

PASTOR'S NOTE



We recently announced that Faye Childers has rejoined our office staff. Faye is taking over many of the responsibilities that were previously held by Carmen Walker before her retirement. We are thankful to have Faye back with us in a greater capacity through helping with church publications and general communications. Faye will also be helping us with facilities scheduling.

Faye and her husband Gene have been part of our church family since 2001. Their son Wesley was also very engaged in his formative years through Scouting, Sunday School, VBS and Confirmation. Wesley, now 27, works for Adtran and lives in Huntsville with his wife, Ann Marie.

Faye's first employment at our church was as a part-time youth secretary in September, 2001. Interestingly, the office at that time was in the Resource Building! Over the following year with church growth, Faye became full-time as her responsibilities increased. Then through transitions in the church she was led to make a change. In Faye's words, "God relocated me in a new position as Accounting Assistant for Stone Interiors in Loxley, on January 2, 2007". In 2009 Stone Interiors was relocating and this was another change for her. Faye was then re-employed by our church as a part-time receptionist in 2010 but she was really looking for full-time work. So, God opened a position as an Administrative Assistant at First United Methodist of Bay Minette for Faye on June 14, 2010 where she has served until her employment with our church once again this year. Again, in Faye's words, "Now, God has called me back to my home church. My prayer is to continue to be His servant in every aspect of my life, while working along beside my Christian brothers and sisters!" We are grateful to have Faye back with us again!

Blessings, Bill

WORSHIP

Join Us Sundays for Worship & Fellowship

Regular Schedule

Traditional Worship - 8:45 AM (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship - 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Contemporary Worship - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Ash Wednesday

Spanish Fort United Methodist
will be celebrating
Ash Wednesday
with a special service on
February 14th, at 6:30 PM.

Please join us in the Sanctuary as we observe Ash Wednesday on February 14th with a special worship service. The mission teams will also hold a Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:15 p.m. No other midweek activities will take place.



ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE...

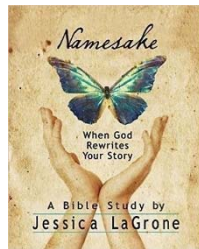
Go to www.spanishfortumc.org and select online giving or **CLICK HERE** for more information and to give online. *all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.

If you have a QR scanning app on your cell phone, simply scan this code for easy access to our online giving option.

If you would like to set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact Jan Webb in the church office at jan@spanishfortumc.org or 251-626-1334.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT TIMELINE...The Sanctuary Renovation Project is moving forward! The work is slated to begin in late June and conclude sometime this Fall. But we need your financial help now to complete the project. There are commitment cards in the pews. You will also receive a letter with a commitment card soon. You can also give on-line. If you go to www.spanishfortumc.org there is a designated tab that will give you more information. Thank you for your support, prayers and cooperation as the work to enhance our sanctuary is being accomplished.

Adult



Ladies Women of the Word group began a new study on January 24th at 6PM. The study will be held in the Resource Building (Main Campus). The study name is "Namesake" by Jessica LaGrone.



MEN'S RETREAT...Men, mark your calendars for February 9-10, 2018 at Camp Baldwin. Cost is \$60.00. Register by calling the church office. Registration and monies due by February 1, 2018..



All ladies
are invited to
join us!



2nd Thursdays
10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

All ladies are welcome to join the Sara Shepard circle meetings every second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8th.

For the next several weeks they will be learning to crochet caps for preemies as part of their missions. They will meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in room MC100 on the Main Campus. Any ladies who wish to join them in making caps are welcome.

Youth

Superbowl Party
February 4th @ 5:00 PM

- Large Screen TV
- Bring a snack to share
- Bring a friend
- Stay for the whole game

inspire. equip. unleash.
remedy youth High School Ministry

See Zack for more details!

Spring Retreat
2018

April 20-22
9th-12th Grade
Cost: \$50

Contact Zack or Paige for more details.

www.pantsforunc.org

Important Youth Dates Coming Up!

- Homework Help 02/05/18, 03/05/18, & 04/09/18
- Get Togethers (Catapult & Remedy) 02/07/18, 03/10/18
- Confirmation Sunday, 03/11/18 @ 11 AM Worship Service

Children



Mission Effort from our Children's Ministry

For the 2017-2018 year, our mission focus will be UMCOR Relief Health Kits. We will collect (and eventually assemble) UMCOR Health Relief Kits. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

The children will participate and support this organization within The United Methodist Church by working to collect the different supplies necessary for UMCOR Health Kits that will be sent to aid their efforts around the globe. Our goal is for each month throughout the entire year we will designate a different supply item required by UMCOR for the Relief Health Kit, and that we will focus on collecting and do so for the duration of that month. In the Spring after we have collected all the items required, the children will have the opportunity to help assemble the kits.

UMCOR HEALTH KIT : FEBRUARY ITEM - Nail Clippers

In March, we will collect new hand towels. Please bring items to the drop off box in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or to the Kids' area on the West Campus.

When do they bring donated items: Children may bring items with them to normally scheduled worship and program times.

