

The COMMUNICATOR

First United Methodist Church

Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

December 29, 2017

Holiday Edition

In lieu of our normal Communicator, we will have a shortened holiday edition this week. We pray God's blessings upon you for a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

The Staff at FUMC Opelika

Outlive Your Life

On Sunday, January 14th, our church will begin a 5-week sermon series called, "Outlive Your Life." During this time, Pastors Robin and Patrick will preach through some of the key stories in Acts – stories of how the first church in Jerusalem expanded their impact to become a world changing force. At the same time, we will be examining our own lives in relation to our mission and the legacy we are leaving in the world. During these 5 Sundays (Jan. 14 - Feb. 11) our Sunday school classes will be participating in the Outlive Your Life curriculum. We are excited by the challenge to "outlive" our lives and believe this will be a time of personal, spiritual growth as well as a time of learning new ways we can expand our influence and make a difference in our community and in the world.

If you are not currently in a Sunday school class but would like to participate in this church-wide study, please email Patrick at patrickcraig@fumcopelika.org



New Year's Eve Worship

Join Us for
Sunday Morning
Worship!
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Services in the
Sanctuary

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

1:00 p.m. Prison Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Devo
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

5:15 p.m. LAFF (Condon Hall)

The Life of the Church

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Pre- Service Music:

Jim Warman

Greeters

8:30 a.m.: Charles Bush

11:00 a.m.: Jim & Sara Nan Levins
John & Connie Carver

Cross Bearer

11:00 a.m.: Banks Harper

Acolytes

8:30a.m.: Jackson & Sadie Rainey

11:00 a.m.: Claire & Jack McKay

Welcome Notes

Anthony White

Ushers

8:30 am: Barbara Patton (Captain),
Becky Baily, Betty Hilyer,
Sarah Wilson, Brenda Woods

11:00 am: Mike McKee (Captain),
George Walker (Co-Captain),
Robbie Elkins, Bob Ingram,
Bill Levins, Arvle Marshall,
Ben Yates

Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.: Peter Elliott

11:00 a.m.: Will Levins
& Peter Elliott

Nurturing Notes

Paula Plan

Flower Ministry

Vikki Hendricks,
Nell & Bill Samford

Prison Ministry

Laura Fuller, Mindy Smith,
Danielle Goff, Margaret Rogers,
Rebecca Sanderson

Hospital Visitors

Jan 2: Pam Hope

Jan 3: Lisa Abercrombie

Jan. 4: Phyllis Mayfield

Jan. 5: Danielle Goff

Youth News

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH

Every Sunday morning up in the Cross Cafe
from 9:30-10:30.

Milk & cereal and God's Word!

NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON 12/31

Happy New Year!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON 1/7

Jr Hi Choir from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Jr Hi Youth from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Sr Hi Choir from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH BEGINS

ON JANUARY 10th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MATT (Meals And Teen Tires) from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

O Town Ice Cream from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH SKI TRIP IS JANUARY 12-15!

MEMORIALS

Laurel Blackwell

Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

Era Claire Collins

Glenda & Charles Bush

Joan & Judson Salter

Nell & Bill Samford

Elois Duncan

Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

Ray Henderson

Nell & Bill Samford

Tom Lovell

F.D. & Charlotte Gibson & family

Rose Anne Hurd

Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

Mary Pugh

Glenda & Charles Bush

Ileta Sumners

Glenda & Charles Bush

Mrs. Melba Cosby

Nell & Bill Samford

Betty Woodward

Rose Anne Hurd

HONORARIUMS

Eric & Ellen Canada

Bruce & Jean Heath

Deborah Setzer

Jean Heath

Gene & Bo Torbert

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Attendance

Sunday School: 92

Morning Worship: 257

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service: 415

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service:115

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$46,909

Prayer Concerns

EAMC:

Jean Meadows
Dot Mitchell
Emilie Tucker

Children's Hospital (B'ham):

Sharolin Bravo (3rd grade
C.A.M.P. student)

