

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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Deeply Rooted

In the United Methodist Church, when a child is baptized, the congregation promises to surround the child with a "community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others," and to pray for the child that they may be true disciples of Jesus Christ. When the congregation fulfills its promise, the child grows up with deep faith that is then put in service to the world and sometimes to the church. The current Bishop of the South Georgia Conference, Bishop R. Lawson Bryan, is one of those children who was nurtured in faith here at Bainbridge First UMC and went on to serve Christ through the church. Bishop Bryan visited us when he was first elected Bishop. Now, he returns to Bainbridge on Sunday, April 26, as he is about to retire. His visit will begin a three-day celebration (April 26-28) of all of us who have been nurtured in faith here at First UMC. To celebrate, we have invited special guest preachers and musicians. Rev. Dr. Hugh Davis is excited to be with us in worship on Sunday morning and to preach at a special evening service. Mr. Stephen Turner will bless us with an organ concert before the service. On Monday, Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan, grandson of Carlton and Augusta Carruth, will preach while Rev. Tony Crosby delights us on the piano. Tuesday, Rev. Bethany Horn Douty, who currently serves in the Florida Annual Conference, will return to preach at the church she grew up in. We are excited to have Viktor Billa play the organ for us Tuesday evening. The Deeply Rooted celebration will also feature special music from our own choirs and talented members. This is the perfect weekend to invite children living away to come visit! Mark your calendar now, you don't want to miss this celebration of faithfulness as we consider how that faith impacts the world for Christ!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Melissa



Daylight Saving Time Begins

It will soon be time to "spring forward" once again as Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7, so you will be on time for Worship and Sunday School the next morning.

Calendar for March 4, 2020

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00 AM-----Mother's Morning Out/The Learning Corner, Sharp Building
11:00 AM-----Wright Funeral, Sanctuary
12:00 PM-----Keenagers, J. O. Smith Building
1:30 PM-----Knitting & Needle Craft Group, Simmons Parlor
6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room
6:45 PM-----Getting to Know the Apostles, J. O. Smith Building
6:45 PM-----Youth Cell Group Bible Study, J. O. Smith Building
7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:00 AM-----Census Training, J. O. Smith Building
10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library
6:00 PM-----Cub Scout Meeting, Scout Hut

Sunday, March 8, 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent (Daylight Saving Time begins)

2:00 AM-----Daylight Saving Time begins, Set Clocks Ahead One Hour
7:00 AM-----UMM Breakfast Meeting, J. O. Smith Building
*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J. O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM-----Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service with Steel Pans, Sanctuary
12:00 PM-----Church Fellowship Lunch, J. O. Smith Building
3:00 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
4:30 PM-----Children's Line Rehearsal, J. O. Smith Building
5:00 PM-----Mary Rosenbury UMW Circle, Simmons Parlor
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:30 PM-----Youth Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
6:00 PM-----Youth Fellowship, J. O. Smith Building

Monday, March 9, 2020

9:00 AM-----Mother's Morning Out/The Learning Corner, Sharp Building
10:30 AM-----Clark-Morris UMW Circle, Simmons Parlor

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

9:00 AM-----The Learning Corner, Sharp Building
9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S.S. Building
11:00 AM-----Church Staff Meeting, Simmons Parlor

*denotes 'nursery provided.'

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Gallagher and Nicole Dempsey, and Anabel, who join the FUMC Church Family on February 23, the day their son/brother Jak was baptized. They join by transfer of membership.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census is coming soon! The Keenagers will receive lots of good information about the importance of the Census on Wednesday. In an age where we are wary to give away our personal information, it is vitally important that everyone participate in the Census. The Census determines funding our whole community receives for things like hospitals, schools, libraries, and many other things that increase our quality of life here in Bainbridge. This year there will also be an option to complete the Census online. I imagine there will also be scams circulating related to the Census. Please know that the church office is here to help you. We can help you complete your Census. Also, call us if you receive any communication about the Census you are not sure to trust. As a church, we want to do everything we can to help our community.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

The UMM will have their breakfast meeting this Sunday, March 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the J. O. Smith building.

