

First United Methodist Church  
*Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ*



## BRIDAL SHOWER

Please drop by for a "Meet and Greet"  
to celebrate the marriage of Kelli and Patrick  
Saturday, January 27th  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

If you would like to bring a gift this is a link to the registry:

<https://www.zola.com/wedding/patrickandkelli/registry>

Another gift idea would be a gift card from Amazon or West Elm. There will also be a "Love Offering" box available at the shower to place cards and/or money.

## Celebrating Dr. Nicole Agostino

Since February 2011 Dr. Nicole Agostino has been an integral part of the music and worship ministries at First United Methodist Church as she blesses us each week with music from the piano. As the Director of Music Ministries, it is not only my privilege to call Nicole my colleague, but it is my honor to call her my friend. So it is bittersweet that I announce that my friend and colleague will be stepping away from FUMC's piano after this Sunday's service. It is bitter because I will miss working with such a talented musician each week, but it is also sweet because I know my friend will thrive in her new chapter in life as a mother, teacher, performer, and business owner.

I know we all have great memories of Nicole playing whether it be crowd pleasing arrangements of favorite hymns that you tap your foot to, masterful compositions such as those by Mendelssohn or Bach, dazzling duets with the organ, or beautiful collaborations with soloists and the choir. We will definitely miss her weekly gifts to us and to the Lord.

I hope you will join me at a special reception to honor and thank Nicole for her years of service this Sunday from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. in the Choir Room. Also come to either the 8:30 or the 11:00 worship services to hear her play congregational favorites for the Prelude and the Offertory. Finally, join me in giving thanks to God for Nicole, her talents, and for the blessing that she has been to the FUMC community for the past seven years.

In Christ,  
Mary Virginia

## Ladies Night Banquet

The annual Methodist Men's Ladies Night Banquet will be held on February 13th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets (\$15) may be purchased from any Methodist Men's Club member and are also available in the Church Office.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### Attendance

Sunday School: 247  
Morning Worship: 472

### Giving

Weekly Offering: \$81,966

## Baby Recognition Sunday—January 28, 2018

It's always such an honor to celebrate new life within our church here at FUMC. This Sunday, we get the privilege to recognize the 13 babies born into our church family in 2017.

Our Baby Recognition will take place this Sunday at the 11:00 service. We hope you will join us as we introduce these little ones to their church family.

I am reminded of Psalm 127:3

*"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."*

What a reason for our church to celebrate!

We have been given the awesome privilege of being a part of the lives of these little ones and showing them the love of Jesus!

May we be faithful in seeing them as Jesus did!

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* Mark 10:14

In His Name, Drew

**John Allen Bush**

February 18, 2017  
Caroline & Allen Bush

**Eva McFerrin Smyly**

May 16, 2017  
Melanie & Bill Smyly

**Jeremy Truitt Sullivan**

July 13, 2017  
McKenzie Dukes & Jake Sullivan

**Matthew Grant Moore & Sara Ingram Moore**

July 17, 2017  
Katie & Jared Moore

**William Jun**

July 25, 2017  
Ella & Sang Jun

**Alden Wilder James**

July 25, 2017  
Anna & Nate James

**William Raley Collins**

August 29, 2017  
Leigh & Chris Collins

**Mary Maxine Smith**

September 11, 2017  
Ann-Braxton & David Smith

**Caroline Elisabeth Mann**

September 22, 2017  
Abby & Hank Mann

**Liliana Magdalene Zambrana**

September 27, 2017  
Laura & Ettiene Zambrana

**Emelia Meadow DeGoti**

October 25, 2017  
Nicole Agostino & Mark DeGoti

**Charlotte Ann Crim Wood**

December 13, 2017  
Louisa & John Robert Wood

*"The Blessed Holy Spirit arrests us in our activity and quiets us in the secret place of the Most High....teaching us some new lessons, breathing into us some deeper strength, and then leading us on again at His bidding alone."* A.B.S.

Have you received the HOLY GHOST since you believed?

And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any HOLY GHOST ! .....Acts 19:2

Dear Fellow-Sojourners,

The GOOD NEWS is that the Holy Spirit has not yet been removed from this earth! We HAVE heard...AND witnessed HIS Presence throughout our lifetimes! Recently GOD has laid it on Libby's and my heart to "gather the Saints", once again, to corporately seek His Face .....to learn what He has to say....to receive what He has to give.....that we may be empowered to do His Will in our daily lives. We believe God wants not only to refresh us and fill us full of enthusiasm again, but to *empower* us to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil!

"Come let us learn, Come let us drink, Come let us LIVE!"

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** (8 week study...every Monday at 10:00 A.M....beginning Feb. 5 & ending Mar. 26)  
Cynn timer James House 5665 Lee Road 146 Opelika

## Outlive Your Life

Our church has begun 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](mailto:patrickcraig@fumcopelika.org)

## Volunteers Needed for C.A.M.P. Ministry

FUMC has resumed the CAMP ministry. We are in need of volunteers to help with this ministry. You do not have to have experience in teaching or tutoring. We have pre-planned tutoring sheets provided that are specialized to each child's particular need.

