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**First United Methodist Church
Fort Payne, Alabama**

Dear Church Family,

"What Makes Your Ticker Tick?"



I had a friend in grade school who loved to take things apart. You could go into his room, at any given time, and find the internal organs of the TV, VCR, computer or a variety of other machines that were spread around. He simply wanted to see what made things tick. He was good with his hands and had a heart for detail.

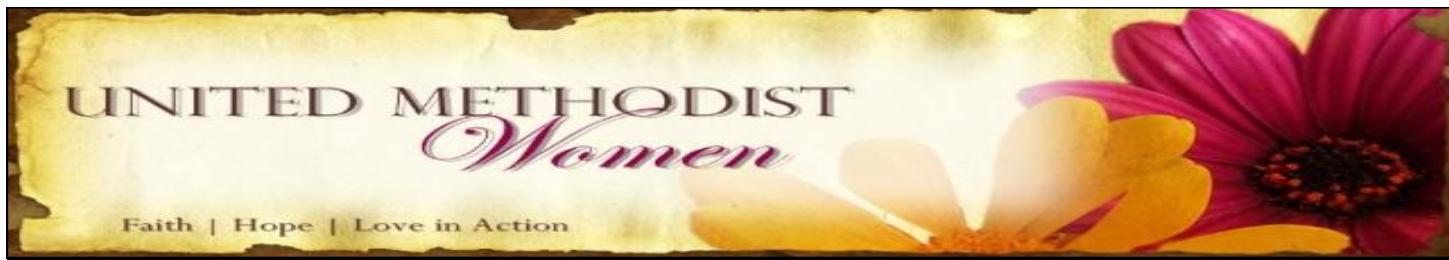
I have found a lot of people are that way. They want to see what makes things tick. Whether it is COVID-19, the national economy, the dryer or the new flat screen TV, they are curious about what's inside. I have also found that the world watches us, as Christians. They observe us, often at a distance, to see if we are for real. For whatever reason, they seek to find what makes us tick, and this is a good thing, because our power comes from within.

The God who loves us operates from within and changes us from the inside out. Situations, especially during quarantine, often do try to take us apart, but it only reveals the greater power inside. What makes you tick? What is your power source? Who do you rely on for strength? I hope it is Jesus because He, too, is good with His nail pierced hands and has a heart for detail. He's just waiting to get inside of you and show you how much of the Master Craftsman He can be. All He needs is someone to work with.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael Miller





The United Methodist Women (UMW) is an organization that focuses on missions-especially those relating to women and children as well as supporting church projects. If you want to find out more about the UMW and how you can be involved contact UMW President Dana Brewis at danabrewis@gmail.com.

Susanna Wesley & Agape Subgroup May Meetings have been cancelled but will resume in September 2020. **Christian Fellowship Subgroup's and Arts/Crafts Group** regular meetings have been cancelled for May. Group members will be notified by their leaders when meetings plan to resume.

Servant Ministries

Steve Chambers will assume his new staff position as Director of Servant Ministries on June 1st.

Steve's Bio:

I have been a member of Fort Payne First United Methodist Church since 1967. I am currently Director of Servant Ministries, which includes our community outreach programs Serving our Savior (SOS) and the Bread of Life ministry. I received a B.S. degree in business with a minor in financial planning from The University of Alabama. I received a fifth-year program education degree from Athens State University. After 15 years teaching Business Tech. Applications and Introduction to Engineering Design at Fort Payne high school, I am honored to serve my church and those who need a helping hand in our community. The church outreach programs can never be successful without the support of our church and volunteers. Matthew 25:40 says: I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me (Jesus).



Steve Chambers

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During this pandemic, SOS is continuing to provide food for people in DeKalb County. Due to this virus the demand for food assistance has increased. We are in need of the following items:

dried beans	cereal
rice	crackers
canned vegetables	canned soup
pasta	canned meat
spaghetti sauce	macaroni & cheese

You may drop items off at the church Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm. Thank you for helping feed the hungry.

