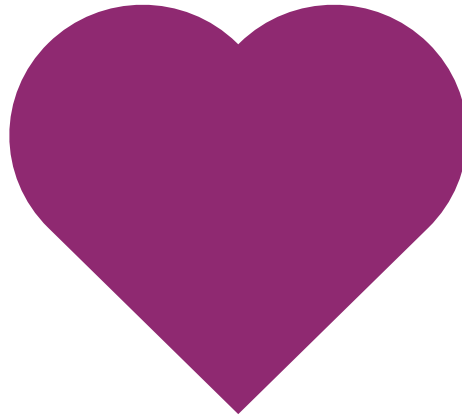


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During this Stewardship season, we invite our congregation to think about what you love most about FUMC Pensacola. Throughout the month of October, we will have interactive spaces in the main lobby as well as the ICON lobby where you can share what you love about our church.



Dear First Church Family,

As we enter this season of stewardship, I'm excited to share our theme: HEART. It's a theme that resonates with our ongoing Kindness Campaign, Do Unto Others. At the core of both is a simple truth—what we love shapes how we live.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:19-21, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* This scripture invites us to reflect on what we value most. For many of us, First Church is at the heart of our lives. It's where we worship, serve, and grow together in faith. It's where we find community, support, and inspiration.

This year, as we consider our commitments, I encourage you to think about what you love most about our church. Whether it's the powerful worship, the mission work, or the relationships we've built, these are the treasures we hold dear. And it's why we choose to invest our resources here—to ensure that this place we love continues to thrive and make a difference.

Your generosity enables us to keep building a church that reflects the heart of Jesus. Every gift, large or small, is a testament to where our hearts are and to the faith we hold dear.

Let's continue to invest our treasure where our hearts are—in our faith, in our church, and in our community.

Practice Resurrection,

Dr. Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor



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CHURCH COUNCIL & SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday, October 7 | 6:00pm | Wright Place, Great Hall

* Please note date & location change

Please note that our regularly scheduled Church Council meeting has been rescheduled to October 7. During this meeting, we will conduct our usual review of quarterly reports. Following the regular agenda, the Council will transition into a specially called Charge Conference session. The purpose of this session will be to vote on advancing the Project Grow Capital Improvement initiative.

COMBINED 11:00AM SERVICE

Sunday, October 13 | Main Sanctuary

Please note that our ICON family will join us in the Main Sanctuary for Music & Worship Arts Dedication Sunday.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 22 | 6:00pm | Wesley Abbey

Our regular Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for October 22, 2024. This meeting will be presided over by our District Superintendent, Rev. Jean Tippitt, and will include the presentation of our annual reports, including nominations and lay leadership.

ALL SAINTS BANNER

The All Saints banner will be in the foyer between the Wright Place and Main Sanctuary, and ICON foyer on Sunday mornings October 20 - 27. It will also be in the Wright Place on Wednesday evenings October 23 - 30. You are invited to place a small bell on the banner in memory of those we love who have died. All Saints Sunday is November 3.

DO UNTO OTHERS A CAMPAIGN FOR KINDNESS

As we find ourselves in a season marked by political fervor and societal divisions, First United Methodist Church is excited to extend an invitation for our congregation and community to join a movement of compassion and reconciliation. Each of the Sundays in this season will focus on an aspect of kindness from the teachings of Jesus. And there is special merchandise so that we can all promote kindness in our neighborhoods or wherever we might go. Visit FUMCPensacola.com/Kindness for more info. You can buy or pick-up Do Unto Others yard signs, stickers and t-shirts on Sunday mornings at the table under the awning (or in The Wright Place if it's raining) and in The Wright Place during Wednesday night dinners. You can now pick up special mugs/tumblers in the Consulate Café!



