

## VBS 2024 - START THE PARTY

203 children and almost 100 volunteers helped us to Start the Party for VBS 2024 at FUMC Pensacola! More info on [page 15](#).



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Dear friends,

We are thrilled to welcome so many new people into the life of our church. The Book of Acts tells the story of how the Holy Spirit gave birth to the church during the festival of Pentecost. The Scriptures recount that about 3,000 people from all

backgrounds and races were brought together into one body, and they "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

It is significant that the Book of Acts gives us numbers. Each number represents a person—a life being changed. We have been praying for 50 new members to join our church during the Great Fifty Day Challenge. We are excited to announce that our Pentecost Report this year is 60+ new people! It is also significant that 18 of those persons joined in the ICON service, which is also finding new life and energy. The Holy Spirit is moving in our church, and people are finding new life in Jesus Christ each week.

I encourage you to go out of your way to introduce yourself to our new members and help them find their place in our congregation. We should not take this growth for granted—God is doing something special here at First Church.

**Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz**  
Senior Pastor

## THE GREAT FIFTY 50 DAY CHALLENGE

- Marsha Thames
- Laura Huxtable (Caden)
- Alison Davenport
- Teresa & Roy Stewart
- Hamilton Harper & Danny Andrews
- Susan Tribo
- Erin Kirk
- Anne & Kyle Lindsey
- Nancy & Shawn
- Tom Hood
- Skylar & Matt Snyder (Sawyer)
- Hannah & Thomas Simmons
- Daniel Childress
- Dana & Eric Gross
- Marion Yetman
- Owen Thomas Houghton
- John-Patrick Floyd Fairchild
- William Pierce Ahlstrand
- Marian Blount Mitchell
- Tripp Crawford Hale II
- Roey Cathleen Foreman
- Bina Carolyn Westerheim
- Asher Webb Wiggins
- Piper Lynn Christian
- Stella Rose Weis
- Harvey Daniel Lindemann
- Helen Lauderdale
- Justin Hodges
- Robert Althar
- Donna, Dennis, Dillon, & Derek Del Rosario
- Nadine & Allen Fox (Hunter & Rylan)
- Michelle & Jim Ballentine
- Eden & Zach Wilder (Wallace 3 mo)
- Hillary Hultstrand
- Kevin Flynn
- Jade Fricks
- Leah & Bill Seacrest
- Jacob Hall
- Noah Wilson
- Kim & Jay Newman
- Christopher Smith
- Dana & Andy Truluck
- Jasmine Guillory
- Faith Ayers-Rhodes



### INTRODUCING REV. HEATHER NYSEWANDER!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has selected the Rev. Heather Nysewander to lead our youth ministry. Pastor Heather earned her Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and her

undergraduate degree in Writing and Linguistics with a minor in History from Georgia Southern University. Since 2019, she has served churches in the North Georgia Conference. She is

a licensed local pastor in the United Methodist Church and is pursuing full ordination.

Pastor Heather has a deep love and passion for discipling young people. She is an excellent teacher and is excited to build our youth program. She will begin her ministry with us on July 1, and we will have a welcome reception for her on Sunday, July 6.

Some fun facts about Heather: in her free time, she likes to go hiking, explore areas new to her, read, and dabble in creative writing. She has trained in Wing Chun, a style of Kung Fu, for 8 years. She has enjoyed completing four Tough Mudder obstacle races and she has a cat named Miss Chai.

### FATHER'S DAY - DOUGHNUTS & PHOTO BOOTH

*Sunday, June 16 | The Wright Place, Dining Room*

Come celebrate Father's Day with us! We will have donuts and coffee in The Wright Place, Dining Room and a special photo booth opportunity in the Church Office Lobby.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office and MCA are closed **June 19** and **July 4 & 5**.