Steel Pans in Bainbridge!

We will have special music during Worship on March 8. Two Steel Bands from Tallahassee Trinity UMC will play six songs during our 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.

Steel pans! What are they? **Steelpans**, also known as **steel pans or steel drums**, is a musical instrument originating from Trinidad and Tobago. Steelpan musicians are called pannists.

The modern pan is a chromatically pitched percussion instrument made from 55-gallon industrial drums that formerly contained chemicals. The pan is struck using a pair of straight sticks tipped with rubber; the size and type of rubber tip vary according to the class of pan being played.

The Steel Pans of Trinity UMC in Tallahassee were purchased in August 2010, and in September, they started Trinity's first steel band, choosing the name Trinity Pans of Praise. Six months later, Sacred Pans of Trinity was formed. Each group has six members, plus a drummer. The band has six bases, 1 triple guitar, 2 lead tenors, and 2 double seconds. The whole collection includes 15 pans. They regularly play during the Tallahassee Spring Festival and often make guest performances in churches in the area. Their music is beautiful and very unusual. After our service, you will be invited to come and look at the pans or even try playing one.



In honor of our musical guests, we will have a Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch at noon, following the 11:00 a.m. service. This Luncheon will replace our usual Fifth Sunday Lunch.

Church Fellowship Lunch-March 8

We will have a Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch on Sunday, March 8, following the 11:00 a.m. service. Come and bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. If you want meat other than fried chicken, bring that as well. This Luncheon will replace our usual Fifth Sunday Lunch.

UMW Circle Meetings

The Mary Rosenbury UMW Circle meets on Sunday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the Simmons Parlor.

The Clark-Morris UMW Circle meets on Monday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Simmons Parlor.

Together We Pray

In a focused effort to prepare for the 2020 General Conference session, the South Georgia Conference is launching a Conference-side prayer and fasting initiative, "Together We Pray." One component of the initiative will be Regional Prayer Gatherings. The Gathering for our District will be Thursday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Camilla UMC. More information is available on the conference website at <https://www.sgaumc.org/newsdetail/conference-to-unite-in-prayer-fasting-13271896>.

Early Response Training

Cairo First United Methodist Church is hosting Early Response Team (ERT) Training on March 21, from 9:00 a.m.–1:15 p.m. This training will be followed by Chainsaw Training. ERT is for individuals who would like to be equipped to respond to natural disasters in the early days following the disaster. The training is \$25.00. You can register on the South Georgia Conference website at <https://sgaumc-reg.brtaapp.com/ERTTrainingcairofirst> or call the church office.

Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry, an outreach program to support people after a crisis occurs, will be having an Introductory Workshop on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL. This training is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry and how our congregation can become involved. Those who attend will also experience a sample of Stephen Ministry training and learn skills they can put to use right away. This training is focused on helping people who are grieving. Let the Church Office know if you are interested, or go online to: stephenministry.org/worship to register. If you have questions, call Stephen Ministries at 314-428-2600 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time).

Church Office Volunteers

We are looking to establish a list of volunteers who would be willing and able to staff the Church Office and answer the phone when the Staff has to be away. It doesn't happen often, but there are times when everyone is going in different directions, and there is no one to keep the office open. If you are willing to be a volunteer, please contact the Church Office. We will provide you with any instructions you need regarding the phone and door systems. Thank you!

Southwest District Conference

The Southwest District Conference will be Sunday, April 5, at Thomasville First UMC at 3:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Calling all Scouts who have their Pinewood Derby Cars! You have an opportunity to join us on April 9, at 6:00 p.m. and race your car from yester-year in the "oldies but goodies" flight.

We have four adults who are dusting off their cars; please join us from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on April 9 in the J.O. Smith Building. All age groups are welcome. Bring your children or grandchildren and join us for a night of fun! If you can wear your scout uniform (scout rank baseball cap, or your sash with your merit badges), please do so. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, contact M.J., Cubmaster, at 404-202-9264.

