

"THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED
BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES..."

HEBREWS 12:1

ALL OF US, SENT AGAIN



Dear Friends,
I'm thrilled for Consecration Sunday on November 9, the day we bring our Estimate of Giving for 2026 as an act of worship. This isn't just a budget moment; it's a mission moment. In Luke 9 and 10, Jesus gathers his people and sends them—first the Twelve, then the seventy-two—telling them to travel light, lead with peace, and announce, “The kingdom of God has come near.” That is our heartbeat for Founders' Year 2026: All of us, sent again. We are not a monument; we are a mission.

For more than two centuries, God has used First Church to bless Pensacola. In 1821, Alexander Talley was sent to start a Methodist mission here. In 2026, we step into that same stream. Your commitment on Consecration Sunday fuels a year of concrete, Gospel-shaped sending. In January, we will relaunch ICON in the Upper Room—an intentionally beautiful space designed not to impress but to form and send disciples. In August, we will open the Beulah Chapel campus with worship and preschool—founding work for a growing community that needs welcome, teaching, and hope. And throughout the year, right here on our downtown campus, we will keep doing what sent people do: proclaim good news, embody mercy, and bless our neighbors in Jesus' name.

Between now and November 9, I'm asking you to pray. Ask the Lord, “What would you have me give so that others will hear and see the good news?” Make a thoughtful, faith-stretched plan for your 2026 giving. On Consecration Sunday we will come forward together and place our estimates on the altar as a sign that our whole lives belong to God.

I'm excited to invest in what God is doing at First Church. I'm all in. I believe 2026 will be one of the most important years in our history—a refounding year that remembers who we are: disciples who are sent. Pensacola will not be reached by condemnation shouted from a distance but by people who carry Christ's peace into homes, schools, offices, ball fields, and coffee shops. That's us. That's our calling. And our shared commitment will make it possible.

Let's step forward together on November 9. **All of us, sent again.**

Practice Resurrection,

Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor



What is God calling you to give to First United Methodist Church of Pensacola in 2026? During stewardship we ask our congregation to prayerfully consider how you will support the missions and ministries of FUMC Pensacola. We will conclude with **Consecration Sunday on November 9** with a special brunch and lunch!

If you haven't done so yet please take a moment to let us know whether you'll be with us that day by completing your **Consecration Sunday Reservation Card**. Let us know if you'll be with us for our 8:30am service and Celebration Brunch or one of our 11:00am services and the Celebration Lunch. Even if you're unable to attend, we'd love to hear from you. (Please only fill out one reservation card per family.) Click [HERE](#) or Scan the QR code to register online.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day & November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

Sunday, November 16 | 12:00 - 2:00pm

The Wright Place, Great Hall

[Click HERE to Register or scan QR Code](#)

FUMC is offering a Safe Sanctuary training for all who volunteer in our children, youth, Serve the Hungry, Respite, Congregational Care, Disaster Relief teams and other ministries. Lunch will be provided. All volunteers are required to attend this session, unless their ministry coordinator has already trained them



within the last year. Check with the staff person related to your ministry area if you have questions.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23 | 5:30pm

First Presbyterian Church (33 East Gregory Street)

Join us and our friends from Pensacola's Historic Downtown Congregations for our annual interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted at First Presbyterian Church. This service is a collaboration of Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Temple Beth El, First Baptist Church, Allen Memorial AME, and First United Methodist Church. Rev. Geoffrey Lentz will give the sermon.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses

The soft sound of bells on our All Saints banner reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

In the Methodist tradition, the All Saints banner is carried each year on All Saints Day (First Sunday in November) as a visible symbol of those who have entered eternal life in the past year. Each bell bears a name, a life remembered, a story of faith that continues to echo among us. As the banner is carried into worship, the bells ring softly, reminding us that the Church on earth and the Church in heaven are one in Christ. We recognize that we are part of a giant choir singing the same song—one of praise, faith, and hope.

This year, we remember with love and thanksgiving the members of First United Methodist Church of Pensacola who have entered eternal life in the past year (November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025). Each of their lives bore witness to God's grace, and their memory continues to shape our faith community in countless ways.