### COMBINED SERVICE - YOUTH CHOIR SUNDAY

*Sunday June 23 | Main Sanctuary*

Youth Choir will preform their "Home Concert" at 8:30am and one combined service at 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

*Monday, July 22 | 6:00pm | Wesley Abbey*

We encourage all council members to attend, and as always, the meeting is open to all members of the congregation.



# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS

## SUNDAYS IN JUNE & JULY

**9:45 - 10:45am | The Wright Place**

All are invited to join us for our church-wide Summer Sunday School Sessions in June and July. We will have a different speaker each week to facilitate discussions about how they "multiplied" their ministries. These sessions will help make space for new people, give teachers a break during the summer, and create an opportunity to get to know people from other Sunday School classes.

### **June 9: Heather Howell**

*Director of Lay Servant Ministries Alabama-West Florida Conference*

### **June 16: Jessie Spangler + Summer Staff**

*Program Director, Blue Lake United Methodist Camp*

### **June 23: Jack Knott, Jennifer Piver, + Denise Russell**

*Stephen Leaders with FUMC Stephen Ministry*

### **June 30: Jennifer Lusher**

*Executive Director, Family Promise of Escambia County*

### **July 7: No Session**

### **July 14: Rev. Dr. Brian Miller**

*Vice President of External and Church Relations at Huntingdon College*

### **July 21: Dawn Wiggins Hare**

*General Secretary for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church*

### **July 28: FUMC Library Volunteers**

*Overview and tour of FUMC Libraries*

# TANZANIA TAMASHA

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH PRESENT A TANZANIAN STYLE FESTIVAL  
WITH REFRESHMENTS AND MUSIC, INTRODUCING DEACONESS  
ANNA MIGERA FROM TARIME TANZANIA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 2:00 PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WRIGHT PLACE - GREAT HALL

**COMMUNITY DAY**

UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

# DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



ADOPT  
A PET

Mister Softee

PENSACOLA  
HUMANE SOCIETY

KABOOPLE  
CAFE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8  
10:00AM - 1:00PM**

- Pet Adoption
- Ice Cream Truck
- Water Play
- Crafts
- Games

FUMC Pensacola  
2 East Wright Street (Corner of Palafox)

# MID-WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Our usual mid-week activities are on hold for the summertime. We'll resume weekly Wednesday activities in August. However, during the summer months we will have special church-wide fellowship opportunities. all ages are welcome to join us!



**WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 19**

## **YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER & TALENT SHOW**

*Dinner (5:00pm, The Wright Place)*

*Show (6:00pm, Wesley Abbey) - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)*

Come out and enjoy dinner and a show hosted by our talented youth. This is one of their biggest fundraisers to help pay for their summer choir tour. Enjoy an hour-long show of our youth singing, dancing, playing instruments, telling jokes, and who knows what else they'll come up with this year! Cost for dinner is \$10/Adult, \$4/Child, with a max family cost of \$27. A love offering will also be collected. Dinner is at 5:00pm in The Wright Place. The Show will follow at 6:00pm in Wesley Abbey. The menu includes Spaghetti, Salad, & Dessert.



**WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 26**

## **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BEACH**

*5:30 - 7:30pm | Picnic Pavillion at Fort Pickens entrance*

All families are invited to an evening on the beach. Bring your own dinner, chairs and beach toys for an evening of fellowship in the beautiful Pensacola Beach sand!



**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 24**

## **WILDERNESS TRAIL DINNER & CELEBRATION**

*5:30 - 6:30pm | The Wright Place*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Join the Youth Ministry for dinner to hear stories about their adventures and be a witness to their spiritual formation that they experienced up in the mountains. The menu includes Burgers, Chips, Watermelon, and Cookies.







# JOY NIGHT OF

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • PRAISE MUSIC

**June 20 | 6:00pm**

6:00pm: Food & Fellowship  
in the Consulate Café

7:00pm: Night of Joy Concert  
in Wesley Abbey

We will explore the theme of JOY through fellowship and praise music from our ICON music ministry and friends. Musicians include Jeb Hunt, Jacob Hall, Kyle Hall, Brian Brown, Chris White, Kylie Branch, Zach Greene, and guest musicians; featuring the FUMC Youth Choir. Rev. Dr. Rick Branch will also deliver a short message.



