

Safety and Security

My heart ached and my stomach turned as I recently heard of the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church which has come to light. I am well-aware that this is not just a problem for the Catholic church; indeed, churches, schools, and other institutions all need to do everything in their power to keep children and youth safe. How thankful I am for the ways that Drew Speakman, Rick Lane, and our trustees have stepped up this last year and led us in making First United Methodist Church a safe place for all of God's children. Here are a few changes that have been made, as well as a few upcoming changes.

- Each year, the Charge Conference approves a Safe Sanctuaries Policy to keep all children safe. Ours can be found <http://www.fumcopelika.org/about/safe-sanctuaries/>
- We have hosted 6 training sessions for all volunteers working with youth and children, so that they are fully aware of our policy.
- Background checks are on file for all adult volunteers and paid workers serving with our children or youth.
- The trustees appointed a Safety Committee to develop a safety plan for our entire campus.
- We now have cameras monitoring and recording indoor and outdoor areas of our buildings.
- A new safety team patrols the campus during worship.
- A computerized check-in system will be implemented September 16, 2018 for our children on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- A crosswalk was requested and the city graciously painted one crossing 7th Street, which connects our main campus to Condon Hall.
- Our Preschool teachers have been recently trained in CPR.
- A Maglock system will be installed on our children's hall entry doors.
- The Annual Conference is requiring a background check on all clergy by October 1, 2018, which Rick, Patrick, and I will undergo.

Your awareness and cooperation in these changes that have been made and for those that will be made is most appreciated. While I wistfully remember the days of my childhood, I mourn that we live in a time that seems ever so complicated. And yet, I am grateful that our children attend a church that loves them enough to keep them safe, as they learn to love God and neighbor.




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Wednesday, September 5th
Make plans to join us for MIDWEEK!
5 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Supper
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Classes

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Baked Rice, Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll & Dessert

Supper 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

RADA SALE

United Methodist Women Evening Group will be submitting a Rada order soon. If you would like to place an order you will find a Rada catalog and order forms at the Volunteer Desk in the church office. Be sure to check out the soup and dip mixes. Deadline for ordering is **September 10** and items will be received by mid-October. Direct questions to Betty Letlow, 745-6694.

A CALL TO PRAY!

6:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday nights
3rd floor Room 307

Inviting all who would like to pray for the children, youth, and adults in our church and to pray for our community, nation, and world.

Please join us for a sweet hour of prayer and worship.

Christian Women's Job Corps® of Lee County

Do you know a woman who is in need of help getting into the job market? Christian Women's Job Corps® of Lee County is a faith based, nonprofit ministry that is dedicated to equipping women in need with life and employment skills necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. CWJC reaches this goal by offering FREE courses such as computer skills, budgeting, communication, time management, job skills and Bible study. Interviews are being scheduled now for our fall session, beginning on September 10. For more information, please call Neeley Caldwell at 334-821-0591.

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!

NO Sunday Night Youth on September 2nd

MIDWEEK Youth on September 5th & 12th

5 - 6pm is MATT

6 - 7pm is J Groups

Sunday Night Youth on September 9th

Jr Hi from 5 - 7pm

Sr Hi from 6 - 7:30pm



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 Youth for Christ, a worldwide Christian movement working with young people around the globe. Motivated by our own faith we give young people everywhere the opportunity to be followers of Jesus Christ.

New Members

We are excited to have received the following into our community of faith in August:

Jack & Short Brown

Matt, Lindsey, Beckham, & Brooks Owens

Slade, Katie, & Reese Ponder

Robbie, Kim, & Evan Henderson

Jail Ministry - August 28, 2018

Volunteers: Colleen Alsobrook, Rebecca Sanderson, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 47 men

Message: *Dates, Dreams & Deliverance* - Danielle Fornea

I have a dream, you have a dream, we all have dreams - for ourselves and for others.

The Lord has a dream for us too. Are we listening?

Scripture reference: Job 33, Jeremiah 29:11

MEMORIALS

Kathryn Cooper: Caroline Bugg

Bill Samford: Caroline Bugg

Bo Torbert: Caroline Bugg

Janie Wall: Gene Torbert

HONORARIA

A gift has been given in honor of the **Honduras Mission Team** by Caroline Bugg.

THE FIVE

a modern expression of a historic faith

Sundays: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9

To be a part of our launch team contact Patrick by email

patrickcraig@fumcopelika.org

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters
8:30 a.m.:
Randy & Oline Price
Buddy & Becky Young

11:00 a.m.:
John & Connie Carver
Bob & Claireda Taylor

Gathering Music
Shannon Cason

Cross Bearer:
11:00 a.m.
Laura Tyson Daffin

Acolytes
8:30 a.m.:
Erin & Sam Kemp
11:00 a.m.:
Daley Alsobrook &
Cohen Crews

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

Ushers
8:30 a.m.
John Parker (Captain),
Blake Epperson (Co-Captain),
Paul Kemp, John Reichmann

11:00 am:
Kenneth Boggs (Captain),
Mike McKee (Co-Captain),
OD Alsobrook, Ramsey Anabtawi,
David Canon, David Kastner,
Bill Levins

Welcome Letters
Peggy Dyar

Nurturing Notes
Louise Harris

Tuesday Office Volunteer
Earle Wilkes

Flower Ministry
Nell Samford, Phoebe Branch,
& Lorene Paschal

Hospital Visitation Ministry
September 4 - Pam Hope
September 5 - Lisa Abercrombie
September 6 - Jo Lovell
September 7 - Danielle Fornea

Jail Ministry
Nann Ogletree, Boody Brown,
Margaret Rogers,
& Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

August 26, 2018

Attendance
Sunday School: 197
Worship: Sunday Morning: 353
MIDWEEK: 188

Giving
Weekly Offering: \$10,579

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
No Sunday Night Youth

Monday, September 3 Labor Day

Church Office Closed
Sonshine Preschool Closed

Tuesday, September 4

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool
5:00 p.m. - E Teen

Wednesday, September 5

7:00 p.m. - Men's Devo
MIDWEEK
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Supper
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Classes
7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 6

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool
5:15 p.m. - L.A.F.F.

Prayer Concerns

Home:

David Alexander
(Marcia Alexander's husband)
Haldine Baxter
Lori Botta
Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)
Bette Corley
(Nann Ogletree's mother)
Betty & Hal Cummings
Courtney & James Daniel
Catherine Davis
Tommy Davis
C J Dodd *(Arole & Esther Marshall's grandson)*
Edgar Edwards
(Jo Ellen James' father)
Anne Grady (Camellia Place)
Trey Gafford
Bill Harrelson
Lou Harrelson
Barbara Hartley
(Marrell Hartley's mother)
Johnny Johnson
(Judy Smith's brother)
Hannah McDonald
(Shirley & Aaron Harrington's niece)
Donna Moreman
Dana Morgan *(friend of Pam Hope)*
Dot Norrell
Oscar Penn
Fran Smith
Theron Sorrell
(Jake Thompson's grandfather)
Earl Sumners
Jody Wilkerson
(Deborah Mitchell's brother)

Mark Allen
(Debbie Allen's brother)
Evan Ashby *(Macy Finck's cousin)*
Mildred Beals (Hoover)
Carol Barlow
(Joanne Woodall's sister)
Scott Boggs
(brother of Kenneth Boggs)
Sheree Boyd
(Ashley Blair's mother)
Shirley Brown
(Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law)
Ruth Chen *(friend of Wei Beach)*
Shannon Cook
(friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes)
Greg Greaves
(friend of Sherri Rowton)
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)*
Buddy Loyd *(Laura Boggs' father)*
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)*
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)*

Out of Town: