

Prayer Concerns	Jim Isbell	Don Neal
Cindy Diffie	Dylan Durden	Pastor Joel Maxwell
Cheryl Dobson	Jake Montgomery	Catie Simpkins
Mack Howell	Cheryl Machen	Kenneth Turner
Lee White	Tiffani Persons	Sally Werling
Fay Simpkins	Linda Morris	John Floyd
Marese Rayfield	Amanda Farr	Tommy Porch
Ginger Marable	Ben and Linda Gamel	Ollie Heath, Jr
Kelsey Abrams	Pat Pownall	Brandi McDonald
Amy R. Thomas	Stephanie McGhee	Janet Huffman
Yancy Patterson	Larry Reynolds	Pete Baker
Lou Kyle	Bill Roberts	Wes Coleman
Barbara Bailey	Diane Atkinson	Tanner Bowen
Rosie Cochran	Vaughn	

Van Junkins Family (Carolyn Etrass' brother), Ken and Ozaline Carter (Karen Parker's parents), Gene & Mary Sasser, Terry Sasser (Jan & Steve Rousseau's family).

June Worship & Generosity Report

Average In-house Attendance: 96
 Average Livestream/Facebook views: 66
 Offerings \$ 39,595
 Expenditures \$ 42,839

CHURCH STAFF

Andy Curtis - Pastor

David Simpkins - Director of Worship & Arts

Chrystal Whitehead - Youth Ministries

Leslie Lucas - Children's Ministries

Charmelle Lewis/Robin Lewis - Pianists

Karen Brewer - Church Administrator

Dolly Perry - Administrative Assistant

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten: (256) 249-2300 Nursery: (256) 249-0644

Dee Dee Mathews - Kindergarten Director

Amanda McDaniel - Financial Secretary

105 E. Spring St, Sylacauga, AL

256-249-0362



FIRST NEWS

JULY 2022

STAFF PARISH NEWS

This is an exciting time for our church as we say goodbye to Interim Pastor, Ed Sims, who served here from March until June and welcome Pastor Andy Curtis. Brother Andy comes to us from Pleasant Hill UMC in Florence, AL. He has also served as Senior Pastor of Union: The Church at Chelsea Park United Methodist Church and Associate Pastor of Jacksonville First United Methodist Church. A graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary, Andy began serving in ministry in 2008 as music and youth minister at Asbury United Methodist Church in Fort Payne, Alabama. He and his wife, Melanie, have three daughters: Lexi, Casey, and Mady.

THANK YOU!

Helen and I were deeply honored and moved last Sunday by the gracious reception and thoughtful words for us. There must have been a hundred cards and we appreciate each one! Thank you to Brother Ed for the prayer, David for the music, Tim for the slide show and I'm sure there are others whom I have forgotten! Thank you to each and every member of the congregation for your love and kindness. You are in my prayers and thoughts!

Byron

Youth News

Youth are meeting every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Activities Room. All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend! Any questions please contact me at the email address below.

Chrystal Whitehead, Director of Youth Ministries

cpwhitehead2015@gmail.com

Worship & Arts!!!

Summertime is a great time to rest! It's also a great time to dream! It is a great time to consider connecting with one of our Worship & Arts Teams!

Chancel Choir – Rehearses at 6pm on Wednesdays

Handbell Choir – Rehearses at 5:30pm on Tuesdays

Praise Band – Rehearses at 7pm on Wednesday

Media Team – No Rehearsals, training by appointment.

New Ministry? Youth Worship? Children's Worship?

Let us know what is on your heart!

So, with these things in mind, consider these questions with regard to our worship services:

**What do you LOVE about FUMC worship?*

**What do you wish we would do MORE of during worship?*

**What do you wish we would do LESS of during worship?*

**What is keeping YOU from becoming more involved in worship?*

**Is there a DREAM you have for ministry that we can help you connect with?*

***Please email your thoughts to david@firstmethodistchurch.com.*

We love emails! If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please share them with us. Your ideas can help us steer what we do toward a more meaningful and inspiring worship experience for our entire church!

Have a great month of JULY!!

Love of Christ Be With You!

