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#### Dear Friends,

We have spent the last few weeks learning about how God is calling each generation to lead during this time of transition and crisis in society through a Church-wide initiative called Project Nebo. We have been inspired by the story of Moses, Joshua, and Rahab and how God used them to move God's people forward to the Promised Land. On the top of Mt. Nebo Moses was able to see a vision for the future and help God's people move forward. We are coming to the culmination of this series on Sunday, February 11, which is Transfiguration Sunday (more info on <u>next page</u>). That Sunday is also our church's Fat Sunday Celebration and Burning of the Palms Service that prepare us for the coming Lenten season (more info on <u>page 5</u>). The timing could not be more perfect. It was on the Mountain of Transfiguration that Jesus showed his disciples his identity in all his Easter glory, and also called them forward to his death and resurrection.

The Holy Spirit always has a way of calling the church into our future. Pope Francis in his book of homilies, "Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday," challenges the church.

To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because he moves us, he makes us walk, he pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: 'Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!' ... But don't bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ... we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that's no good. because he is God, he is that wind which comes and goes and you don't know where. He is the power of God, he is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward.

It is my prayer that as we end the season of Epiphany and Project Nebo that the Holy Spirit will continue to bother us and send us forward to the cross, to Easter, and to our future that God is preparing for us.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual awakening, and may the celebration of Easter fill our hearts with joy and hope. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will continue to move forward in faith, embracing the future that God has prepared for us.



Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

#### WATCH WEEKS 1,2, & 3 ONLINE!

Click on the images below or visit <u>FUMCpensacola.com/ProjectNebo</u> to view previous sermons or find other resources like sermon notes and bulletins.



#### **UPCOMING SERMONS IN THIS SERIES**

Week 4: February 4 - Team Rahab: The Faith of Outsiders Week 5: February 11- Nebo's Blessing: Moving Forward to Promise

#### **NEBO GENERATION GROUPS**

During this series, we have also hosted Nebo Generation Groups on Sunday mornings. In these generation-specific groups, we asked members to reflect on their experiences in the church and as leaders; as well as asking questions about what we hope for the future of our church and how we can work together to follow God into our shared future.

#### **UPCOMING GROUPS**

Team Rahab Group - New Members & Regular Visitors

#### February 4 | 9:45 - 10:45am | The Wright Place, Great Hall

Team Rahab comprises outsiders to the church, bringing fresh perspectives. As newcomers, they possess the ability to see things that insiders may overlook. Like Rahab, who became the great-grandmother of David and Jesus, Team Rahab is called to welcome others into the community and be pioneers of the next phase of Church life.

## **NEBO'S BLESSING** Celebration Presentation

#### Sunday, February 11 | 10:00 - 10:30pm | Activities Center (Gym)

As we conclude our Project Nebo Series with this special celebration! During this time we will present the findings from our Nebo Generation Groups and discern together where God is leading us. *Please note that this will take place at the same time as Fat Sunday celebration*.

# **MIDWEEK at First Church**

#### **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. Dinner reservations are no longer required!

#### **DISCIPLE BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT**

#### 5:30 - 7:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, WP205

Disciple 1 Fast Track will recommence on January 10 with a 12-week deep dive into the New Testament. The course is designed for busy people who seek a better understanding of the Bible and who want to grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ. You do not have to have completed the Old Testament. You can expect roughly three hours a week of independent study— 30 minutes per day plus a 90-minute group session on Wednesday evenings. *Books can be purchased for \$17 through the church.* Email <u>EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com</u> to let us know you will be joining us!

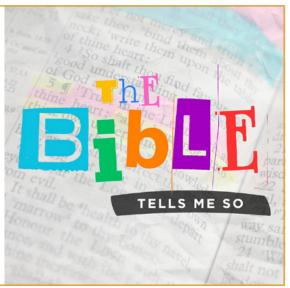
#### **DIVORCE CARE**

#### 5:30-7:00pm | The Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 203

DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making.