FIRST CHURCH RESPITE MINISTRY

KICK-OFF, VOLUNTEER TRAINING, & LUNCH

Thursday, October 3, 2024 | 10:30am | Wesley Abbey

Volunteer Training & Lunch | 12:00 noon (Scan QR Code to Register)

Doors open at 10:00am



Guest Speaker: Daphne Johnston *Co-Founder, Respite for All Foundation*

First Church is launching a new Respite Ministry in November 2024. This ministry is designed to support individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Daphne Johnston, Co-Founder of Respite for All Foundation, will be joining us on October 3. We are excited to hear more about their foundation's mission to inspire, grow, and mentor Respite Volunteer Ministries across the country. Those interested in volunteering with First Church Respite are invited to stay for our training and lunch. Please fill out the interest form using the QR code. Email Kirstin Norris-Gartner (KGartner@FUMCPensacola.com) for more info.



VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

If you are interested in staying for our volunteer training and lunch please click or scan the QR code or fill out a short interest form.

INTRODUCING KIRSTIN GARTNER

Director, First Church Respite Ministry

Kirstin is excited to join the team at First Church to contribute to their passion for serving Christ and the community. A graduate of Western Governors University, she has previously served in leadership roles at the Pensacola Opera and Pensacola Children's Chorus, and has a special interest in advocating for underserved populations. She and her husband Alex are frequenters of Pensacola's performing arts scene when they aren't chasing their son, Max, and dog, Luna.



LET'S SAY, THANK YOU!

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!

During this month, there will be a card collection box in the church office and the *Staff Parish Relations Committee* invites you to write to your Pastors and let them know personally, how much they are loved and appreciated. You can also join us each Wednesday night in October to enjoy a different clergy's favorite dessert!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 10:00AM | THE FOUNTAIN

Bring your beloved pets for a service of prayer and blessings. St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and environment, believed that God should be praised and celebrated for all His creation. All pets are invited but must be properly restrained. This year, our Blessing of the Beasts will take place on Saturday during our Community Day!

We also ask that you bring donations for the Pensacola Humane Society. Visit the link below to view their wishlist.

[Pensacolahumane.org/our-shelter/how-to-help/our-wishlist](https://pensacolahumane.org/our-shelter/how-to-help/our-wishlist)



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

October 27
4:00-5:00pm
 Parking Lot off Guillemard

**CRAFTS, GAMES,
COSTUME CONTEST
& MORE!**



- * Sign up to decorate your vehicle. (Scan QR Code)
- * Bring change for Serving the Hungry

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

Youth Choir

FRESH EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER

The **FUMC Youth Choir** is selling fresh evergreen wreaths, door sprays, centerpieces, table top Christmas trees, and garland to raise funds for choir tour. Prices start at \$35. Youth choir members will be taking in-person pre-orders and payments on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings through October 27. Products will be delivered to FUMC the week of December 2. Information on product pick-up will be announced. Online ordering is also available at giftitforward.com (with code FIRSTUFL008). Items ordered online will be shipped directly to your desired address and prices will vary.



MIDWEEK at First Church

BINGO NIGHT & SESSION 2 PREVIEW

Wednesday, October 9 | 5:00 - 7:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for a mid-week respite to enjoy dinner, bingo, and fellowship with your church family! We will also be giving a preview of our session 2 classes. Dinner is from 5:00-6:00pm and the menu will be Ham and Potato Soup, Pretzel, Salad, and Dessert. Dinner can be purchased the following weeks for \$10/adult, \$4/child, with a max cost of \$27/family.

Session 2 - Starts Wednesday, October 16

FREE DINNER! SESSION 2 KICK-OFF

Wednesday, October 16 | 5:00 - 6:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for a time of fellowship and delicious food, reconnect with old friends, and meet some new ones as we kick-off our second session of Mid-Week programming. We will be serving Beefaroni, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert. This is also a great opportunity for evangelism so invite your friends and family!

Dinner can be purchased the following weeks for \$10/adult, \$4/child, with a max cost of \$27/family. See [FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights](https://www.fumcpensacola.com/WednesdayNights) for a full list of menus.