Thank You,

Lisa Norquist
Director of Servant Ministries
256-845-1141

fortpaynemissions@gmail.com (click email address to contact Lisa)



<p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As of April 26, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFERING</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Weekly Budget Receipts</td><td style="width: 70%; text-align: right;">\$3,930.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Traditional Methods</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Online Giving</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1,135.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weekly Budget Needs</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$12,680.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weekly Deficit</td><td style="text-align: right;">(\$7,615.19)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Receipts YTD</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$202,143.43</td></tr> <tr> <td>Needs YTD</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$215,563.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>DEFICIT YTD</td><td style="text-align: right;">(\$13,419.80)</td></tr> <tr> <td>SOS offering</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2020 Pledge cards to date:</td><td style="text-align: right;">88</td></tr> </table>	Weekly Budget Receipts	\$3,930.00	Traditional Methods		Online Giving	\$1,135.00	Weekly Budget Needs	\$12,680.19	Weekly Deficit	(\$7,615.19)	Receipts YTD	\$202,143.43	Needs YTD	\$215,563.23	DEFICIT YTD	(\$13,419.80)	SOS offering	\$200.00	2020 Pledge cards to date:	88		<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 5th 1pm - 6pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: 206 Grand Ave NW Fort Payne, AL 35967</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Make an appointment at: bloodassurance.org/fumc</p> 
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May Birthdays			Anniversaries
1 Martha Chambers Matt Guice Doug Hoffman 2 Ann Chisenhall 3 Patrick Goggans Jake Johnson 4 John Clayton Groat 5 Willie Poole 6 Penny Smith 7 Anna Beth Traylor 7 Eric Hall Tyler Newton 8 Gracie Groat 11 Brandi Bouchard	12 Dustin McGee 14 Lonny Pendergrass 15 Brandi Lyles 16 Beau Wilson 17 Paige Wilson 18 Russell Lynch 19 Merriam Poole 20 Blake Griggs 21 Jean Stuckey 22 Donna Wilson 23 Pat Dunne 24 Paige Wilson 25 Anna Beth Traylor 26 Eric Hall 27 Tyler Newton 28 Gracie Groat 29 Brandi Bouchard	22 Will McCurdy 25 Houston Henderson 26 Camryn Brewis 27 Collyn Brewis 28 Merriam Poole 29 Blake Griggs 30 Sydney Moses 31 Robin Smith 32 Misty Bruce	 13 Van and Carol Houston 19 Craig and Ellen Peavy Dakota and Ashley Gray 23 Alan and Kelly Williamson 25 Tom and Lisa Norquist Rocky and Donna Watson 26 Philip and Myra Brown 31 Ronnie and Teresa Campbell
June Birthdays			Anniversaries
3 Molly Poole Elliette Smith 4 Taylor Camp Kelly Moses Mackenzie Neeley 5 Denise Stogner 6 Ashley Esloon Hosch Allie Smith 7 Barry Crow Alan McNew 9 Danny Handy Mackenzie Owens Michael Rhett Cole 10 Jake Newton 13 Tommy Guice	13 Peyton Hosch 16 Jordan Smith *Marie Hughes-100 yrs. 17 Annie Gilbert David Smith 18 Darlys Smith 19 Jocelyn Burgess 21 Larry Sanders 22 Valarie Moses 22 Stan Cole 23 Ronnie Campbell Janie McGee 24 Derek Godwin 27 Christine Scott 28 Katie Wilson Teel	28 Quinn McGee 29 Shirley Fowler 30 Elliott Guice *Address on back page of newsletter if you wish to send a birthday card to Ms. Hughes. 	1 Tim and Tammy Smith 3 Michael and Angela Miller 6 Chip and Shanon Blanton 10 Tommy and Martha Guice 11 Rory and Betsy Smith 15 Greg and Dara Conkle 20 Michael and Beth Knicely 22 John and Sara Quinn 23 Randall and Barbara Cole 25 Robby and Stanna Guice 26 Jerry and Beverly Flagg

Mother's Day Out

May Graduation Postponed
Tentative Reschedule date:
Wednesday, June 17
6 pm
First United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center

Class of 2020



Left to Right:

Back Row: Alex Ross, Trent Wilson, Krew Johnson

Middle Row: Blake Jennings, Lolah Hilyer, Mamie Sisemore, Ashlyn Early, John McRorie

Front Row: Jules Manning



Left to Right:

Benton Van Pelt, Eli Green, Hollis
William Blackburn, & Brody

Pendergrass, Ade Kate Stephens,
Kirtland



FIRST KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



The Confirmation Class of 2020

Drew Ashley
Jocelyn Burgess
Kael Farmer

Laura Beth Farmer
JP Groat
Cooper Kirby
Reese McCurdy

Sam McCurdy
John Riddle
Margo Trammell

The Confirmation class has been very busy with service projects in our community.