Harris Reynolds
November 19, 2024

Ann Murray
May 18, 2025

Oran Baughn
October 14, 2025

Nancy Shealy
December 03, 2024

David McPherson
May 29, 2025

Tom Helms, Sr.
October 17, 2025

Don Worley
December 27, 2024

Mary Nell Cowart
July 09, 2025

Marion Hawks
October 24, 2025

Walter Glenn
January 28, 2025

Kay Margedant
July 11, 2025

Bill Cowart
January 29, 2025

Mike Bower
September 15, 2025

As we celebrate All Saints Sunday, we also honor and remember all those in our lives and communities whose faith has guided and strengthened us. Together, we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and for the ongoing work of God's Spirit in our lives today.

RESPITE ALL SAINTS WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 5 | 12:00pm | Wesley Hall

Join our Respite ministry for a special All Saints service to remember those we have lost, featuring music from Rev. Rick Branch and a message from Rev. Emily Kincaid.

First Church Respite Ministry is dedicated to fostering a compassionate community for individuals living with dementia and providing vital support for their caregivers.

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, November 23 | 3:00 - 5:00pm | The Wright Place - Dining Hall

For people grieving the loss of a loved one, the holiday season can feel hurtful and sad. They are faced with social gatherings, holiday cheer, and special traditions that have always involved their loved one. Whether the loss was recent or years ago, this season is a painful reminder that their loved one is no longer here to celebrate. While the holidays can intensify grief, GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays" will bring reassurance, practical advice, and a way forward through the season. *Register online or with the church office by November 19th. To register, click or scan the QR code or call the church office (850-432-1434).*



GIVE & SERVE

STARTING NOW!

WEEKEND FEEDING KIDS - FOOD DRIVE

Each year we have a food drive to support those experience food scarcity in our community. This year we will be collecting food for Weekend Feeding Kids. This FUMC ministry serves hungry children in our local schools. Each age group is asked to bring in the listed non-perishable items below by Sunday, December 7 and drop them off in the GIVING CENTER located in the Activities Center. We will prepare bags at our Breakfast with Santa event on December 7. Monetary donations are also appreciated and are used to purchase any items we don't collect. Checks can be made payable to FUMC with the memo: Weekend Feeding Kids and turned in to the front office.

Everyone: Plastic Grocery Bags

MCA Preschool: Packets of Ramen (No Cups), Box Mac-N-Cheese

Children: Cans of Soup (No Single Serve or Family Size), Canned Ravioli

Youth: Single Portion Snacks (Granola Bars, Crackers, Popcorn, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Nuts)

Adults: Single Serve Packets of Grits and Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars

SERVING THE HUNGRY - SHOE DRIVE

Our Serving the Hungry Ministry provides hot meals twice a week to community members experiencing food insecurity. We also offer clothing and toiletries to help meet essential needs. As the winter months approach, we are collecting new or gently used men's shoes (sizes 6-12) — no sandals, please — to help keep our friends warm and comfortable. Please bring your donations to the GIVING CENTER located in the Activities Center by Sunday, December 7.

STARTING NOVEMBER 16!

ANGEL TREE

Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up Online or scan the QR code

The Angel Tree returns on Sunday, November 16! Children from N.B. Cook, Milk and Honey, and some of the most needy children in our local area are included on our tree this year. Each child will have two angels placed on the tree: one for their clothing needs and one for their interests, likes, and toys. The tree will be set up in the church office starting Sunday, November 16. You can pick your own angel from the tree (no need to register online), OR you can register online and one will be chosen for you. All angels must be signed out and returned with unwrapped gifts to the GIVING CENTER in the Activities Center, no later than Sunday, December 7. The difference our congregation makes in the lives of our Angel Tree participants each year is extraordinary, and we are thrilled to set up the tree again! Please get in touch with Sarah Bullock-Head in the church office with any questions.

SHead@FUMCPensacola.com (850) 432-1434.



BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up Online or scan the QR code

