CELEBRATE!

June Birthdays

- 4 Cory Causey, Jinny Craig
- 6 Kathryn Stallworth
- 7 William Crenshaw, Alex Rossi
- 8 Brinkley Long
- 11 Ben Norman
- 12 Addison Huggins, Alaina Norman
- 13 Carolyn Gill
- 14 Gene Autrey, Howard Meadows
- 15 Isabella Wesley, Bill Thomas, Fields Rogers, Rebecca Coleman
- 16 Gavin Settle, Marylyn Grayson
- 17 Susan Sims
- 18 Joseph Ealum, Keith Long
- 24 Clay Milton
- 21 Katrina Scofield
- 25 Joseph De Le Ree, Ronnie Adams
- 26 Tommy Gilbert
- 28 Matt Langford

June Anniversaries

- 9 John Charles & Martha Fulton
- 16 Chad & Ashley Daniel
- 17 Laura & Cory Causey
- 19 David & Heather Scott
- 28 Jason & Jana Ealum

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Hello Greenville UMC Family and Friends,

If someone told me at the end of February that by the end of May we would lose 100,000 lives from a virus that was in China and Europe, I would have said, "No way!" But we have passed that marker, and who knows when the suffering will end. Life is so different now, and no one has a true idea when it will return to normal. As we move into the summer with the virus, we wonder when we will be able to safely return to in-person worship. With our United Methodist sanctuary closed through the month of June, we know we have another month of worship "together" via live streaming and Facebook. We are not guaranteed Bishop Graves will allow us to gather in July. Even if he does, there are precautions which must be taken to ensure the safety of all in attendance. I believe social distancing and masks are here to stay for a while. Rarely do I relish being wrong, but I hope I am wrong about this, and life can fully emerge once more. But until then, life goes on as safely as possible. The hymn, We Are the Church (UMH 558), states,

"The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people."

It reminds us that even if the building is closed, the church is not closed. The healing ministry of Jesus Christ continues in His church – the people.

Below you will find my preaching plan for June. Three healing stories are from the Gospel of Mark; the final Sunday text is from Ephesians. Please read the text on the Monday. Throughout the week ponder what God is trying to say to you and what God might be up to in the world. Ask God how to apply this text to your life in new and surprising ways. How might the scripture transform your way of seeing and being in the world? Pray that the Holy Spirit would blow up some "holy moly chaos" and lead you into new and never imagined ways of being the church!

June 7 Mark 2:1-12 "Up on the Roof" (youtube.com Listen to the Drifters and James Taylor)

June 14 Mark 5:1-20 "Casting Out"

(youtube.com Listen to "Cast Out, O Christ" from Worship & Song Hymnal #3072 – tune to "House of the Rising Sun" – played by Dean McIntyre)

June 21 Mark 5:21-43 "Jesus, We Need Healing"

(youtube.com Listen to "Come Healing" by Leonard Cohen)

June 28 Ephesians 1:3-14 "One Last Word"

(youtube.com Listen to "All Things New" by Big Daddy Weave)

Thank you, Greenville UMC, for the opportunity to be your pastor for two months. I am filled with joy and thankfulness every Sunday when I step into the pulpit. While I cannot physically see you, I see you in my heart. I am praying for you. Pray for me.

*Rebecca**

Pre-Loved Consignment Sale June 5-6



Spent Quarantine cleaning out your closet? Then now is the perfect time to consign or shop our Pre-Loved Consignment Sale! Join us for our third sale at FUMC! It is open to the general public on June 5-6. No more than 10 people will be allowed in at a time. Masks are required. We will not be able to offer a fitting room. We will also have directional rows as well, Items start as low as \$3.00! On Saturday, select items will be 50% off.

Clothes • Shoes • Purses • Baby Items (NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PLEASE)

EARLY DROP OFF

Sunday, May 31, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Monday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

SETUP

Thursday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER PRE-SALE

Thursday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

SALE DAY 1

Friday, June 5, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

SALE DAY 2 (50% Off Select Items) Saturday, June 6, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

PICK UP

Saturday, June 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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FUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL 112 ADAMS STREET • GREENVILLE, AL For more info, please see Stephanie Connor at (205) 585-8079.

Worship Update

Bishop Graves has issued a statement to encourage churches to continue to hold online, outdoor, and drive-in worship services through June 30. Please check your emails and Facebook for updates as to when and how we will resume.