#### **SENIOR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** "THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO" Understanding & Interpreting Holy Scripture

**Through February 7 | 6:00 – 7:00pm | The Wright Place, Great Hall** This five-week study, led by Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, our Senior Pastor, will help to get a better understanding of the natural history of the Bible, how it became scripture (canonization), and how Christians (especially United Methodists) interpret the Bible and apply it to our world. We will find how the Bible is more ancient, diverse, and ambiguous than expected; talk about why some books like the controversial Gospel of Thomas did not make it into the Bible while others did; and address difficult issues of Biblical interpretation like scriptural inerrancy, Biblical literalism, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. *We offer Wednesday evening nursery for Infants – 2 years old for parents attending classes and choir practice.* 



#### FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK (for Preschool-5th Grade) 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. *See the First Kids section in What's Happening for more Mid-Week opportunities including Kid-Connect & Chilltime.* 

#### **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

#### 6:00 - 7:30pm | Choir Room

Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. No experience needed. Open to all adults and sings at either the 8:30 or 11:00am worship services.



The Youth are hosting their annual SOUPer Bowl Sunday for Manna Food Bank. All collections will be given to Manna to help support our community in need. Please bring all canned goods to the church office or Wesley Abbey between services where the Youth will be to collect them!

- Canned Fruit in 100% Juice (20 oz. or smaller)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables (16 oz. or smaller)
- Oatmeal (boxes of single-serve packets)
- Peanut Butter (1 lb. jars and individual cups)
- Microwaveable Dinners (e.g. Hormel Compleats)
- 100% Fruit Juice Boxes or Bottles (8 oz. or less)
- Chicken and Tuna (canned and pouches)
  Canned Beans
- FAT SUNDAY CELEBRATION & PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, February 11 | 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 11 | 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.





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 14 - 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. Dinner reservations are no longer required!

#### ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14

#### **MORNING SERVICE**

#### 7:00am | Wesley Abby

This 15-minute morning service at 7:00am in Wesley Abbey will have a sermon by Rev. Brandon Bures. Pastries and coffee will be available after the service.

#### **TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

#### 6:00pm | Main Sanctuary

The traditional service at 6:00pm in the Main Sanctuary will have a sermon by Dr. Geoffrey Lentz 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!

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

#### Wednesdays, February 21 - March 20 | 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.



February 21: **The Rev. Doreen Smalls** District Superintendent of the Northwest and Southwest Districts of the South Georgia Annual Conference of the UMC



February 28: **The Rev. Dr. Mark Labranche** Church Relations Officer of the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation, Pastor Emeritus at Saint Luke UMC in Pensacola, & Former Associate Pastor at FUMC Pensacola



March 6: **The Rev. Stephanie Arnold** *Senior Pastor of FUMC – Birmingham, AL* 



March 13: **The Rev. Gillian Walters** Senior Pastor of FUMC – Fort Walton Beach, FL



March 20: **Rev. Dr. Jay Cooper** Senior Pastor of FUMC – Montgomery, AL

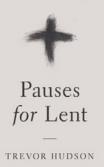


#### **LENT FOR KIDS**

#### Wednesdays, February 12 - March 13 | 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.

#### 40 Words for 40 Days



#### CHURCH-WIDE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & HYBRID CLASS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Sundays, Starting February 18 | 9:45 - 10:45am | Lower Sanctuary, Room 117 & Zoom All members are encouraged to use *Pauses for Lent - 40 Words for 40 Days* by Trevor Hudson as a Lenten devotional guide this season. On Sunday mornings during the season of Lent, Donell Seager will lead a short- term Sunday School



class based around Pauses for Lent. This class will also be offered via zoom for those who wish to join us virtually. Click <u>HERE</u> or scan QR code for the zoom link. All are welcome to join!

This resource is available through <u>Cokesbury</u> or <u>Amazon</u>. We will have copies available in the front office beginning February 1 for pickup. Suggested donation is \$10 per book.

#### **OTHER LENTEN PRACTICES**

#### **CENTERING PRAYER CLASS**

#### Wednesdays, Starting February 14 | 5:30 - 6:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, Room 233

Donell Seager, spiritual director, will lead this weekly class to facilitate the deepening of our relationship with God and each other through the practice of centering prayer. Centering Prayer is a way of practicing silent prayer and is an integral practice for the deepening of our relationship with God. It is also an excellent practice to pick up during Lent because it is also a practice of surrender to God's will and God's action and presence in our lives. Contact <u>DonellSeager@Gmail.com</u> for more info.

#### **LECTIONARY LUNCH BIBLE STUDY**

#### Mondays, Starting February 19 | 12:00 - 1:00pm | Dining Room

Join Rev. Brandon Bures on Mondays for a lectionary study this Lentn season. The study will look at the Gospel Lesson for the coming Sunday with lunch provided. Bring your Bible!

