

*Pictured: Bill Bond at Wednesday Night
Dinner in The Wright Place*

THE METHODIST WITNESS



I'M INTERACTIVE!



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OPEN



Fall is here, and we've got tons of great ways for you to find your place at First Church! As Pastor Geoffrey has been saying, we are experiencing a "Growth Spurt" at church with people joining or returning to worship, choir, Bible studies, and serving opportunities. We have lots of new faces around campus (including mine!) so don't be afraid to ask someone's name. It's not a sin not to know someone's name, and we wouldn't want that to keep us from finding our place in God's church or helping someone else find their place. Let's embrace the growing

pains that come with our growth spurt as signs of new life that God is bringing in our midst. I want to encourage you to find a way to worship, serve, and grow at our church. Our staff and volunteers work very hard to provide quality opportunities for everyone from children to senior adults and everyone in between. ALL are welcome! If you need help, just ask! That's what we're here for. I hope to see you soon around campus as we continue to celebrate our 200th birthday as a church and look forward to the next 200 years of ministry in Pensacola.

Grace & Peace

Emily Kincaid

Rev. Emily Kincaid
Associate Pastor

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Wednesday nights at FIRST CHURCH

SESSION 2
STARTING
OCTOBER 12

FREE Wednesday Night Kick-Off Dinner

October 12 | 5:00 - 6:00pm | The Wright Place | [Click HERE to Register](#) or visit FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights

Join us for a FREE Dinner and fellowship as we kick off Session 2 of Wednesday nights! Make sure to bring a friend!

Menu: Chicken a La King, Rice, Roasted Vegetables, Roll, Flourless Dark Chocolate Torte .



Adult Classes | October 12 - November 16

TO REGISTER: Click or Scan the QR Code to or visit FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights

UMC 101: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UMC?

6:00 - 7:00pm | Wesley Abbey

Do you want to learn more about the United Methodist Church and what is happening in it?

Oct 12: History of Methodism *with the Rev. Brandon Bures*

Oct 19: Mission of Methodism *with the Rev. Emily Kincaid*

Oct 26: Theology of Methodism *with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz*

Nov 2: A Sung Faith *with Dr. Rick Branch*

Nov 9: Connectionalism *with the Rev. Emily Kincaid*

Nov 16: United Methodist Present and Future
with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

FOLLOWING JESUS: FINDING OUR WAY HOME IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Led by Rev. Jenny Medley, Ordained Deacon

6:00 - 7:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, Room WP203

At one of the lowest points in Henri Nouwen's life, he gave a series of lectures on the importance of following Jesus in an age of anxiety. Drawn from those talks, this new work reveals what sustained Nouwen to remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus and led him to become an icon of compassion and vulnerability. Here, he writes eloquently about calling and purpose, fear and hope. And he explains why - with so many choices available to the 21st-century seeker - the greatest reward for those looking for spiritual direction is rediscovering Jesus' teaching on love. Along the way, Nouwen offers warm, insightful, practical habits to help listeners navigate the narrow, sometimes arduous, but ultimately fulfilling road of conviction and faith. (Books will be purchased for those who register.)

THE DEEPLY FORMED LIFE: FIVE TRANSFORMATIVE VALUES TO ROOT US IN THE WAY OF JESUS

Led by Donell Seager, Spiritual Director

6:00 - 7:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, Room WP204

Most believers live in a state of "being a Christian" without ever being deeply formed by Christ. Our pace is too frenetic to be in union with God, and we don't know how to quiet our hearts and minds to be present. Our emotions are unhealthy and compartmentalized. We are lost when faced with reconciling our Christian beliefs and the complexities of race, sexuality, and justice. We feel unable to love well or live differently from the rest of the world--to live as people of the good news. In this powerful and practical debut book, New York pastor Rick Villodas says we must make space to allow God to restore balance, focus, and meaning for our souls. Join us as we journey through *The Deeply Formed Life* and learn the tools needed to be deeply formed by Christ in this frenetic world. (Books will be purchased for those who register.)

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

with Rev. Dr. Mark LaBranche, Ordained Elder

6:00 - 7:00pm | 2nd Floor Wright Place, Room WP206

What is a Prophet in the Hebrew Tradition? Who was Isaiah and what was his message to Israel, and to us today? As we prepare for the season of Advent, what does it mean to wait? How are we called to wait? Join us as we seek to answer these and other questions as we explore the book of Isaiah.

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Wednesday Night Activities Continued...

