:00pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm | The Upper Room

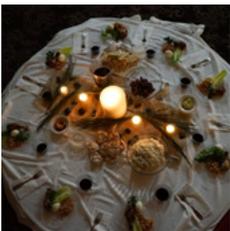
The congregation and community is invited to use this sacred space as an opportunity to focus their hearts and minds on the significance of Holy Week, as we all prepare ourselves for the coming Easter Sunday.



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

Tuesday, March 31 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Join us for a special Holy Week Concert featuring Libby Kephart Hargrave, Mitzi Presley Holt, Heidi Branch, Jennifer DelGallo Taylor, Sam Waite, Ty LoVette, Laura M. Young, Rick Branch, with Repp Weidner. A love offering will be taken for Bright Bridge Ministries.

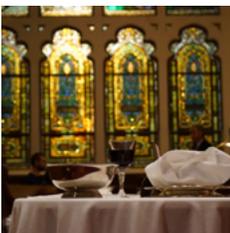


## **PASSOVER & LAST SUPPER REMEMBRANCE MEAL**

Thursday, April 2 | 5:30pm | The Wright Place

*To register, click or scan the QR code*

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



## **HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Thursday, April 2 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

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



## **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Friday, April 3 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

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



# GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

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

Join us for our annual community volunteer day, Great Day of Service as we share our hearts and hands with others in need in our community. Bring the whole family and give a Saturday to make helping others a priority. Childcare is provided for ages 5 and under however, you are welcome to bring your children with you to serve.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS & PROJECT OPTIONS

*Upon registration, please select each registrant's top two choices. If needed, your project coordinator will contact you the week of and share additional information.*

**BEULAH UMC CAMPUS:** Paint rooms on campus

**BRIGHT BRIDGE:** Assemble and install retail-style shelving units.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Yard work, organizing office spaces, and helping make a new house feel welcoming.

**HELP A SENIOR ADULT:** Assist with yard work for a senior member of our church.

**MILK-N-HONEY** Clean flower and vegetable beds, rake, fertilize, mulch, and clean out and organize the storage building.

**SERVE THE HUNGRY:** Help prepare and serve a simple meal for in need in our community.

**THRIFT STORE:** Sort, organize, and assist in the Wright Street Thrift Store.

**UNITED MINISTRIES:** Clean floors, windows, bathrooms, and help spruce up the space.

**WEEKEND KIDS FEEDING PROGRAM:** Stuff food bags for the weekend feeding program.



## 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](http://FUMCPensacola.com/Serve)) list highlighting where help is most needed right now. Our featured immediate need is:



### SERVING THE HUNGRY VOLUNTEER

Serving the Hungry is a ministry of FUMC Pensacola, which prepares and serves 100+ hot meals, along with clothing and toiletries, for those in need in our community.

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

**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](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)



**YOUTH CHOIR TOUR FUNDRAISER  
DINNER & CHURCH-WIDE TALENT**

**SHOW**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27  
5:30-7:30PM**

Here's a chance to share your talent or just come enjoy dinner and a show while supporting this youth choir tour fundraiser. *Dinner will start in the Wesley Hall at 5:30pm with the show starting at 6:30pm in The Upper Room. Cost of dinner is \$10/adult and \$4/child.*

To sign up to be in the show, contact  
Rick Branch at [RBranch@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:RBranch@fumcpensacola.com)



**FUMC YOUTH CHOIR SPIRIT NIGHT  
AT TIJUANA FLATS**

*Monday, March 9 | 5:00 - 8:00pm | Bayou Blvd.*

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising at Tijuana Flats! Come anytime between 5:00 and 8:00pm, enjoy a meal, and support the First United Methodist Church Youth Choir. How it works: Just mention FUMC Youth Choir at checkout — or use promo code SPNT124 when ordering online, curbside, or delivery — and 20% of your purchase will go directly toward supporting our Youth Choir. Bring your family, invite friends, and enjoy great food while helping our students raise money for Choir Tour!

# 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, 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.

### LENT FOR KIDS

*Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25*  
6:00pm | Start in 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.

### MOMS COFFEE BREAK

*Friday, March 6 | 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 KIDS: PALM SUNDAY PARADE & FAMILY HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

*Sunday, March 29 | 9:45 - 10:45am*

All children and parents are invited to participate in this special Palm Sunday event! We will go on a parade through the church halls, then over to Wesley Haven. After our parade, we will all go into the Great Hall for an interactive Holy Week experience. Parents will drop off children in their normal Sunday School room and then line up on the 2nd floor catwalk in the gym.

### EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS

*Sunday, March 29 | Noon | Lawn*

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

### CHILL TIME

*Mondays, through March 30 | 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! *We will not meet on March 16 while on Spring Break.*

### SAVE THE DATE

**First Kids Summer Camp**  
*March 27 - August 7*

Church member registration opens Wednesday, March 11 at [FUMCPensacola.com/SummerCamp](https://fumcpensacola.com/SummerCamp).