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES Sunday, March 24 | 8:30, 11:00am, & ICON at 11:00am

#### FIRST KIDS: PALM SUNDAY PARADE & FAMILY HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Sunday, March 24 | 9:45 - 10:45am | The Wright Place

#### EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS Sunday, March 24 | Noon | Lawn

#### LABYRINTH & STATIONS OF THE CROSS Monday, March 25 - Wednesday, March 27 10:00am - 2:00pm and 4:00 - 7:00pm | Wesley Abbey

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS CONCERT Tuesday, March 26 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

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

Thursday, March 28 | 5:30pm | The Wright Place Click <u>HERE</u> to register or visit FUMCPensacola.com by March 22

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, March 28 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

#### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Friday, March 29 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary



#### **PENSACON is coming back to First Church!**

February 23-25 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 during any of the eight shifts that weekend by clicking <u>HERE</u> or scanning the QR code.



2) volunteer to provide some of the concessions we will sell by clicking <u>HERE</u> or scanning the QR code.

To fill every volunteer worker slot, we need 192 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!

Friday, February 23 | 1:00pm - 8:00pm Saturday, February 24 | 10:00am - 6:00pm Sunday, February 25 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm





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### FIRST CHURCH OCARES 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

#### IN MEMORIAM Members Who Have Died We extend our love and sympathy to:

The family of **Martha Taylor**. Martha died on January 10, 2024.

The family of Judy Braden. Judy died on January 27, 2024.

#### Loved Ones Who Have Died We extend our love and sympathy to:

Ruth Sneed on the death of her sister, **Betty Rinbrand**. Shelly Blevins on the death of her mother, **Karon Blevins**. Jack Wallace on the death of his sister, **Vallrie Layman**. Allison Shanahan on the death of her mother, **Shonna Shanahan**.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Katy Lauderdale on January 7, 2024 Hayden Sherlock/Shaffer on January 7, 2024

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

The marriage of **Julie Hermann and Daniel Carter** on January 13, 2024

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Sean Roark Steven Taylor Sylvia & Lou Marrero Paula & Dan Reid

#### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

**January 14**: in celebration of the marriage of Julie Hermann and Daniel Carter.

January 21: in loving memory of Martha Taylor by her family. January 28: in loving memory of Dr. Jess White, father of Cynthia Brown, by his family.

## THE LIVING TRUST BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2024

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 at FUMC Pensacola, contact Liz Noyes, <u>LNoyes@FUMCPensacola.com</u>.** 

#### **IN MEMORY**

Irene Christian By Jane Moseley Jim and Lynda Babbitt Watson and Anne Aldridge Andrea Edgar

Susan Estep, daughter of Sue and Walter Glenn By The Library Staff

**Ralph and Ruth Compton** By Linda and Anthony Terhaar

Jane and Leon Smith, Cynthia and Mary Elizabeth By Susan and Joel Miller Ellen Nichols Ward

*For the Nichols Scholarship* By Marcia Nichols Harshbarger and Family

**Jim Brinson** *For the Brinson Scholarship* By Watson and Anne Aldridge

Marian Guthrie For the Music Ministry By Jane Roberts

#### IN HONOR

The Wedding of Julie Lynn and Gary Zinkgraf By Elaine Mitchell

# 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, 2023) 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

#### **FIRST KIDS : SUNDAY SCHOOL**

(for Preschool - 5th Grade) Sundays | 9:45 -10:45am Education Building

Preschool-3rd Grade will explore Jesus' imaginative stories called parables. Each of His stories and parables instruct us about the kingdom of God, revealing truth about who He is and what He has for His followers. Grades 4th & 5th will continue their leadership program beginning with learning all about Worship, will continue their buddy program with the Ks, and will participate in missions.

#### **KIDCONNECT & CHOIR**

(for K-3rd Graders)

#### Wednesdays | 3:00 – 5:15pm Start in Wesley Abbey

Each week, kids will have chapel time then enjoy some activities like Pinterest Party, Music Mania, Pickleball, Gym Sports, and more. Then they are all invited to attend our amazing choir program where they learn songs, have fun, and prepare for their Palm Sunday performance.

#### CHILLTIME

#### (for 4th & 5th Graders) Wednesdays | 3:00 - 5:15pm Start in Wesley Abbey

This program is designed for our 4th and 5th graders. We enjoy chapel time then have our own activities beginning in the Consulate Cafe. Kids in this program really get to know each other and enjoy some group building while playing games outside, in the gym and in the Cafe.