**JULY 7TH • NOON  
ACTIVITIES CENTER**

JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION! WE WILL HAVE HOT DOGS, CAKE, A BOUNCE HOUSE, AND MUSIC! WE WILL ALSO BE WELCOMING OUR NEW YOUTH PASTOR, HEATHER NYSEWANDER. STOP BY AND GIVE HER A WARM WELCOME FIRST CHURCH!

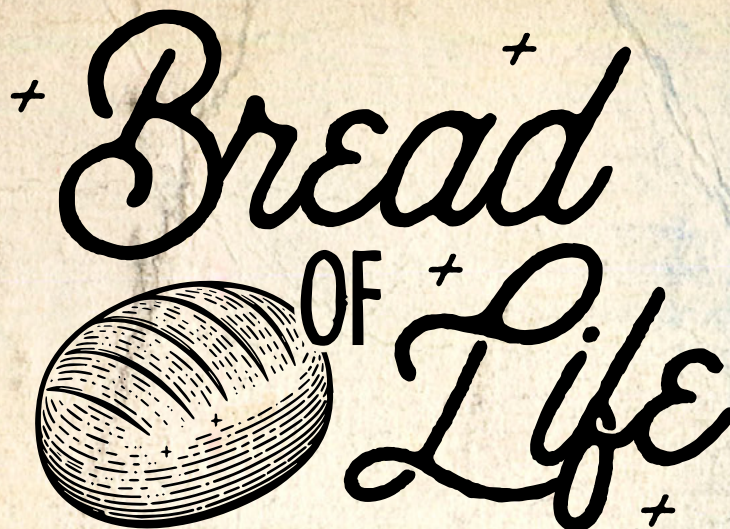
**HOT DOGS • CAKE • BOUNCE HOUSE • MUSIC**





## CHURCH-WIDE SERMON SERIES

Sundays, July 21- August 25



### **TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD**

Come and join us for the tastiest sermon series you have ever heard—the Bread of Life! Bread is the foundation to civilization, making up the foundation of most diets in the world. Bread is survival, but it is also a comfort food. It can be simple or it can be elevated to a sweet delight. Bread in short is life. It is no wonder then that Jesus said that He is the “bread of life.” When our eyes are opened to the spirituality of bread, we can begin to see that all of life is sacred. Each week we will have a sample of a special bread for you to “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

#### **JULY 21 | Banana Bread: Finding Leisure to Eat**

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

#### **JULY 28 | Yeast Rolls: Feeding of the Five Thousand**

*John 6:1-21*

#### **AUGUST 4 | Doughnuts: Hot Jesus Now**

*John 6:24-35*

#### **AUGUST 11 | Pound Cake: Bread from Heaven**

*John 6:35, 41-51*

#### **AUGUST 18 | Corn Bread: Bread of My Flesh**

*John 6:51-58*

#### **AUGUST 25 | Sourdough: A Difficult Teaching**

*John 6:56-69*



# stephen MINISTRY®

## Stephen Ministry is coming back to First Church in 2024!

### *Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry*

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. In Acts 6, Stephen was among those chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since Jesus' time, caring ministry has been a hallmark of the Christian faith community.

### How Stephen Ministry Works...

The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and Care Receivers.

#### STEPHEN LEADERS

Stephen Leaders establish and direct Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They—

- build awareness of Stephen Ministry within the congregation and community.
- recruit and train Stephen Ministers.
- meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs.
- match care receivers with Stephen Ministers.
- provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education.

Stephen Leaders attend 25 hours of online training using resources from Stephen Ministries in St. Louis which covers managing the care receiver selection, program publicity, continuing education, and supervision programs for the Stephen Ministry organization.

#### STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are congregation members very well trained and supported by Stephen Leaders. Stephen Minister training is an enriching, enjoyable, spiritual experience. It will provide Stephen Ministers with a high-quality level of emotional and spiritual care to share with

people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties. Stephen Ministers provide care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education. People typically become Stephen Ministers out of a desire to help others, but along the way, they find that they experience tremendous growth themselves—personally, spiritually, and relationally.

#### CARE RECEIVERS

Care Receivers are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:

- The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.
- Men are matched with men; women with women.
- When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.



Jack Knott, FUMC member and trained Stephen Minister & Leader, was initially a Care Receiver at his previous church in Nashville. His Stephen Minister walked him through the illness of his first wife before she passed. *"I received a lot of peace through the care of my Stephen Minister during that time. They met with me weekly and provided christian care to help me walk through my grief."* Jack's experience with Stephen Ministry encouraged him to go through the training to become a Stephen Minister, so that he could help others.

As our church continues to grow, the pastoral needs have grown. Jack expressed an interest in revitalizing our Stephen Ministry program to help support our pastoral care staff.

To begin providing Stephen Ministry care to our congregation in 2024, we need to complete the first two phases.

## Phase 1: Recruiting & Training Stephen Leaders

We have completed Phase 1. Meet our Stephen Leaders!



**Jack Knott**  
FUMC Member



**Rev. Emily Kincaid**  
Executive Pastor



**Denise Russell**  
FUMC Member



**Jennifer Piver**  
Director of 50 Forward &  
Congregational Care Staff



## Phase 2: Recruiting & Training Stephen Ministers

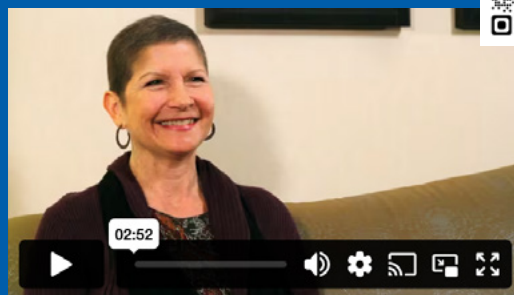
We are currently in **PHASE 2** and are looking for those in our congregation that would like to be a Stephen Minister. We will begin training in August of 2024. **Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?** *Please scan the QR code and fill out our online form or Contact [StephenMinistry@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:StephenMinistry@FUMCPensacola.com).*

## Care Receivers Tell Their Stories

Scan the QR code or press play



*"I Can Tell Him Anything"*



*"My Stephen Minister Is Truly a Gift"*



Visit [StephenMinistries.org](https://StephenMinistries.org) to hear more stories.



## CATHEDRAL FUND

*Setting Up for Financial Stability*

To fortify the church's Permanent Endowment, we are establishing the Cathedral Fund. This fund is intended to support our historic church building by covering non-budgeted repair costs through the use of interest generated by the fund. The Weatherford Estate will provide the foundational gift to initiate this fund.

We are delighted to celebrate special contributions to the Cathedral Fund of the Endowment, which will help our church maintain our facilities and support our ministries in perpetuity.



**We received a generous \$100,000 gift from the Estate of General McNair.** Major General Carl H. McNair, a faithful member of First Church, passed away on May 2, 2022. He grew up at First Church, and his mother, Hallie McNair, was a cherished member. General McNair honored her memory with flowers throughout the years.



**The church also recently received a generous bequest of \$30,000 from the estate of Mary Ann Ballew.** Mary Annn passed away in March 2023 at the age of 93. She and her husband were devoted members of the church since 1960 and loved the church dearly.

To contribute, scan QR code or  
Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/Give](https://FUMCPensacola.com/Give).



**DID YOU KNOW that you can include the church in your will?** Some members choose to leave a tithe of 10%, while others aim to leave enough to secure their annual gift for perpetuity. If you have any questions about how to leave a gift to the church in your will, please contact the church office for more information.



