





Dear Friends,

As Advent begins, we hear the voice of St. John the Baptist calling us into the wilderness. Each year, the season of preparation starts with this stark yet hopeful command: “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend time in one of the most renowned wildernesses in the world—the Serengeti. It was an incredible adventure, full of awe and wonder as we encountered lions, cheetahs, leopards, and countless other marvels of creation. Reflecting on this experience, I was struck by the connection between the words advent and adventure. At its root, Advent invites us into an adventure—a journey of preparation, discovery, and transformation.

The novelist George Eliot once wrote, “Adventure is not outside man; it is within.” John’s wilderness call isn’t just about external preparation; it’s an invitation to a deeper, inward journey. Advent challenges us to step into the wild terrain of our own hearts, clearing space for Christ to be born anew in us and in the world around us.

What if we approached Advent not as a season of busyness or mere tradition, but as a holy adventure? A time to explore the untamed places within ourselves, to open our lives to God’s transformative work, and to prepare a place for Christ’s presence to dwell.

This Advent, may we each embrace the wild, sacred adventure of preparing the way of the Lord—in our hearts, our homes, and our world.

Practice Resurrection,

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz
Senior Pastor

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, December 8 | All Morning

Join us as we recognize our newest fifty-year members during all of our worship services. We will also celebrate FUMC Pensacola's birthday with an unveiling of a new exhibit in The Consulate as well as birthday cake!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday, December 9 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Wesley Abbey

All members of the church council are asked to attend. As always, this meeting is open to the entire congregation.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is closed on December 25, 26, 27, 31, and January 1. MCA is closed on December 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday, December 29 | 11:00am | Main Sanctuary

We will have one combined service with communion at 11:00am in the Main Sanctuary.

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ADVENT

· AT FIRST CHURCH ·

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning coming or visit, begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward, anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The Christmas season begins at sundown on December 24 (Christmas Eve) and lasts until Epiphany of the Lord (January 6). This period is popularly referred to as the twelve days of Christmas.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 | 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 be no dinner on December 18 and 25.

AN INVITATION TO ADVENT

Wednesday, December 4 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Wesley Abbey

All are invited to join us for An Invitation to Advent to help us prepare for the season. We will have a message with special music from our music ministry. *We will have childcare for infants - 5 years old.*

ADVENT FOR KIDS

Wednesday, December 4 | 5:50 - 7:00pm

Preschool - 5th grade children will learn the meaning of Advent through story, crafts and activities. Drop off in gym.

CAROLING

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00 - 6:30pm

All ages are welcome to join us for a special night of Christmas Caroling! After dinner, we will take a short walk over to Wesley Haven Villa Retirement Community to share the hope, love, joy, and peace of the Advent Season.

MORE EVENTS & SERVICES

RESPIRE ADVENT CHAPEL

Thursday, December 5 | 2:30 - 3:00pm | Wesley Abbey

First Church Respite Ministry is excited to offer a Respite Advent Chapel service for Caregivers and their loved ones. This service is open to the community and will offer a judgment free, safe, and flexible space for those who are unable to sit through a typical worship service. The service will include a message from Pastor Geoffrey Lentz, music with Rick Branch, and communion. Email Kirstin Gartner (KGartner@FUMCPensacola.com) for more information.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Saturday, December 14 | 3:00 - 4:15pm | Wesley Abbey & Lawn

The nativity story will come to life as you go through live stations narrating the event leading up to the birth of our Lord. This experience will combine indoor and outdoor venues and take approximately 20 minutes. Make sure to stay for a cup of hot chocolate, as well as Christmas crafts and games just for kids!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 19 | 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.

Concert Series information is on the next page...

WHITE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Presented by the FUMC Children & Youth Choirs

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.

SUN, DEC 8 | 5:00PM
MAIN SANCTUARY



MON, DEC 9 | 7:30PM
ACTIVITIES CENTER



Christmas Lights Shining Bright

Community Christmas Concert & Carol Sing Along

The Pensacola Bay Concert Band (PBCB), a 110-piece community concert band, will perform a FREE Christmas Concert and carol sing-along 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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT *with Orchestra*

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.

