

# The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

October 2021



*Mark your  
calendar*

## October 3

Communion Sunday

9:30 and 11:00

Last day to bring hurricane  
relief supplies

## October 6, 13, 20, 27

Parables of Jesus

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Well and Online

## October 17

Youth Swim Party

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## October 23

Trunk-or-Treat

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

in parking lot

## October 24

Hymn Sing

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

## MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES AT WORK

We are so grateful for a church who hears and responds to needs in our community. The four missional communities were born out of demographic research and interviews in the church and in the community, many churchwide round table discussions, online surveys, and much prayer. Despite COVID, hurricanes, and other challenges, you are staying true to the vision we believe God called us to focus on.

The missional communities continue to meet and work to discern ongoing "experiments". Be sure to check out the current projects and updates throughout this month's issue of *The Hallelujah*.

Shown below, the Real Life Needs Missional Community delivered some of the collected items to the Boys Ranch this summer. Thank you for making this possible! See page 6 of this month's newsletter for a list of ongoing needs.



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# WORSHIP NOTES

"Dad, when are we leaving?" *In a little while.*

"Is it time to go?" *In a little while.*

"Are we there yet?" *In a little while.*

Many of us have found ourselves in situations, predicaments, and strife. We wonder in those moments how much longer is this going to last? As we navigate life, a pandemic and the many stages of life, those things that are happening may only last for a little while. In John 16:16-24, Jesus is talking with His disciples, sharing with them that *in a little while* you will not see me, and again you will see me, because I will go to the Father. This passage of scripture has really spoken to me over this past month. For me, all of this stuff is going to be over *in a little while*. For the hurting, *in a little while*, for the broke, *in a little while*, for those facing cancer treatments, *in a little while*, for that wayward son or daughter, *in a little while*, all that fear, stress, anxiety, *in a little while*, it's going to be made well according to God's plan for your life. *In a little while*, sorrow will turn to joy. A medical diagnosis will turn to a continued healthy life. Your "In a little while is coming." Trust it and know it.

In A Little While,

Rev. Chris Kelley

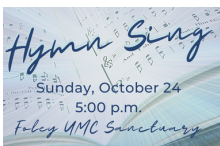
Director of Worship



WE'RE BACK! After a brief hiatus, choir practice will reconvene during the month of October. Hope to see you on Monday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. and October 25 at 6:00 p.m. There are music packets and CDs available for Christmas music.



COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE. We need HELP setting up and running sound. We meet at 7:00 a.m. to unload trailer and rehearse at 7:30. Please email Chris Kelley at [ckelley@foleyumc.org](mailto:ckelley@foleyumc.org) to help.



HYMN SING! We will have our final Hymn Sing! of 2021. Join us for a great evening of worship on October 24 at 5:00 p.m. We will be taking your requests, so come prepared to sing your favorite hymn. Bring somebody with you!



We are reinstating our acolyte program. If you could not attend training in September and are interested in being a part, contact Chris Kelley at [ckelley@foleyumc.org](mailto:ckelley@foleyumc.org).



# DISCIPLESHIP

Join us for *Stories Jesus Told* on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Childcare is available. We are off to a wonderful start with 55 in attendance (plus kids and youth) on our first night! Many more joined online.

Pastor Bill challenged us with a 360° view of a familiar parable...and we learned it might not be as familiar as we thought! If you were not able to join in, please visit our YouTube page or website at [foleyumc.org/live](https://foleyumc.org/live) to find any of our Wednesday night conversations that you may miss (along with Sunday morning services, too!).



*Pastor Bill shares on the first night of Stories Jesus Told*

**Childcare Available!**

## STORIES JESUS TOLD

**Your Wednesdays just  
got a whole lot more  
interesting!**

**Sept. 22-Oct.27  
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

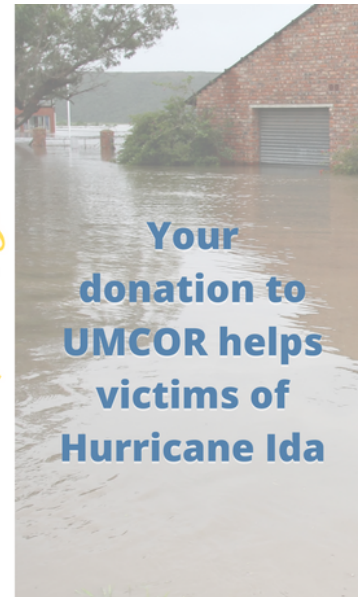
# HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE

We have received a list of needed (and not needed) items to help our neighbors in Louisiana who are beginning the long process of hurricane recovery. You can drop off items in the Spirit Center during office hours from 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00 on Monday-Thursday. We will update you as we have new and different information. Keep in mind this is a fluid situation and they have been very specific about what they need, when they need it, and what they don't need.