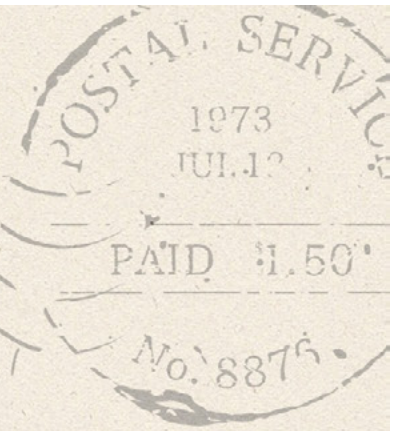
The "Be a Santa to a Senior" Tree returns on Sunday, November 16! For many seniors, the holiday season can be a difficult time of year marked by loneliness and depression. Home Instead leads this annual program by partnering with community organizations that work with seniors. They identify the needs of seniors who may not otherwise receive gifts this holiday season. For the fifth year, First Church is hosting a tree with bulbs that include gift needs and wishes from seniors in the Pensacola area. Last year we supported 150 seniors in our area, and were the largest host in Pensacola for this annual national program! The "Be a Santa to a Senior" Tree will be set up in the church office starting on Sunday, November 16. You can pick your own bulb from the tree (no need to register online), OR you can register online and one will be chosen for you. All bulbs must be signed out and returned with unwrapped gifts to the GIVING CENTER in the Activities Center, no later than Sunday, December 7. Please contact Sarah Bullock-Head in the church office with any questions. SHead@FUMCPensacola.com (850) 432-1434.

COLLECTING ALL ITEMS THROUGH DECEMBER 7 IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER!

**BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**



**AND
GIVING
WORKSHOP**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 9:30 - 10:45AM | ACTIVITIES CENTER

Join us for a morning with Santa as we focus on the season of giving. We will prepare bags of non perishable items for the Weekend Feeding Kid's Program food drive, making gifts for the homebound, eat a delicious breakfast, and have an opportunity to take pictures with the big guy himself!

Please note that this day is the last day to turn in items for all our giving opportunities (Food Drive, Shoe Drive, Angel Tree, & Be A Santa To A Senior).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA**

MIDWEEK at First Church

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesdays | 5:00 – 6:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for a time of fellowship and delicious food, reconnect with old friends, and meet some new ones. The cost of dinner will be \$10/Adult, \$4/child (2-9 years old), \$27/Family Max.

MENUS:

November 5: Chili, Grilled Cheese, Green Salad, and Dessert

November 12: Chicken Stew, Cornbread Biscuit, Salad, and Dessert

November 19: Roasted turkey with BBQ Glaze, Carrot Souffle, Yeast Roll, Peas and Pearl Onions, and Dessert

November 26: No Dinner due to Thanksgiving Break

SESSION 2: ADULT STUDIES

October 8 - November 19

READING THROUGH NEHEMIAH

taught by Alex Brown

Wednesdays, October 8 - November 19 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, Room WP233

Join me for a 7-week journey through the first half of Nehemiah! Each week, we'll dive into one chapter, uncovering powerful truths and practical lessons from one of the Old Testament's most inspiring leaders. Together, we'll explore how Nehemiah's story speaks to our lives today—and how we can live out those truths in meaningful ways. It's going to be a rich, thought-provoking study.

WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Wednesdays, October 8 - November 19 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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

A STUDY OF CHRISTIAN ART THROUGH THE LECTIONARY

taught by Rev. Emily Kincaid and Rev. Brennan Peacock

Wednesdays, October 8 - November 19 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Conference Room

Join us as we study scripture and how artists have interpreted God's word through artistic expression throughout history. No book required.

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.

WEEKLY ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays | 6:00 – 7:30pm | Choir Room

Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30pm. No experience is needed. The Adult Sanctuary Choir is open to all adults and sings on Sunday mornings alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00am Main Sanctuary worship services each week.



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. This program lasts until dinner. After dinner, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun with our Midweek program starting in the gym. *More details can be found in the First Kids section on [page 14](#).*

KIDCONNECT (FOR K–5TH GRADE)

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

[Register Online](#)

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK (FOR PRE-K – 5TH GRADE)

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



FIRST STUDENTS PROGRAMING

6:00 – 7:00pm | Youth Building

Students, 6th to 12th Grade, are invited to the Youth Building for fellowship, games, learning, and worship on Wednesday evenings.



FROM THE CLERGY AND STAFF AT FIRST CHURCH.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

TRADITIONS

PRACTICES THAT POINT US TO CHRIST



SUNDAY ADVENT SERIES

November 30 - December 21

8:30 & 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary & ICON at 11:00am

We love the traditions that help us get ready for Christmas; the lights, the tree, the carols, the Nativity. But these practices are more than holiday customs. In Advent, they point us toward something deeper: the coming of Christ. Advent is a season of preparation — a time to awaken our hearts, to wait with hope, and to make room for the child who changes everything. Each week in this series, Traditions: Practices That Point Us to Christ, we'll explore a beloved Christmas tradition alongside Scripture, discovering how it prepares us not just for December 25, but for the living presence of Jesus in our lives. Come join us as we rediscover the meaning behind the practices we cherish, and let them guide us into the wonder of Christ's birth.

