

# The COMMUNICATOR

## First United Methodist Church

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*Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ*

April 6, 2018

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*A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”  
John 13:34-35*

*But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Look, there is the place they laid him.  
But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him, just as he told you.”  
Mark 16:6-8*

### **Easter People**

These 50 days of the Easter season have just begun, and didn't we begin well! Our choirs, worship committee, instrumentalists, and so many more came together to make our Easter Sunday worship full of praise and celebration to offer to our Risen Lord! We are so grateful for those who lead us to worship our God!

But we have to remember that Easter is not a one day occasion. Easter is our way of life. Now comes the hard part, as we take our worship into the world and live lives in response to Christ's teachings. Now we love, because that was the commandment he gave us. We submit our wills and our lives to our God, and we share the joyful news that sin and death do not win!

I see Easter people every day in our family of faith. Movement is afoot for a new program serving those who grieve, a summer camp experience for our "CAMP" ministry kids, an evangelism plan to reach more in our community, clothes closets, mission trips, small groups...what can we not do with the God who conquered death behind us!

How are you called to share the love of Christ in our church family and with the community outside of these walls? Pray, share with faithful friends, and let us be Easter people together!

Yours,



Robin Wilson  
[robinwilson@fumcopelika.org](mailto:robinwilson@fumcopelika.org)

**Friends 2 Israel Invites you to hear:  
Malcolm Hedding -The Biblical Support for Israel**

**April 29, 2018**

**9:45-10:30am- First United Methodist Church of Opelika - Fellowship Hall**

**11:00am- Purpose Baptist Church, 3211 Waverly Parkway, Opelika, AL**

**6:00pm- First United Methodist Church of Opelika- Sanctuary**

(Each teaching will be different)

Malcolm Hedding has a profound ability to teach and impart truth concerning God's Heart for the nation and people of Israel. He is an astute theologian and one of today's most articulate speakers on the scriptural basis for Christian support of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.

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**IT'S A BOY!!!**

Congratulations to Jessica Parsons & Isaiah Carr upon the birth of their son,  
Josiah King Parsons-Carr.  
Josiah was born March 30, 2018.  
He is the grandson of Michael & Kelly Marcades.

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**Safe Sanctuaries**

Our Safe Sanctuaries policy requires us to have a **mandatory** Safe Sanctuaries training session to anyone who works with our children and youth. Drew Speakman and Rick Lane are having a 30 minutes training session offered on two different dates.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> or April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.**

**Room 402 on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

Please let Drew or Rick know which one of these you can attend if you work with children and/or youth in our church.

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**Making the Sanctuary Even More Inviting**

Beginning this Sunday, you will notice something different in the back of the Sanctuary. Working with the Safety Committee and the Worship Committee, the Trustees approved the removal of the back row of pews. This will give more space for those entering through the main entrance to be greeted and welcomed by our ushers. It will provide space for those in wheelchairs to be seated comfortably. The choir and acolytes will also have space as they prepare for worship without inhibiting the flow of congregants entering the worship space. This improvement is just one more step as we continue to show all those that enter our doors the warmth and joy that is found in our FUMC community.

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**Backpack Group,**

We plan to pack at the East Alabama Food Bank on **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at the church at 5pm or at the Food Bank at 5:30pm, done by 7pm. We will be packing approximately 740 bags again, so bring your friends!

**Please note that there is no Wednesday Night Connection that evening.**

Thanks so much!      Ellen Royal      334-524-9551

## LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

### Greeters

8:30 a.m.:  
Blake, Lybbi, & Walton Epperson;  
Wallace & Lorene Paschal

11:00 a.m.:

Bo, Christi, Brooks, & Addison  
Bryan; Jimmy & Mary Collins

### Gathering Music

Jim Warman

### Cross Bearers

11:00 a.m.:  
Eleanor Wilson

### Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:  
Claire & Jack McKay

11:00 a.m.:

Sadie Rainey &  
Madalyn Taunton

### Sound & Video

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

### Ushers

8:30 am: Aaron Waller (Captain),  
Blake Epperson (Co-Captain),  
Michael Bass, Ben Bugg,  
Andy Jordan, Michael Vance,  
Buddy Young

11:00 am: George Walker  
(Captain), Mike McKee (Co-  
Captain), Michael Guy,  
Chris Harrison, David Kastner, Bill  
Levins, Jason McKay, Jeff Shuling

### Welcome Letters

Margaret Walker

### Nurturing Notes

Belva Guy

### Flower Ministry

Vikki Hendricks, Phoebe Branch,  
& Lorene Paschal

### Hospital Visitation Ministry

April 9 - Lynn Harrington  
April 10 - Jo Lovell  
April 11 - Bob Ingram  
April 12 - Joe Harrington  
April 13 - Lindy White

### Tuesday Office Volunteer

Barbara Sims

### Prison Ministry

Cynn timer James, Colleen  
Alsobrook, Jean Meadows,  
Margaret Rogers,  
Danielle Fornea

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

April 1, 2018

### Attendance

Sunday School: 217  
Worship: Sunday Morning: 859

### Giving

Weekly Offering: \$56,051

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 8

7:30 a.m. - Methodist Men's Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
4:00 p.m. - One Accord Choir  
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth  
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Ringers

### Tuesday, April 10

5:15 p.m. - Finance  
6:00 p.m. - Board of Stewards  
7:00 p.m. - Methodist Women

### Wednesday, April 11

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 12

5:15p.m. - L.A.F.F.



Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.