- ◆ Gathered clothing to donate in the community.
- ◆ Served at the Bread of Life.



Confirmation Sunday
Date and Time TBA

THE FERN FUNDRAISER WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to you for your support.



SUMMER CAMP—JULY 21-24

Shocco Springs
Talledega, AL

Subject to change in accordance with CDC Recommendations, State, and Federal Regulations

The camp will be conducted by Student Life Ministries.

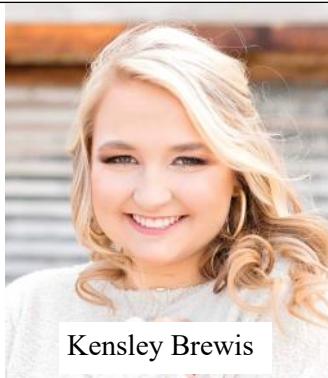


If you have any questions, please contact Alison Traylor, Director of Children's Ministries at 256-996-5314 or email her at firstkidspfumc@gmail.com

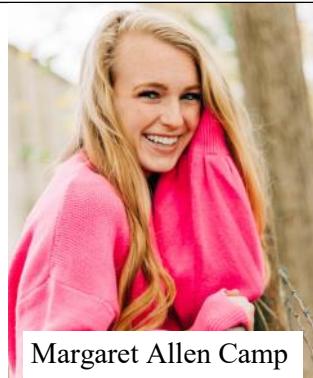
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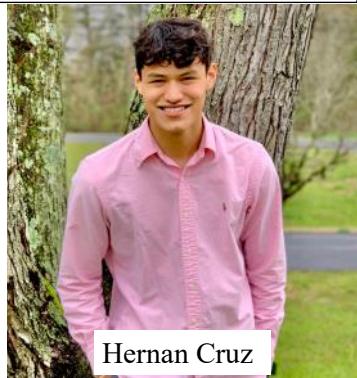
Taylor Bolton