Home:

Peggy Aiken (*Ann Canon's niece*)
David Alexander (*Marcia
Alexander's husband*)
Barbara Allen
Pam Alsobrook
John Askew
Jim Beach
H S Bence
Hank Brown
Edna Caldwell
Bette Corley (*Nann Ogletree's
mother*)
Jerry Coughlin
Betty & Hal Cummings
Trinchua Dukes
Anne Grady
Joe Harrington
Barbara Hartley (*Marrell Hartley's
mother*)
Lilli Jackson
Cordelia Kliner
Betty Lawrence
Beverly Marlett
Joey Marlett
Doug Mitchell, Sr.
Genna Mitchell
Donna Mowery (*Jim Levin's
daughter*)
Dot Norrell
Cora Reames (*Rhonda Boothe's
mother*)
Ron Rooks
Bill Samford
Fran Smith
Sandra Smith (*Ric Smith's mother*)
Theron Sorrell (*Jake Thompson's
grandfather*)
Jill Turner (*Tori Beth Thompson's
mother*)

Out of Town:

Annie Louise Antley (*Priscilla
Blythe's grandmother*)
Evan Ashby (*Macy Finck's cousin*)
Bob Bowen (*Julia Moreman's
brother-in-law*)
Shirley Brown (*Ginger Perkins'
sister-in-law*)
Sally Buck (*Billy Ogletree's
mother*)
Cody Burns & family (*Lynn
Harrington's nephew*)
Gail Colvin (*cousin of Bobbie
Hamilton, Becky Saggus, Fran
Smith*)
Bill Cook (*Al Cook's brother*)
Shannon Cook (*friend of Earle &
Kenny Wilkes*)
Scott & Christy Ellis (*friends of
Rick Lane*)
Bill & Anita Finck; Romilda
Westenhofer (*Macy Finck's
grandparents*)
Traci Hart (*Pam Hope's sister-in-
law*)
Sam Hayes, Jr. (*Sharon & Ron
Rooks' grandson*)
Allen Liu (*Wei Beach's nephew*)
Michael Marcades
Lexi Melton (*great niece of Stanley
Melton, III*)
Bob Miller (*Sam Bailey's brother-
in-law*)
Kelly Oliver (*Lynn Harrington's
niece*)
Sherry Parrish (*Meg Branch's step
-mother*)
Lauren Ragsdale (*Michael Bass's
sister*)
Marian Rogers (*Emily Finck's
grandmother*)
Carolyn Sell (*Jo Vaughan's
daughter*)
Jackie Spann (*Terri Knight's sister*)
Rick Vetra (*Karen Bush's cousin*)
Bobby Woodruff (*Caroline Bush's
uncle*)

Military:

Beau Carroll (*friend of the Perkins*)
Tyler Carter (*son of Tommy &
Lynn Carter*)
Michael Fischer, T J Fischer, &
Frank Rielly (*friends of Phyllis
& Jim Mayfield*)
Robert Groszmann (*Bob Ingram's
nephew*)
Garrett Guess (*Becky Bailey's
nephew*)
Dalton Lucas (*son of Todd &
Stacey Lucas*)
Chandler Norris (*cousin of Mary
Virginia Norris & Louisa Wood*)
Alex Pendergraph (*Janet Taylor's
grandson*)
Jacob Ramus (*Phyllis & Jim
Mayfield's son-in-law*)
Kennard R. Smith (*friend of Anne
& Sheldon Whittelsey*)
Ronnie Snyder (*grandson of
Arden Snyder*)
Bubba Sumrall (*son of Leslie
Sumrall*)
Drew Tatum (*son of Crawford &
Lynn Tatum*)

Christian Sympathy is expressed to. . .

*Jimmy & Mary Collins and all of
the family upon the death of
Jimmy's mother,
Era Claire Collins.*

*Anne & Sheldon Whittelsey and all
of the family upon the death of
Anne's mother, Es Kimbrell.*