#### LENT FOR KIDS

(for K - 5th Grade) Wednesdays, February 12 -March 13 | 6:00pm | Chapel While parents are attending the Lenten service, all kids will have their own Lenten program. Please Drop-off in Chapel and Pick-Up in Gym.

#### **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 midhigh and senior-high activities.

#### Geoff Cook

Interim Director of Student Ministries <u>GCook@fumcpensacola.com</u>

#### FIRST STUDENTS: SUNDAY SCHOOL (for 6th through 12th Grade) Sundays | 9:45 - 10:45am

Youth Building

Breakfast and fellowship is at 9:45, followed by music, worship, and study. Each week will be a new lesson, taking deep dives into the Bible and learning how to worship and study together.

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL** (for 6th Grade)

#### Sundays starting February 11 9:45-10:45 am | Youth Building

Starting February 11 through the end of the school year (May 19), our 6th graders will be led by our pastors on their journey from children to taking their place as full members of our congregation. Confirmands will still meet with us for breakfast in the Youth building cafe.

#### YOUTH GROUP

(for 6th through 12th Grade) Sundays | 4:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Building

Our Youth Sunday evenings will start the year by following the Methodist Lectionary. We will have dinner, games, music, and worship. Friends are always welcome!

#### FIRST STUDENTS: YOUTH CHOIR

(for 6th through 12th Grade) Sundays | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Choir Loft Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Whether you can sing or shout, all our students are welcome to join together in praise of our Lord and Savior!

#### **GLOW NIGHT**

#### (for 6th through 12th Grade) Sunday, February 18 | 5:30 - 7:00pm Actvities Center (gym)

CHOIR IS 4:30-5:30 on this day so we can play in the dark! Come Glow with us! Dodgeball, Nine Square and other great games played in the dark. Got glow sticks? Bring 'em! Got friends? Bring 'em! Dinner at 5:30.

#### FIRST STUDENTS: PROJECT NEBO

(for 6th through 12th Grade) Sunday, February 4 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm Youth Building Cafe

We want to hike with our students up to the mountaintop and this is their chance to let us know what it is they want to see in the Promised Land. As we progress through this year, we are asking our Juniors and Seniors to consider themselves as Team Moses for our Youth group. Most of them have grown up here and they are ready to pass the baton to a wonderful group of Joshua's!

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#### FIRST STUDENTS CONT.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Burgers and Bingo** Youth and 50 Forward Mixer is on **March 10 from 5:00 - 6:00pm**.

#### **Blue Lake Confirmation Retreat**

(for 6th-grade confirmands) is **March 15-17**. Cost is \$135 and transportation provided.

**Confirmation** (for 6th grade confirmands) is **Saturday and Sunday, April 6 &** 7.

#### **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

#### **SILVER & GOLD**

#### *Thursday, February 22* | 11:00am -1:00pm | *The Wright Place* | \$10 <u>Click HERE to Register</u>

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 presentation from Best-Selling Author, Retired U.S. Marine and Naval Aviator, Paul Entrekin. Commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1977, Paul was designated Naval Aviator number 15,444 in 1980 and received numerous personal and unit awards. In 1986 he began his business, Entrekin Aviation, as a full-time airshow pilot performing flight demonstrations across North America and entertaining millions of spectators. He is well known in our community as Air Boss for the Pensacola Beach Blue Angels airshow. Paul is a Scottish Rite Mason, Past-President of the Pensacola North Rotary Club and the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation of Pensacola, a Deacon with First Baptist Church of Pensacola, a former lead

er with the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and continues to serve on several boards of directors for other civic service organizations. He is the best-selling author of three books: Mighty Hands, Mr. MiG, and Jasper and the Christmas Faeries. Doors open at 10:30am.

#### XYZ TRIP - INTERNATIONAL LUNCH SERIES PRESENTED BY PSC

(25 Reservations Available) Wednesday, February 28 11:00am - 1:00pm | \$12.50 plus tip Join us for an exquisite dining experience hosted by the Department of Culinary and Hospitality Programs at Pensacola State College. Students in these programs have planned a fivecourse meal featuring the cuisines of the Caribbean Islands. Graduates of these programs can begin an exciting career in the hospitality and food service industries. Seating is limited to the first 25 Reservations paid in full to the church office.