Kensley Brewis



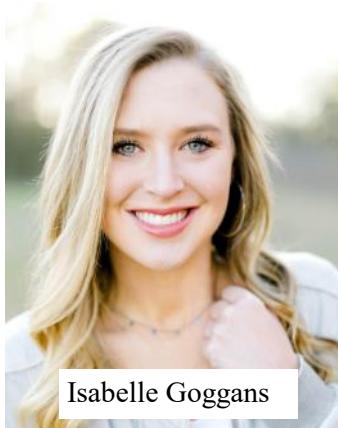
Margaret Allen Camp



Hernan Cruz



Harrison Davis



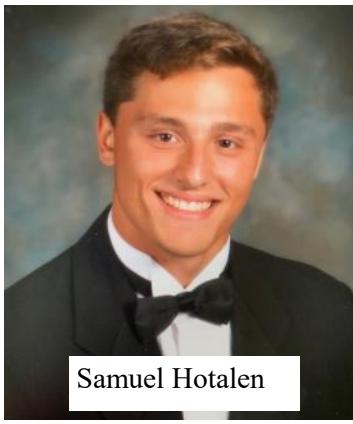
Isabelle Goggans



Robbie Graham



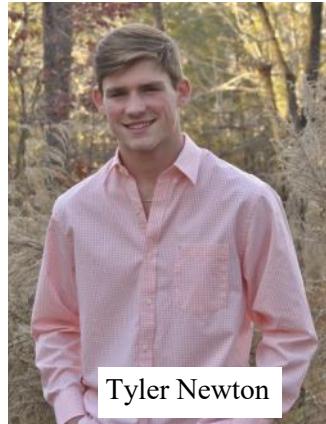
Jordan Harmon



Samuel Hotalen



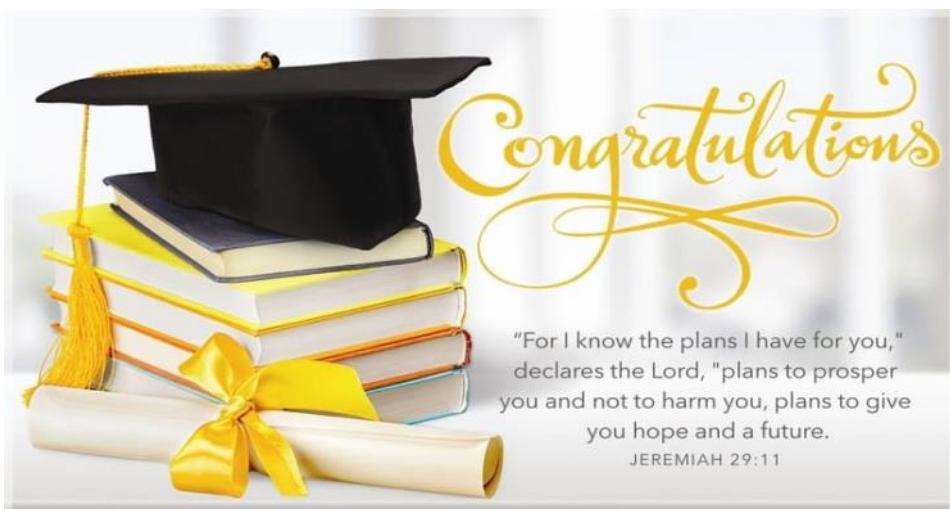
Brady Moses



Tyler Newton



Isabelle Wright



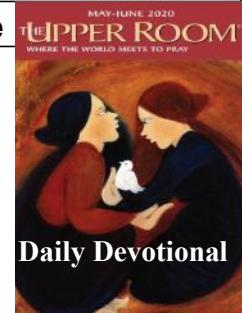
May 17th
GRADUATE SUNDAY
POSTPONED

More Details Later.

Any questions?
Contact Valarie Moses,
Director of
Student Ministries
@850-420-1680

fumygroup@gmail.com

IN MEMORY OF THE SAINTS	HONORARIUMS
<p><u>IN MEMORY OF ELAINE JOHNSON</u></p> <p>To Serving Our Savior by: The Silvertones</p> <p>To the Chancel Choir by: The Chancel Choir Jerry & Beverly Flagg Barbara Robison Angela Thwaits Sarah Wade</p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall cabinets by: Wilma Playford</p> <p><u>IN MEMORY OF EMILY MCNEW</u></p> <p>To the Youth Ministries of FUMC: Van & Carol Houston Steve Malcom</p> <p>To Youth Mission Trip by: Brad & Liz Barrontine</p> <p>To the General Fund by: Kerry & Sheila Akins</p> <p>Janice Austin & the Julian Austin family James & Kristi Chambers David & Gwen Hill Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guice John & Raylene Izak John & Cheryl Lawrence Alan & Marsha Miller</p> <p>Mims Veterinary Hospital PLLC Freddie & Marie Presley David & Louise Rains Donald & Carol Walker</p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall cabinets by: Brenda Bailey Mike & Heather Burt Dr. Joe McNew Jerry & Joann Newton Wilma Playford Larry & Barbara Sanders Tim & Kim Shugart Ben & Mary Shurett Denise Stogner Susanna Wesley Subgroup Bob & Linda Thomas</p> <p>To Serving Our Savior ministries by: Lee Stout</p>	<p><u>IN MEMORY OF JEWEL CHISENHALL</u></p> <p>To the Music Department by: Van & Carol Houston</p> <p>To the Open Door Sunday School Class by: Jerry & JoAnn Newton</p> <p>To the General Fund by: Adair & Whit DeBardleben Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guice David & Gwen Hill John & Raylene Izak John & Cheryl Lawrence Freddie & Marie Presley David & Louise Rains</p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by: Patricia Bobbitt Wilma Playford Mr. & Mrs. Tim Shugart Denise Stogner</p> <p>To Serving Our Savior ministries by: Larry & Barbara Sanders Lee Stout</p> <p>To the Youth Ministries of FUMC by: Mike & Heather Burt Steve Malcom</p> <p>To Youth Mission Trip by: Brad & Liz Barrontine</p> <p>To the Sanctuary Beautification Fund by: Ben & Mary Shurett</p> <p><u>IN MEMORY OF BLAINE SMITH</u></p> <p>To Youth Ministry by: Misty Harmon Larry & Barbara Sanders Ben & Mary Shurett</p> <p>To Serving Our Savior ministries by: Steve & Martha Chambers</p>
Church Office Closed	May-June Upper Room Available
<p>Monday, May 25TH</p> <p>★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>Receive Your Upper Room Devotional by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Drive to the church for curbside service at the Christian Life Center Entrance parking lot. Call the church when you arrive. You may also come to the door of the CLC lobby and ring the door bell. Church hours are Monday-Thursday 8-4. Church office: 256-845-1141 ◆ Click on the link provided to you on the church website: fpfumc.org ◆ Look for church-wide email with link to PDF copy.
	<p>IN HONOR OF FAITH RICHARDSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY</p> <p>To Serving Our Savior ministries by: Dale & Jan Hurtt</p> <p>To the general fund by: Tommy & Martha Guice Vicky Kirby</p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by: Mary Ann Davis Rory & Betsy Smith</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF JOHN BOTTS</u></p> <p>To Serving Our Savior ministries by: Marcia Jackson</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF BARRY CROWE</u></p> <p>To the Praise Team by: Dr. Mike & Laurie Parker</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF STEVE MALCOM</u></p> <p>To the Praise Team by: Dr. Mike & Laurie Parker</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF SHANON BLANTON</u></p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by: Faith Richardson</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY FOWLER</u></p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by: Faith Richardson</p> <p><u>IN HONOR OF MERLE WILSON</u></p> <p>To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by: Faith Richardson</p>