SUN, DEC 15 | 7:30PM
MAIN SANCTUARY



SUN, DEC 22 | 6:00PM
ACTIVITIES CENTER

AN ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS

An exciting concert of music from the Mannheim Steamroller Fresh Aire Christmas series. Presented by Members and Friends of FUMC Music Ministry.

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER *Epiphany Concert*

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

MON, JAN 6 | 7:00PM
MAIN SANCTUARY



G D O O G

GREAT DAY OF GIVING

FOOD DRIVE &
MISSION FAIR

DEC 8
9:00 - 10:45am | Gym

- Prepare 75+ food boxes
 - Make gifts for the homebound
 - Support our Mission Partners
- & VISIT WITH SANTA!**

2024 MISSION PARTNERS

Bright Bridge Ministries • Disaster Relief • Embrace Florida Kids • Family Promise
Gulf Coast Kids House • Milk and Hone • Ronald McDonald House • Serving the Hungry
Teaming with Tanzania • United Ministries • Kid's Feeding Program



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 15.
Contact: Sarah Bullock Head (SHHead@FUMCPensacola.com)

Click or scan QR code to purchase



Christmas

AT FIRST CHURCH

5 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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



Candlelight & Communion Service

4:00 & 11:00pm | 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

6:00 & 8:00pm | Main Sanctuary

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

Childcare & Nursery

All children are encouraged to attend worship with their families; however, nursery is provided for children under 5 at the 4:00, 5:00, & 6:00pm services.



ANGEL TREE & BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR TREE

The Angel Tree and Be a Santa to a Senior Tree have returned! These programs support some of the most needy children in our area with clothes and toys as well as much needed items for local senior adults. The tree will be set up in the Church Office and ICON lobby through December 8. You can pick your own angel or senior bulb from the tree, OR you can register online and one will be chosen for you. **All angels and senior bulbs must be signed out and returned with unwrapped gifts to the Church Office no later than Sunday, December 8.** Please get in touch with Sarah Bullock-Head in the church office with any questions. SHead@FUMCPensacola.com (850) 432-1434.



▶ MISSION SPOTLIGHT - UNITED MINISTRIES



UNITED MINISTRIES
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

United Ministries was formed 37 years ago by area congregations to prevent homelessness for families in crisis in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. We provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance to families who are going through difficult times, offering hope, support, encouragement and empowerment as families come out of crisis and regain stability moving forward. There are so many families in our community who are living paycheck to paycheck, and are just one crisis away from losing their homes, or losing access to their water or power. United Ministries walks alongside these families as they are going through hard times - with compassion

and grace, we offer a listening ear to stressed out single moms; we encourage exhausted and overwhelmed single dads; we help find better work opportunities for couples or connect grandparents raising grandkids with social support to help along the way. We do whatever we can to help families heal and to offer them the hope and love of God!

Jane Smith, a recent client of ours reached out to us months after we were able to help her get caught up on rent - she had come out of an abusive relationship and was taking some really courageous steps to stabilize herself and her kids. She wanted to thank us for the rental help we were able to offer, as well as the connections we made for counseling and financial coaching. She came to the office with the MOST DELICIOUS cake we have ever tasted, and she shared that she was more stable and secure, confident and joyful than she had been in a long, long time.

What a gift for her to take that time and effort to share her gratitude! We are constantly inspired by the client families we serve at United Ministries, and we are constantly grateful for all who partner with us to keep hard-working families in their homes! We are especially grateful to First United Methodist Church of Pensacola! Did you know that FUMC was one of the four founding churches for United Ministries? In addition, Pastor Geoffrey Lentz serves as our Board President and FUMC members make up more than half of our volunteers!

Thank you again, for all you do to support God's love at work through United Ministries! We are grateful!

Peace and grace,

Rev. Ashley Wilkinson Meyer
Executive Director, United Ministries



TO VOLUNTEER:

Email Pastor Ashley at director@united-ministries.com. We need volunteers to answer phones, send emails and do administrative tasks; to talk with client families and offer compassionate listening and creative problem-solving ideas; to help with data entry.

