

*Let's*  
**Do Unto  
Others**

*kindness*

*respect*

*compassion*

*humility*

*love*





Dear friends,

In a time when division and discord seem to dominate our conversations and communities, it is easy to feel disheartened about the future. Yet, in these challenging times, we are presented with a profound opportunity to live out the teachings

of Jesus in a tangible and impactful way.

Jesus taught us a simple, yet powerful principle: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). This directive, famously known as The Golden Rule, is so deeply needed this political season.

As we find ourselves in a season marked by political fervor and societal divisions, First United Methodist Church is excited to extend an invitation to each of you to join a movement of compassion and reconciliation. We are proud to launch the **DO UNTO OTHERS** Kindness Campaign this fall, a community-wide effort inspired by the grassroots initiative started by Resurrection United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area. This campaign is not just about advocating for kindness; it's a call to action to embody the spirit of respect and civility, even towards those with whom we may fundamentally disagree. By participating, we not only commit to treating others with the empathy and respect we desire for ourselves but also pave the way for healing and unity within our community and beyond.

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Commit to Kindness:** Pledge to apply The Golden Rule in your daily interactions.
- **Spread the Word:** Share the message with friends and family, and encourage them to join the cause. We have a host of political campaign materials like yard signs, bumper stickers and t-shirts.
- **Engage in Worship, Education, and Service:** Each of the Sundays in this season will focus on an aspect of kindness from the teachings of Jesus. On Wednesday nights, Pastor's Sunday, we are focusing on the letters of 1, 2, & 3 John, which focus on love. Join us in worship and study and find a way to serve others this season.

This campaign is a chance for us to stand together and reaffirm our commitment to walking in the way of Jesus. It is a step towards transforming our community and, by extension, the broader world, into a more compassionate and peaceable place. We hope you will join us in this important campaign. Together, let's make a powerful statement about who we are as followers of Christ and what we stand for as members of First Church.

Practice Resurrection,

**Dr. Geoffrey Lentz**  
Senior Pastor



## DO UNTO OTHERS - A CAMPAIGN FOR KINDNESS

Introducing Do Unto Others — a campaign for kindness that we are excited to bring to FUMC Pensacola and our community this political season! This campaign is an invitation to consider how we want to be treated, and how we treat others, even those with whom we disagree. What's possible when our community leans into kindness? Join us as we come together to find out! We invite you to purchase our official campaign products to spread kindness in your neighborhoods and anywhere you go. We are offering yard signs, shirts, and stickers for purchase online at [FUMCPensacola.com/Kindness!](https://FUMCPensacola.com/Kindness!)

- Shirts, Signs and Stickers are NOW AVAILABLE for pick up.
- Special edition mugs will be available ONLY in the Consulate Café starting Sunday, September 15.

Tables to purchase and pick up items will be located outside, under the awning on Sunday mornings and in The Wright Place during Wednesday night dinners.



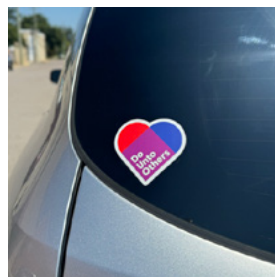
Short Sleeve | \$15.00  
Sizes: Youth S - Adult 3XL



Short Sleeve | \$15.00  
Sizes: Youth S - Adult 3XL



Yard Sign | \$10.00  
18x14, Two Sided, w/ H-Stakes



STICKER | \$2.00  
3.5 x 3.5in



# COFFEE

*with the pastors*

All visitors that are interested in joining First Church are invited to attend our upcoming Coffee with the Pastors on **Sunday, September 8, at 9:45am in the Consulate Café (white building on corner)**. This small gathering is a great time to get to know each other, ask questions of our clergy, and to be informed about the mission and ministries of First United Methodist Church of Pensacola. Contact Lacey Adair ([LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com)) for more information.



## THE WRIGHT STREET THRIFT STORE IS READY TO TAKE DONATIONS!

Please contact the front office (850-432-1434) if you would like to drop donations off during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Due to our limited space, please contact us if you would like to donate furniture from a smoke free home. Please contact Denise Van Atta ([dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com)) if you would like to volunteer.