### Vacation Bible School

*May 31 - June 4*

Stay tuned for more information!

## 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 RALLY

*March 24 | 6:00pm*  
*The Upper Room*

Join us for an inspiring evening focused on justice, unity, and meaningful local change. The Rally will highlight the work our Mental Health Research Committee is doing to address issues in Pensacola and will energize us for the upcoming Nehemiah Action. Whether you're already involved as a Network Member or just beginning to learn about JUST Pensacola, this is a great opportunity to connect, get informed, and stand together for a more equitable future.

## 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.*

Denise Van Atta  
Interim Student Ministries Director  
[DVanAtta@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:DVanAtta@fumcpensacola.com)

### ESCAMBIA SPRING BREAK

*March 15 - March 21*

There will not be Confirmation class on March 15 but we will be back for our final class on Sunday, March 22. While Sunday school will still be held on March 15, there will be no youth choir, no evening youth, no Bible studies, and no mid-week programming.

### DOWNTOWN SCAVENGER HUNT

*Sunday, March 22 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Youth Ministries Building*  
Get ready for our annual scavenger hunt! After dinner, we will be breaking into groups, seeking the items on the list. We will need chaperones to drive. You know you want to be here! Pictures will be taken so bring those happy faces!

### MARCH STUDIES FOR YOUTH:

**Monday Senior High Panera Bible Study:** Youth, 9th to 12th grade, are invited to join us Monday mornings for breakfast and a devotional before the school day begins.

**Wednesday Night:** We will begin our Wednesday Lenten study, i Pray. We will focus on what prayer is and what it means to us.

**Thursday Mid High Bagel Head Morning Bible Study:** Sixth through eighth grade are invited to join me at Bagel Heads on Thursday mornings at 7:00 am. We will look at the parables that Jesus taught.

**Sunday School:** We will begin the Affirm curriculum. Affirm is a 6 week study exploring what it means

to affirm their belief in God by living their faith. The goal of these lessons is to help faith practices become a normal part of their everyday lives. Mr. Rick will lead senior high and Cam Johnson will lead middle school.

**Sunday Evening:** We will begin a four week series on the teachings of Jesus. This week we'll be looking at the stories of people who had to overcome doubts, fears and questions to better know Jesus. In this session, the students will explore the importance of taking risks in their faith. We will focus on John 20:27-28.

### FUMC YOUTH CHOIR SPIRIT NIGHT AT TIJUANA FLATS

*Monday, March 9 | 5:00 - 8:00pm  
Tijuana Flats on Bayou Blvd.*

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising at Tijuana Flats! Come anytime between 5:00 and 8:00pm, enjoy a meal, and support the First United Methodist Church Youth Choir. How it works: Just mention FUMC Youth Choir at checkout — or use promo code SPNT124 when ordering online, curbside, or delivery — and 20% of your purchase will go directly toward supporting our Youth Choir. Bring your family, invite friends, and enjoy great food while helping our students raise money for Choir Tour!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

First United Methodist Church of Pensacola is committed to encouraging youth who are active members of our congregation in higher education. Generous donors within our congregation have established scholarships to provide financial support and encouragement to students during their college career. The church awards scholarships in various amounts in August of each year to undergraduate and seminary students with priority given to graduating high school seniors.



Some of the scholarships have specific requirements that also must be followed. Applications must be submitted by March 31 at [FUMCPensacola.com/Scholarships](http://FUMCPensacola.com/Scholarships). The committee makes selections in April and the scholarships are awarded at the Senior Breakfast in May. Additional scholarships can be found through the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Foundation ([alwfumf.org](http://alwfumf.org) and [gbhem.org/scholarshipsapplication](http://gbhem.org/scholarshipsapplication)).

## 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*

### MARCH 4

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

### MARCH 11

Shepard's Pie, Irish Flag salad, Irish Soda Bread, and Dessert

### MARCH 18

Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, and Dessert

### MARCH 25

Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

## 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 OF FAITH: PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL March 31 | 9:30am and 5:00pm The Consulate

As part of our Holy Week observance, United Women of Faith has planned a Prayer and Self-Denial event using the Stations of the Cross to guide our reflections. This will be a meaningful opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and prayerful connection. You are invited to share this experience with our sisters of United Women in Faith in gathering for a time of fellowship and prayer prior to entering the Labyrinth. The Labyrinth will be held in the Upper Room in the Consulate — a beautiful and sacred space in which to walk through the Stations of the Cross.

To make this opportunity accessible to as many members as possible, we will offer two gathering times:

- 1) 9:30am: Gather in Consulate Cafe; 10:00am: Enter the Labyrinth
  - 2) 5:00pm: Gather in Consulate Cafe; 5:30pm: Enter the Labyrinth
- Light refreshments will be provided at each gathering. We encourage all members to RSVP at [fumcpensacola.uwfaith.com](http://fumcpensacola.uwfaith.com).