SESSION 2: CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays, Starting October 16 - November 20 | 6:00 - 7:00pm

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

AN INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY BASED ON THE CHOSEN SERIES

FACILITATED BY HANK THOMPSON

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 233

The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him. Many who watch the series have seen the scriptures come alive and identified with Biblical characters in new ways. Participants will watch an episode of The Chosen each week (either on their own or at a designated time at church) and then together on Wednesdays study and discuss the scriptures portrayed on the screen. Come experience the Bible in a whole new way!

Participant books are available in the church office for \$10 each or [purchase online here](#).

THE JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS:

ENNEAGRAM WISDOM FOR STRESS, BALANCE, AND TRANSFORMATION

FACILITATED BY REV. EMILY KINCAID AND DONELL SEAGER

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 206

This class is for those who already have some knowledge of the Enneagram as a tool for Spiritual Formation and want to learn more. For those who want to dive deeper into Enneagram wisdom, author Suzanne Stabile opens the concept of three Centers of Intelligence: thinking, feeling, and doing. When we learn to manage these centers, each for its intended purpose, we open a path to reducing fear, improving relationships, growing spiritually, and finding wholeness. Participants need to purchase the book (the separate study guide is optional).

[Purchase book at Amazon here](#) or [Cokesbury here](#)

[Purchase OPTIONAL study guide here](#)

WALKING GROUP

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00pm

All are welcome to join this multi-generational walking group as we explore downtown Pensacola. We will meet, weather permitting, in front of the Administration building at 6:00pm. Contact Denise Van Atta (DVanAtta@FUMCPensacola.com) for more information.

NURSERY

5:30 - 7:00pm | Education Building

Nursery is available for infants up to 2 years old for parents attending class and choir practice. No registration required.



FIRST KIDS PROGRAMING

Our Wednesday programming for Kindergarten–5th Grade starts at 3:00pm with a time for great extracurricular classes, developing relationships in small group settings, and having fun singing and playing together. Afternoon programs are divided by age-group and listed below. This lasts until dinner. After dinner, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun with our Midweek program starting in the gym.



KIDCONNECT (FOR K–3RD GRADE)

Wednesdays | 3:00 - 5:15pm | Starts in Wesley Abbey

[Register Online](#)

All children, Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, are invited to join us for KidConnect, our midweek connection time with camp-style classes like sports, music, drama, drawing - Pinterest Party games and more. Each week, from 3:00-4:25pm, kids will meet for worship, enjoy an extracurricular activity and connect with friends. Afterwards, from 4:30 to 5:15pm, they can join our Elementary Choir/Music program. Parents can drop off in the Wesley Abbey and pick up at 5:15pm in the gym. Families are then invited to Family dinner from 5:15 to 6:00pm. Then from 6-7pm, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun starting in the gym. (See First Kids:Midweek)



CHILLTIME (FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays | 3:00 - 5:15pm | Starts in Wesley Abbey

[Register Online](#)

Each week, all 4th and 5th Graders are invited to join us for Worship and Chilltime in the Consulate Café. Just like our Summer Kaboodle Cafe, we will enjoy lots of fun activities along with a yummy snack while we chill out with friends. We will start in Wesley Abbey for worship with the other children, then we will have our own Chilltime in the cafe. We highly encourage you to invite your friends too!

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

Wednesdays | 5:50 - 7:00pm | Gym, Education 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.



FIRST STUDENTS PROGRAMING

6:00 - 7:00pm | Youth Building

Students, 6th to 12th Grade, are invited to the Youth Building for a night to fellowship and have fun as a respite from the week.

Music & Worship Arts DEDICATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 8:30 & 11:00AM MAIN SANCTUARY

Our children, tween, youth, handbell, & adult choir members will perform along with the Perdido Brass during our Main Sanctuary Services. It's a celebratory Sunday as we worship together in song and dedicate all of our choirs and musicians to the glory of God.

Please note that our ICON family will join us for a combined 11:00am service in the Main Sanctuary.