### We will accept the following items:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Accessories
- Books
- Vinyl
- Smalls (shelf items)
- Kitchen Utensils
- Table lamps
- Tables
- Chairs
- Glassware
- Pictures
- Wall Hangings
- Bed Frames
- Dressers
- Power tools

### Items we will NOT accept:

- Underwear, clothing with inappropriate language, etc.
- Children's toys
- Mattresses
- VHS tapes
- TVs, computers, electronics
- Bicycle helmets
- Car Seats
- Cribs
- Medical supplies

# *First United Methodist Church of Pensacola launches* **First Church Respite Ministry**

*A new ministry designed to support individuals living with dementia and their caregivers is opening in November 2024 at First United Methodist Church of Pensacola.*

For two days a week, First Church Respite Ministry will provide a fun, engaging environment for participants to enjoy social, recreational, and enrichment activities while their caregivers get a four-hour respite.

First Church Respite Ministry is part of a larger network of respite ministries adopting a successful volunteer-based model of care promoted by the Respite for All Foundation (RFA) to support individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia as well as their caregivers.

While we understand that Alzheimer's and dementia diseases are progressive conditions, the 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. This ministry is not just for our own church members. We invite others in the area living with a dementia-related disease who would benefit from these social and relational activities.

This low-cost, high-engagement RFA program is run by a part-time staff director together with trained volunteers and is a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Pensacola. Because the model is a social program, no medical training is required for volunteers. From one to four days a week, participants are led through recreational and enrichment activities and can enjoy a hot lunch with friends. At the same time, caregivers get a much-needed break when they can leave their loved ones with trusted volunteers for four hours.

For more information about enrolling someone in the program or joining the volunteer team, please contact Emily Kincaid at [EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com).



*Photos from First Montgomery Respite Ministry*

**To learn more, join us at the following upcoming events!**

## **UNLOCKING HOPE: DEMENTIA EDUCATION EVENT** (see [page 5](#))

**Speaker: Dr. Rodney Guttman, Professor at The University of West Florida**

*Thursday, September 19, 2024 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Wesley Abbey*

## **FIRST CHURCH RESPITE MINISTRY KICK-OFF EVENT**

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

*Thursday, October 3, 2024 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Wesley Abbey*

*Email [EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:EKincaid@FUMCPensacola.com) for more info.*

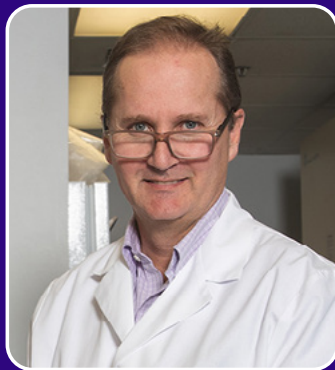
*Sponsored by First Church Respite Ministry*



# Unlocking Hope

DEMENTIA EDUCATION EVENT

**The Latest Breakthroughs in Dementia Research & Care**  
*with Dr. Rodney Guttman*



Dr. Guttman specializes in neurodegenerative diseases with a focus on Alzheimer's. His research has made critical strides in understanding how oxidative stress impacts brain health and has contributed to identifying early biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease in blood and cerebrospinal fluid, supported by significant NIH grants. Dr. Guttman's current research continues to advance the field, particularly through his work on identifying early biomarkers for Alzheimer's, which holds promise for earlier diagnosis and intervention. His work not only enhances the scientific community's understanding of neurodegenerative diseases but also positions UWF as a leader in this critical area of research.

**Thursday, September 19**  
**10:30am – 12:00pm | FUMC Pensacola**

*Wesley Abbey • 2 East Wright Street, Pensacola FL*

(Doors open at 10:00am)





# BLUE LAKE RETREAT

REFRESH • RECALIBRATE • REUNITE



*Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore*

## CHURCH-WIDE BLUE LAKE RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

October 18 - 20 | (Friday Night - Sunday Morning)  
Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL

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

of the highly popular Sermon Brainwave Podcast (a favorite of Pastor Geoffrey's). We hope you will join us for a great weekend with your First Church family!

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

Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/Retreat](https://FUMCPensacola.com/Retreat) or scan the QR code to register!





