

The COMMUNICATOR

First United Methodist Church

May 11, 2018

Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

Confirmation Sunday 2018

This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. Sixteen sixth graders have studied about our faith, served in the community together, worked with mentors, retreated together, and learned what it means to follow God. This is a celebration, as each one of these children professes their faith in Christ publicly, and then promises to live life in response to the call of Christ as they become full members of our church family. They are choosing to follow Christ. Isn't that thrilling!?

Pray for these fellow disciples. Pray for their families. Send them a card of welcome. Get to know them. And be here at 11:00 on Sunday to witness their vows and to renew your own commitment to follow Christ in this journey of life together.

May we all celebrate what God is doing in the life of the church, in the lives of these confirmands, in the hearts of us all! Let us give God thanks and worship!



Robin Wilson
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Caden Corey Blair
son of Corey and Ashley Blair

Sarah Elizabeth Bush
daughter of Russell and Karen Bush

Cohen Scott Crews
son of Rylen and Jamie Crews

Logan Dias Elkins
son of Robbie and Amanda

John Thomas Gaberlavage
son of Paul and Ginny Gaberlavage

Susan Marie Gaston
daughter of Mike and Becky Gaston

Augustus Wilder Krehling
son of Jamie and Leigh Krehling

James Payton Lovelace
son of Mark and Candi Lovelace

Sarah Cosby Calloway Mann
daughter of George and Caroline Mann

Jackson Richard McKay
son of Jason and Laura McKay

Ava Gabriella Pike
daughter of David Pike and Traci Allen

Allie Claire Prescott
daughter of Lamar and Emily Prescott

Shirley Anne Pugh
daughter of Tom and Julene Pugh

Jackson Rossee Rainey
son of Alex and Laura Rainey

Mallory Anne Wheelles
daughter of Jamie and Melissa Wheelles

Nolen Palmer Wilson
son of Jeff and Robin Wilson



SPRING FLING

**Thursday, May 17th
5p.m. - 7p.m.**

We will be gathering at the Opelika Municipal Park
(aka Monkey Park).

Bring your family! Invite a friend or neighbor!

Bring a covered dish!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

There will be live entertainment and fun for all ages.

Dinner will begin @ 5:15 (with O Town Ice Cream serving from 5 - 7)

On Stage Entertainment from 6 - 7



Tuesday, May 15
Sonshine Preschool Graduation
& Reception

Thursday, May 17
FUMC'S Spring Fling

Sunday, May 20
Graduation Sunday

June 3 - June 9
Henderson Settlement Work Camp

June 18 - June 21
VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Summer Playlist

SUMMER PLAYLIST

No one sings like United Methodists! Everyone has hymns that have brought them close to God. Indeed, we learn about faith, grace, salvation, and more through these lyrics and melodies that shape us.

During the 5 Sundays of July, we will be singing YOUR favorite hymns, and molding our worship around the ways these special songs communicate the love of Christ. In order to do this, we need your help. Please email Laura Boggs (lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org) with your 5 favorite hymns, and why they are meaningful to you. The top 5 hymns will be the ones we use as our themes each Sunday, so all submissions must be received by May 25 at 12:00 pm.

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.:
Charles & Glenda Bush

11:00 a.m.:
Norris & Cathy Alsobrook,
Joe & Lynn Harrington

Gathering Music

Jim Warman

Cross Bearer

11:00 a.m.:
Laura Tyson Daffin

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:
Bryce & Sara Kate Speakman

11:00 a.m.:
Daley Alsobrook & Addison Bryan

Sound & Video

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

Ushers

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

11:00 am:

George Walker (Captain), Mike
McKee (Co-Captain), Michael Guy,
Chris Harrison, David Kastner,
Bill Levins, Jason McKay,
& Jeff Suhling

Welcome Letters

Margaret Walker

Nurturing Notes

Pat Brown

Flower Ministry

Vikki Hendricks, Phoebe Branch
& Lorene Paschal

Hospital Visitation Ministry

May 14 - Lynn Harrington
May 15 - Barbara Patton
May 16 - Chona Lane
May 17 - Sherry Freeman
May 18 - Arden Snyder