#### **COFFEE WITH FRIENDS**

*Tuesdays* | 9:30 – 10:30am | 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 | Online Register at legacycoalition.com/grandmonday-nights. Grand Monday Nights is a free weekly webinar to help you grow as a Christian grandparent. In these webinars, you'll get practical ideas and information on grandparenting, learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith and overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition.

#### **MISSIONS & OUTREACH**

Mission and Outreach is at the heart of who we are at First Church. By supporting various missions and ministries, we strive to serve our community in love, sharing with them the message of Christ through example.

#### Lisa Bond

Director of Missions LBond@fumcpensacola.com

#### **FAMILY PROMISE**

Family Promise, a nationwide non-profit, transforms the lives of families experiencing homelessness. They seek to develop solutions to help families rebuild their lives through multiple shelter, prevention, and stabilization programs. FUMC Pensacola is a Family Promise Affiliate and we will connect and work with 11 other churches in our area to help solve this challenge in our community by providing shelter throughout the year. For one week each quarter, we will provide a private room in our church for each family and offer our hospitality through meals, activities, and volunteer presence so that these families can heal and work toward independence.

How you can serve! We will receive the families on Sunday just before dinner and we need hosts to welcome them at both the front office and upstairs in the Wright Place where they will be staying. During the week we will need volunteers to provide and host dinners, supply the common room with snacks, drinks and quick breakfast foods, and to stay with the families overnight. We also would like to put a kitchen style fridge/freezer and a Keurig in the room. Finally, we are going to keep a supply of air mattresses, single sheet sets and towels (lots of towels) just in case. If you would like to volunteer or help by donating supplies, please contact Lisa Bond at lbond@fumcpensacola. com (850) 549-8967 or Geoff Cook at gcook@fumcpensacola.com (850) 516-9554.

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#### WEDNESDAY DINNERS

It's good to gather around the table with each other. It's a form of communion. The table is a place where strangers can become friends and friends can become family. So join us on Wednesdays this month for these delicious meals. Cost: Adults - \$10, Children (2-9 years old) - \$4, Max Family Cost - \$27 | Pay Online

**2/7:** Chili, Grill Cheese, Green salad, Dessert

**2/14:** Valentines Dinner! Swiss Chicken, Wild Rice, Roasted Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Dessert

**2/21:** Ravioli Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Dessert

**2/28:** Chicken Pot Pie, Green Salad, Dessert

#### ART SPACE @ THE WRIGHT PLACE

Our beautiful "Art Space at The Wright Place" is open to local artists to display and sell their work. Each artist will be able to have their work displayed and available for purchase for a month.

#### Mici Kuba

Facilities Coordinator <u>MKuba@fumcpensacola.com</u>

#### FEATURED ARTIST: THE HAUTE COLLAGE

February 12 - March 10 Reception: Feb 18 | 9:45 - 10:45am The Wright Place, Dining Room The Haute Collage is a group of artists that get together each month to practice the assembling of papers to produce fine art.

#### **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 Brian Brown (Music Assistant and 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 <u>RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com</u>

#### **YOUTH CHOIR TOUR REGISTRATION**

Deadline to register is Sunday, February 4! Tour dates are June 23 - July 1. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

#### YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

February 4: 6:00 - 7:00pm February 11: No Rehearsal February 18: 4:30 - 5:30pm, with Glow Night following February 25: No Rehearsal

#### SANCTUARY CHOIR

On Wednesday, February 14 you will sing for the Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm. Warm up at 5:35pm. No rehearsal afterwards.

#### **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 state- ments 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 jus- tice, and pursue peace.

Dr. Rick Branch RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com

#### JUST PENSACOLA

JUST Pensacola is an organization that seeks to bring together diverse people to address the root causes of problems in our community. This year we are working toward affordable rental housing in the city and county and continuing our wins toward a robust civil citations program. If you would like to be involved, please mark your calendar for our events this spring.

FUMC Network Meeting | March 19 2024 Rally | April 18 Nehemiah Action | May 6

#### MCA

The Methodist Children's Academy is a year-round, full-day preschool and after-school program.

Melissa Ward MCA Director MCA@FUMCPensacola.com

#### 2024/2025 REGISTRATION

Registration for currently enrolled students will begin February 12. Church member registration will begin February 20 and open registration will begin February 26. Visit <u>FUMCPensacola.com/MCA</u>.



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





Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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