**We need van drivers and riders, people to help with snacks, etc.**

If you could help on one or more of the Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. so that this program can continue to happen please email Terri Knight at [terriknight87@gmail.com](mailto:terriknight87@gmail.com) or call 334.787.0223.

C.A.M.P. is a Christian After School Mentoring Program aimed at working with at-risk children beginning in primary school by assisting with homework, tutoring and developing a long-term relationship with them to help them succeed.

## Poe-Cumbie Sunday School Class

If you would like to live happier come join us for Sunday School.

Singles—Couples—45 years old & up

3rd Floor—Room 310

*We would love to have you. Belva Guy, Class President*

## Youth News

### Sunday Morning Youth

Every Sunday morning up in the Cross Cafe from 9:30 - 10:30. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

### Sunday Night Youth on January 28th

Jr Hi and Sr Hi Choir from 4 - 5pm

5:30 - 7:30pm is **Bowling Night** for Jr Hi and Sr Hi at the Auburn Bowling Alley. Cost is \$10. Includes bowling and supper. Bring your friends!

### Wednesday Night Youth on January 31st and February 7th

M.A.T.T. from 5 - 6pm

J Groups from 6 - 7pm

### Sunday Night Youth on February 4th

Jr Hi Choir from 4 - 5pm

Sr Hi Choir from 4:30 - 5:30pm

**Super Bowl Party** from 5pm until game is over! Bring your friends!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
4:00 p.m. - One Accord  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth

### Monday, January 29

8:45 a.m. - Sonshine Preschool

### Tuesday, January 30

8:45 a.m. - Sonshine Preschool  
1:00 p.m. - Prison Ministry  
6:00 p.m. - eTeen

### Wednesday, January 31

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo  
5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00 p.m. - M.A.T.T. (Meals And Teen Tires)  
5:15 p.m. - Children's Choir  
6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Connection Programs  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 1

8:45 a.m. - Sonshine Preschool  
5:15 p.m. - LAFF

## LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

### Greeters

8:30 a.m.:  
Crawford, Charmoin, Anslee & Leila  
Tatum;  
Blake, Lybbi & Walton Epperson

11:00 a.m.:

Bob & Claireda Taylor;  
Bill & Betty Hilyer

### Gathering Music

Charles Bonner

### Acolytes

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

11:00 a.m.:

Hannah Cottrell &  
Hannah Halverson

### Cross Bearer (11:00 am)

Kris Epperson

### Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.: Nathan Goff  
11:00 a.m.: Will Levins

### Ushers

8:30 am: Blake Epperson (Captain),  
Jim Mayfield  
(Co-Captain), Brian Blackmon,  
Charlie Couey, John Wilson

11:00 am: Bob Boothe (Captain),  
Jason Halverson (Co-Captain),  
Tyson Daffin, Bill Levins, Richard  
Moreman,  
Billy Ogletree

### Welcome Notes

Pat Brown

### Nurturing Notes

Phoebe Branch

### Monday Flowers

Vikki Hendricks,  
John & Connie Carver

### Tuesday Office Volunteer

Jean Heath

### Prison Ministry

Sara Nan Levins, Charlotte Ward,  
Edna Caldwell, Margaret Rogers,  
Danielle Fornea

## Wednesday Connection Dinner (served from 5- 6 p.m.)

**Menu:** Roasted Pork Loin, Baked Rice, Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Buttered Rolls, & Desert

**Reservations for dinner can be made by:**

1. Placing the Dinner Reservation card found in the pew rack in the offering plate.
2. Calling the Church Office at 745-7604
3. emailing Laura Boggs at: [lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org](mailto:lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org)
4. Register using the "Ministries", then "Discipleship" tabs on the church website.

## Prison Ministry - January 23, 2018

**Volunteers:** Carol Powers, Brenda Woods, Margaret Rogers

**Inmates ministered to:** 28 men      **Bibles given:** 1

**Message:** *Redemption* - Danielle Fornea

"Our God can take something that appears to be worthless and create something beautiful!"

