

# Food Drive



Our annual food drive for W.E.L.C.O.M.E. has been extended to October 18th, so make sure to bring your donations! We have containers in the Fellowship Hall, at the entrance of the Sanctuary and the Chapel for your donated food. It is an Alabama-Auburn competition, so make sure to support your team and see either Judy May or Will Bacon wear their competitor's jersey!

- Items Needed:
- ☐ Canned Meat
  - ☐ Crackers
  - ☐ Spaghetti Sauce
  - ☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly
  - ☐ Paper Towels
  - ☐ Any non perishable items



## Upcoming Friendship Sunday School Project

**Poinsettia Sale**  
**October 1—November 19**

See one of our members to place your order. Poinsettia may be placed in the Sanctuary for the holidays.

### PINK-RED-WHITE

6 1/2" \$15.00

8" \$20.00

10" \$25.00

*Proceeds from our fundraisers are used for various outreach.*

**Project Leader:**  
*Lyndall Barlow      334-868-3307*

# Life Lines

OCTOBER 2017

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF MILLBROOK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Survey Will Help Recommend Changes

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of you have already filled out the survey the church sent out by email. If you don't have email, or you didn't receive a survey, we will have paper copies at the worship services, or we will mail a survey to you. Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully complete the survey. This information will be one piece of information that will help the leadership of the church discern and recommended changes we make. Because it takes hundreds of volunteers to conduct all of the Worship Services and Sunday School programs on Sunday morning, we are trying to assess the number of services we can



effectively staff with volunteers and staff. After we gather information from the survey, the Discernment Team will have discussions with the church about how to move forward. Please pray for the leadership

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## Events At A Glance

- Oct. 8 – Youth Mission Event
- Oct. 12 – W.E.L.C.O.M.E.
- Oct. 15 – Family Movie Night
- Oct. 21 – Joy for Johnny
- Oct. 22 – Retirement Party for Elaine Messick
- Oct. 23 – Fixers @ Camp Chandler
- Oct. 24 – Church Council
- Oct. 26 – Game Night
- Oct. 28 – UMW Coat Project
- Oct. 28 – Sewing Project
- Oct. 28 – Youth Fall Bash
- Oct. 30 – Charge Conference

# Upcoming Projects

## Candy

The Children's Ministry is collecting candy for our Halloween activities. Please bring all wrapped candy to Jacki Smith's office.

## Coats

The UMW is collecting coats for their coat drive on October 28th for W.E.L.C.O.M.E. If you wish to donate please bring your coats to the Fellowship Hall and leave them in the designated area.



# Pastor's Pen

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of our church as they seek to be faithful and loyal to Christ's call upon our lives to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your patience and involvement.

On another note, Millbrook First United Methodist Church has given \$3,700 for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Bishop Graves shared with me the other day that the local Methodist Churches from South Alabama and Northwest Florida have given \$365,000 to help families put their lives back together after the tragic hurricanes.

Also, I want to say a special thank you to those who serve on our Nomination Committee. They are not as visible as other committees in the church; however their contribution to the life of the church is great. This year they prayerfully nominated, called, and asked more than 100 people to serve as leaders in our church family. We should complete our work in the next few weeks. After the committee completes its work, a list of our administrative leaders will be presented at charge conference and voted on by our Church Council. This year Rev. John Brooks, our District Superintendent, will be with us to lead our charge conference on October 30, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your Pastor. Know that Judy and I love you and we look forward to seeing you this Sunday at the church where God's love is made real.

Pastor Jerry



## Sign Up Now

*October 25 is the deadline to sign up to get your family's photographs made for the new church directory...*

Make sure to sign up to be a part of our new church directory! We need everyone's participation to make it an effective communication tool for our congregation. You can call the church office at 334-285-4114 or go to our website at [www.mfumc.org](http://www.mfumc.org) and sign up online.

The dates when photography times will be available are Friday, November 3, through Sunday, Nov. 5.

Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and an online directory.

A quick tip for your photos: Wearing solid bright colors (no green please) is something to keep in mind to help your portraits look fresh and crisp.

We will also need volunteers to help with calling through the church roster and signing families up before and after church services. They will also help during photography times.

The Portrait Café of Mobile is the company that will be doing photography and printing the new directory.