Financial contributions are needed. You can drop off checks for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and we will forward promptly. This is a very quick and efficient way to help. You can also visit the UMCOR website and make online contributions. Please note that salaries for UMCOR are paid by the UMC so your contributions have a direct benefit on those who need it. We are thrilled about the quick response, and even more importantly, the long-term commitment of UMCOR. They are equipped and trained for precisely these situations and are on the ground and in direct communications with people in the affected areas.

We are also grateful to our district for its prompt and generous response of a \$100,000 contribution. Know that your regular tithes and offerings help make this possible as we participate in these gifts through our apportionment giving. THANK YOU, FOLEY UMC for your generosity! As always, those gifts can be made on our website at [foleyumc.org/give](http://foleyumc.org/give) or by dropping off checks to the church office.

**Deadline for collection: October 3**



## Needed items:

- N-95 masks
- Can openers
- Trash bags
- Batteries of all sizes
- Dust pans
- Scoop shovels
- Tarping supplies
- Tarps
- Furring strips
- Cap nails
- Extension cords
- Deck screws 2" and 3"
- Walmart Gift Cards
- First Aid kits
- Protein bars
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna (POP TOP ONLY)
- Flood buckets

## Do NOT bring:

- Clothing
- Bedding
- Toys
- Furniture



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# KIDS MISSIONAL COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

ATTENTION Foley UMC: Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 23 from 4-6 PM. The Kids Missional Community (KMC) is looking for Spooktacular members to celebrate an early Halloween with the Kids of Foley in our "Trunk or Treat" event.

Load your trunks with treats and join in the fun in the church parking lot. Look for more info including how to sign up in the coming weeks!



Join us for Trunk or Treat! Dress up and enjoy the fun!

Calling all kids! We will also have a Touch-a-Truck event where you can get up close and personal with some BIG trucks from the community. Be sure to bring your friends from the neighborhood and school! Foley UMC loves kids!

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# MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES REACHING OUT



The Table Missional Community would like to invite the congregation to collect food for the Food Pantry at the South Baldwin Christian Church during the month of October. This Food Pantry serves the community near Keller Road in Foley where the need is great. Please bring your contributions to the church and place them in the bins behind the Spirit Center. Donations will be collected every Friday and delivered to the Food Pantry.



The Kids Missional Community continues to collect school supplies and uniforms for Foley Students. We realize there are on-going needs throughout the ENTIRE school year. There are ongoing needs for school supplies such as backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, paper, notebooks, rulers, wired earbuds and headphones (no wireless) as well as school uniforms, underwear, shoes, and socks.



The Real Life Needs Missional Community is supporting several local organizations, including Ecumenical Ministries, the Boys Ranch, and the Lighthouse. The following items are needed on an ongoing basis: brooms, mops, toilet bowl cleaner, all purpose cleaner, dish soap/dish scrubs, Ziploc bags of all sizes, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, Lysol, hand soap, oven cleaner, cleaning wipes, 14 gallon trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins.

Boys Needs: socks, boxer brief underwear, lotion, combs

Boys Ranch Wish List: vacuum cleaner, shower curtains, AA & AAA batteries, printer paper, clothes hamper

Additional Items Needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, Clorox, hot pads, toilet brush, various sized totes.



The Discipleship Missional Community invites you to join in the conversation on the parables of Jesus on Wednesday evenings. You can meet in person in The Well or join in online on our website, Facebook Live, or YouTube. As we strive to create a culture of discipleship, we encourage you to invite others to attend with you. We have defined discipleship as "Becoming more like Jesus and helping others become more like Jesus". As we look at the conversations Jesus had with others, we are challenged to see things in new ways. We have more discipleship opportunities in the works. Keep an eye on your weekly e-news.

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## KIDSQUEST



Join us every Sunday at 9:30 for KidsQuest. In October, we will be learning about God's Custom Creations. Join us for fun and bring a neighbor!

KidsQuest needs volunteers for Sunday mornings! Can you help out on Sunday mornings? If you can give one or two Sunday mornings a month, please contact Debbie Wiist at [debwiist@gmail.com](mailto:debwiist@gmail.com) if you can serve on a rotating basis in our Sunday morning kids ministry! You will be blessed!