**Scripture reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here!*

## MEMORIALS

### Harris Asbury

Betty & Joe Wingo

### H S Bence

Fay Burns; Jolene Clark;  
Sherry & Richard Freeman;  
Bill & Betty Hilyer; Betty Letlow;  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins;  
Kim & Mike Mann;  
Nell & Bill Samford; Barbara Sims

### Laurel Blackwell

Caroline Bugg; Eric & Ellen Canada

### Era Claire Collins

Caroline Bugg; Lucinda Cannon;  
John & Connie Carver; Jolene Clark;  
Mr. & Mrs. Newell Floyd;  
Shirley & Aaron Harrington;  
Bill & Betty Hilyer;  
Julia & Bobby Huling;  
George Robertson;  
Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

### Rossie Meadows Culley

Boody Brown; Barbara Sims;  
Carole & Ric Smith

### Ray Henderson

Patricia & Tommy Davis;  
Corinne & Jimmy Hurst

### Albert Killian

Boody Brown; Lucinda Cannon;  
Patricia & Tommy Davis

### Es Kimbrell

Fay Burns; Lucinda Canon

### Betty Lawrence

Barbara & Earl Allen; Virginia  
Bontz; Boody Brown; Caroline  
Bugg; Fay Burns; Charles &  
Glenda Bush; Eric & Ellen  
Canada; Lucinda Cannon;  
Connie & John Carver; Jolene  
Clark; Jean & Howard Clonts;  
Heather & Tyson Daffin; Patricia  
& Tommy Davis; Mary Ann Dell;  
Fitch, Elkins & Hinkle Families;  
Mr. & Mrs. Newell Floyd; Sherry &  
Richard Freeman; Shirley &  
Aaron Harrington; Paula & Bert  
Harris; Bill & Betty Hilyer; Cherry  
& Jeff Hilyer; Sandra Holloway;  
Julia & Bobby Huling; Corinne &  
Jimmy Hurst; Mr. & Mrs. Lanier  
Johnson; Joanne & Don Lambert;  
Linda Lashley; Betty Letlow; Kim  
& Mike Mann; Marion & James  
Manning; Taylor & Teresa  
Noggle; Ginger & Jerry Perkins;  
Judson & Joan Salter;  
Jan Samuels; Rhonda & Ike Scott;  
Bill & Chris Shafer; Richard  
Shackelford; Barbara Sims;  
Carole & Ric Smith; Judy Smith;  
Arden Snyder; Tim & Sara Jane  
Tatum; Fred & Brenda Thomas;  
Thoroughman Sunday School  
Class; Gene & Bo Torbert;  
George & Margaret Walker;  
Earle & Kenny Wilkes;  
Betty & Joe Wingo

### Tom Lovell

Caroline Bugg; Tommy & Patricia  
Davis; Ashley & Mac Freeman; Jim-  
my & Corinne Hurst; Betty Letlow;  
Carole & Ric Smith

### Celia Satterwhite

Connie & John Carver; Jolene Clark;  
Sherry & Richard Freeman; Duffy &  
Leroy Stewart; Earle & Kenny Wilkes

### Mary Rose Smith

Caroline Bugg; Corinne & Jimmy  
Hurst; Beth Nagle

**Roslyn Stern** (In memory on her  
January 24 birthday)  
Ginger & J. Stern

### Gerald Suhling

Julia & Bobby Huling

### Ileta Sumners

Julia & Bobby Huling

### William Walker

Earle & Kenny Wilkes

### Betty Woodward

Patricia & Tommy Davis

## HONORARIUM

### Joe Harrington

Corinne & Jimmy Hurst

# Prayer Concerns

## **EAMC:**

Maggie Joy Mclain  
(Pam Alsobrook)

## **Arbor Springs Rehab:**

Jean Meadows

## **Emory:**

Lea Botsford Perez  
(daughter of Betty Botsford &  
sister of Leslie Anabtawi)

## **Vanderbilt:**

Jackie Spann (Terri Knight's sister)

## **Home:**

Peggy Aiken (Ann Canon's niece)  
David Alexander (Marcia  
Alexander's husband)

Barbara Allen

John Askew

Sharolin Bravo

Ann Canon

Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)

Bette Corley (Nann Ogletree's  
mother)

Betty & Hal Cummings

Trinchua Dukes

Anne Grady

Kathy Groves

Barbara Hartley (Marrell Hartley's  
mother)

Lilli Jackson

Cordelia Kliner

Dot Mitchell

Doug Mitchell, Sr.

Genna Mitchell

Donna Mowery (Jim Levin's  
daughter)

Dot Norrell

Cora Reames (Rhonda Boothe's  
mother)

Bill Samford

Fran Smith

Kathy Smith

Sandra Smith (Ric Smith's mother)

Theron Sorrell (Jake Thompson's  
grandfather)

Emilie Tucker

Jill Turner (Tori Beth Thompson's  
mother)

Starnes Windsor

(brother of Pam Alsobrook)

## **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)

Lanier Johnson (Becky Brown's  
father)

Allen Liu (Wei Beach's nephew)

Michael Marcades

Lexi Melton (great niece of Stan-  
ley 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)

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)

## **Missionary**

Orphanage Emmanuel, Honduras  
Rachel Canada (daughter of Ellen  
& Eric Canada)

## **Congratulations . . .**

. . . to Lane & Laura Sellers  
upon the birth of their  
daughter,

Frances Albritton Sellers.

She was born January 23, 2017.

Her proud grandparents are  
Charles & Elizabeth Mason.