Advent 1: St Nicholas

Sunday, November 30 | Matthew 24:36 - 44

Jesus tells us the Son of Man will come like a thief in the night — suddenly, unexpectedly. Not to steal, but to bless. St. Nicholas was known for slipping secretly into homes, surprising people with gifts of generosity. This Advent, we are called to live ready for Christ's coming, watching for the blessings he brings.

Advent 2: Christmas Trees

Sunday, December 7 | Matthew 3:1 - 12

John the Baptist warns that the ax is already at the root of the trees — what is rotten must be cut down to make way for new life. St. Boniface felled the sacred oak and lifted up the evergreen as a sign of eternal life in Christ. Advent calls us to prune away what does not bear fruit, so that Christ's life may grow strong in us.

Advent 3: Stockings

Sunday, December 14 | Matthew 11:2 - 11

John the Baptist, waiting in prison, longs to know if Jesus is the one to come. Waiting is never easy. Our Christmas stockings hang empty, waiting to be filled with good things. In the same way, Advent invites us to wait with expectation — trusting that Christ will come and fill our lives with his joy and presence.

Advent 4 - Nativity Scenes

Sunday, December 21 | Matthew 1:18 - 25

An angel tells Joseph that the child to be born is Emmanuel, "God with us." To help people see this truth, St. Francis of Assisi created the first crèche, setting the story of Christ's birth before the eyes of the faithful. The Nativity reminds us that God chose to dwell among us, not far away, but right here — in a child laid in a manger.

FUMC PENSACOLA
UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH
Present

CHRISTMAS CREATIONS

Holiday Market
NOVEMBER 8 10 AM- 2 PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Creations Holiday Market. We are looking for volunteers to help make this festive occasion a success. If you can volunteer as a greeter, donate baked goods, or provide decorations, your support would be greatly appreciated. Email FUMCPChristmasCreations@gmail.com for more information.

COFFEE *with the pastors*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 9:45AM | HOSPITALITY SUITE, LOWER SANCTUARY

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN *Advent*

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17 | 5:00 – 5:45pm

The Wright Place

Join us in Advent for dinner and fellowship with your church family. The cost is \$10 for adults (10 and older) and \$4 for children with a \$27 family max.

Please note that there will not be dinner on December 24 and 31.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT: AN INVITATION TO ADVENT

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00 – 7:00pm

Wesley Abbey & Lawn

All children, youth, and adults are invited to join us for this interactive service of story and song, that begins in darkness and ends in light, to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. As the service concludes we will journey outside to experience the illumination of the FUMC Campus for our Festival of Light Show and enjoy hot chocolate and warm cider.

PIZZA DINNER & CAROLING

Wednesday, December 10 | 5:00 - 6:00pm (Dinner)

5:30 - 6:00pm (Caroling at Wesley Haven)

6:00 - 7:00pm (Caroling on the Buses)

All ages are welcome to join us for a special night of Christmas Caroling! After Pizza, Salad, and Dessert we will head over to Wesley Haven for 30 minutes to carol, then, at 6:00pm we will load up on the church buses to share the hope, love, joy, and peace of the Advent Season.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 17 | 6:00pm | Chapel

Christmas can be a painful time for some, especially for those who are grieving or in despair, so each year around the longest night, we hold a service of healing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence for those who mourn or struggle. All are welcome. This service is offered in partnership with Center for Sacred Space.

Concert Series

WHITE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 7 | 5:00 - 6:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Start the season with some festive Christmas music presented by our Children and Youth Choirs. A special offering will be collected to benefit Embrace Florida Kids. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join us for pizza and cookies in The Wright Place. Nursery provided.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SING-ALONG

Monday, December 15 | 7:30pm | Activities Center | FREE

The Pensacola Bay Concert Band (PBCB), a 110-piece community concert band, will perform a FREE Christmas Concert and carol sing-along in the Henry Roberts Activity as a thank you to our church for the temporary use of our facilities for practice space. Please bring non-perishable food items for Manna Food Pantry.

BEHOLD THE LAMB CONCERT

Sunday, December 14 | 6:00pm | Wesley Hall

This folksy concert features music that tells the true tall tale of the coming of Christ - from the story of Passover in the Old Testament to the birth of Jesus. Includes acoustic and

electric instruments, a string quartet, organ, piano, and percussion. The Consulate Cafe will be open before the concert with warm drinks and refreshments.