TO DONATE:

Visit united-ministries.com/donate/donate-to-um or scan the QR Code; you can also send checks:
United Ministries
PO Box 9255
Pensacola, FL 32513



Our 30 for 30 program is ongoing right now, and we are looking for 30 new donors to give \$30/month. That is only \$1/day but it generates \$10,800 more per year. This could stabilize 15-20 additional families in our community!

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

GREAT DAY OF GIVING

Sunday, December 8

9:00 - 10:45am | Activities Center

This program offers children, youth, and adults an opportunity to prepare and deliver 75 Christmas food boxes. It includes activities such as making gifts and cards for our homebound. We will also have a special visit from Santa! He will give a blessing of the boxes, a word about giving, and will also be available for pictures. The same morning, there will be an FUMC Missions Partners Fair for the entire congregation. This Fair will give our partners an opportunity to celebrate and share what they are doing in our community and offer ways to get involved.

ADVENT FOR KIDS

Wednesday, December 4

5:45 - 7:00pm

Preschool - 5th grade children will learn the meaning of Advent through story, crafts and activities. Drop off in gym.

KIDCONNECT, CHILLTIME, & CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 11

3:00 - 5:00pm

Join us for a fun celebration as we close out our semester! Drop off at Wesley Abbey and pick up in the gym.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Saturday, December 14 | 3:00 -

4:15pm | Wesley Abbey & Lawn

The nativity story will come to life as you go through live stations narrating the event leading up to the birth of our Lord. This experience will combine indoor and outdoor venues and take approximately 20 minutes. Make sure to stay for a cup of hot chocolate, and Christmas crafts and games just for kids!

BABY RECOGNITION

Sunday, December 22 | 11:00am

Main Sanctuary

Please join us as we welcome the newest members born into our church family in 2024 and celebrate them as a child of God. A reception for families and friends will be held at 10:15am in the Wright Place, Dining Room. Please contact Lisa Bond (LBond@FUMCPensacola.com) if you would like your child recognised if you have not been contacted.

MCA - SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

December 8 - 15

All are invited to visit the book fair to choose the books you love! Open hours will be **Sun:** 9:30 - 11:00am; **Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri:** 7:30 - 9:00am & 4:00 - 5:30pm; **Wed:** 7:00 - 9:30am & 4:00 - 6:00pm and **Sat:** 10:00am - 2:00pm.

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

ADVENT STUDIES

Sundays, December 1 - 22

9:45 - 10:45am

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/Studies](https://www.fumcpensacola.com/Studies) for more information.

The Christmas Letters

*The Wright Place, 2nd Floor,
Room 204*

Contact: Susan Davies
(sddavies519@gmail.com)

[Purchase Book](#)

Light of the World

The Consulate, 2nd Floor, Room 201

Contact: Pamela Brown
(pamelad.brown72@gmail.com)

[Purchase Book](#)

Faithful: Christmas Through The Eyes Of Joseph

*The Wright Place, 2nd Floor
Room 202*

Contact: Linda Shearlock
(Pcourt1@pensacourt.com)

[Purchase Book](#)

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

GREAT DAY OF GIVING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sunday, December 8 | 9:00am

Please reach out to Pastor Heather if you would like to volunteer.

FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday, December 11

6:00pm - 7:00pm | Youth Building

We will be having a fun Christmas gathering on our final Wednesday evening of the year.

END OF THE SEMESTER CELEBRATION

Friday, December 20 | Time TBD

Grizzly Axes

This will be open to all youth. More information to come. Keep an eye out for the December schedule and monthly email.

MID-HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday, December 20 - Saturday

December 21 | Youth Building

Grades 6-8 will be able to participate. If we have enough chaperones volunteer, the Mid-High lock-in will be held in the youth building following Grizzly Axes. Parents can expect to pick up their youth the following morning, at 10:00am.

SENIOR-HIGH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, December 21 | Times TBD

Cordova Park Area

This is for grades 9-12. We will be traveling around the Cordova Park area from house to house!

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

SILVER & GOLD

Thursday, December 5

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

The Wright Place

[Click HERE to Register](#) - ASAP

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 festive Christmas music performance by Rick Branch and Malinda Hawks, as well as Christmas games and trivia. Each guest will receive a Christmas gift. Doors open at 10:30am.

