

Family Matters

Poor Beverly Marlett. I was late with this article and missed the deadline for submission to the newsletter, because I knew I wanted to write about our upcoming sermon series “Family Matters”. The problem was simple: I started writing about the sermon series, about how we will be talking about the family of God, about how we will be talking in worship about interesting family dynamics in the Bible, about how we will have different families help lead in exciting ways in worship, about how different members of our church family will be stepping up and leading us musically and in other ways... and I of course got distracted. I started calling my own family members, texting my nieces and nephews, sending little notes to people who are not related by blood but I will consider family always, and more. Needless to say, poor Beverly!

There is gorgeous imagery throughout the Bible about those who follow Christ being a family. We hear that we have all been adopted into God’s family. We are part of the body of Christ. We are part of the priesthood of all believers. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. This month, we will talk about what it means for us to live that in an authentic way. Families love, they eat together, they fight, they make up, they hurt, they laugh, and more. We as a church family are no different. God doesn’t make us all as clones of one another, and being family means that we are not just alike. That makes for real world tension and the necessity of spending loving time in relationship with one another, growing together in love.

All of the opportunities here at our church are designed to help us grow in love with Christ as we grow in love with each other. So as you look towards the fall and learn more about ministry opportunities in the life of our church, remember that family matters. The family of God matters. And you are called to be a part of that. Let us be family together.



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Communion

Holy Communion will be observed this Sunday in the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. The offering you leave on the altar rail will be given to The Community Market of East Alabama. Their mission statement is:

"Feeding the hungry of our community by giving the needy access to available food resources."

Blessing of the Backpacks



This Sunday, August 5th, students 12th grade and younger are invited to bring their backpacks to church for our "Blessing of the Backpacks" which will be held at the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services.



Sunday, August 5th, @ 7:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a full breakfast and program. Our guest speaker will be Jimmy Harmon, Director of Tallapoosa Girls Ranch.



Family Game Night!!!
Wednesday, August 15th
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Make plans to join us as we kick off MIDWEEK!

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Hamburgers & Hotdogs

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Fun & Games for the Whole Family

Reservations due by Monday @ 10 a.m.

Please register in one of the following ways:

Call the Church (334-745-7604)

Email: lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org

Online: www.fumcopelika.org

Fill out the Blue Pew Card

Rew Family Gathering

Sherleen Rew passed away on July 12, 2018, in Sharpsburg, Ga. You are welcome to join friends, former colleagues, coworkers, and students for a time to visit with Jim, Daniel, & William as they return to Opelika on Wednesday, August 8. They will be at FUMC from 5pm - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 August 5th!

Jr Hi from 5 - 6:30pm; Sr Hi from 5:30 - 7:30pm

O Town Ice Cream @ Cyber Zone from 6:30 - 7:30pm on Wednesday, August 8th! Bring your own money for CZ. Bring your friends!

White Water Park in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, August 11th! 8am - 9pm. Cost for ticket and charter bus is \$40. Plus bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up now! Bring your friends!

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MIDWEEK starts on Wednesday, August 15th, from 5pm - 7pm! This will be a game night with the entire church family. Bring your whole family & friends!



Congratulations to Aaron & Shirley Harrington upon the birth of their granddaughter,

Emery Hieatt Harrington.

Emery was born July 29. Her parents are Derek & MK Harrington and her great grandmother is Emilie Tucker.

Emery and her parents reside in Montgomery, AL.

Jail Ministry - July 31, 2018

Volunteers: Brenda Woods, Donna Hamilton, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 67 men

Bibles given: 8

Message: *Looking in the Rearview Mirror* - Danielle Fornea

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, and new things that the Creator brings into your life.

Scripture reference: Isaiah 43:18-19; Philippians 3:13-14

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.:

Andy, Stacey, Oliver &
Henry Jordan;
Aaron & Shirley Harrington

11:00 a.m.:

Nell Samford & Charlie Ray
Tyson & Heather Daffin

Gathering Music

Shannon Cason

Cross Bearer:

11:00 a.m.