# 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)*

## IN MEMORIAM

***We extend our love and sympathy to:***

### Members Who Have Died

Mike McLeod and family on the death of Karen McLeod.  
Karen died on May 14, 2024.

### Loved Ones Who Have Died

Ashley Tharp on the death of her father, Dr. Larry Tharp.

Diane Ward on the death of her father, Bruce Davis.

Shirley Knight on the death of her brother, David Dooley.

Jim Fitzpatrick on the death of his aunt Jane Mackey.

Joy Hodges on the death of her mother, Lois Shumate.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

May 5: Given in celebration of Johnnie Odom and Padma Chandrasekaran's marriage today.

May 12: Given in celebration of Ruth Kincaid's 10th birthday on May 19 by Rev. Emily and Brian Kincaid.

May 19: Given in honor of Sara and Henry Hunt's 50th wedding anniversary on May 18th.

May 26: Given in celebration of Herb and Lil Ferreira's 46th wedding anniversary on June 3rd.

## CELEBRATIONS

Birth of Addison Cobb Lindsey. Cobb was born on May 21, 2024 to Anne & Kyle Lindsey.

## NEW MEMBERS

### May 5

Eden & Zachary Wilder (Wallace)

Hillary Hultstrand

### May 19

Kevin Flynn

Jade Fricks

Leah & Bill Seacrest

Jacob Hall

Noah Wilson

Kim & Jay Newman

Christopher Smith

### May 26

Dana & Andy Truluck

Jasmine Guillory & Faith Ayers-Rhodes

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## THE LIVING TRUST BEGINNING MAY 29, 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, [LNoyes@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:LNoyes@FUMCPensacola.com).**

## IN MEMORY

Karen Weekley McLeod

By Kay Richie

## IN HONOR

My Father, A SeaBee in World War II

By Rebecca Williams

# WHAT'S HAPPENING at FIRST CHURCH for

**SUNDAY  
SERVICE  
TIMES**

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

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

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

## FAMILY NIGHT: YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER & TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, June 19

5:00pm Dinner, 6:00pm Show

See [Page 4](#) for more info.

## FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BEACH

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 - 7:30pm | Picnic Pavillion at  
Fort Pickens entrance

See [Page 4](#) for more info.

## SPORTS WEEK

July 8-12 | 9:00 - 12:00am

[Click HERE to Register](#)

All completed K-5th are invited to a fun week of sports. This week we will be honing our skills in various sports and learning the importance of teamwork and just having fun. An Obstacle Course inflatable will be featured this week to test those muscles and those reflexes. Your youth coaches will be there with their enthusiasm and energy this week!

## FAMILY FUN DAY & KABOODLE KAFE

Saturday, July 13 | 10:00 - 1:00pm

The Consulate Front Lawn and Café

Join us for a fun time with family and friends. We'll have crafts, games, funtivities, and special guests...the whole kaboodle! Our special guests for July will be Trolley Stop Ice Cream.

## PRESCHOOL PLAY DAYS

Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25

3:00pm - 4:30 pm

Preschool 3's and 4's (as of Sept 1, 2023) are invited to join us for our Summer weekly get-together. They will participate in playtime and learning activities, storytime, devotion and a snack all based on a letter of the week. Preschool 3's and 4's can be dropped off, however, younger children are welcome to come with an accompanying parent. MCA preschoolers can be transferred to this program with permission. Text Mrs. Lisa at 850-549-8967 by Tuesday of each week.

## KIDS NIGHT OUT DRIVE IN MOVIE EDITION (PARENTS NIGHT OUT)

Wednesday, July 17

5:00 - 8:00pm | Gym | \$10/child

[Click HERE to Register by July 14](#)

Children from Infant - 5th grade are invited to join us for dinner and fun while parents take a break. This night kids are asked to bring a decorated cardboard box as their car (can use a clothes basket, box, etc.). We will serve "movie food and treats". Drop off and pick up is in the gym.

## BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP "BLAST"

July 22 - 26 | Blue Lake Camp

\$375/student

[Click HERE to Register through Blue Lake](#)

All completed 3rd-5th graders are invited to go to this great away camp! Throughout the week campers will do everything from swimming in the lake to archery, capture the flag, GaGa ball, arts and crafts and worship! Each morning, devotions at the lake start their days off right and evening includes a devotion time where campers will learn about His word through meaningful discussions about their faith and God! Let Lisa know if you signed up! Parents provide transportation.

## 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

[MKuba@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:MKuba@fumcpensacola.com)

## FEATURED ARTIST:

### MARY THOMPSON OVERMAN

June 10 - July 8

Reception: June 16 | 9:45 - 10:45am

The Wright Place, Dining Room

Navarre-based multi-medium artist, Mary Thompson Overman, has been honing her skills in acrylics, fluid art, glam, glass, and resin mediums for over 30 years. Growing up on a small island in Maryland, a fisherman's daughter, her love of the beach and water, influences many of her pieces. In those early years, she also excelled in painting whimsical furniture with a coastal theme. In her fluid art, Mary uses and blends vivid colors to illustrate her artistic eye for the beauty of nature, its uniqueness, and its spirit of freedom. Her one-of-a-kind glam, glass, and resin creations reveal the imagination and magical appeal of this artist. Having lived in the New Orleans area for 25 years, Mary absorbed much of that culture, evident in the color and fluidity that resounds throughout her work. She has participated in numerous local festivals and art shows and is currently going through the process of becoming a vendor in the Pensacola Palafox Market. She is currently open for commissions. Please contact her at [mamare7956@gmail.com](mailto:mamare7956@gmail.com) to share your commission request and learn more about her art processes.



## 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 - TASTE OF THAI

Thursday, June 13th | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register June 11](#)

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and lunch out at Taste of Thai in Gulf Breeze. We will meet there and have lunch in a private dining room. They serve traditional Thai cuisine with rice, exotic and distinctive flavors that appeal to both pepper loving purists and diners new to Thai food. True Thai cooking and hospitality awaits you at Taste of Thai.

### XYZ TRIP - MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM & LUNCH OUT AT MOE'S ORIGINAL BBQ

Monday, June 24th | 9:30am -

2:30pm | \$10 + Dutch Lunch

[Click HERE to Register by June 21](#)

Join us for a fun outing on our church buses filled with fellowship and a guided tour at the Mobile Carnival Museum. Discover the Birthplace of Mardi Gras - Mobile, Alabama. Immerse yourself in the rich history and traditions of carnival. See firsthand the intricate designs and artistry of majestic crowns, scepters and robes of Mardi Gras monarchs. Discover the art of costume design and float construction. View videos of parades and balls. Witness the pomp and pageantry of past coronations. Browse a pictorial gallery of historical photographs dating back to 1886. Experience a behind the mask view of the street party by climbing aboard a rocking float. Take a picture as royalty. After our tour we will travel to Moe's Original BBQ founded in 1988. They customized and perfected recipes over the years so guests receive perfect flavors. They take pride in their craft by

waking up early to fire up the smoker and prepare award-winning BBQ. Everything on the menu is prepared fresh and made to be eaten on the same day. Today, Moe's Original BBQ has been named in the Top 10 BBQ Chains in America by USA Today and The Daily Meal. Buses depart the church at 9:30am. Limited seating.

### LUNCH OUT - PETRELLAS

#### ITALIAN CAFE & MYSTERY DESSERT

Thursday, July 11 | 10:30am - 1:30pm

(Please Note Time is earlier than usual)

[Click HERE to Register July 9](#)

Join us for a fun outing on our church buses filled with fellowship and lunch out at Petrellas Italian Cafe. Service from the heart. Food for the soul. With a history as rich as its house-made sauces, Petrellas has been a Pensacola tradition for over 20 years and counting! They serve handcrafted plates of pasta, seafood, signature sauces and more. The friendly service instantly makes you feel exactly where you are, home! After lunch, Jennifer will be treating you for dessert. What and Where... well it's a mystery! Buses will depart the church at 10:30am, lunch is at 11:00am. Limited seating.