LUNCH OUT - THE PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB

Thursday, December 12

11:30am | \$25

[Click HERE to Register](#) by December 8

Join us for a special Christmas lunch outing with friends. We will gather at the beautiful Pensacola Yacht Club for a delicious buffet lunch. Please bring \$25/ person for lunch, cash or check made out to FUMC Pensacola. Doors open at 11:00am.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WRIGHT

Friday, December 20 | 6:00pm | \$15

The Wright Place

[Click HERE to Register](#) by Dec 15

Join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship with friends. It will include a delicious dinner provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with a festive Christmas music performance by Joe Occhipinti's JAZZABOUTS! Please bring an appetizer to share. Doors open at 5:30pm.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30am

Wright Place, 2nd Floor, Room 205

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.

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

SERVING THE HUNGRY - WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED

Serving the Hungry is in need of winter necessities such as men's long sleeve shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and blankets. No ladies items are needed at this time.

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

CONCERT SERIES

There is an opportunity to join us each week, leading up to Epiphany, for a different concert at First Church. Visit page 4 for more information.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesday, December 11

Special sectional rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. Details to follow. Last Wednesday rehearsal until January 8!

Thursday, December 12 | 6:15pm

Dress Rehearsal with orchestra in the Main Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 15 | 6:00pm

Warm up for your concert.

Monday, December 16 | 6:00pm

Christmas Party in the Great Hall.

Tuesday, December 24

You sing for the 6:00 and 8:00pm services. Warm up 30 minutes prior to each.

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, December 8

Dress rehearsal 3:30 - 4:30pm; White Christmas Program at 5:00pm. This will be the last meeting of the Youth Choir until January.

K - 5TH GRADE CHOIRS

Wednesday, December 4

Dress rehearsal from 4:15 - 5:15pm.

Sunday, December 8

Warm up in your choir rooms at 4:30pm; White Christmas Program at 5:00pm.

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS

Sunday, December 8

Please bring cookies that morning or afternoon to share at our pizza/cookie dinner after the White Christmas Program.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Monday, December 9

Last regular rehearsal until January.

Thursday, December 12

Dress rehearsal from 6:00 - 6:30pm with Sanctuary Choir and orchestra.

Sunday, December 15

Be in the loft and ready to go by 7:20pm for the Christmas concert.

Monday, December 16

Christmas Party at 6:00pm in the Great Hall.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

POINSETTIA LOAD IN

Saturday, December 14 | 8:45am

The Worship Committee and all others willing to help are asked to come help load poinsettias into the Main Sanctuary and ICON space.

ART SPACE @ THE WRIGHT PLACE

Our beautiful “Art Space at The Wright Place” is open to local artists to display and sell their work. Each artist will be able to have their work displayed and available for purchase for a month.

Mici Kuba
Facilities Coordinator
MKuba@fumcpensacola.com

FEATURED ARTISTS:

ALLEN JONES & CHUCK LISNER

November 12 - January 13

Upon moving to Pensacola, Florida in 2009, Photographer Allen Jones returned to this passion in still photography and chose to focus his camera on the unique environment and beauty of the Pensacola area. Over the subsequent years he has amassed a body of work called Pensacola Icons; a collection of over 300 images covering the numerous unique aspects of this vibrant region. Allen's work can be found online at photographybyallenjones.com.

Photography began Chuck Lisner's journey in the world of art but did not define it. He has combined photography with expanded digital creations and acrylic works. He is now working on a book combining my eight image series of The Creation with some of the words from great thinkers of the past. Chuck's work can be found at chucklisner.smugmug.com.

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Church and Society of the United Methodist Church lives out the calling to work toward personal and social holiness through five program priorities, all grounded in racial justice. Those five priorities are poverty, climate, health, peace, and civil and human right.

Dr. Rick Branch
RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com

JUST PENSACOLA: COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY WRAP-UP

JUST Pensacola met for the Community Problems Assembly on November 21. About 200 network members attended from across our congregations. First Church had 40 members attend. The Network voted on our new topic for 2024 and it was decided to take on a new issue regarding affordable housing. While we will continue to monitor civil citations and the state of affordable rental housing in Pensacola and Escambia County, the Research Committee will decide on a new approach for affordable housing and work toward a new solution to present. Our goal for the Nehemiah Action is to have 225 FUMC members attend.