UMM Retreat

The United Methodist Men's Retreat will be April 24-25 at Epworth by the Sea. The program theme is "One Step," All That is Needed Along the Journey of Faith. Rev. Chance Ward will be the speaker, and the Goshen Travelers from Goshen UMC will provide the music. The Golf Tournament fundraiser will be Friday, April 24. Registration forms are available from the Church Office and will soon be available on the Church website.

Deeply Rooted with Bishop Bryan

Our "Deeply Rooted: Nurturing Faith for the Transformation of the World" with Bishop Bryan will begin Sunday, April 26, and run through Tuesday, April 28. Bishop Bryan will preach on Sunday morning, to kick off the celebration. We have great music lined up to help provide for a wonderful gathering! More details are coming soon. You don't want to miss this.

Christian Fellowship Dinners

We gather at 6:00 p.m. in the J. O. Smith Building. Call the Church Office to make (or confirm) your reservation. Prices are as follows:

Children up through age 3 – no cost Children ages 4-10 - \$5.00
Ages 11-64 - \$7.00 Ages 65 and over - \$5.00
Immediate Family limit - \$22.00

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

March 1, 2020 Attendance: Sunday School:-----75
 Contemporary Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.-----53
 Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.-----107

Members Who Minister – March 1, 2020

Ushers for March 2020: Keith Kerper, Earl Begley, Ward Cole, Butch Yarbrough
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Greeters for March 8, 2020: Ed Kozlowski
Contemporary Worship Leader for March 8, 2020: Carla Robinson
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Greeters for March 8, 2020: Kent Forrester
Traditional Worship Lay Liturgist for March 8, 2020: Marissa Brantley
Snack Supper for March 8, 2020: Stephanie Poitevent

Services of Worship

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

PRELUDE-----"They'll Know We Are Christians/I Saw The Light"-----Pans of Praise
OFFERTORY-----"Santo"----- Pans of Praise
ANTHEM-----"How Great Is Our God"-----Pans of Praise
SCRIPTURE-----Genesis 12:1-4a
SERMON-----"Unknown"-----Rev. Melissa Traver

Hearing Assistive Devices: are available on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary near the double door entry or ask an usher for help.

Music Notes

Whether you are singing in Worship, community, or prayer, music enriches our lives with its art!

Music Schedule

Preschool Music and Arts (PreK 3-4): meet Wednesdays from 6:25-7:25 p.m. in the Circle Room.

Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5): meet Wednesdays from 6:25 -7:25 p.m. in the Drama Rm.

Chancel Choir: has rehearsal on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room; and meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room to warm up before Worship.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): has rehearsal on Sundays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Handbell Choir: has rehearsal on Sundays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Handbell Room.

Children's Chat

It's time for "Unscramble the Scripture." On the bulletin board by the nursery, you will find Easter Eggs, and under the eggs will be letters and numbers, that when unscrambled will make a Bible verse. Look up the Bible verse and come tell me which of Jesus' miracles the verse is about. Get it right, and you will get a prize! You MUST know the scripture verse and be able to tell it to me!

Don't forget those with speaking parts need to be at rehearsal on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday Schedule

Children's Fellowship (Grades 1-5) meets from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Snack Supper is at 5:00 p.m. in the J. O. Smith Building, followed by Children's Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. in the Sharp Building.

Children's Wednesday Schedule

Children's Worship Arts meets at 6:25 p.m. in the Drama Room, following Christian Fellowship Dinner.

Youth News

Youth Sunday Schedule

Youth Choir rehearses on Sundays, at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Youth Snack Supper is at 5:30 p.m. in the J.O. Smith Building, followed by Youth Fellowship in the J.O. Smith classrooms.

Youth Wednesday Schedule

Youth Cell Groups are on Wednesdays, at 6:45 p.m. in the J. O. Smith Building, following Christian Fellowship Dinners.

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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Tracy Dixon

By:

James & Beverly Reece

Roof Fund

In Memory of:

John Bridges, Sr.
John McKensie
Margaret Farnell

By:

Frank & Suzy Loeffler
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