# Family Promise

of Escambia County

In 2018, local advocates saw a crucial need for shelter and support for homeless families. After learning of the Family Promise model, a group of volunteers committed to forming our affiliate here in Escambia County. Family Promise of Escambia County (FPEC, Inc.) was officially established in January 2020.

Our mission is to help families in Northwest Florida achieve housing stability through community-based response, one family at a time.

FPEC primarily serves families in Escambia County. However through partnerships with local churches we will also walk alongside churches in Santa Rosa County. Any families with children ages 0-18 experiencing homelessness are served by FPEC. According to Escambia County schools there are currently over 2,050 children experiencing homelessness in K-12 schools.

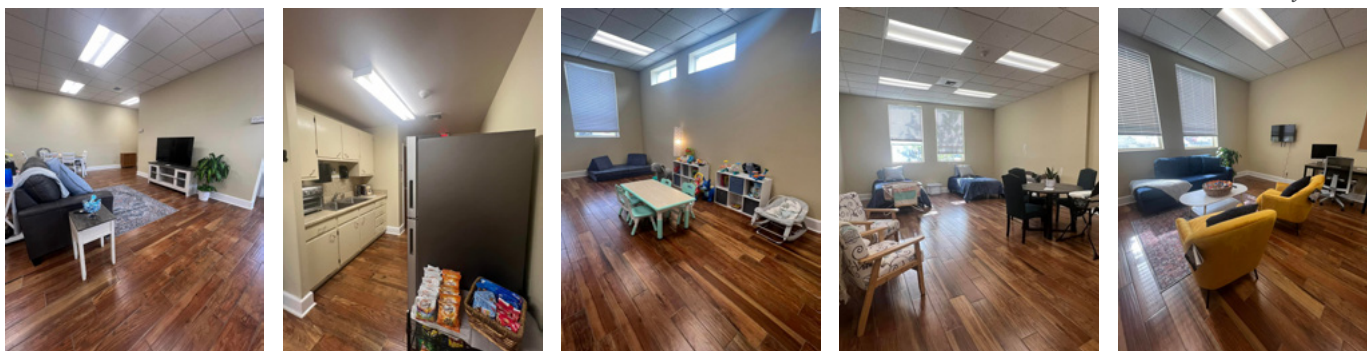
Our organization works to strengthen and enhance the lives of children and their families by providing stability through significant life events. These events can often cause financial hardship and loss of stable housing. We provide shelter, support, coaching, mentoring, counseling, and community support that brings about transformative stability. We are dedicated to the care of families in Escambia County. This work is not done in

a vacuum. Instead, we are representative of a comprehensive network of interfaith congregations, non profits, individuals, and businesses. This team approach to radical hospitality, compassion and support has led us to an extraordinary success rate nationally. Through our Interfaith Hospitality Network, faith organizations provide unoccupied spaces as a safe, warm place for families to sleep at night. Our Family Center provides a place for families to meet basic needs including internet access, showers, and laundry facilities. The staff and volunteers at the Family Center provide case management connecting families with financial resources and assisting in the search for jobs, affordable housing, and education as well as offer mentorship and support.

FUMC Pensacola is a Family Promise Affiliate. We will connect and work with 11 other churches in our area to help solve this challenge in our community by providing shelter throughout the year. For one week each quarter, we will provide special, safe place in our Wright Place building where a family can spend one week together as they work toward permanent housing with Family Promise. We will also offer our hospitality through meals, activities, and volunteer presence so that these families can heal and work toward independence. First Church hosted our first family September 1 - 8! We also provide a space on our campus for a Day Center that is utilized by families throughout the county as well as provide office space for Family Promise Staff.

If you would like more information on how to volunteer with this amazing ministry, contact Geoff Cook at [GCook@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:GCook@FUMCPensacola.com).

*Pictured Below: Day Center*



*Pictured Below: Overnight Spaces*



# MIDWEEK at First Church

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

5:00 – 6:00pm | The Wright Place

Join us for dinner and fellowship as a church family! Dinner can be purchased for \$10/adult, \$4/child, with a max cost of \$27/family.