**Servants in Christ Fish Fry**—Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00a.m.

Bubba's Medicine Shop Parking Lot

The plates will be \$10 each and proceeds will go to the ministries of FUMC Opelika.

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### **Prison Ministry –April 3, 2018**

**Volunteers:** Laura Fuller, Anne Whittelsey, Donna Hamilton, Margaret Rogers

**Inmates ministered to:** 65 men

**Bibles given:** 3

**Message:** *Carry On* - Danielle Fornea (50 years later...may their sacrifices not have been in vain.)

**Scripture reference:** John 4:38b

*Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.*

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**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Team @ 5:15p.m. (Conference Room)**

**Board of Stewards @ 6:00p.m. (Sanctuary)**

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### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Orphanage Emmanuel Mission Trip - July 12 to July 19, 2018**

Join us for a life changing trip to Orphanage Emmanuel, Honduras where you will be the hands and feet of Jesus. For more information, please contact Sara Jane Tatum [sjtatum@att.net](mailto:sjtatum@att.net)

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### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

#### **“VBS” (Vacation Bible School): June 18 - 21 (Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity)**

Experience the thrill of traveling back to ancient *Babylon* with Daniel and his friends.

We need volunteers!!! Please contact Priscilla Blythe or Drew Speakman if you can help!

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### **MEMORIALS**

**Barbara Allen:** Sherry & Richard Freeman; Nancy Johnson; Jay & Kelly Mallison; Jim & Phyllis Mayfield; Judson & Joan Salter; Joanne Smith T

**Tricia Crowley:** Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

**Jane Guy:** Glenda & Charles Bush; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins; Lorene & Wallace Paschal; Oline & Randy Price; Joan & Judson Salter

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### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Sunday Morning Youth:** Every Sunday morning on the 4th floor in the Cross Cafe from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

#### **Sunday Night Youth on April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Jr Hi Choir from 4-5pm

Jr Hi Youth from 5-6:30pm

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

Sr Hi Youth from 5:30-7:30pm

**O Town Ice Cream on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm!**

#### **Sunday Night Youth on April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Jr Hi Choir from 4-5pm

Jr Hi Youth from 5-6:30pm

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

Sr Hi Youth from 5:30-7:30pm

# Prayer Concerns

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## **EAMC:**

Jim Royal (*Kevin Royal's father*)

**Bethany House:** David Dorsey, Sr.

## **EAMC Lanier:**

Dana Vincent

(*Wayne & Susan Skinner's daughter*)

## **UAB:**

David Davis (*Opelika Firefighter*)

## **Home:**

David Alexander

(*Marcia Alexander's husband*)

Carol Askew

Dean Bledsoe

Sharolin Bravo

Mable Collins (*Arbor Springs*)

Bette Corley

(*Nann Ogletree's mother*)

Kathryn Cooper

Pat Cox

Betty & Hal Cummings

Trinchua Dukes

Kay Gifford (*friend of Stevie & Charlie Couey*)

Anne Grady

Kathy Groves

Lou Harrelson

Barbara Hartley

(*Marrell Hartley's mother*)

David McCain

Donna Moreman

Bill Murphree

Dot Norrell

Nann Ogletree

Oscar Penn

Julene Pugh

Pooker Robertson

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell

(*Jake Thompson's grandfather*)

Emilie Tucker

Jill Turner

(*Tori Beth Thompson's mother*)

Jody Wilkerson

(*Deborah Mitchell's brother*)

Starnes Windsor

(*brother of Pam Alsobrook*)

## **Out of Town:**

Annie Louise Antley

(*Priscilla Blythe's grandmother*)

Evan Ashby (*Macy Finck's cousin*)

Scott Boggs (*brother of Kenneth Boggs*)

Bob Bowen

(*Julia Moreman's brother-in-law*)

Shirley Brown

(*Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law*)

Sally Buck (*Billy Ogletree's mother*)

Ruth Chen (*friend of Wei Beach*)

Gail Colvin

(*cousin of Bobbie Hamilton, Becky*

*Saggus, Fran Smith*)

Shannon Cook

(*friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes*)

Bill & Anita Finck;

Romilda Westenhofer

(*Macy Finck's grandparents*)

Traci Hart (*Pam Hope's sister-in-law*)

Sam Hayes, Jr.

(*Sharon & Ron Rooks' grandson*)

Carolyn Hicks (*Lisa Abercrombie's mother*)

Glynda Holliman (*Sam Bailey's niece*)

Graham Lane (*friend of Sherry &*

*Richard Freeman*)

Allen Liu (*Wei Beach's nephew*)

Maggie Joy McLain (*Pam Alsobrook*

*Lexi Melton*

(*great niece of Stanley Melton, III*)

Bob Miller

(*Sam Bailey's brother-in-law*)

Frazier Moreman (*Julia Moreman's son; Richard & Wallace's brother*)

Sherry Parrish

(*Meg Branch's step-mother*)

Lea Botsford Perez

(*daughter of Betty Botsford &*

*sister of Leslie Anabtawi*)

June Pyle (*Ken Woolley's sister*)

Marian Rogers

(*Emily Finck's grandmother*)

Carolyn Sell

(*Jo Vaughan's daughter*)

Jackie Spann (*Terri Knight's sister*)

Hilt Tatum, III (*Corinne Hurst's*

*brother*)

Brian Taylor (*Glenda & Charles Bush's son*)

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

(*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:

Rachel Canada

(*daughter of Ellen & Eric Canada*)

## **Christian Sympathy. . .**

. . .is extended to Karen & Russell Bush and all of the family upon the death of Karen's cousin, Rick Vetra.