### XYZ TRIP - PENSACOLA OPERA @ PENSACOLA LIBRARY & DINNER OUT AT CACTUS CANTINA

Tuesday, July 16 | 3:00pm - 6:00pm

\$5 + Dutch Dinner

[Click HERE to Register by July 14](#)

Join us for a fun outing filled with fellowship and an afternoon of beautiful music at your local library! In partnership with West Florida Libraries, local singers will present favorite arias and musical theatre tunes for a free concert for the whole family at Pensacola Library (239 N. Spring St.). After the concert tour we will travel to Cactus Cantina - Downtown Pensacola for a delicious Mexican dinner!

### 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/grand-monday-nights](https://legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-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.

## 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.*

Geoff Cook

Interim Director of Student Ministries

[GCook@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:GCook@fumcpensacola.com)

### WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH PASTOR, REV. HEATHER!

Heather's ministry with us begins on July 1. See [page 2](#) for more information.

### WILDERNESS TRAIL

July 14 - 20

Pray for our youth and volunteers as they hike in Virginia!

### SAVE THE DATE! SWEAT WEEK

July 29 - August 2

More info coming soon via email!

*Continued on next page.*

## MISSIONS

*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](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)

## SERVE THE HUNGRY CLOTHING DRIVE

Serving the Hungry is in need of the following items to distribute to men and women in need in our community. You can deliver items to the front office labeled STH. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Maygarden 850-572-6320

- Men's Short Sleeve T-shirts (dry-fit if possible)
- Men's Shorts and Pants (jeans) sizes 28-38. If you have or want to purchase items, we desperately need sizes 28-30.
- Men's Tennis/athletic shoes
- Men's Belts
- Ladies' Shorts (small sizes only)
- Ladies' Capris (small sizes only)
- Ladies' Pants (small sizes only)
- Sheets
- Towels

## 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

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

## YOUTH CHOIR TALENT SHOW

*Wednesday, June 19*

We need all youth choir members and parents to help with the dinner/talent show. If you have not already signed up to help, please email Rick Branch to do so: [RBranch@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:RBranch@fumcpensacola.com).

## YOUTH CHOIR SUNDAY

*Sunday, June 23*

The Youth Choir will present their program as part of our sanctuary worship services at 8:30 and 11:00am. They will then leave after church for a 9-day Mystery Tour. (That means they have no idea where they're going or what they're doing!) Please pray for a safe and meaningful trip.

## SANCTUARY CHOIR

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

*Wednesday, June 5 | 6:00 - 7:30pm*

*Wednesday, June 12 | 6:45pm*

*(S/A sectional); 6:45 - 7:30pm*

*(T/B sectional)*

*No rehearsal on June 19 or 26*

*Wednesday, July 3 | 6:00 - 7:30pm*

*Wednesday, July 24 | 6:15 - 7:45pm*

*No rehearsal on July 10, 17, or 31*

## YOUTH CHOIR

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

*Sunday, June 2 | 6:00 - 7:30pm*

*Sunday, June 6 | 6:00 - 7:30pm*

*Wednesday, June 19 | 4:30 - 4:45pm*

Rehearse with ICON Band (before Talent Show dinner)

**Thursday, June 20 | 4:00 - 6:00pm**

Stay to sing for the night of Joy concert after.



# START the PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

**203 children and almost 100 volunteers helped us to Start the Party for VBS 2024 at FUMC Pensacola!** It was our biggest VBS in many years and we were so excited to open our doors to so many in our community. For this year's VBS Mission, kids and families are invited to help raise funds to help Children's Leaders to "Start The Party!" in Tanzania, Africa! The money raised will go to train children's leaders to host their own VBS and Children's Festivals in churches all over their country. We surpassed our goal and raised an AMAZING \$2,132.43!





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

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