

Calendar for the Week of February 28 - March 5, 2016

<b>Sunday, February 28th</b>		
8:30 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School	
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	The Well	Pratt Hall
12:00 pm	Nicaragua Team Meeting	
3:30 pm	Transformation Team Meeting	WES 102
5:00 pm	Genesis Singers and Youth Activities	
5:00 pm	Children's Sunday Evening Activities	
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	EPW 101
<b>Monday, February 29th</b>		
10:00 am	Covenant Bible Study	WES 102
7:00 pm	Men's Study	Bell House
<b>Tuesday, March 1st</b>		
9:30 am	Joyce Mathison Circle	Parlor
12:00 pm	Lenten Luncheon	Pratt Hall
5:30 pm	Alpha Handbells	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Parlor
6:00 pm	Serve Team Meeting	Library
<b>Wednesday, March 2nd</b>		
10:00 am	Fifty Forward Singers	
5:00 pm	Wednesday United	
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
7:00 pm	The Well Band Rehearsal	Pratt Hall
<b>Thursday, March 3rd</b>		
9:30 am	Louisa Pickard Circle	Parlor
11:00 am	Fifty Forward Lunch Bunch at Mid-Town Pizza Kitchen	
6:30 pm	Angel's Hearts Circle	Parlor
<b>Saturday, March 5</b>	Confirmation Class Trip to Antiquities Center	

Through Our Prayers

**Church Family**- Hunter Baxter, Clara Birchfield, Brasel Family, Jackson Edwards, Frank Lamar, Jessica McDonald, Louise Moody, Eddie Pope, Kin Reynolds, Angie Sargent, Blake Striplin, Jean Taylor, Joan Taylor (**new to prayer list**) **Ethan Couch, Steven Doubler, Ian Rawls**

**Extended Family**- Davis Boswell, Eric Cates, Barbara Chesser, Bridgette Coley, Pamela Cooper, Phil Easter, Oliver Joseph Harp, Robbie Holley, Beatrice Jenkins, Deanna Mann Lamb, Linda Morgan, Rob Needham, Jim Peterson, Sue Pruett, Wayne Roberts, Betty Sansom, Tommy Sargent, Dalton J. Smith

**Death**- Ann Farr, *Member of FUMC*

A Gift Was Given in Memory of

**Vera Johnson** by Mr & Mrs Dick Huckaby, Mr & Mrs Trice Nichols, Mr & Mrs Oscar Taylor  
**Paul Crawford** by Mr & Mrs Dick Huckaby  
**Mary Allen Nielson** by Mr & Mrs Donald Miller  
**Bob Lee** by Mr & Mrs George Walthall  
**Dot Paul** by Mr & Mrs George Walthall  
**Kay Hines** by Mr & Mrs George Walthall  
**Nan Cadenhead** by Mr & Mrs George Walthall

A Gift Was Given in Honor of

**Don Edgeworth** by John & Sylvia Newman

Chestnut Café menu for Wednesday, March 2- Jambalaya, Rice, French Beans w/ Feta, Salad Bar, Cornbread Muffins, Bread Pudding

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Prattville FUMC  
THE WEEKLY WORD  
Week of February 28 - March 5, 2016

Thanks for the Celebration

The Celebration of Preaching was a tremendous success. Thank you for your commitment to Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World that events like The Celebration of Preaching help to achieve. Dr. Tom Long preached three powerful sermons based on the parables of Jesus. In each sermon he surprised us and challenged us as we began to better understand the “riddle” of parables filled with trap doors and amazing truths. On Monday, thanks to our willingness to partner with our Annual Conference, he was able to speak to all the clergy of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. We are grateful to Bishop Leeland for making his Bishop’s Day Apart a part of our Celebration of Preaching. Hundreds of clergy persons learned about the contemporary challenges facing preaching, as well as some very helpful and practical teaching about preaching.

I know that many of you may not have been able to come to the Celebration of Preaching due to previous commitments and the very bad weather that began that night. I wish everyone could have been there. Our talented musicians and choir set a beautiful tone to the service. There was a feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air. Dr. Long preached a powerful sermon on the parable of the talents. We learned that the person who buried his talent had a severe vision problem. He could not see the generous, caring, and loving spirit of his master. At the close of the service I sensed that God wanted me to open up the altar for prayer. So many people responded that people were having to wait for a spot to crowd around the altar rail. A majority of those present came forward to pray. The power of the Holy Spirit was palpable and tears flowed. It was a holy moment in the life of our church.

Please pray for our church. I believe many people were touched and/or moved by Dr. Long’s sermons. It is my prayer that his words were seeds of the kingdom, and I pray that they will take root in many hearts. Pray for yourselves. In the midst of the busyness of life we leave little time to encounter our maker. I believe he is constantly trying to get through to us, if we will only be still, pay attention and listen. Finally pray for me. I needed this time of revival as much or more than anyone else. Pray that my faith life will be deepened and that my preaching becomes more powerful.

In Christ,

Rob

P.S. I asked Dr. Long to recommend one of his books that might be enjoyed or studied by our church members. He suggested his book *Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian*. He also mentioned that some might be interested in his book: *What Shall We Say?: Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith*.

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Worship.