September 11: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Bread, Dessert

September 18: Baked Potato Bar, Brunswick Stew, Dessert

September 25: Grilled Teriyaki thighs, Fried Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert

## MIDWEEK STUDIES AND AGE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

6:00 – 7:00pm

After dinner, we will have Midweek studies and activities! There is something for every age. In The Wright Place, hang around after dinner for the Pastor's Bible Study with Dr. Lentz. Kids and Students will have programming in their own areas and in the gym. Nursery will be available for those attending Bible study.

## Pastor's Bible Study

### LIVING IN LOVE: LEARNING FROM THE LETTERS OF JOHN

Wednesdays | 6:00 – 7:00pm | The Great Hall

Everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall after dinner for the Pastor's Bible Study. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz will be leading us in a study called "Living in Love: Learning from the Letters of John."

These three letters are a remarkable glimpse into the life of the early church at a time in which they were experiencing division. St. John the Elder instructs the church to live in the way of love—he goes so far to say that, "God is love." We will be going through these relatively short letters verse by verse and try to apply this timely word from God to our own lives in this divisive and difficult season in our nation and world.

## NURSERY

5:30 – 7:00pm | Education Building

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



## FIRST KIDS PROGRAMING

Our Wednesday programming for Kindergarten–5th Grade starts at 3:00pm with a time for great extracurricular classes, developing relationships in small group settings, and having fun singing and playing together. Afternoon programs are divided by age-group and listed below. This lasts until dinner. After dinner, parents can attend classes while kids continue their fun with our Midweek program starting in the gym. *More details can be found in the First Kids section on page 10.*

### KidConnect (for K–3rd Grade)

Wednesdays | 3:00 – 5:15pm | Starts in Wesley Abbey  
[Register Online](#)

### Chilltime (for 4th & 5th Grade)

Wednesdays | 3:00 – 5:15pm | Starts in Wesley Abbey  
[Register Online](#)

### First Kids: Midweek (for Preschool–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 a night of fellowship and have fun as a respite from the week.



# 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](mailto:GRaines@FUMCPensacola.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

**We extend our love and sympathy to:**

### Members Who Have Died:

**Laura Mehle and family** on the death of her husband **Doug Mehle**. Doug died on July 29, 2024.

**Lisa Noble and family** on the death of her husband **Greg Noble**. Greg died on August 6, 2024.

**J.D. Mosko and family** on the death of his wife **Candy Mosko**. Candy died on August 15, 2024.

### Loved Ones Who Have Died:

**The family and friends of Olivia Keene**. Olivia died on August 6, 2024.

**The family and friends of Janice Park**. Her brother, **Gary Coon**, died on August 27.

## BIRTHS

**Madelyn Louise Fazio** was born July 29, 2024 to **Dianne and Michael Fazio**. Proud grandparents are **Trish and John Gross**.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Heather & Sandra Roche (Jacob, 6)**

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

**August 4: In celebration of Katie Bryant's 29th birthday** on July 9th by Jeff, Terrill, and Chris Bryant. And in **loving memory of Matt Bryant on his 35th birthday** on July 13 by Jeff, Terrill, Chris, and Katie Bryant.

**August 11: In loving memory of Don Brown** by Pearle and family.

**August 18: In celebration of Hattie Olivia Wade's marriage to Timothy Michael Rutten**, on April 06, 2024, at the National United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, by Bill and Linda Wade.

**August 25: In celebration of Watson and Anne Aldridge's 61st wedding anniversary** on August 24th; and in **loving memory of Martin Thompson** by his family. August 25th would have been Martin's 98th birthday.



Starting Sunday, September 15 | 4:30 - 6:00pm | The Consulate Cafe

The journey of grief is a painful process and you do not need to walk it alone. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and want to invite you to join a 10-week support group and program called GriefShare. The materials specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly and the content is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. Our time together will include dinner, videos full of helpful information, a workbook for your own personal study, and a place to find healing and hope. Visit [FUMCPensacola.com/GriefShare](http://FUMCPensacola.com/GriefShare) to register.