Tuesday Office Volunteer

Rose Anne Hurd

Jail Ministry

Jean Heath, Colleen Alsobrook,
Fay Burns, Margaret Rogers,
Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

May 6, 2018

Attendance

Sunday School: 219
Worship: Sunday Morning: 374

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$25,653

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 13

8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - One Accord
5:00 p.m. - SN Youth
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Ringers

Monday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 16

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

Thursday, May 17

11:00 a.m. - JOY Fellowship
5:00p.m. - Spring Fling

MEMORIALS

David Dorsey: Mary Jane Humphries; Gene & Bo Torbert

Jane Guy: Jimmy Burdette

Judy Roberts: Ann & David Canon

Jim Royal: Sherry & Richard Freeman; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins

HONORARIUM

Dottie Holmes:
Yvonne & Charles Cross

HIRE a YOUTH

If anyone has any work that our youth can do please contact Rick Lane at rickdlane@me.com. They are trying to raise money for the Henderson Settlement trip to Frakes, Kentucky; the Youth Ensemble Sing/Serve Trip to Orlando, Florida; and the Orphanage Emmanuel Trip to Honduras. Thank you very much and God bless you!
Rick

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

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!

Jail Ministry - May 8, 2018

Volunteers: Ron & Sharon Rooks, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 47 men

Message: *Leaving a Legacy* - Danielle Fornea

Instead of Who's Who lists, public accolades and the sound of applause, Christians should long to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Scripture reference: Matthew 25:14-21

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 May 13th

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

Youth Promotion (everyone moves up a grade) is Sunday, May 20th!

Graduation Sunday is Sunday, May 20th at the 11am service!

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SUMMER CALENDARS ARE HERE!!!!

SUMMER SIGN UP SHEETS ARE UP ON THE BOARD! Start signing up!

Prayer Concerns

EAMC:

Lynda Jimmerson
(Betty Hilyer's sister)
Judy Welsh (Jeff Welsh's mother)
Starnes Windsor
(brother of Pam Alsobrook)

EAMC Lanier:

Dana Vincent
(Wayne & Susan Skinner's daughter)

Brookwood (Alabaster):

Dot Rice (Pat Mayfield & Debbi
Thornton's sister)

Encompass Health (Dothan):

Natalie Woods (Valerie Smith's sister)

Emory (Atlanta): Bobby Turner
(friend of Sherri Rowton)

Pennsylvania Presbyterian:

Howard Hoch (Sue Bentley's father)

Home:

David Alexander
(Marcia Alexander's husband)
Dean Bledsoe
Lori Botta (friend of Nann Ogletree)
Sharolin Bravo
Jan Burke
Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)
Bette Corley
(Nann Ogletree's mother)
Kathryn Cooper
Betty & Hal Cummings
Trinchua Dukes
Libby Gaberlavage
Kay Gifford (friend of Stevie
& Charlie Couey)
Anne Grady
Kathy Groves
Bill Harrelson
Lou Harrelson
Barbara Hartley
(Marrell Hartley's mother)
Dottie Holmes
Bobby Huling
Donna Moreman
Dot Norrell
Oscar Penn
Julene Pugh

Pooker Robertson
Joan Salter
Fran Smith
Theron Sorrell
(Jake Thompson's grandfather)
Emilie Tucker
Jody Wilkerson
(Deborah Mitchell's brother)
Robert Wix & Willie Wix
(friends of Eric Canada)
Steve Young

Out of Town:

Evan Ashby (Macy Finck's cousin)
Scott Boggs (brother of Kenneth Boggs)
Shirley Brown
(Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law)
Ruth Chen (friend of Wei Beach)
Shannon Cook
(friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes)
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)
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)
Gladys Shackelford
(Richard Shackelford's mother)
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)
Paul Leonard (Fay Burns' cousin)
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)