New Pastor

Rev. Andy Perry will serve as our full time pastor beginning Sunday, July 12th. Rev. Andy and his wife, Wendi, are excited and look forward to doing great things for our church and community. Rev Andy has been the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Boni-



fay, Florida for the past 3 years. He has served as a full-time pastor for almost 22 years, beginning in the Tennessee Annual Conference. He now serves with the Alabama West-Florida Conference and is also a Chaplain in the United State Army Reserves. He and Wendi have two older children. We are looking forward to having him in Greenville and hosting a welcome luncheon for everyone to meet him once he arrives!



A Message from Our New Youth Director

After calling FUMC my home for the majority of my life, I am ecstatic to return to the church that shaped me as the Youth Director. Caleb and I are so excited to begin this new journey on June 8! We have been welcomed back to FUMC

with open arms, and we are so excited to see the way that the Lord works through this ministry. I am so grateful for the opportunity to pour into our youth and show them the love of Jesus. I covet your prayers over this transition, these teenagers. and this ministry. We can't wait to watch God work! Blessings! Holland Luckie

Farewell Luncheon

The farewell luncheon scheduled for Sunday, June 7th for Angie & Stephanie has been postponed at this time.



Confirmation Sunday has been postponed to a later date. At this time, we invite our church family to write notes or cards for the Confirmands showing your Christian love and support. You may mail these in to FUMC, P.O. Box 555, Greenville, AL 36037 or drop them off in the box outside the Fellowship Hall doors, and we will collect them. We will present these cards to them when we gather for Confirmation Sunday. Our Confirmands are Emily Aeschliman, Maddie Bolling, Ceil Gregory, and Alden O'Connor.

Remember in Prayer

Bobby & Betty Reeves, Gail Seale, Robert Lee, Marilyn Cook, Carolyn Gill, Deborah Huggins, Candice Nichols, Charles Henderson, Carrie Norsworthy, Jewel Johnson, Gene Autrey, Jane Boyd, Tim Pierce, June Earnest, Estelle Champion, Sara Sewell Chapman, Millie Lisenby, Katelyn Rafalsky, Jessica Jones & Griffin, Robert Sirmon, Robert Croley, Bobby Atkins, Rose McGowin, Stacy Robinson, Vernon Stabler, Jr., Charlene Powell, Betty Jernigan, Anne Cates, Amanda Carmichael, William Martin, Roger Lee, Suellen Autrey, Nancy Idland, Totsy Godwin, Helen Shell, Barbara Davison, Steve Davison, Carl Jones, Tracey Watson, Kirby Blackmon, Susan Corley, Margaret Crenshaw

Ala./West Florida Annual Conference Fall 2020

Bishop David Graves, in collaboration with conference leadership and the annual conference planning team, is announcing that the 2020 AWF Annual Conference session will be held in two parts in the fall of 2020. Both sessions will be held at Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery, AL. The clergy session will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020, and the half-day annual conference session will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020. A non-voting live stream option will be available to those who are unable to attend on the 26th. All guests and families are asked to watch via live stream this year to reduce the number of persons in the building. The previously announced virtual session, plans for June 28-29, will not be held.

A Note from Stephanie Connor

FUMC Family, When I made the decision Kids Camp has been to move to Birmingham last fall. I never expected our last few months together to look like this. I am so sad that I will not get to see you all face-to-face and have the opportunity to thank you for being such a blessing in my life. When I moved to Greenville, I was lonely and you all became my family. Having the opportunity to serve as a youth volunteer and be on staff as the children's director and youth director is something I will forever be grateful for. The children and youth of this congregation have helped revitalize and mold me into the person I am today. Thank you all for blessing me with your families, your friendship, your support, your encouragement, and most importantly your love! I take a piece of all of you in my heart, as I transition into this next chapter of my life! Much Love, Stephanie Connor

Kids Camp

cancelled for this summer. Refunds have been mailed out. We are booked and looking forward to next summer!

Vacation Bible School

FUMC's Vacation Bible School is postponed at this time. Please be on the look out for updates! We are seeking other options.

WAYS TO GIVE

Offerings received

Sunday, May 3 \$7,542.00 Sunday, May 17 Sunday, May 24

Sunday, May 10 \$6,645.00

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\$1,950.00 \$3,675.00

\$115,123.00



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Although we will be closed until June 30, we still have church expenses that must be paid. Please consider mailing in your tithes if you are able. Thank you!



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