This Sunday, February 28, 2016

This Weeks Message:

Words From The Cross:  
Behold



Key Scripture:  
John 19:25-27

Through Our Gifts  
2016 Operating Budget  
\$1,198,139.76

Received 02/21/16  
\$16,103.20  
Total Received For 2016  
as of 02/21/16:  
\$145,990.69

Total E-Giving Received For 2016  
as of 02/21/16:  
\$5,948.92

Through Our Presence  
Worship-577  
Sunday School- 275

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS:

Passing our faith on to our children.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School Attendance Contest

The New Era Class led the way this week with 75% in attendance! Get on the phone! We need to see higher percentages to win breakfast for your class!

Calling All Men!

Join Gridiron in Birmingham on June 17-18 for a 2-day "If My People" conference. Dynamic speakers include Jim Kelly, Tony Evans, Phil Waldrep and more. Price starts at \$149 double occupancy. Contact Leslie for more information or to sign up.

Ladies!

Interested in going to a Beth Moore Living Proof live seminar? She is coming to Mobile's Mitchell Center on August 26th & 27th, 2016. Cost, including registration, room and transportation, is \$129 for double occupancy or \$184 for single occupancy plus meals. Deadline to register is March 18th with a \$50 deposit. Contact Leslie Lewis at leslie@prattvillemethodist.org or 590-1268 for more info.

Needed:

Large plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped candy (no chocolate, please) to put in the eggs are needed for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. Please bring your donations to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Fifty Forward Lunch Bunch will eat at Mid-Town Pizza Kitchen on March 3rd at 11:00pm



March Calendar

March 3rd- Lunch Bunch at Mid-Town Pizza Kitchen. 11:00 am. Remember donation for AICC

March 10th- Golden Age Luncheon at 11:00 am. Entertainment is Stace Bottiger on the piano.

March 17th- Tea party at Smith Byrd Tea Room at 2:00 pm. Easter hat contest with two categories: prettiest and craziest.

March 24th- Games Day at 10:00. Come join the fun!



Lenten Devotion and Lunch

Devotions begin at Noon in the Sanctuary followed by a lunch in Pratt Hall

Dates: February 16 - March 22, 2016  
Time: Noon - 1:00 pm

Rev. Bryant Hansen



February 16

Rev. Lance Eiland



February 23

Rev. John Brooks



March 1

Rev. Olivia Poole-Reneau



March 8

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon



March 15

Rev. Dr. Wayne Perry



March 22

Menu for March 1st: Shrimp & Grits Casserole, Festive Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks & Bread Pudding

Third Thursday

The Third Thursday Fifty Forward activity in March will be a tea party held at the Smith Byrd Tea Room at 2:30 pm. Cost for scones and tea is \$7.50 plus gratuity. Dawn Wagstaff from the Prattville Cancer Center will speak about a volunteer program. Then we'll have the Easter bonnet contest. Our judge will pick a winner in two categories: prettiest and craziest. Start designing now. Men, decorate your best baseball cap or fishing hat and join the fun. Call Libby at 303-2367 with your questions.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO  
ORDER EASTER LILIES

There will be a limited number of Easter Lilies for sale this year. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. They will be \$10 each. Please call the church office at 365-5977 to order yours and let us know to whom the flowers are in honor or in memory of.



GREAT DAY  
OF SERVICE

March 12th

Sign up now for this year's Great Day of Service. Each year, Methodist from churches across the River Region plan a day in which we all serve together to bring attention to God's call to love our neighbor. This year our church is participating by working at Adullam House in Wetumpka. We need 20 volunteers who will spend a half day sharing the love of God with the children of persons who are incarcerated, by beautifying their home with landscaping and a few other small projects. We will be leaving the church at 8am and returning around 1pm. If you are willing to answer this call to SERVE, sign up in the church office or by emailing Pastor Drew.

Children's Ministry



Plan Now  
for VBS!  
June 6 - 10

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th at Spinner's Park  
10:00 am - Noon  
Two Years Old - 5th Grade

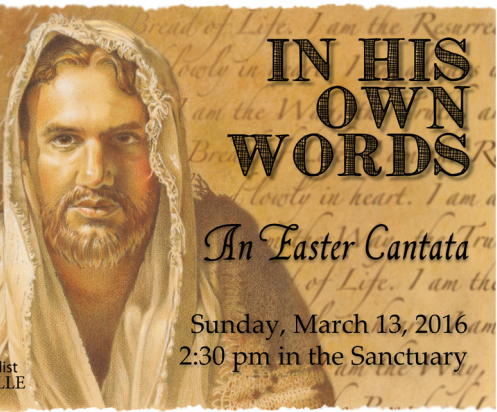
Presented by  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost Church First United Methodist Church  
and St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Youth Ministry

Ice Skating

The Harbor Youth Group is going to Eastdale Mall for lunch and ice skating on March 6th after church. Students interested should meet in Pratt Hall at noon. Bring money for ice skating and lunch at the food court. Cost to skate is \$8 and they take cash or check only. Sign up in the youth room to ensure transportation. We will be back at FUMC by 3:45pm.

Music Ministry



Sunday, March 13, 2016  
2:30 pm in the Sanctuary