## October Sewing Day

Several ladies in the church are partnering with Tish MacInnis to put together hygiene kits for girls in Haiti so that they can go to school every day of the month. The second Sewing Day is Saturday, October 28th, in the church fellowship hall from 9 am - 1 pm. All are welcome to join in the fun. We will be ironing and cutting fabric; cutting batting; and sewing. Bring your good cutting scissors, iron and small ironing board, rotary cutter and mat, and sewing machine, or just come and check out the project. We are still accepting brightly colored



100% cotton fabric and colorful sewing thread and Ivory soap bars. There is something for everyone to do!

## Meet Our New Member

Please meet a new member of our family– Larilee Maddox, joining us by transfer of her membership from Troy FUMC. Make sure to get to know her!



## October Birthdays

|   |                  |    |               |    |                  |    |                 |    |                  |
|---|------------------|----|---------------|----|------------------|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 2 | Henry Lysek      | 6  | Robbie Ricks  | 13 | Jo Milam         | 19 | Paula Hall      | 28 | Betty Williamson |
|   | Janet Payson     | 9  | Bill Baltzell |    | Hannah Gamble    | 20 | Taylor Kirby    |    |                  |
| 3 | Allen Head       |    | Vicky Spain   |    | Laurel Bacon     | 21 | Betty Lysek     | 28 | Tyler Houston    |
| 4 | Lela Brown       |    | Tom Tucker    | 15 | Owen Carothers   | 21 | Frank Houston   |    |                  |
|   | Stephen Obenauf  |    | Conner Clark  |    | Carl Edwards     | 22 | Jim Kight       |    |                  |
| 5 | Cynthia Stilwell | 11 | Bill Weaver   | 16 | Diane West       | 22 | Amy Rawlinson   |    |                  |
|   | Sammy Paulk      |    | Greg Chandler |    | Leah Cate Wilson | 23 | Carter Vaughn   |    |                  |
| 6 | Jim Myers        | 12 | Jill West     | 18 |                  | 26 | Sue Kelley      |    |                  |
|   | Jeff Hukill      |    | Cole Houston  |    |                  |    | Samantha Wilson |    |                  |
|   | Paije Rupinen    |    |               |    |                  |    |                 |    |                  |

# October 2017@ MFUMC

| Sunday   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri       | Sat   |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| <b>1</b><br><br><i>Communion Sunday</i><br><br>4:00 pm Grief Support   | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group<br>10:30 pm Prime Timers<br><br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts                            | <b>3</b><br>6:00 am Men's Prayer Break-fast (Front Porch Grill)<br><br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts  | <b>4</b><br>5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:00 pm Youth & Children's activities<br>6:00 pm Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Choir Practice<br>7:30 pm Praise Team Practice  | <b>5</b><br><br>6:00 pm Trustees Meeting                 | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>Noon- UMM & Henrietta Thomas Circle Meeting<br>Noon—Youth Mission day<br>4:00 pm Grief Support                   | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group<br><br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts<br>6:00 pm Marguerite Hall & Lillian Hancock Circle | <b>10</b><br>6:00 am Men's Prayer Break-fast (Front Porch Grill)<br><br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts   | <b>11</b><br>5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:00 pm Youth & Children's activities<br>6:00 pm Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Choir Practice<br>7:30 pm Praise Team Practice | <b>12</b><br><br>8:00 am to 2:00 pm Volunteer @ WELCOME  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>   |
| <b>15</b><br>4:00 pm Action Team Meetings<br><br>4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Grief Support<br>6:00 to 8:00 pm Family Movie            | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group<br><br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts  | <b>17</b><br>6:00 am Men's Prayer Break-fast (Front Porch Grill)<br>9:30 am Doris Cobb Circle<br>1:00 pm Suzanna Wesley Circle<br>6:30 pm SPRC Committee | <b>18</b><br><br>No Activities due to Fall Break  | <b>19</b><br><br>6:30 pm Communication Committee Meeting | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br>4:00 pm Joy for Johnny   |
| <b>22</b><br>4:00 Retirement Celebration For Elaine Messick<br><br>4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Grief Support                          | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group<br><br>6:00 pm Friendship Sunday School Supper<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts         | <b>24</b><br>6:00 am Men's Prayer Break-fast (Front Porch Grill)<br><br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Church Council Meeting                                | <b>25</b><br>5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper<br>6:00 pm Youth & Children's activities<br>6:00 pm Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Choir Practice<br>7:30 pm Praise Team Practice | <b>26</b><br><br>6:00 pm Game Night Fundraiser           | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>UMW Coat Drive & Sewing Day<br><br>6:00pm-10:00 pm Youth Fall Bash (Gym) |
| <b>29</b><br>Noon Emmaus Luncheon (Mission House)<br>8:00 am to 12:30 pm Blood Drive<br><br>4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Grief Support | <b>30</b><br>9:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Group<br>5:30 Charge Conference<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts                              | <b>31</b><br>6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Porch Grill)<br><br>6:00 pm Cub Scouts  |   |  |           |   |