## UPDATE ON YOUTH

Youth group (grades 7th-12th) is going to hold off on meeting weekly at this time. We will let everyone know when this changes. We are planning a Youth swimming party for Sunday, October 17th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the home of Wendy and AJ Joellenbeck. Kids need to wear their swim attire and bring a towel. Please contact Mrs. Kate for further information at (251) 550-8624.

## ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES

A request from our friends at Ecumenical Ministries: EMI is in need of a person or group of people who can pick up and deliver items for us. Our volunteer who has done this for us has had to retire due to medical reasons. Each week, we pick up bread from Publix and ham scraps from Honey Baked Ham on Monday morning. This would be the main task on a regular basis. In addition to Monday mornings, we may occasionally have a food drive that needs to be picked up, or items that need to be transported to our office in Fairhope.

We have a Ford Transit Connect that has a cargo area in the back and no rear windows, so the pick up/delivery person would need to be comfortable with having side mirrors only.

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

The council is happy to celebrate that the mortgage on the Spirit Center is now reduced to \$1.5 million as of this month. We are working on upgrading to fiber optics, which we were able to obtain at no cost by changing from our current company. Our next project, once we have sufficient funding, is to upgrade our WiFi in order to broadcast all sermons online with clear sound so that many can enjoy our worship services including the 11:00 service. Stay tuned for monthly updates on Council meetings.

Ann Johnson, Council Chair



# THANK YOU

OUR CHURCH BELL IS BEAUTIFUL AND LOUD! Oh how I love to hear that bell ring on Sunday mornings. Years ago I started a conversation with Lance Lipscomb, the FFA director at Foley High School, about his group possibly refurbishing our church bell. They were willing to do it but we had to wait till they had time to put it into their schedule and then Covid hit so that really pushed everything back. But earlier this year, we delivered the church bell to Foley High School for them to start the refurbishing process. The bell was in horrible condition so the FFA group was in for a challenge. The wooden wheel was completely rotten and would have to be rebuilt. Lucky for us, there was a young craftsman in this group of teenagers and they did an awesome job of recreating the wooden wheel. The bell had to be completely torn down and all the paint stripped off which required intense hours of sanding, wire brushing, and using paint stripper to remove the multiple layers of paint that had been applied over the past years. Then primer was applied to everything and at last the paint. Lance Lipscomb went to the local Sherwin Williams paint store and told them what he was painting so they could recommend the best product that would last the longest.

We are in the process of getting a concrete slab poured in the grassy area between our current church sign and the sanctuary entrance in order to put the church bell in a permanent place. Eventually we hope to build a roof structure over the bell that will be very appealing to the eye and showcase our beautiful church bell.

Now I would like to tell my church family the other part of this amazing story. The FFA club, which stand for Future Farmers of America, took this project on and all they ask for in return is for us to pay for the actual materials used in the project and all the labor is donated as part of the learning process. The total material cost for this job was \$577.00, of which we were able to pay from the money in our sanctuary remodel budget. If I had to guess, this project would have cost over \$3,000.00 to have professionally done. I know that this group and Lance himself, put in countless hours on making our church bell look beautiful. The FFA Organization has a mission statement that reads: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education."

This group did an amazing job and if you would like to make a donation to the Foley High School FFA club as a way of saying thank you, checks can be made out to Foley High School and noted for "FFA donation church bell". Checks can be dropped off at the church office or given to AJ Joellenbeck who will hand deliver them to the high school. I would also like to give a special shout out and a huge thank you to Hood's Home Center. They used their delivery truck with a forklift and picked up the bell from the high school and delivered it to FUMC.

Because of your faithful giving, we were able to do this project so I want to say THANK YOU to my church family,

AJ Joellenbeck





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/01 Tiffany Peed  
 10/03 Emily Ebbert  
 10/03 Ethan Ebbert  
 10/03 Emily Schoen  
 10/03 Thomas Stidham  
 10/07 Brandon Harden  
 10/07 Margie Kennedy  
 10/08 Kristine Taylor  
 10/08 Samara Rhodes  
 10/09 Stephanie Curtin



10/10 Kevin Fitzjarrald  
 10/11 Pamela Belcher  
 10/11 Mary Hodge  
 10/11 Malachi Simonson  
 10/12 Julian Dillon  
 10/12 Carlee Dalton  
 10/13 Sheila Morgan  
 10/15 Audrey Ainsley  
 10/17 Donna Sczesny