Daily Devotional

Prayer Requests

Jamie Brewer (son of Dr. Steve Brewer)
 David Burton
 Jane Caufield
 William Gibson
***Raymond Groat**
 (father of Ann Houston)
***Steve Nelson**
 (friend of Ann Chisenhall)
 The family of Steven Padgett (friend of
 David & Cassie Wootten)
 Barbara Purdy
 Gwen Smith (Jane Caufield)
 BillieTownson
 (mother of Barbara Sanders)
 The family of Deborah Turner (aunt of
 Suzanne Camp)

The family of Frances Waycaster
 (Marilyn Gibson)
 Deb Weaver
 Calvin West (Jane Caufield)
***Don Wisener** (uncle of Ann Gilbreath)
 Teachers, Parents, & Students dealing
 with school issues.
 Medical personnel, First Responders, and
 those in Leadership
 Those who are directly or indirectly af-
 fected by COVID-19
 Those affected by natural disasters

Please continue praying for:
Anne Caywood (cousin of Betsy Smith)

**Megan Snyder (daughter of Ed &
 Jean Stucky)
 Dave York**



OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS	EXTENDED CARE	NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL
Bill Biddle C/O Greg Biddle 615 Longwood Place Birmingham, AL 35226	<u>Collinsville Nursing Home</u> Margaret Richardson	If you would like to receive all church information including the newsletter via email. Please send your request and address: Betsy Smith, Administrative Assistant @ fumcfpadm@bellsouth.net
Betty Cobble ph # 828 505-1314 49 High Bridge Crossing Apt. 4139 Asheville, NC 28803	<u>Crowne Health Care</u> Jane Caufield	CHANGE OF ADDRESS? Please let the church office be aware if any of your contact information has changed.
Janis Williams 2105 Blooming Hills Dr Apt #107 Prescott, AZ 86301	<u>Crossville Health & Rehabilitation</u> Lib Howard	Betsy Smith, Administrative Assistant @ fumcfpadm@bellsouth.net
Marie Hughes Mount Royal Towers 300 Royal Dr. Apt. 226 Vestavia Hills, AL 35209	<u>Serenity Place</u> Harold Hoffman	
Sid Thompson Alto Senior Living of Marietta 840 Lecroy Drive NE Room 106 Marietta, GA 30068	<u>Tender Loving Care at Home</u> Raymond Groat Margaret Thurman Georgia Wills	
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