Laura Tyson Daffin

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:

Bryce & Sara Kate Speakman

11:00 a.m.:

Kyle Epperson &
Hannah Halverson

Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.: Caroline Bush

11:00 a.m.: Nathan Goff

Ushers

8:30 am:

Wallace Paschal (Captain),
Allen Bush, Paul Kemp,
John Reichmann,
& Jake Thompson

11:00 am:

Kenneth Boggs (Captain),
Clay Harper (Co-Captain),
Ramsey Anabtawi, Josh Brown,
David Canon, Bill Levins,
& Richard Shackelford

Welcome Letters

Peggy Dyar

Nurturing Notes

Julia Moreman

Flower Ministry

Nell Samford, Phoebe Branch, &
Lorene Paschal

Tuesday Morning Volunteer

Earle Wilkes

Hospital Visitation Ministry

August 6 - Leigh Bass

August 7 - Pam Hope

August 8 - Bob Ingram

August 9 - Joe Harrington

August 10 - Lindy White

Jail Ministry

Carol Powers, Donna Hamilton,
Brenda Woods,
Margaret Rogers,
& Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Attendance

Sunday School: 136

Worship: Sunday Morning: 361

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$13,167

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 5

7:30 a.m. - Methodist Men

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

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

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Sr Hi Sunday Night Youth

Monday, August 6

6:00 p.m. - Family Life Team

Wednesday, August 8

7:00 p.m. - Men's Devo

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Rew Family Gathering

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. - O Town Ice Cream for Youth

Thursday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 11

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Youth @ White Water

MEMORIALS

Kathryn Cooper: Richard & Sherry Freeman; JOY Fellowship

Jane Guy: Frances & Tommy Palmer

William Perryman: Frances & Tommy Palmer

Jim Royal: Joan & Judson Salter

Prayer Concerns

Children's Hospital (Birmingham):

Davis Boswell

UAB:

Lori Botta

Arbor Springs:

Dot Norrell

Home:

David Alexander

(Marcia Alexander's husband)

Sharolin Bravo

Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)

Bette Corley

(Nann Ogletree's mother)

Betty & Hal Cummings

Catherine Davis

C J Dodd *(Arole & Esther Marshall's grandson)*

Trinchua Dukes

Edgar Edwards

(Jo Ellen James' father)

Anne Grady (Camellia Place)

Bill Harrelson & Lou Harrelson

Barbara Hartley

(Marrell Hartley's mother)

Donna Moreman

Dana Morgan *(friend of Pam Hope)*

Nann Ogletree

Oscar Penn

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell

(Jake Thompson's grandfather)

Earl Summers (Monarch Estates)

Jody Wilkerson

(Deborah Mitchell's brother)

Fred Woods

Out of Town:

Evan Ashby *(Macy Finck's cousin)*

Mildred Beals (Birmingham)

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)*

Madeline & Sam Hayes, Jr.

(grandchildren of Sharon & Ron Rooks)

Carolyn Hicks

(Lisa Abercrombie's mother)

Howard Hoch *(Sue Bentley's father)*

Glynda Holliman

(Sam Bailey's niece)

Graham Lane *(friend of Sherry & Richard Freeman)*

Doug Letlow *(Betty Letlow's son)*

Allen Liu *(Wei Beach's nephew)*

Lexi Melton

(great niece of Stanley Melton, III)

Bob Miller

(Sam Bailey's brother-in-law)

Lea Botsford Perez

(daughter of Betty Botsford & sister of Leslie Anabtawi)

June Pyle *(Ken Woolley's sister)*

Ed Reynolds

(Kim Epperson's father)

Dot Rice *(Pat Mayfield & Debbi*

Thornton's sister)

Marian Rogers

(Emily Finck's grandmother)

Jim Sanders

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)

Leigh Ann Thompson

(Mike Gaston's sister)

Greg Wheelus

(Ginny Gaberlavage's father)

Bobby Woodruff

(Caroline Bush's uncle)

Natalie Woods

(Valerie Smith's sister)

Military:

Steven Alvarado

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)

Will McKee *(son of Mike & Ginger McKee)*

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 extended to Patrick & Kelli Hitchman-Craig and all of the family upon the death of Patrick's grandfather, Louis Guice.