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

August 17 | 6:15 – 7:45pm | Choir Room | [Sign Up](#)

This is the PERFECT time to join the choir! No experience needed. Open to all adults and sings at either the 8:00am or 11:00am worship services.

Kids & Students | through November 16

NURSERY

5:30 – 7:15pm

We offer Wednesday evening nursery for Infants – 2 years old for parents attending classes and choir practice. *No registration required.*

PLAY & PRAY (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS)

6:00 - 7:00pm | Gym | [Click HERE to Register](#)

Here's a chance for Preschoolers (3 & 4 year olds, as of Sep 1, 2022) to get a mid-week connection with church friends while hearing stories and exploring who is God. Parents are invited to attend an adult class option while their littles learn too.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

5:00 – 6:00pm

[Click HERE for menus and to register](#)

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family! Registration required.

KID CONNECT (K-4TH)

5:30 - 7:00pm | [Click HERE to Register](#)

All children who are K-4th grade (as of Sep 1, 2022) will have a weekly program that will include choir, worship, drama, games, art and more. Each week will be different and engaging with an amazing Adult/Youth team! We will begin with choir from 5:30pm-6:00pm in their designated room. Children will then be transferred to the Gym/ Education Building depending on the activity of the week.

STUDENTS (5TH - 8TH)

6:00 – 7:15pm | [Click HERE to Register](#)

Tweens and Mid-High are invited to join us in the Youth Building for fellowship, games, learning, and worship.

OCTOBER IS... PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



WAYS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE:

- Tell Them In Person
- Bring or Mail a Card to Church
(6 E Wright St, 32501)

On Wednesday Nights in October we will celebrate each pastor with their favorite dessert!

Brandon (Oct 5): German Chocolate Cake

Emily (Oct 12): Flourless Dark Chocolate Torte

Rick (Oct 19): Boston Creme Pie

Geoffrey (Oct 26): Cookie Cake

Teaming with TANZANIA

order to continue this ministry, we will need to raise approximately \$13,000. Our plan is to offer 2-3 events to raise this money: a Tanzania Tea Room in November and February and Night of the Classics in January/February.

October 6-10, we have another exciting opportunity to support and learn more about our partnership with Wesley College. Rev. Bonface Wanyama, Head of Wesley College Theology Department is making his first trip to US and is including us on his itinerary. **On Sunday, October 9, he will speak in each service and at a special forum for all classes and individuals held in the Wright Place, Great Hall from 9:45-10:45am. Please join us in welcoming him and returning the hospitality that so many on our teams experienced while we were in Tanzania. If you are interested in personally meeting or hosting Rev. Wanyama, please contact Lisa Bond.**

MEET REV. BONFACE WAYAMA



Reverend Bonface Wanyama, Head of the Theology Department at Wesley College, grew up in a small village in Kenya. The saddest moment of his life came at the age of 12, when both of his parents died of HIV-AIDS.

He first lived with relatives, and then he was adopted by a United Methodist pastor and later moved to Nairobi.

Reverend Wanyama had grown up Roman Catholic, but his adoptive father greatly influenced his faith journey. He first became active in the church as a youth leader. Then, he began preaching. Ultimately, he traveled to Zimbabwe for divinity training. When he returned to Nairobi after graduation and met United Methodist missionary Eric Soard, he learned about the Tanzanian church's vision for Wesley College. He told Eric, "I'll come whenever you're

ready." He's been part of the college since the first day. Reverend Wanyama has a multi-faceted role at the College. He supervises teachers in the theology department and makes sure that they have the resources they need. He connects students with advisors and he also advises and teaches students himself.

Reverend Wanyama is inspired to be here. "I can confidently say that Wesley College is one of the best things that ever happened to the church here. This is God's own project."

But that doesn't mean that the work has been easy. He recognizes that the educational level is lower in this area than in other countries of the region, and students need more help academically. "We are investing a lot into the students, but it is not just for them. We are here to serve the community. Education cannot be for yourself, but if you can use education to do something, it becomes relevant."

TANZANIA TEA ROOM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 5th | 12:30pm | Wesley Abbey, First Floor | Cost \$25/person

Reservations required by Nov 1 (Limited seating)

Come enjoy a spot of tea while supporting the Children's Ministries of Tanzania. In 2023, we will continue the Alabama West Florida Conference partnership, Teaming with Tanzania, by offering the second in a series of three workshops dedicated to the training and support of UM church children's leaders. To raise support for this ministry, our team will be hosting a Tanzania Tea Room, complete with a traditional style tea that will include a variety of teas, tasty scones, savory tea sandwiches and yummy sweets. We hope you will invite friends to come enjoy a wonderful tea while supporting a wonderful ministry. Cost includes sandwiches, scones, baked treats and your choice of three teas. Seating options include tables of two, four or eight. Scan the QR code to make reservations or visit FUMCPensacola.com/TeamingWithTanzania.





WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS FALL! FIRST KIDS & FIRST STUDENTS

All Elementary children have been celebrating Sundays with some great study units led by our amazing Celebrate Sunday Team: Michelle Hulett, Bethany Hodges, Jamie Secola, Danielle Turner along with several members of our church family. In August, they had a unit on The Bible where storyteller, Jeff Deweese taught the kids all about the Bible and church members Pat Franklin, Julie Vickery, David Saunders, Liz Lentz, Coulson Hess and Colton Voeltz came and shared what their Bibles mean to them. All Kindergarteners and Third Graders received Bibles.

In September, kids are participated in a unit on Prayer. They have heard about our Prayer Shawl Ministry from Karen Bower and have learned ways to pray from Director of Spiritual Formation, Donell Seager. The Celebrate Sunday Team has taught lessons on What is prayer, how you pray, offered prayer stations, taught the Lord's Prayer and have heard about our Prayer Team from prayer warriors Karen Feliciano and Deb Cathey.

In October/November, First Kids will learn what discipleship is through a series of lessons from Adam Hamilton's study called The Walk. They will also learn about worship and what our liturgy means. Our church family is always welcome to join us on. Sundays from. 9:45-10:45am.

FIRST
KiDS

PRESCHOOL

Sunday & Wednesday: Fruits of the Spirit

4TH GRADE CHILLTIME

Basic Theology

ELEMENTARY

Sunday: Bible, Prayer, Worship, Discipleship

Wednesday: Fruits of the Spirit

MCA

School Age Chapel: Jesus

Preschool Chapel: Fruits of the spirit

Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the body of Christ. Teaching young people in the church to grow in their relationship with the Lord prepares them to serve Christ in all they do. As a result, this nurtures the congregation and allows the church to flourish. We strive to expose the students to studying the Bible through the lectionary, by applying scripture to life situations and life application as well as focusing on the different seasons of the liturgical calendar.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Oct. 2: Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 9: Luke 17: 11-19

Oct. 16: Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 23: Luke 18:9-14

Oct. 30: Luke 19:1-10

TWEEN SUNDAY NIGHTS:

Oct 2: Field Day

Oct 9: God is like Rain

Oct 16: God is like a Dad

Oct 23: God is like Bread

Oct 30: Trunk or Treat

MONDAY MORNING STUDY

9TH-12TH GRADE:

Following the lectionary

Old Testament scriptures

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY

6TH-8TH GRADE:

Sept 29: Proverbs 11:13

Oct 6: Proverbs 11:28

Oct 13: Proverbs 12:16

Oct 20: Proverbs 12:18

Oct. 27: Proverbs 14:9

YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHTS:

Oct 2: Field Day

Oct 9: Genres of the Bible

Oct 16: Story lines of the Bible

Oct 23: How to interpret the Bible

Oct 30: Fall Festival

WEDNESDAY EVENING

5TH-8TH GRADE:

Sept 28: Sower and the soils Matthew 13:1-23

Oct 5: Lighted Lamp

Oct 12: Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37

Oct 19: Rich fool Luke 12:16-21

Oct 26: Friend at night Luke 11: 5-8

TWEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Oct 2: Lydia pioneers

Oct 9: Aquila and Priscilla

Oct 16: Timothy is encouraged

Oct 23 & 30: Adam and Eve

FIRST
STUDENTS



BLESSING OF THE BEASTS

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. **We also ask that you bring donations for the Pensacola Humane Society. Needed items are listed below.**

- Dog Food (*Preferably Purina ONE Smartblend*)
- Cat Food (*Purina ONE or Fancy Feast*)
- Cat carriers
- Dog kennels of all sizes
- Leashes, collars and harness of all sizes
- Dog beds
- Cat beds
- Dog and cat toys

OCTOBER 2 | 4:00PM | BY THE FOUNTIAN

ALL PETS ARE INVITED, BUT MUST BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED

TRUNK OR TREAT



October 30 // 4:00 - 5:00pm
parking lot off guillemard



Sign up to
DECORATE
your car!

[Crafts, Games,
Costume Contest,
Photo Booth, & MORE!]