# Friendship Sunday School Class

The Friendship Sunday School Class has been in existence in our church since Dwight Eisenhower was President. Not our class, just the President. As our name implies, we are a class of friends made up primarily of mature singles and couples, but any and all are welcome. It is our desire to deepen our friendships, with one another and with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Our class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m in Room 6.

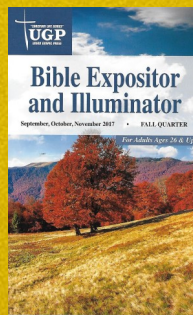
We gather each Sunday to read scripture and endeavor to explore God’s message to us, as it is applied to our lives. From our Sunday morning class gathering we go out into our church to be active in many other organizations within and outside our own church walls.

To remain active and support one another, we meet once a month on the 4th Monday evening for a potluck dinner and hold a business meeting. The food alone is reason enough, but we hope you will want to come and join us in Christian friendship.

## Class Studies

Our guide book, the Bible Expositor and Illuminator changes focus each quarter. Our class rotates teachers each week as well.

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| 1st Sunday | Lee Thomas    |
| 2nd Sunday | Jerry Daniel  |
| 3rd Sunday | Ricky Messick |
| 4th Sunday | Sandy Wiese   |
| 5th Sunday | Leigh Bacon   |



## Our Class

*by J. Daniel*

We are the Friendship Sunday School Class, best described as the class of “experience.” To give you an idea of what we have to share, one of our members was with Saul on the road to Damascus—his story of that day is a hoot. As you can imagine, our class talks can wander, just like we do after a short Thursday afternoon nap.

But don’t worry that you might get caught up in a discussion that loses you, just ask us about our grandchildren to start a whole new conversation that anyone can follow. Mostly, though, we think you’ll enjoy meeting our members. We have a member who is not as old as Methuselah, but did babysit some of Methuselah’s children. One of our members actually has the original recipe that Jacob used to steal Esau’s birth right (got it from Rachel, and it is good.)

One of our younger members even used to take care of John Wesley’s horse. Yep, that’s us, the “been there, done that, got the T-shirt” class and we’d love to add you to our roles and hear your stories—please drop through!

## Fall Quarter 2017 Covenants with God

Unit 1: Signs of God’s Covenants  
Unit 2: Called into Covenant with God  
Unit 3: An Everlasting Covenant

Join us as we spend the weeks ahead studying the signs of God’s covenants. They are varied, but always have the goal of reminding men of God’s character and power and man’s responsibility to trust and obey Him.

## Grief Support

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one is very important. Grief Share is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you through this new journey in your life.

Even if it has been years since the loss of your loved one you may still find healing in coming to Grief Share by helping those who are mourning. Meetings will be held through December 10th from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.



While the earth remains, seed time and harvest,  
cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

## October Anniversaries

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|----|---|
| 3  | Aric & Donna Adams<br>Ric & Cheryl Payson     |
| 5  | Terry & Betty Wadsworth                       |
| 7  | Jab & Lela Brown<br>Robbie & Tricia Estes     |
| 11 | Randy & Phyllis Myers                         |
| 14 | Carl & Betty Edward<br>Matt & Vanessa Brandau |

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| 15 | Jerry & Dawn Daniels |
| 19 | Duane & Cindy Scott  |
| 21 | Henry & Betty Lysek  |

## Game Night!

Round Two of our Game Night fundraisers for new carpeting will be Thursday, October 26th, starting at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It only costs \$10 to play. Last month’s Game Night was awesome, so let’s make this one an even bigger success!