David Simpkins, Director of Worship & Arts

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ We need someone to deliver the **altar flowers** to shut ins in August. Contact the church office if you would like to help.
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** has openings the second Monday and fifth Thursday of each month. Meal delivery takes about an hour, or less if you partner with someone. Contact the church office if you would like to help with this important ministry.

~ SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH ~

~ June ~

In Memory of Connie Wright by Wayne & Carol Ann Hawkins, Ralph & Clarene Jackson.

In Memory of Jamie Brown by Bill & Mary Sue Mims.

In Memory of John Brown by Bill & Mary Sue Mims.

In Memory of Richard Werling by Wayne & Carol Ann Hawkins, Earl Lewis.

In Memory of Robert Huffman by Anne Gray.

In Memory of Sarah Whitman by Travis & Averiett Wesson.

In Memory of
Robert Huffman
June 5, 2022

We wish to welcome Robert Hansen
who joined the church on June 12!

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Our **Care House** business has been picking up in recent months and we are in need of volunteers on a weekly basis again. We would like to know if your church would be willing to provide volunteers to help with the daily procedures at Care House. We need two volunteers per day and at this time we are open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but are considering going back to four mornings a week (Monday-Thursday). The hours are from 9:30-noon on each of these days. If we get enough churches and groups to participate you would be on a rotating schedule for two, or three, weeks each year.

The main things we need help with are keeping the food shelves organized and with packing the food bags to be given out to our clients. If we reopen our clothing rooms to the public we would also need help in them as well.

Sincerely, Earl Lewis, Care House Director

Please contact the church office if you can help so we can answer the Care House.

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

July 3rd - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary Frances Thompson** by Bruce Carr & Family and Martha McKemie & Family.

July 3rd - NARTHEX FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Hugh L. Atkinson & Mrs. Jack G. Atkinson (Sharon)** by Rev. Jack G. Atkinson & family.

July 10th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving honor of **Andy Curtis and family** by the FUMC Congregation.

July 17th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **E. V. and Lucille Lewis** by Earl Lewis; Steve & Charmelle Lewis; Robin Lewis; Rebekah & Joe Barnett.

July 24th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. Warren C. Andrews, Jr; Mr. & Mrs. Warren C. Andrews, Sr.; and Mrs. Mavis Tatum** by Mrs. Warren C. Andrews, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Andrews, Anna, Rodney, Emily, Shawn, Ben, Lindsey, Alaine, Matt, Alissa, Blaise and Andriana, Samuel Jett, Emersynn, Rylee, Miach.

July 31st - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Alma & Marion Thurman, Laurie & Marvin Parks, Marie & Walter Rozelle, Lucille & Dennis Grimes** by Martha Hightower Turner.

Bring your smiles to church and get your family photo made! We are missing some folks from the "Fall 2021 Edition" of our **pictorial directory**. Suzanne Scivley will be taking photos before and after church to update it. If you can't make it this week, there will be a few more Sundays before we release the "Summer 2022" edition. See you Sunday!

Kindergarten/Day Care News

SUMMER

We have 1 more month of our Summer Program. I would like to thank a group of young ladies who helped this summer – Bevin, Katlyn, Catherine, Raegan, and Lorel. These ladies worked hard (just ask them). They all have a great work ethic. I don't know what we would have done without their help. Let me say that our regular staff is the best! They are all troopers, and FMK is very proud of each of them. School begins August 9th. We will have Open House August 8th for Pre-school, Kindergarten and Nursery/Toddler children. FMK is going on 76 years. We have been 'growing Christians' for quite a while. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Dee Dee Mathews, Director

Bible Fellowship

We are pleased to announce a new opportunity to strengthen our connections on Wednesday nights at 6:00. We invite adults of all ages to join us in the church library for bible fellowship. Bring your own supper. We will not meet July 6.



Children's News

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School!** It will be July 18th, 19th and 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Be sure to see Leslie to volunteer to help! Or you may sign up in the Narthex!

Leslie Lucas, Director of Children's Ministries



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship	4 	5	6 No Children or Youth Activities 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	7	8 Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	9
10 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship	11 6:00 pm - APPS Group	12 5:30 pm - Handbells	13 6:00 pm - Children's Activities, Youth 6:00 pm - Choir, Bible Fellowship 7:00 pm - Worship Team	14	15	16
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