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

### CONCERT - THE LEGENDS SHOW A TRIBUTE TO THE OLDIES

Tuesday, March 10 | 11:00am  
The Wright Place

[Click HERE to register by March 8](#)



The Legends Show features award-winning husband and wife vocalists, Stacy and Gina Cooper, from Chattanooga, Tennessee. This high-energy, unforgettable performance brings legendary music to life with stunning tributes to Frank Sinatra, Patsy Cline, Dean Martin, Etta James, Elvis, Louis Armstrong, Tammy Wynette, Kenny & Dolly, Barbara Mandrell, Olivia Newton John, Otis Redding, Joe Cocker, and many more. Audiences usually laugh while being swept away by powerful vocals, heartfelt moments, and memories that span generations. They have performed over 6700 Concerts in 23 years so grab a friend and help welcome them to First Church! Light refreshments will be provided.

### LUNCH OUT - HOT SPOT BARBECUE

Thursday, March 12 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to register by March 10](#)



Join us for a special lunch outing with friends. We will gather at Hot Spot Barbeque with down-to-earth dining and award-winning barbeque. Hot Spot Barbecue's menu is packed with mouthwatering classics like fall-off-

the-bone ribs, tender pulled pork, smoked chicken, and juicy brisket—slow-cooked over hardwood for that authentic flavor. Don't forget their fan-favorite sides like baked beans, coleslaw, mac and cheese, and cornbread. Every plate is crafted with care, smoked to perfection and served with southern love.

### GAME DAY

Tuesday, March 17 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | The Wright Place

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



Do you enjoy playing games or want to learn how to play a new game? We are excited to begin "Game Day" where you can choose from a variety of games to play such as Dominoes, Yahtzee, Chess and more! Did you know that playing games boost cognitive health, improve memory, reduce stress and foster social connections? Light refreshments will be provided.

### SILVER & GOLD: PENSACOLA OPERA JAN MILLER STUDIO ARTISTS

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

[Click HERE to register by March 22](#)



Join us for a fun filled afternoon of fellowship with friends. It will include a delicious lunch provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with a performance by Pensacola Opera's Jan Miller Studio Artists. This Artists in Residence program provides training and performance experience for young opera professionals. The Studio Artists also receive regular musical coaching from Pensacola Opera's music staff, as well as guest coaches and voice teachers. Previous Studio Artists have gone on to enjoy successful careers—both on stage and behind the scenes—throughout the US and around the world.

## SENIOR ADULTS CONT.

### SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR WEEK

April 19 - 24

Registration Opens April 1

A week full of fun and fellowship, during the month of April, as we enjoy a variety of activities and celebrate our Senior Adults at First Church. The experiences of older people bring wisdom and insight to our congregation. First Church wants to recognize that God loves and blesses people of all ages and stages of life. Children, youth, adults, and older adults can all learn from one another and fellowship together.

### 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. 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)).

**SUNDAY  
SERVICE  
TIMES**

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

8:30 & 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary  
& ICON AT 11:00am in Wesley Abbey

*stay connected*    
fumcpensacola

# 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:

**Dr. Charles Terrell** on the death of his wife, Francis Terrell. Fran died on February 12, 2026. *The service of death and resurrection will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel.*

## BAPTISMS

**Ellie Lynn Riley** was baptized on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Ellie is the daughter of Shelby and Matthew Riley.

## BAPTISMS

**Jayveon English** was baptized on January 18, 2026.

## BIRTHS

The birth of **Eloise June Keller**, born February 14, 2026. Eloise is the daughter of Brady and Austin Keller. Proud grandparents are Michelle and Chris Keller and Denise and Ricky Van Atta, and proud great grandparents are Rhonda and Mitch Pippin.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Christine and Joey Truncale**  
**Estefania and Grant McCormick**  
**Janet Branch**  
**Andrew Branch**

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

February 22: Given in thanksgiving of **Rev. Heather Nysewander** by the youth of FUMC.

Arrangements are available for purchase on March 8, 15, and 29.

## THE LIVING TRUST FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 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](mailto:accounting@FUMCPensacola.com)).**

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Fran Terrell**  
By Marianne Beckman

### IN HONOR OF:

**Anibel Tyrrell's 93rd Birthday**  
By Kay Tyrrell Richie



## EASTER LILIES - \$14

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

You may honor, celebrate or memorialize individuals or events by purchasing an Easter Lily for \$14 each. The Easter Lilies will then be placed on the Lawn, Main Sanctuary, and The Upper Room during Easter. You may take home your Easter Lily following the 11:00am Easter morning services. A complete list of all lilies will be available in the bulletins and online. Orders must be placed by Palm Sunday (March 29). Email Sarah Bullock Head ([SHead@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:SHead@FUMCPensacola.com)) with any questions.





**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.**

6 E. Wright St. • Pensacola, FL 32501 • 850.432.1434 • [fumcpensacola.com](http://fumcpensacola.com)  
For pastoral emergencies, contact the Church Office or Ginger Raines at 850.259.3177