## THE LIVING TRUST BEGINNING JULY 31, 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](mailto:HHoughton@FUMCPensacola.com).**

## IN MEMORY

### Doug Mehle

*For the Youth Program*

By Glenn and Gladys Massaro  
By Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moran  
By Melinda Jenkins

### Doug Mehle Continued...

By Ronald and Jolene Hamilton  
By Andrew and Gail Costa  
By Vida and Bert Laureano  
By Gary and Shelley Frost

### John Hoefflin

*For the Hoefflin Scholarship Fund*

By Missy Jungling

## FIRST KIDS

*First Kids is our children's ministry at First Church. All children 3 years old (as of Sept. 1, 2023) 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](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)

## KIDCONNECT (for K-3RD GRADE)

**Wednesdays, Starting August 28**  
**3:00 - 5:15pm | Start in Wesley Abbey**  
[Register Online](#)

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

## CHILLTIME (for 4TH & 5TH GRADE)

**Wednesdays, Starting August 28**  
**3:00 - 5:15pm | Start in Wesley Abbey**  
[Register Online](#)

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

## FIRST KIDS: MIDWEEK

(for PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

**Wednesdays, starting August 21**  
**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 KIDS: SUNDAY MORNINGS

(for PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE)

**9:45-10:45am | Ed. Building**

All Elementary Children are invited to Celebrate Sundays: our Sunday morning program for children. We will focus on two things: (1)connecting with our church friends and (2)helping children become closer to God through discipleship by exploring, engaging and experiencing God together.

We will meet on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

Preschoolers (3 years old as of Sept. 1, 2023) are invited to join us each Sunday for play time, story time, music time and prayer time. We will meet in the Preschool rooms on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

## GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 8 | 9:45 - 10:45am | Wright Place, Great Hall**

Kids & Students of First Church are invited to come celebrate their Grandparents with a special Grandparents Day Brunch! We will gather in the Gym at 9:45am for food, fellowship, and activities. If your family member attends another church, we invite you to bring them to our special celebration. We ask that First Church Kids (PreK-5th Grade) be escorted by their grandparents to Brunch instead of to their Sunday School classroom.

## 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](mailto:HNysewander@fumcpensacola.com)

## SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays | 7:30am**

**Panera on 9th Ave**

Students, 9th - 12th Grade, are invited to join us at Panera for our school-year morning devotion.

## MID-HIGH BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays | 7:00am**

**Whataburger on Gregory**

Students, 6th - 8th Grade, are invited to join us at Whataburger for our school-year morning devotion.

## FIRST STUDENTS: MID-WEEK

**Wednesdays | 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.

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## 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](mailto:JPiver@FUMCPensacola.com)

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### FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WRIGHT PLACE

**Friday, September 20 | 6:00 - 8:00pm (Doors Open at 5:30pm)  
The Wright Place | \$15**

[Register HERE](#) by September 15

Join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship with friends. It will include a delicious dinner provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with fun entertainment by The Crittenden-Davis Singers. Their roots begin with multiple family sing-alongs including parents, children and grandchildren. For the past 10 years they have performed at several venues in the Pensacola area. They love to perform, but a key aspect of their show is audience participation. Their motto is "fun guaranteed"! They are so excited to share the fun with us!

## SILVER & GOLD

**Thursday, September 26 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | The Wright Place | \$10**

[Register HERE](#) by September 22

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship with friends. It will include a delicious lunch provided by Ruth's Kitchen, along with a presentation from Alex Thomas with the Pensacola Lighthouse & Maritime Museum. She will discuss with us the history of the beautiful Pensacola Lighthouse, the storms it has weathered over the years and exciting upcoming events to look forward to. Doors open at 10:30am.

## COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

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

We have a small, friendly group that meets each week for coffee and fellowship in the Church Library. We have no agenda other than to get out of the house and enjoy time with friends... new and old. Anyone is invited to join us. Coffee and pastries are provided.

## GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS

**Mondays | 7:00 - 8:00pm | Online**

Register at [legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights](https://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 and overcome obstacles, and find encouragement. This is a ministry provided by the Legacy Coalition.

## 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

Director of Missions

[LBond@fumcpensacola.com](mailto:LBond@fumcpensacola.com)

## SERVING THE HUNGRY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Serving the Hungry pantry shelves are low and are in need of some items. Please drop all items in the Serve the Hungry bins located in the front office and the gym.