BLUE LAKE RETREAT

REFRESH • RECALIBRATE • REUNITE



Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore

CHURCH-WIDE BLUE LAKE RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

October 18 - 20 | (Friday Night - Sunday Morning)

Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL

The weekend will include break out sessions, pumpkin carving, canoeing, roasting marshmallows, playing games, and fellowshiping! The Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore, the Chapman-Benson Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Huntingdon College, will be our retreat speaker. Dr. Moore is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and holds a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from Brunel University/London School of Theology. Her extensive academic career includes leadership roles at Luther Seminary, Wesley Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Duke Divinity School. A prolific writer and preacher, Dr.

Moore is committed to helping others practice and explain Christian hope, making her a compelling and inspiring voice for our retreat. Dr. Moore is a host of the highly popular Sermon Brainwave Podcast (a favorite of Pastor Geoffrey's). We hope you will join us for a great weekend with your First Church family!

For more information about Dr. Moore, visit [Huntingdon College's website](https://www.huntingdoncollege.edu/).

Visit FUMCPensacola.com/Retreat or scan the QR code to register!

Registration Closes October 1.



KIDS FEEDING PROGRAM

The Kids Feeding Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available. Many of the kids served by this program receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch at their school and would otherwise go hungry over the weekends if it weren't for this program. The Kids Feeding Program supplies enough food to last them through the weekend until they return to school.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Drivers

Drivers are needed to deliver food to Workman Middle School. Day of the week is flexible. Volunteer hours are 9:30-2:00pm and individuals must be able to lift a 20lb box.

Packers

Pack grocery bags of food for kids in FUMC Mission Pantry. Volunteer hours are 4 hours a month with day and time flexibility.

182
KIDS

3
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS
1,192
MEALS
PER WEEK



**SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED
BY HURRICANE HELENE**

Hurricane Helene has moved through Florida, Georgia, and much of the southeast leaving destruction in its wake. UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is many times the first one in and last one out when it comes to US disaster response, and they are already on site coordinating with conference disaster ministries throughout the southeast. Here are some ways you can support those affected by the storm. Let's support our neighbors and extend them kindness with our gifts and service. Scan the QR code or visit fumcpensacola.com/disaster-response for more information.

- Pray
- Make Flood Cleaning Buckets (List) and Hygiene Kits (List)
- Donate to UMCOR
- Serve on a Response Team (More info below)



DISASTER RELIEF TRIP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Emergency Response team at FUMC Pensacola is looking for people to deploy to Valdosta, GA for a three day disaster relief trip. Volunteers will be using chainsaws and removing debris. Food, shelter, transportation, and tools will be provided. Those interested are asked to contact Andrew Rasnick (DisasterRelief@FUMCPensacola.com).

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

COMMUNITY DAY - FALL FUN FEST

Saturday, October 12 | 9:30am -

1:00pm | The Consulate & Lawn

Every 2nd Saturday we open our campus to kids & adults of all ages to GATHER, RELAX, & VISIT.

We will have special activities just for kids as well as local vendors and businesses. We hope you will join us for a fun day in Downtown Pensacola! This month's activities and guests include: Touch-a-Truck (kids can get on and explore city vehicles such as Florida Forestry, City of Pensacola Fire, Florida Light & Power, Escambia Public Safety, ECUA, BAM! Snoballs); Humane Society Adopt a Pet; Ruth's Kitchen Soup Booth; Kids Stations from Help Me Grow Escambia: Books, Balls and Blocks; Development Screenings; Hay Ride; and Corn Hole.

We will also have a special Blessing of the Beasts between 10:00 and 11:00am by the fountain (See [page 4](#) for more info).

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 27 | 4:00pm -

5:00pm | Parking Lot off Guillemard

See [Page 5](#) for more info.

FIRST STUDENTS

First Students is our youth ministry at First Church for students in the 6th-12th grades. We have many combined activities and occasionally separate into mid-high and senior-high activities.