Make sure to bring
CHANGE to donate to
Serving the Hungry



scan the QR code or visit FUMCPensacola.com/TrunkOrTreat for more information!

WHAT'S HAPPENING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST KIDS & FAMILIES

FUMCPensacola.com/Ministries/Kids

Contact: Lisa Bond

LBond@FUMCPensacola.com

FIRST FRIDAY

October 7 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Children from Infant-4th grade are invited to join us for a night of faith sharing, games and other activities, along with having a meal together on the first Friday of every month through December. Pizza & Dessert is \$5/child. Drop off and pick up is in the gym.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30 | 4:00 - 5:00pm

Visit Page 7 for more info.

FIFTY FORWARD

FUMCPensacola.com/Ministries/Seniors

Contact: Jennifer Piver

JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com

GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm | Zoom

legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights

Hear from a variety of speakers and relevant topics each week to help you grow as a Christian grandparent. In these webinars, you'll get practical ideas and information on grandparenting and learn how to nurture your grandchildren's faith.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am | Library

Join a small, friendly group for fellowship. We have no agenda other than to get out of the house and enjoy time with friends...new and old. Coffee and pastries are provided.

LUNCH OUT - O'BRIANS BISTRO

Thursday, October 13 | 11:30am

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for our monthly lunch outing with friends at O'Brians Bistro. This is one of the few restaurants in Pensacola truly owned and operated by the chef! Great food, fresh and prepared to order. RSVP online or to the church office by October 11th.

FIFTY FORWARD CONT.

XYZ TRIP BLUE ANGELS CRUISE

Wednesday, October 19

9:45am - 12:00pm

Join us for a fun-filled day on the Pensacola Bay City Ferry watching our famous Blue Angels practice their thrilling aerial maneuvers. With the Naval Air Station location right in the bay, we can enjoy an unobstructed vantage point of the aerobatic flying team. The vessels offer air-conditioned interior, covered exterior seating, and restrooms. You may bring a snack and beverage or purchase refreshments onboard. Boarding time is 9:45am and Cruise Time is approximately 1.5 hours. The cost is \$25/person. Sign up and purchase tickets in the church office.

SILVER & GOLD

Thursday, October 27

11:00am - 1:00pm | The Wright Place

\$10 | [Click HERE to Register](#)

Join us for a fun filled afternoon of fellowship with friends. Ruth's Kitchen will provide a delicious lunch and our very own church member, Charlie Davis, will be presenting on a few of his books, Growing Up in Pensacola and the sequel Growing Up in Pensacola II. Charlie will have us laughing as he shares stories about his experiences growing up in a large family in the small coastal community of Pensacola in the thirties, forties, and fifties. He will also share memories and tributes to individuals and groups. RSVP online or to the church office by October 25th. Doors open at 10:30am.

SAVE THE DATE:

THE LEARNING TABLE

Thursday, November 3

10:00am - 11:30am | Wesley Abbey

Join us for the upcoming Learning Table titled "What is the difference between Home Companion Care and Home Health Care? What are my options for Senior Living in Pensacola?" There is no cost. Refreshments will be provided by Assisted Living Locators and Home Instead.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

FUMCPensacola.com/Ministries/Music

Contact: Rick Branch

RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com

WORSHIP "RE-ORIENTATION"

Sunday, October 16 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm

The Wright Place

Dr. Lentz will be hosting a Re-Orientation for all those that serve in the main sanctuary. This includes all current and those wishing to serve as ushers, greeters, communion stewards, and lay readers for both 8:30 and 11:00am services. Participating in worship is a sacred task and after some time away and change in ministers we feel it is important to reorient ourselves with the expectations of these lay ministries. Questions: email Lacey at LAdair@fumcpensacola.com.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Mondays | 4:15 - 5:15pm

Handbell Choir has resumed rehearsals! We have one or two openings. Please let me know if you are interested.

CHOIR DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30 | 8:30 & 11:00am

Main Sanctuary

All children, tween, youth, handbell, and adult choir members will sing at the beginning of the worship services and dedicate themselves to the ministry of music for this next year. We will be joined by the Perdido Brass. All but the Sanctuary Choir will be free to join their families by about 15 minutes into each service.

FIRST STUDENTS CONT.

FUMCPensacola.com/Ministries/Students

Contact: Denise Van Atta

DVanatta@FUMCPensacola.com

FIRST FRIDAY

October 7 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

Youth Building

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for dinner and a goofy golf! Bring \$5 for 18 holes and money for Chick-fil-a. RSVP by Sunday, October 2, by emailing Denise.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30 | 4:00 - 5:00pm

Visit Page 7 for more info.

