



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The Messenger



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As I have said recently, time seems to be moving so fast through 2026. And... just like that, November is here! November will be a great month for FUMC!

This Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. As we gather for worship and communion this week, we will remember the Saints we have lost over the last twelve months from FUMC. The hymns, anthem, and message will be remembering we are forever surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

And speaking of the approaching New Year of 2027, we will be preparing our congregation – in November - for Consecration Sunday on November 22. On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will ask our congregation to make financial commitments for 2027. Also, everyone will have an opportunity to write thank you notes to God for the blessings of this year.

Our theme this year is “EXPAND MY TERRITORY.” This theme is coming right out of the Bible from the Prayer of Jabez... *“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So, God granted him what he requested.” (I Chronicles 4:10; NKJV).*

What does it mean to “ENLARGE MY TERRITORY?” This will be the subject of our new sermon series... ENLARGE. This Sunday we will focus on the teaching of Hebrews in chapters 11-12 and focus on “ENLARGE my Faith!” The following week, November 9, “ENLARGE my Heart” from Psalms 119:32. On November 16, “ENLARGE my Path” from Psalm 18:36 and for Consecration Sunday, November 22, “ENLARGE my harvest.” The focus of ENLARGE will not be about “bigger buildings” or “bigger is better” but rather ENLARGING our ministry impact for Jesus in “making disciples of all nations.” And this teaching of making disciples ENLARGES our territory exponentially moving into the future!

November will be another fellowship dinner! This special gathering will be an early Thanksgiving Dinner for the church family on November 12, at 5:30 p.m. We are grateful for Dottie Fore and Anja Outlaw and other volunteers for making these kinds of evenings possible! This will be a full and free Thanksgiving Dinner for everyone, and any donations will be made to support Embrace Alabama. (Formally the United Methodist Children’s Home). This should be a great evening!

Well November will be a season to thank God for the abundant blessings in my life! I am beyond grateful for the unique opportunity to serve as your pastor. Karen and I would like to wish everyone have a wonderful November and Thanksgiving Season! We look forward to worshipping together in this season of giving thanks!

Shalom,
Philip

THANKSGIVING DINNER



A moment to gather
and be grateful

RESERVATIONS
251-246-2224

November 12
Starts at 6 pm

Donations are appreciated for Embrace Alabama Kids and please bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Sign-up on the bulletin tear-off section or contact the church office by Nov. 9.

in the christian life center of
first united methodist church

Servants in Worship

Lock-Up
Michael Conerly
Jeff Savage

Liturgist
Pam Kelly

Usher
Glenn & Pam Kelly

Elementary Sunday School

Nov. 1 **Volunteer Needed**

Nov. 8 Fortune Sheffield

Nov. 15 Elissa Brown

Nov. 22 Terri Bolen

Nov. 29 **Volunteer Needed**

Children's Church

Nov. 1 No Children's Church

Nov. 8 Fortune Sheffield

Nov. 15 Elissa Brown

Nov. 22 Terri Bolen

Nov. 29 Veronica Huerta

***If you can't volunteer on your assigned week, please find another volunteer to fill your spot.*



FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

**BEING
THANKFUL**

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 18TH
3:30PM

PART OF ONGOING
"Sun Shine Club"

ALL CHILDREN AGES K-4 TO 5TH
GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR A FUN AFTERSCHOOL EVENT
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.

LADIES

BROWN BAG LUNCH

NOV 16 MONDAY 12 PM

*Pack your favorite lunch or take-out and join us
for a time of fellowship, food and friendship!*

in the Fellowship Hall of
First United Methodist Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

11/01 Helen Guy
 11/02 Michael Conerly
 11/03 Laura Binion
 Courtney Reeves
 11/09 Mariah Wheat
 11/11 Dianna Brown
 11/14 Bill Pearce
 11/15 Marcus Kyzar

11/17 Shawn Harrison
 11/18 Tanner Sheffield
 11/19 Virginia Kyzar
 11/20 Nick Binion
 11/22 Happy White
 11/26 Jeanne Cleiland
 11/28 Stanley Beard

Anniversaries

11/04 Tanner & Lauren Sheffield
 11/09 Jeff & Audra Weaver
 11/18 Michael & Lee Conerly

Special Prayer Needs

Betty Howell
 Betty McVay
 Vicki Burge
 Jimmy Walker
 John Will Kahleau
 Miriam Pez
 Roger Roberts
 Milen Ching Hansen
 Rose Knott
 Justin Corley
 Sheila Waugh

Patrick Powell
 Patricia McKee
 Deborah Oberkirch
 Bobby Beard
 Bobby & Vickie Farrish
 Robert Brown
 David Drablos
 (SIL Gay & Myra Dewitt)
 Racheal Paul & Family

Armed Forces:

Trey Conerly (US Army)
 Maslin Brown
 Kendall & Gracie
 Conerly Boyd
 (US Army)

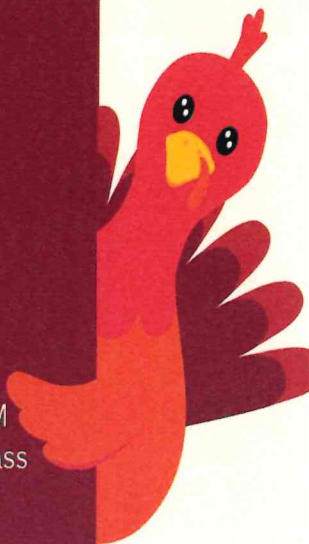
Home Bound: Assisted Living/
 Mary Lou Lancaster
 Gail Sherman
 Melvin and Lois Joiner
 John D. McGowin

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NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Trustees Nov 16
 Finance Nov 17
 Leadership Nov 18

All meetings are at 5:30 PM
 in the Hundley/DuFriend Class



Good Things Are Coming

Keep your eyes open for a new social media campaign to be coming out soon. If you come across it, please share it with your friends. It will also be posted on the church webpage.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Morning Worship 	2 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers	3	4 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers 6:00pm Choir Practice	5	6	7 Forestry Festival
8 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Morning Worship 1:30pm Sheffield Baby Shower	9 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers	10	11 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers 9:30am Food Distribution 6:00pm Choir Practice	12 6:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner in the CLC	13	14
15 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Morning Worship	16 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers 12:00pm Ladies Brown Bag Lunch 5:30pm Trustee Meeting	17 5:30pm Finance Meeting	18 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers 3:30pm SonShine Club 5:30pm Leadership Council 6:00pm Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Morning Worship	23 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers	24	25 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers 9:30am Food Distribution 6:00pm Choir Practice	26 	27	28
29 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Morning Worship 2:00pm Church Charge Conference	30 8:00am Food Ministry Gathers					