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 21 | 7:30pm | Main Sanctuary

This is a traditional evening of classical Christmas favorites presented by the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Rick and Heidi Branch. A full professional orchestra will accompany the choir. A reception will follow the concert in The Wright Place.

EPIPHANY CONCERT

Tuesday, January 6 | 7:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Join us for a very special last concert of the season, "Journey to the Manger", featuring local musicians from area churches.

Christmas

AT FIRST CHURCH

5 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 8:00, & 11:00pm



Candlelight & Communion Service

4:00 & 6:00pm | Main Sanctuary

A service of candlelight, Christmas carols, children's sermon, and communion.

Childcare provided.



An ICON Christmas

5:00pm | Wesley Abbey

An intimate, family-friendly, candlelight, and communion service. Includes a dynamic reading of the Christmas Story and music from the ICON Praise Band.

Childcare provided.



Choir, Candlelight, & Communion Service

8:00 & 11:00pm | Main Sanctuary

A traditional service of candlelight, Christmas carols, communion, and special choral music.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

You may **HONOR**, **CELEBRATE** or **MEMORIALIZE** individuals or events by purchasing poinsettias for \$14.00 each this Advent Season.

Place your order online or to the church office no later than December 14.

Contact: Sarah Bullock Head (SHead@FUMCPensacola.com)

Click or scan QR code to purchase





EMBRACE FLORIDA KIDS

WHO WE ARE

Providing ministry from the heart: Embrace Florida Kids offers joy-filled childhoods.

It's not uncommon for young adults who have found hope and healing through Embrace Florida Kids' ministry to credit the agency for changing their lives. "They provided me with a home, a family, stability, an education and lifelong relationships. It means everything to me," one resident said. "It's my home; it's a part of me," said another.

But when you ask them years later what made the greatest impact on their lives, they don't usually focus on those big services. Instead, they talk about the love they received and the opportunities they were given to cast aside their adult-sized worries and enjoy their childhoods.

At Embrace Florida Kids, those opportunities are known as cotton candy. After all, you find the sugary confection that melts in your mouth at places where kids have fun – baseball games, football games, amusement parks and the circus. Since most of the children and teenagers served by the ministry haven't had much fun in their lives, the staff does everything possible to provide ordinary moments of happiness that many people take for granted.

The work of Embrace Florida Kids is critical. The ministry provides children and youth who have suffered from abuse and neglect with a safe home. They receive warm beds, nutritious meals, a spiritual foundation, an education, and everything they need to heal physically, emotionally and mentally. Embrace Florida Kids is a nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to serving vulnerable children and families across Northwest Florida. With the mission to embrace children with unconditional love and surround them with the support they need to thrive, Embrace offers residential and group homes for children, teens, college students, teen moms, and homeless mothers and their children. It also supports families in crisis through family preservation, partners with caring foster families and equips parents with resources to prepare their children for school success.

At Embrace Florida Kids, cotton candy comes in the form of trips, dance lessons and other extracurricular activities. The kids play football and basketball. They're cheerleaders and softball players; they're in the band. They go to the beach and the lake; they go to Disney World. They participate in mission trips. They attend church, summer camp and the prom. They roast marshmallows, play Ping-Pong and splash in the rain.

"There are many programs out there that help children, but ours is truly a ministry," said Ramsey Lawrence, director of development and community relations. "We go above and beyond because they are worth it. Our kids receive counseling if they need it, and most of them do. Our staff and foster parents laugh with them, cry with them and offer lots of hugs. We want them to know they aren't alone, they have value, and they are worthy of love."

The result is transformational. "I never in my life dreamed I would get to do some of the things I've done," said one group home resident. "Most of us come from pretty difficult circumstances, but once I came here, I was able to forget all that. Here, I feel loved and cared for."

For more information contact Ramsey Lawrence, Director of Development and Community Relations at Embrace Florida Kids (ramsey.lawrence@embraceflkids.org).

**To get involved and find out more, visit embraceflkids.org.
A special offering for Embrace Florida Kids will be collected at
the FUMC Pensacola White Christmas Concert on December 7.**

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 & REMEMBRANCE

Members who have died:

We offer our christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Oran Baughn. Oran died on October 14, 2025.

The family of Tom Helms Sr. Tom died on October 17, 2025.

The family of Marion Hawks. Marion died on October 24, 2025.