10/17 James Wright  
 10/19 Dendy Messick  
 10/19 Tadd Gobert  
 10/24 Verna Coggins  
 10/24 Susan Cooper  
 10/28 Sheila Schoen  
 10/28 Richard Phillips  
 10/28 Micah Thompson  
 10/30 Amanda Borchardt

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Families of our  
 Church Family Members  
 who passed away:

Liz Kinsey  
 Evelyn Little

Also remember:

Bill Curtis  
 Gail Parris  
 Lt Camron Lowery  
 Beverly Glisson  
 Johanna Habisreiteringer  
 Pam Yaeger  
 Joan Hand

James and Judy Jackson  
 T.J. Brooks  
 Mary Lou Berg  
 Emery Martini  
 Margie Kennedy  
 Barbara Beam



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to take this time to send out thanks to my church family who has stepped up to help me and Vicki. Thank you Mary Allison who spends many hours helping us. Thank You Pastor Bill for coming by to bring me a special plaque and praying with me at a time I needed it most! Thank you AJ and Wendy for a wonderful visit including a yummy blizzard!! Then arranging to come pick me up in a wheelchair assessable van and not only getting me to church, which I was missing SO much, but also to the pharmacy to get my flu shot! You are True Angels! Thank You to the Borchardt Family for lending AJ the van to get me to church! Thank you to Michelle Stracener for arranging a list of persons to come visit me and allowing Vicki time to get necessary errands run. Robert Pardue was my first visitor. We had such a wonderful visit. I was truly blessed!

Although we have been attending church at 9:30 virtually, there is nothing that can replace being there in body. We miss everyone and welcome visitors at anytime!

God Bless You All,  
 Charlene Anderson

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# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN COOKIE SALE FUNDS FOR MISSIONS

The United Methodist Women are collecting red and green coffee cans for their annual cookie sale in December (the empty cans are used to hold the cookies). Please drop off your cans to the church office!

It's time to begin gathering your ingredients for our cookie sale. We're asking each lady to make 3 large batches (9 dozen cookies), or if you prefer to make candy, we need 6 dozen pieces of drop candy from each lady, or if pan candy, a 9 x 13 pan, uncut. We will cut to fit.

We've missed lots of our normal events like Souper Bowl, which are mission fundraisers, so we're hoping to be able to help many special causes with our cookie sale. Gathering ingredients over the next couple of months will ease the burden of all at once. Thank you!



Is it time to jump back in? Is it time to take a step? We need YOU in one of these areas of service. Training is provided! We are looking for a willing heart!

**Greeters**--contact John Simonson at [jsimonson@foleyumc.org](mailto:jsimonson@foleyumc.org)

**Ushers**--contact John Simonson at [jsimonson@foleyumc.org](mailto:jsimonson@foleyumc.org)

**KidsQuest Workers**--contact Debbie Wiist at [debwiist@gmail.com](mailto:debwiist@gmail.com)

**Sound Crew Workers**--contact Kate Norris at [katelnorris@gmail.com](mailto:katelnorris@gmail.com) or Chris Kelley at [ckelley@foleyumc.org](mailto:ckelley@foleyumc.org)



Normal operating hours for the church office are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch and closed on Fridays and national holidays.

The office phone number is 251-943-4393 and email is [office@foleyumc.org](mailto:office@foleyumc.org).





# FOLEY UMC LOVES FOLEY DAY



Our Foley UMC loves Foley Day was a great success! The following representatives from our community were present and we were able to pray for them in the service and give a tour of our facilities. We are committed to living up to our slogan that "Foley UMC loves you"!

Ralph Hellmich, Mayor of Foley  
Vera Quaite, Foley Councilwoman  
Russ Moore, Principal of Foley High School  
JaNay Dawson, Baldwin County School Board

The dialogue between Pastor Bill and Mayor Hellmich is shown above along with the prayer time at right.



*A moment in Bill's mind...*

**What if prayer is not something  
that you do,  
but something that you are?**

If you are an encourager, up-lifter,  
someone who sees  
the good in God's world  
and in our Faith Family...  
**then is that the prayer of your soul?**

If you are critical, judgmental,  
someone who sees  
all that is wrong in God's world  
and our Faith Family...  
**then is that the prayer of your soul?**

ROMANS 8:26





# Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

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*Outdoor Worship  
is back!*