TWEEN AND MID-HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 5:45-7:00pm

Youth Building

[Click HERE to register](#)

5th-8th graders, join us for STOMP and a brief study each Wednesday night!

CLUB 56 & CHOIR

Sundays | 4:30-6:30pm

Regular Sunday night programming for our Tweens. Meet in the youth building at 4:30pm. We will play games, have a lesson, and then go to choir at 6:00.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH & CHOIR

Sundays | 4:30 - 7:30pm

7-12th graders are invited to join us for a lesson, games, dinner, & choir practice on Sunday nights!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 7:00am

Whataburger on Gregory

Middle schoolers are invited to join us at Whataburger for a Bible study focusing on Proverbs. Come fellowship, study the Bible, and have breakfast with friends before school! Transportation provided by parents.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDIES

Mondays | 7:30am | Panera for October

Bring a friend! Grab some breakfast and dive into the Old Testament. Transportation to school is not provided for senior high.

WAYS TO GIVE & SERVE

JUST PENSACOLA HOUSE MEETINGS & COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

through October & November 7

Social Holiness: When [John] Wesley says that holiness is social he means that the depth of your love for God is revealed by the way you love whom God loves. The writer of 1 John describes the social nature of holiness: We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also (1John 4:19-21). (No Holiness But Social Holiness, Steve Manskar Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church)

The FUMC JUST Team Members will be mindful of John Wesley's teachings on Social Holiness as they join 18 J.U.S.T. Pensacola (Justice United Seeking Transformation in Pensacola) congregations from 12 different faith traditions in a Community Assembly on November 7. The group will choose community problems where they will focus on research and action for the coming year.

Small groups from the 18 congregations are gathering at House Meetings to share stories about community problems that concern them, some to the point of anger. Each congregation will analyze their collected stories to share at the Community Assembly. Team Members will then vote on the problem they want to research, take action on, and find a possible solution. Be in prayer as the FUMC Team participates in the sacred conversations about the problems facing our community. If you have not yet been invited to a meeting, but would like to participate, please let Peggy Groves (peggygroves1941@gmail.com) know and she will plug you in to one of our house meetings.

WAYS TO GIVE & SERVE CONT.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY

Good Shepherd volunteers are needed to help our growing church remain in community with one another. More than ever, we have older adult church members that would love for a Good Shepherd to contact them at least once a month so they feel connected to their church family. These connections may be a visit, a phone call, a casserole or cookie delivery, or more. No formal training is required. Contact Jennifer Piver (JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com) for more information

DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

We are looking for people who are interested in Disaster Relief. This could be local work teams, deployed work teams, food distribution, hosting teams, etc. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Andrew Rasnick at Andrew87rasnick@gmail.com.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesdays | 2:00 - 5:00pm

The kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prep ingredients and cook food for our Wednesday Night dinners. Frequency is dependent on your availability and can be on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly schedule. Contact Mici Kuba if you would like to serve!

What's Happening at First Church
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LIBRARY

FUMCPensacola.com/Ministries/Library

Contact: Gloria Holcombe
gwholcombe@bellsouth.net

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Nonfiction: *The Collected Works, Vol. II*, G. K. Chesterton; *The Collected Works, Vol. III*, G. K. Chesterton; *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis; *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis; *The Four Loves*, C. S. Lewis; *The Problem of Pain*, C.S. Lewis; *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis; *Miracles*, C. S. Lewis; *Surprised by Joy*, C.S. Lewis; *The Writings of Saint Francis of Assis*, Paschal Robinson; *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, Lysa Terkeurst

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

FUMCPensacola.com/WednesdayNights

5:00pm | The Wright Place

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Adults: \$10, Children (2 - 9 years old): \$4

October 5

Brats with Peppers & Onion,
German Potato Salad, German
Chocolate Cake

FREE DINNER! - October 12

Chicken a La King, Rice, Roasted
Vegetables, Roll, Flourless Dark
Chocolate Torte

October 19

Fish Fry, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Hushpuppies, Boston Creme Pie

October 26

Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Roll, Cookie
Cake

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FUMCPensacola.com/Discipleship

Contact: Rev. Emily Kincaid
EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com

EQUIP 2022 LEADER TRAINING

Saturday, October 22

10:00am - 3:00pm | FUMC Pensacola

[Click HERE to Register](#)

EQUIP is for anybody who serves in children's, tween, and youth ministry; including laity, leaders, & ministers. Newbies and veterans alike will benefit from a variety of breakout sessions like Casting a Vision with your Senior Minister, Ministry 101, Planning Retreats, Teach So You Can Reach. This training is available to anyone in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch.