It's never too late to join us! If you are interested in JUST Pensacola, please contact Pamela and Alex Brown at pdb0072@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OTHER JUST PENSACOLA EVENTS:

The Rally: April 8, 2025
Nehemiah Action: May 6, 2025
Justice Ministry Celebration: June 3, 2025

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

12/4

Hearty Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

12/11

Chicken Spinach Pasta Bake, Salad, Roll, and Dessert

12/18

No Dinner

12/25

No Dinner

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST CHURCH RESPITE MINISTRY

Click [HERE](#) to Volunteer
First Church Respite Ministry launched in November! Very limited space remains for participants to sign up, however we are actively seeking volunteers. What is Respite? Respite is a weekly program that provides a fun, engaging environment for participants to enjoy social and recreational activities in a joyful, community setting, while giving their caregivers much needed respite. Participants who would most likely benefit from the program are those who can participate in group settings for a long period and are able to feed themselves and move around independently. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Kirsten Gartner (KGartner@fumcpensacola.com).

ASSISTED PARKING MINISTRY

The Assisted Parking Ministry helps greet, park, and transport members and guests on Sunday mornings who need a little extra help. We are in need of volunteers to help with this important ministry. If you are able to give 30 min before the 8:30 or 11:00am services, please contact Jennifer Piver (JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com).

WRIGHT STREET THRIFT STORE

We are so excited to announce that Wright Street Thrift is now open for business and donations. Our regular hours are Thursday and Friday, 12:00 - 5:00pm and Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm. We are actively taking donations and looking for volunteers to sort, organize and stock. The proceeds benefit our mission partners and our connectional ministries. Please email Dani Russell (DRussell@fumcpensacola.com) if you have donations or would like to volunteer.

NIGHT TO SHINE

Night to Shine is a global prom-like event celebrating individuals with special needs, and FUMC is thrilled to host it for the first time on February 7, 2025! If you'd like to volunteer or support this incredible event, please reach out to Caitlin Stephens (Caitlinstephens26@gmail.com). Visit FUMCPensacola.com/NightToShine for more information.

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 & REMEMBRANCE

Members who have died:

The family of Betty Hyatt Fitzpatrick. Betty died on November 6, 2024

The Family of Patsy Dean. Patsy, former organist at FUMC, died on November 8, 2024.

Patti Reynolds and family on the death of her husband, **Harris Reynolds.** Harris, died on November 19, 2024.

Loved ones who have died:

Hal and Sally Smith on the death of Hal's mother, **Eva Jo Smith.**

Rachel Gilmer on the death of her grandfather.

Becky Snyder and Kelsey Seager on the death of their brother-in-law and uncle (respectively), **Wally Roberson.**

Anne Aldridge on the death of her sister, **Jean Lee.**

BAPTISMS

Infant Daughter of Heather and Sandra Roche, on November 14, 2024.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

November 3: Given **in loving memory of Karen McLeod** by her daughters.

November 10: Given **in honor of the wedding anniversaries of our children Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Maygarden, III, and Cmdr. and Mrs. Timothy W. Gleason.** The red rose is placed on the altar **in loving memory of our deceased son, Charles Morgan Maygarden,** by Jerry and Rhonda Maygarden.

November 17: Given **in celebration of Warren Williams' 29th birthday** on November 19th by Richard and Shirley Knight.

THE LIVING TRUST NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 1, 2024

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

IN MEMORY

Clyde Anderson

By Ginger Bertrand
By Clara Wimberly

Clyde Anderson

For Serving the Hungry

By Wayne Anderson
By Griff Vickery

Leigh Hoskins

For the Music Ministry

By Joyce and Jim Callahan

Paulette Woodroof

By Elaine McDaniel
By Jim and Lynda Babbitt

Sarah (Candy) Mosko

For the Wright Place

By Ginny McCall

Sarah (Candy) Mosko

For Serving the Hungry

By Paula and Rusty Harris

Paul Safko

By Clara Wimberly

Susan Lea Glenn

For the FUMC Library

By The Short Story Sisters of United
Women in Faith

Laura Holt

By Kenneth Holt

Tom Mayhugh

By Julie Seabrook



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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