BAPTISMS

Clara Kessler Tidwell was baptized on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Clara is the daughter of Lucy and Reid Tidwell.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor, celebration or memory of someone. The cost for our Sunday Flower arrangements is \$165.00 (\$82.50 each).

October 5th: Given in loving memory and in honor of the date of Betty and George Olliff's 70th wedding anniversary, with love from their family.

October 19: Given in loving memory of Oran Baughn by his wife, Bobbi, and their family.

October 26: Given in celebration of Bill and Anna Spain's 60th wedding anniversary by their family.

THE LIVING TRUST OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2025

The Living Trust is a special fund set up to receive gifts for memorials that you may wish to give in memory of or in honor of an individual. This is given to meet extra needs of the church above those of the annual budget. **If you would like to give towards The Living Trust, contact the finance department (accounting@FUMCPensacola.com).**

IN MEMORY

Bill Sneed

For the Fifty Forward Ministry

By: Liann Hale

Tom Helms

By: Dixon and Linda Moseley

Tom and Margaret Helms

By: Griff and Julie Vickery

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

MOMS' COFFEE BREAK

Friday, November 7 | 3:30 - 5:00pm
Starbucks on Gregory
(501 E. Gregory Street)

Drop your kids off at church and join us at Starbucks for a well deserved coffee break while we provide childcare. Contact Lisa at 850-549-8967 if you can join us.

COMMUNITY DAY - FALL FAMILY DAY

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00am - 1:00 pm | Consulate Front Lawn

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on the lawn with games, crafts, and hot chocolate! It's the perfect way to celebrate the season and connect with neighbors, friends, and family. Everyone's welcome — come make some fall memories!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Saturday, November 10 | 5:00 - 7:00pm Calverts in the Heights
Let's all gather for dinner together. We'll see you there!

YOUTH CHOIR: TIJUANA FLATS SPIRIT NIGHT

Monday, November 17 | 5:00 - 7:30pm | Tijuana Flats

Join us as we all gather at Tijuana Flats for an evening of fun and fundraising. Come anytime that evening, eat, visit and mention FUMC Youth Choir and Tijuana Flats will donate money.

PARENTS SHOPPING DAY & WRAPPING PARTY

Saturday, December 6 | 9:30 - 1:00pm | Activities Center
\$25/child

[Click HERE to Register by December 3](#)

Parents can shop, infants -5th graders can have fun with us, while youth raise money for choir tour. What's not to love? Shop, then come back and wrap gifts or drop them off for youth to wrap. Registration is required with a suggested donation (\$25 per child). Lunch included.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & GIVING WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 7 | 9:30 - 10:45am | Activities Center

Join us for a morning with Santa as we focus on the season of giving. We will collect and prepare bags of non perishable items for the Weekend Feeding Kid's Program food drive, making gifts for the homebound, eat a delicious breakfast, and have an opportunity to take pictures with the big guy himself!

KIDCONNECT (for K-5TH GRADE)

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

[Register HERE](#)

All children, Kindergarten to 5th Grade, are invited to join us for KidConnect our midweek connection time including worship, classes, and choir! Kids will have the opportunity to choose from an array of classes upon registration (starting August 6). Each week, from 3:00 - 4:25pm, kids will meet for worship, enjoy classes, 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 Hall and pick up at 5:15pm in the Activities Center. 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)

FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK

(for PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

Wednesdays | 5:50 - 7:00pm
Gym & Ed. Building

After dinner, this Wednesday evening program is a great time of fellowship and faith building for Preschoolers and Elementary kids. Each age group will have a devotion/story and play time while parents enjoy a class and fellowship with others. Drop-off and pick-up is in the gym.

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

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NOVEMBER CURRICULUM

November 2: All Saints

November 9: Youth Mission Statement: Growing in Faith

November 16: Youth Mission Statement: Serving Others in Love

November 23: Youth Mission Statement: Leading and Living the Gospel to Create a Christ-like Community

November 30: First Sunday of Advent: Traditions - St. Nicholas - The Holy Thief

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

November 5: Craft

November 12: Volunteer

November 19: Field Trip Bible Study

November 26: Thanksgiving Break - No Evening Activities

FIRST STUDENTS CONT.

WILDERNESS TRAIL REGISTRATION

Starting November 10 at 9:30am

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Our annual trip to Wilderness Trail is July 19 - 25, 2026. All ACTIVE students 6th through 12th grade are eligible to participate. Due to space, all students registering must be in regular weekly attendance. Total cost is \$500 per student (that includes a \$200 non refundable deposit). Please note that registration will close on December 31. Email hnysewander@FUMCPensacola.com with questions.