Where are donation drop boxes: Donation Tub locations are on the Main Campus in the Narthex of the Sanctuary, and SFUMC West Campus Room #WD104 (more commonly known as Extreme kids worship room)

If you have questions regarding this effort, please contact Jennifer Robertson, Director of Children's and Nursery Ministries at jrobertson@spanishfort.umc.

Puppet Workshop

All K-5th graders are invited to participate in a puppet workshop on Sunday, February 18, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the West Campus. The cost is \$15.



You will make a puppet, learn puppetry, and present a puppet show. A reservation is required. Please contact Beth Allen at 626-1334 or beth@spanishfortumc.org.



Blue Lake Elementary Winter Retreat

Blue Lake Elementary Winter Retreat is for current 3rd-5th graders. This is a great opportunity for kids to get a taste of camp and enjoy a weekend of growing closer to God with kids from all over Alabama and West Florida. The cost is \$115 and was due by December 15th and \$125 after then. To register online click [HERE](#). Paper registrations are available through the church office, if needed. The registration deadline was Jan.19th and the camp is from Feb 2nd-5th.

We will be providing transportation for this event, so please let us know when/if you register so we can put your child on our bus list. Also, let us know if you are interested in being a chaperone. Any questions, contact Beth or Jennifer R. at 626-1334.

SERVE

Wedding Director

We are in need of a Wedding Director here at SFUMC. This volunteer position allows you to be a part of the special day in a couple's life. You will meet with the bride and groom twice before the wedding, and then help facilitate the wedding day using SFUMC's policies and procedures as your guide. Please click [here](#) to learn more about weddings at SFUMC. Please call the church office with any questions.



Redbird Mission Trip - Hazard, Kentucky

A joint mission trip with our friends from Fairhope United Methodist Church to the 1000 Sticks United Methodist Church near Hazard, Kentucky is being planned for April 15-21. This trip will involve light home repairs in the mountain communities surrounding the church.

If you are interested in going, an orientation meeting will be held February 11, at 5:30 pm in room **(B207)** at **Fairhope United Methodist Church**. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per person which includes room, most meals and a donation for building materials to be used. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Glaize, ed.glaize@fairhopeumc.org.

It is that time of the year again! Get out your best aprons and recipes and be ready to cook your best chili ever. Volunteers are welcome and teams get ready to sign up soon!

All proceeds go to support the Ecuador and Costa Rica Missions Teams. Watch our [Facebook](#) for more details coming soon!





Nursery Coordinator Position

Part Time Salaried: Sun., Tue., Wed. & the additional / occasional seasonal programming or events that require a nursery be available. Hours: Avg 10-15 per week.

The Nursery Coordinator serves to work alongside the Director of Children's and Nursery Ministries to fulfill the vision for the nursery ministry from infants through 3 years old. That vision is to foster the spiritual growth of even the youngest of Gods children by demonstrating Christ's love through their care. In doing so, the Nursery Coordinator provides faithful leadership that allows parents to prioritize their own spiritual growth and journey with ease and peace of mind that their children are safe and loved. The Nursery Coordinator provides Nursery leadership on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, weekday bible study needs, yearly events and traditions that require nursery care. For more information please contact Jennifer Robertson at 251-626-1334 or fill in the online application through our [Facebook Job Posting](#).

Spaghetti Fundraiser



February 14, 2018 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

donations appreciated & go to fund mission trips

Please join us in the Sanctuary as we observe Ash Wednesday with a special worship service on Wed., February 14th at 6:30 p.m.

The mission teams will also hold a Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Donations are appreciated and will help fund mission trips. No other midweek activities will take place on either campus.

Missionaries we support who are serving the Lord to the ends of the earth:

John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International in Montevideo, Uruguay
Rob and Amy Ellis; New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert; Quito, Ecuador
Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting, in Southern India

Connect @ MidWeek!

Adult Classes | DINNER | Kid's Activities

Come & Get Connected!

5:15 p.m. ~ Dinner
6:00 p.m. ~ Activities /All Ages

Menus for February

February 07: Pork Loin

February 14: Missions Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner

February 21: Chicken Pot Pie

February 28: BBQ



The Uniform Closet is still in need of men's sizes in shirts. Any other donations are always welcomed. Donations can be brought to the church office during regular business hours or to the Uniform Closet directly on Tuesdays from 8 AM to 12 PM.

COMMUNITY

Congregation Notes:

Welcome New Members:

Brent & Whitney Boyd on January 14, 2018.

Deaths:

Our condolences to Linda Crowell and family on the death of her mother, Joyce Patterson, on January 25th. Funeral services will be in Memphis, Tn.

Our condolences to the Ludlow family. We got word today that former member, Bob Ludlow passed away this week and that his wife, Ellen, passed away about three years ago. They were both active members while they were living here before moving away a few years ago.

Office Closing for the Holidays...

February 12th & 13th, Church Office Closed

CONTACT DEADLINES....Please understand that all information for the next month's CONTACT newsletter must be submitted in writing to Jennifer Stewart, in the church office, no later than the 15th of the current month.

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