Rev. Heather Nysewander

Director of Student Ministries

HNysewander@fumcpensacola.com

BURGERS AND BINGO

Sunday, October 6 | 4:30pm -

6:00pm (Students arrive at 4:00pm)

The Wright Place

First Students are invited to join in an evening of Burgers and Bingo with our 50 Forward members! Students are to arrive by 4:00pm to prepare to welcome the 50 Forward group. There will be prizes! There will be no youth group following this event.

BLUE LAKE FAMILY WEEKEND

Friday, October 18 -

Sunday, October 20 | Blue Lake

If you haven't already signed up for Blue Lake Family Weekend, you have until October 1. Students, there will be many opportunities to earn points for your team at Blue Lake this year. See [Page 8](#) for more info.

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Sunday, October 27 | 4:00pm -

5:00pm | Parking Lot off Guillemard

See [Page 5](#) for more info.

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

BINGO NIGHT & MID-WEEK: SESSION 2 PREVIEW

Wednesday, October 9 | 5:00 -

7:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for a mid-week respite to enjoy dinner, bingo, and fellowship with your church family! We will also be giving a preview of our session 2 classes. Dinner is from 5:00 - 6:00pm with bingo from 6:00 - 7:00pm.

MID-WEEK: SESSION 2

Begins Wednesday, October 16

Join us as we begin a new semester of adult classes and groups on Wednesday nights! See [Page 6](#) for more info.

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

BURGERS & BINGO

Sunday, October 6 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm (doors open at 4:30pm)
The Wright Place | FREE

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship with the First Church Youth as they host Burgers & Bingo! It's going to be fun spending time with the future of First Church as we laugh, break bread and win some Bingo prizes.

LUNCH OUT - CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

Thursday, October 10 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for our monthly lunch outing with friends. We will gather at Carrabba's for some delicious Italian food. In 1986 Johnny Carabba and his Uncle Damian Mandola, two Sicilian boys from Texas who love to cook and eat, created Carrabba's Italian Grill. They wanted a new restaurant of their own which would stay true to their shared memories of the kitchens of their childhoods, making full and faithful use of the family's hundred-plus years of cooking traditions. Register online or to the church office by October 8.

SILVER & GOLD

Thursday, October 24

11:00am - 1:00pm | \$10

[Click HERE to Register](#)

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 Denise VanAtta and Kyle Hall. They will share stories and pictures with us from past FUMC Mission Trips to Tanzania, what they will be doing on their

upcoming Mission Trip to Tanzania in November and how the Mission Team is preparing. Doors open at 10:30am. Register online or call the church office by October 20.

THE LEARNING TABLE - JASON WADDELL, ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

Tuesday, October 29 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | No Cost

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Jason Waddell, Board Certified Elder Law Attorney, will be joining us to discuss the importance of protecting your rights, your assets and preparing your Advance Directives before you need them. Jason Waddell has over 20 years of experience assisting families with Elder Law issues in Pensacola. While this is a difficult topic for most of us, it is an important gift you can set up for yourself and your loved ones. You will not only learn something new but also have an opportunity to ask questions. Doors open at 10:00am. Register online or call the church office by October 27.

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

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.

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

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE, AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Sunday, October 13

Choir Dedication Sunday, October 13. You will sing, along with all the other choirs, at the beginning of the 8:30 AND 11:00am services. This is such a big day that the ICON Service will combine with the Sanctuary Service that day.

Warm up in the choir room at 8:10am and then meet in the classroom below the sanctuary (where they climb the stairs to enter the back of the sanctuary) at 10:50am. If they go to Sunday School, they will be brought over. Parents: they sing at the beginning of each service and then will be free to join you about 15 minutes into each service. Please make sure they know where to find you after they sing.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sunday, October 13

Choir Dedication Sunday, October 13. You play for the beginning of the 8:30 and 11:00am services. Dress rehearsal is Wednesday, October 9, at 6:00pm.