PILGRIMAGE TO MONTGOMERY TO THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Saturday, November 5

7:00am - 6:40pm | \$5

[Click Here to Register](#)

Donell Seager will be leading a group on this faith-based day trip to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum. Transportation will be provided via chartered motor coach and will leave from St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Pack a lunch, snacks, and drinks. Bring a mask and Covid vaccination card. Dress comfortably for predicted weather conditions. Cost of \$5 covers admission ticket and transportation is free. Please email Donell Seager at DonellSeager@Gmail.com to let her know you will be attending and for assistance purchasing your ticket.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

LIVING IN AN ICON: CONTEMPLATION IN NATURE

Orientation: Friday, October 21

7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Program: Saturday, October 22

9:00am - 4:00pm

Naval Live Oaks Pavilion

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Join Lisa Ihns and Sonja Crawford with Center for Sacred Space as they lead us in the practice of contemplation in nature using Rober Gottfried's book *Living in an Icon: Growing Closer to Creation and to God*. Cost is \$65/\$75

**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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Hurricane Ian: How You Can Help

In response to Hurricane Ian making landfall on the Florida peninsula, our conference will begin collecting cleaning kits (previously known as flood buckets) to be sent to areas in the Alabama-West Florida, Florida, and South Georgia Conferences impacted by this storm. We will be requesting 1,000 kits from the UMCOR depot in Decatur, AL and will also be collecting kits in each of our districts. Here are two ways you can assist in these efforts:

Visit the following link to make a monetary donation. Monetary donations will be used to gather supplies for the cleaning kits as well as to help defray shipping costs for the buckets we will be receiving from the UMCOR depot in Decatur. The cost of a completed Cleaning Kit is \$75. [Click here to donate](#) or visit <https://awfumc.org>.

You can assemble cleaning kits on your own following UMCOR's [Cleaning Kit Assembly instructions](#). Once complete, the kits can be dropped off at the Pensacola District's designated location, St. Luke UMC. Please call St. Luke's church office to schedule a drop off: 850-477-3145.

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STOCK *THE* **KITCHEN**

RUTH'S KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

Ruth's Kitchen is in need of new pots and pans with lids as well commercial plastic containers with lids. To help purchase these items, we will be taking prepaid orders for cheese straws, pecan pie, and fudge pie through November 4. Pick up is November 18.

Cheese Straws: \$15.00/box

Pecan Pie: \$18.00/pie

Fudge Pie: \$18.00/pie



Click or scan the QR code to purchase your some of your favorite First Church treats for this holiday season!

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

IN LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE TO...

Cheri Cavanaugh on the death of her mother, **Shirley L. Gray**. Shirley died August 7, 2022. And the death of her aunt, **Ann L. Baker**. Ann died September 2, 2022

Margo Broxton on the death of her step father, **Joseph Cobb**. Joseph died August 9, 2022 in San Antonio.

Danette Krumel on the death of her brother, **Douglas Krumel**. Douglas died August 18, 2022 in Pensacola.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Michaela Tullius on passing all four sections of the CPA boards.

BAPTISMS

Sunday, September 25: **Lucille Tidwell** daughter of **Lucy** and **Reid Tidwell**.

NEW MEMBERS

Faye and Charles Rutter

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

September 4: In celebration of **Sharon and Bob Espersen's 55th wedding anniversary** on September 9th

September 11: In loving memory of **Lauren Ramsey** on her 46th birthday by her mother and brother, Jan and Charles, and in honor of all grandparents and in memory of the 9/11 victims.

September 18: In celebration of **Marilyn and Paul Martin's 50th wedding anniversary** on August 26th

September 25: In loving memory of **Pamela Schang** by Sharon and Bob Espersen, John and Bella Schang, Eric Espersen and Family

THE LIVING TRUST AUGUST 21ST - SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2022

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.**

IN MEMORY OF

Bill Sneed

by: John & Andrea DeWitt
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Liann Hale
Berta Shumpert

Bill Dannelly

by: John & Andrea DeWitt

Burda Schallhorn

by: Claudia Priser

Dr. Joe Cox

by: John & Andrea DeWitt

Betty Olliff

by: Berta Shumpert

Travis Hurd

(Travis Hurd Scholarship Fund)

by: Judith Johnson
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