STUDENT SUNDAY IN ICON

Sunday, November 16 | 11:00am

Our youth will be taking over the ICON service on November 16! Everything aside from communion will be led by our youth. To sign up for a role, [please sign-up here](#). The sermon will be brought to you by Jack McAuley.

TURKEY BOWLING AND THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 16

5:30 - 7:00pm

Youth will gather to celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving break! Yes, we will be bowling with a frozen turkey again. We will have all kinds of Thanksgiving themed games. We would love to see you there!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP

Sunday, November 23 | 5:30pm

We we gather and travel together to First Presbyterian Church to go to the Community Thanksgiving Celebration. The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz has been invited to preach and we invite all at First UMC of Pensacola to take part in the community at this event.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no activities from November 23 to November 29.

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). 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

YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsals are every Sunday in November from 4:30 - 5:20pm. Please join us as we prepare for our Christmas program on December 7 at 5:00pm.

Youth Choir Christmas Retreat at Blue Lake Camp is Friday, November 14-Saturday, November 15. Those signed up for the retreat will receive an email the week prior with pertinent information.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

There will be no rehearsal (or Kid Connect) the day before Thanksgiving (Nov 26). Your Christmas program is December 7 at 5:00pm.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

There will be no rehearsal the day before Thanksgiving (Nov 26).

HANGING OF THE GREENS IN MAIN SANCTUARY

All those interested in helping with hanging the greens in the Main Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season are invited to join us on Sunday, November 23 following the 11:00am services.

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

Missions Coordinator

LBond@fumcpensacola.com

GIVE & SERVE THIS ADVENT SEASON

We invite you to explore the many opportunities we have to give and serve those in our community this season. Visit [page 4](#) to find out more!

SERVING THE HUNGRY : CLOTHING NEEDED

Cold weather is coming and Serving the Hungry would like your help! We are in need of men's long sleeve T-shirts, sweats, sweaters, coats, and casual long pants especially jeans with an urgent need for sizes 28 through 34. Gently used backpacks, blankets and towels are also appreciated.

NIGHT TO SHINE 2026

FUMC is hosting Night to Shine Saturday, February 7, 2026. Volunteers are needed. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience organized by the Tim Tebow Foundation. It's a night centered on sharing love with people ages 14 and older with special needs. Volunteers are needed to serve as a guest's buddy, members of the red carpet paparazzi, hype crew to keep the enthusiasm up on the dance floor and to serve food, there is something for everyone. To volunteer at Night to Shine, please register and complete our form for a background check. [Click HERE to sign up to volunteer](#). If you have any questions, email PensacolaNTSVolunteer@gmail.com. Visit FUMCPensacola.com/NightToShine for more information.

RESPITE

Kirstin Norris
Respite Director
KNorris@FUMCPensacola.com

RESPITE: ALL SAINTS WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 5 | 12:00pm
Wesley Hall

Join our Respite ministry for a special All Saints service to remember those we have lost, featuring music from Rev. Rick Branch and a message from Rev. Emily Kincaid.

FIRST CHURCH CARE PARTNER RESOURCE CENTER: OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 13 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Consulate, 2nd Floor, Room 209

Please join us for our Open House at First Church Care Partner Resource Center. The Center is an oasis of calm amid challenges, confusion, and uncertainty we, as care partners and family caregivers, endure with our loved ones living with dementia. Please RSVP by Nov 10 to rebeccaluntsford@gmail.com or 850-516-1522.

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

November 5: Chili, Grilled Cheese, Green Salad, and Dessert

November 12: Chicken Stew, Cornbread Biscuit, Salad, and Dessert

November 19: Roasted turkey with BBQ Glaze, Carrot Souffle, Yeast Roll, Peas and Pearl Onions, and Dessert

November 26: No Dinner: Thanksgiving Break

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
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BEHIND THE SCENES WITH COMPOSERS FROM THE CHOSEN A Fundraiser to Benefit Center for Sacred Space

Sunday, November 2 | 5:00 - 7:00pm | Gulf Breeze UMC
Bus Departs First Church at 4:15pm
\$35 per Ticket (Pay at the door with check made payable to Center for Sacred Space)

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for a fun-filled fundraising evening as we travel on the Church Bus to Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. We will learn about the musical story of The Chosen as we go behind the scenes with Composers from The Chosen, Dan Haseltine and Matt Nelson. We will also listen to music from The Chosen performed by local musical group, White Tie Rock Ensemble, all while we fundraise to benefit Center for Sacred Space. Call the church office to register TODAY. Limited Seating Available on the Church Bus.