Monday, October 14 | 4:15pm

Polish/Dinner Party

Monday, October 21

No rehearsal

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, October 20

No Rehearsal. Check you email for registration signup for our Youth Choir Christmas Retreat on November 15 and 16 at Blue Lake Camp!

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

Missions Coordinator

LBond@fumcpensacola.com

NIGHT OF THE CLASSICS - TEAMING WITH TANZANIA FUNDRAISER

Save the Date - November 1st & 2nd

Help our mission team serve our brothers and sisters in Tanzania and plan to join us on Friday, November 1 or Saturday, November 2 for a special dinner and live music show. We'll have a delicious three course meal and various musical acts playing hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. More information to come!

TEAMING WITH TANZANIA UPDATE

Our congregation is sending another mission to Tanzania this November 11-21. There will be two teams this trip. One team from our church, led by Lisa Bond, will complete the Children's Ministry training that we began there in 2019 and that we built upon with a trip last year. This final training will be focused on VBS like experiences and in addition to the training, we along with our Tanzanian counterparts will get to put on a real VBS with a group of children from an area school. Other members from our team will work at Wesley College on a mentoring program. The second team will be a group of pastors led by Pastor Geoffrey. These pastors from around the Alabama-West Florida Conference will get to see the work that we have started in the region and have the opportunity to make their own connections and build relationships with area churches to create partnerships like

the one we have with our sister church, Nyegezi UMC. If you want more information about the partnership, go to www.awfumc.org/tanzania.

You can support the church's work in Tanzania by participating in the upcoming Tanzania Tea and Night of the Classics fundraising events in October and November. You can also donate directly to the church and mark your gift, Tanzania. We look forward to bringing everyone an update on the important work there after the November trip.

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 | [Register Online](#)

10/2

Bratwurst, Pepper and Onions, German Potato Salad, and Dessert

10/9

Ham and Potato Soup, Pretzel, Salad, and Dessert

10/16

Beefaroni, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

10/23

Fish Fry, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, and Dessert

10/30

Beef Stroganoff, Roasted Garlic Parmesan Cauliflower, Roll, and Dessert

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

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

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FIRST CHURCH CARES

Congregational Care Ministry of FUMC Pensacola

If you would like to add an announcement or purchase flowers please contact: Ginger Raines at GRaines@FUMCPensacola.com

LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE

We offer our love and Christian sympathy to:

Members who have died...

DuWayne Escobedo on the death of his wife, **Amy Leigh Escobedo**. Amy died on September 5, 2024

Wayne Anderson and family on the death of his father, **Clyde C. Anderson**. Clyde died on September 14, 2024

Karen Montee and family on the death of her husband **Michael Richard Montee**. Mike died on September 21, 2024.

Elaine Norman and family of the death of her daughter, **Leigh Hoskins**. Lee died on September 27, 2024.

Loved ones who have died...

Kenny Holt and Raider Holt on the death of their daughter and mother (respectively), **Laura Holt**.

BAPTISMS

Olivia Ruth Browning daughter of Rachel and Thomas Browning, baptized on September 22, 2024.

Elizabeth Faith Slapkunas daughter of Brandi and Ray Slapkunas, baptized on September 22, 2024.

BIRTHS

Mary Hagan Brantley, born on September 10, 2024. Proud parents are **Taylor & William Brantley**

NEW MEMBERS

Joined September 22:

Jennifer & David Brinkley

Rachel & Thomas Browning

Myra Finnell

Silas Hudson

Christy Meredith

Grace Moore & Bannon (Monty) Montgomery

Rebecca Williams

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

September 8: In celebration of **Bob and Sharon Espersen's 57th wedding anniversary** on September 9th.

September 15: In honor and celebration of **Martha Kincaid's 7th birthday** on September 14 by her family, Brian, Ruth, and Emily Kincaid.

September 22: In celebration of **Olivia Ruth Browning on her 1st birthday and baptism day** by her grandparents Jessica and Mark Browning and Christine and Jody Todd.

THE LIVING TRUST SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2024

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