### NEEDED CANNED FOOD ITEMS

- Green Beans • Corn • Tomato Sauce
- Diced Tomatoes • Whole Tomatoes
- Carrots • Baked Beans • Black Beans
- Fruit

### NEEDED CLOTHING ITEMS

- Men's pants sizes 28-34

## TANZANIA TEA FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, October 5 | 12:00pm (doors open at 11:45am) | Consulate Café**

**Seating Options: Table of 2 - \$50, Table of 4 - \$100, Table of 8 - \$200**

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Come enjoy a spot of tea while supporting the Children's Ministries of Tanzania. In 2024, we will continue the Alabama West Florida Conference partnership, Teaming with Tanzania, by offering the third in a series of three workshops dedicated to the training and support of UMC 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 is \$25 per person which includes sandwiches, scones, baked treats and your choice of three teas. Contact Lisa Bond at 850-549-8967.

## 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](mailto:RBranch@FUMCPensacola.com)

### ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS RETREAT

September 6 & 7  
*Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall*

If you would like to sing with the Sanctuary Choir for their Christmas Concert with Orchestra on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00pm, then join us as we begin to work on the music on Friday, September 6, from 6:30-8:00pm and Saturday, September 7, from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please contact Rick for more information.

### CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULES

#### Youth Choir

You will practice all Sundays in September (except Sep. 1) from 4:30-5:20pm in the Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall. Please contact Rick if you need the code to the front office door. It will normally be locked during rehearsals.

#### ADDITIONAL DATES

- Add November 15-16 to your calendar for the Christmas Retreat. Info coming soon.
- Add June 21-29 to your calendar for our summer tour!

### Children's Choirs

(K-1st Grade & 2nd - 5th Grade)

You will practice every Wednesday from 4:30-5:15pm in the Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall Suite. Join us as we prepare to sing in worship and learn about God through music.

### Preschool Choir

You will practice every Sunday during Sunday School (9:45 - 10:45am). Mrs. Heidi visits the preschool Sunday School children to help them praise God through music.

### ALL YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND PRESCHOOL CHOIRS

Choir Dedication Sunday  
October 13

You sing in worship with all the other choirs.

### White Christmas Program

December 8  
You sing at 5:00pm.

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Dinner/Polish Party  
Monday, September 16 | 4:15pm

Normal Rehearsals Resume  
Monday, September 23 | 4:15pm

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

*At First Church, we recognize the importance of serving one another. The Congregational Care Team is a ministry of clergy and laity who have joined together to provide care for our members. The team is trained to provide visits for members who are in crisis, need prayer, are experiencing grief, are homebound or desire to receive communion.*

Rev. Brandon Bures  
Executive Pastor  
[BBures@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:BBures@FUMCPensacola.com)

**STEPHEN MINISTRY  
INFORMATION DINNER**  
Sunday, September 8 | 5:00 -  
6:00pm | *The Wright Place*  
[Click HERE to Register](#)

Do you want to learn about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an Information Dinner and meet the Stephen Leader Team that will begin training Stephen Ministers in September. Stephen Ministers are congregation members very well trained and supported by Stephen Leaders. Stephen Minister training is an enriching, enjoyable, spiritual experience. It will provide Stephen Ministers with a high-quality level of emotional and spiritual care to share with people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties. People typically become Stephen Ministers out of a desire to help others, but along the way, they find that they experience tremendous growth themselves—personally, spiritually, and relationally. Care Receivers are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis. If you feel led to learn the details of becoming a Stephen Minister, please register and join us for our Information Dinner.



## 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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### **RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW: THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS**

**With Author Amy Oden**

November 7 | 10:00am - 3:30pm

The Wight Place, Great Hall,

Cost: \$60.00

[Click HERE to Register](#)

This spiritual formation opportunity is sponsored by Center for Sacred Space. Born and raised on the prairies of Oklahoma, Amy has found her spiritual home under the wide-open sky. Her passion is to introduce spiritual practices that can ground and nourish lives to follow Jesus into the world. She has been a seminary professor for 35 years, walking alongside students. For the last 10 years, she has focused on spiritual formation and direction. Cost includes morning snack & lunch. Recommended reading for the event: Right Here Right Now.

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**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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