THE LEARNING TABLE: PROTECT WHAT'S YOURS: UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING FINANCIAL ABUSE

Tuesday, November 4 | 10:00 - 11:00am | Doors Open at 9:30am
The Wright Place | FREE

[Click HERE to Register by Nov 2](#)

Join us at The Learning Table and learn tips from the Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging on Preventing Financial Abuse. Millions of older Americans are financially abused every year with scams and fraud. This can result in making it hard to pay your bills, buy food, or visit a doctor, and

can make you feel betrayed, angry, and even ashamed. But financial abuse is not your fault. There are ways you can protect yourself and find help.

LUNCH OUT: THE TUSCAN OVEN PIZZERIA - 4801 N 9TH AVE Thursday, November 13

Arrive at 11:00am

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

Join us for our monthly lunch outing with friends at The Tuscan Oven Pizzeria, owned by First Church members Ted & Deanna Lamarche. "Visiting Our Restaurant Will Fill You With Warmth And Put You In Food Heaven". This unique and cozy pizza restaurant features a 2-ton, 500-degree, hardwood-fired oven made of brick, pumice and clay shipped straight from Italy.

XYZ TRIP: INTERNATIONAL LUNCH SERIES PRESENTED BY PSC

Wednesday, November 19
11:00am - 1:00pm | \$12.50 plus tip
1000 College Blvd, Bldg. 5, Molly McGuire Culinary Dining Room
[Click HERE to Register by Nov 17](#)

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 five-course meal for us. The cuisine will be from Australia and New Zealand. Graduates of these programs can begin an exciting career in the hospitality and food service industries. Limited Spaces Available. Register and purchase your ticket online or call the church office.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am | Library
We have a small, friendly group meeting weekly for coffee and fellowship. 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.

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FIFTY FORWARD CONT.

QIGONG/TAI CHI WITH JEAN PARKER

**Wednesdays & Fridays | \$5 per class
9:45 - 10:45am | Franklin Building**

QIGONG, the "meditative martial art", has its roots in Chinese Medicine, and is a close cousin to the better-known tai chi. The slow, graceful motions are simple and repetitive, making the practice of qigong accessible to just about anyone. Some benefits include: increased energy, better balance, improved muscle strength, reduced joint pain, lowered inflammation, decreased stress, anxiety and depression, improved overall well-being and more. Join us and bring a friend! Dress comfortably. You can sit for class, or hold on to the back of a chair. Even lie down. For more information contact Jean (jeanp347@gmail.com).

GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm

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, overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition.

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
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FIND YOUR TRUE SELF: AN ENNEAGRAM DAY RETREAT WITH REV. EMILY KINCAID

**Thursday, November 13 | 9:30am to
4:00pm | The Wright Place | \$60.00
(includes lunch)**

[Click Here To Register](#)

This retreat is hosted by Center for Sacred Space. The Enneagram is a personality typing system consisting of nine distinct types, each characterized by unique motivations, fears, and behaviors. The Enneagram system not only categorizes personality types, but also provides insights into how these types interact with each other. Each type has a core belief that shapes their worldview and behavior. Understanding your Enneagram type can lead to greater self-awareness and personal growth, as it highlights motivations, fears, and potential areas for development.

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.

Contact: Mici Kuba
MKuba@fumcpensacola.com

ARTIST OF THE MONTH: MITZIE MASSEY

November 10 - December 8

The Wright Place, Dining Room

**Meet the Artist Reception: Sunday,
November 16 | 9:30 - 10:45 am**

Mitzie Massey is a visual artist whose work explores imagination, emotion, and the human experience through vibrant color and expressive composition. After a 40-year career as a public-school teacher and raising her daughter as a single parent, Mitzie began her artistic journey following retirement in 2020. Through painting, mixed media, and mono-printing, she developed a unique voice that resonates with audiences locally and beyond. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and community spaces, earning her recognition as an Artist in Residence at the Nantucket Island School of Design and Art. She also teaches at the Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope, AL. Guided by curiosity and connection, Mitzie continues to expand her creative horizons and inspire others through her evolving body of work.

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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