

The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

September 2021



Mark your
calendar

September 5

Communion Sunday
9:30 and 11:00

September 19

Foley UMC loves Foley Day
11:00 in the Sanctuary

September 22

Parables of Jesus starts
6:00 p.m. in SC 114

October 23

Trunk-or-Treat
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
in parking lot

CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Discipleship Missional Community, along with Pastor Bill and Pastor John, are working to create a culture of discipleship at Foley UMC.

What does that mean? It means we want to be more like Jesus and we want to help others be more like Jesus. We

believe we do that best through relationships and we want to include those in our community who are not connected to a church. We have many ideas and some of them will be lots of fun! Keep your eyes open and watch your weekly e-news for updates. We are mindful of the current Covid situation in our community but we do have a few things available at this time:



Mark your calendar for September 22. Pastor Bill will be leading a conversation we are calling *Stories Jesus Told* on the parables of Jesus. We'll meet for six weeks on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.. This is open to anyone--we encourage you to bring a friend who is not a member of Foley UMC. This will be a great opportunity for those who are not familiar with Jesus' parables in the New Testament as well as for those who have spent years studying the Bible.

If you are looking for an in-person Sunday School class to help you grow and develop relationships, Kelly Johnson has a class that meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Spirit Center, Room 204.

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WORSHIP NOTES



The Chancel Choir is taking a hiatus in order to be cautious. We will notify you via e-news when we start back. If you have questions about choir or are interested in joining, contact Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org.



We are reinstating our acolyte program. If you are interested in participating, contact Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org. Training is September 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Dr. Patrick Jacobs, Professor of Music from the University of Mobile, rescheduled his visit with us due to weather conditions surrounding Hurricane Ida. He plans to join us on Sunday, Sept. 5. Dr. Jacobs has traveled extensively around the world singing opera. He is scheduled to sing two selections from Dvorak's *10 Biblical Songs*. We are looking forward to his visit!

Chris Kelley

Acolyte Ministry



Calling kids and youth!
Training is September 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org.

CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP (CONT.)

If you are looking for an online option for now, the following are available. Email Peggy Ratcliff at peggyratcliff@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

- Sundays at 8:30 a.m.--Zoom Sunday School
- Mondays at 8:30 a.m.--Zoom Bible study on the book of Ezekiel
- Mondays at 10:00 a.m.--Zoom Life Group with a focus on discussion of the sermon

If you have been attending in person, perhaps you have noticed the "Sermon Notes" page in the bulletin (and available in The Well). We encourage you to utilize this to help you reflect more deeply on the message during the week. If you are watching from home, you can download a copy from foleyumc.org/resources or pick up some copies from the church office.

Pastor Bill has challenged us to each invite someone to church. If you are not attending in person, maybe you can invite someone over for a backyard visit or a walk in the park. We want to encourage making connections with our neighbors and coworkers even during the Covid pandemic--especially during the Covid pandemic.

Join us for *Stories Jesus Told* on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 22 and watch for other opportunities as we strive to create a culture of discipleship at Foley UMC and in our community.



September 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Foley UMC loves Foley Day!

We are inviting some of our local community leaders to join us in the newly renovated sanctuary on Sunday, September 19. We want our city to know our doors are open and that Foley UMC loves Foley! Join us and give our guests a warm Foley UMC welcome!

On behalf of the leadership of Foley UMC we would like to encourage you to begin praying about an event coming up on campus September 19. Foley UMC desires to have a positive impact on the City of Foley. We desire to be available and ready to task as the community needs us. On this day, we have asked the leadership of Foley, the Mayor, City Council, and members of the school board to come for a special day of recognition and prayer. We want to showcase our campus and most importantly the amazing, loving people that make up Foley UMC. We would like to ask that as you feel comfortable please join us, and invite your friends and neighbors to this event in our newly renovated sanctuary. We are thankful to Christ for all of you and most thankful for your willingness to serve and to love your neighbor as yourself. In closing, Foley UMC is said to be one of the most loving and caring churches in the city. Let's join together September 19 and prove it.

HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE



We have received correspondence from the Alabama-West Florida conference regarding response to Hurricane Ida. We have been told that a supplies list will be sent as soon as assessments are made. At the time of this printing, they are instructing churches not to self-deploy to the area. We will notify you as details become available. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for all of those affected, feel free to donate to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), and watch for a list of supplies needed. You can drop off donations to the church and we will forward promptly. Additionally, our budget contains a line item for situations such as this. Watch your Wednesday e-news for updates.

LOVING KIDS IN FOLEY

Note the
updated
list!

The Kids Missional Community (KMC) is conducting their next LAB (Loving and Being) Activity. Once again, we will be collecting 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.

We will be collecting these items not only for elementary school, but middle and high school students as well, so all sizes are welcomed! Also, clothing does not have to be brand new, but can be slightly used.

Please note that this is an "on-going" mission, therefore, you can drop your items off at any time on a cart that will be located in the Spirit Center just past the office.

Thank you in advance from the Kids Missional Community Team (Jenni Simonson, Pam Yaeger, Mary Medbery, Lyn Bayne, and Michelle Stracener) and MORE IMPORTANTLY the Foley Area Students! If you want to help in any way, please contact someone on the team. This is a churchwide ministry and we would love for you to join in as we love the kids of Foley, Alabama.

Begin passing the word about our Trunk or Treat featuring "Touch-a-Truck"! This event is a kid-pleaser! Let your friends and neighbors know this is coming Oct. 23 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



YOUTH BACK IN ACTION!

Youth is back into action! All Youth grades 7th-12th are welcome to come join in on the fun! We meet on Sundays from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center. At the right is a picture of some of our kids playing with sling shots as we all learned about slingshot safety and how to shoot. We encourage all youth to come enjoy the fellowship and fun!! If you have any questions, contact Kate Norris at knorris@foleyumc.org.



**YOUTH
BACK
IN ACTION!**

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

*Come Join
The Fun!*

**Sundays in the
Spirit Center**

*Your word is a lamp before my feet and a
light for my journey. Psalm 119:105 CEB*



KidsQuest in September:

God took the initiative by sending Jesus to show us how much He loves us and fix the relationship between us. When we see a need and choose to do something about it, we reflect God's image in us. Through our initiative, others can see the reality of God's love for them. We encourage you to discuss the lessons with your children and grandchildren. Ask them what they learned! You might learn something too!

MEMORY VERSE	"WORK AT EVERYTHING YOU DO WITH ALL YOUR HEART. WORK AS IF YOU WERE WORKING FOR THE LORD." COLOSSIANS 3:23A, NIRV
INITIATIVE	SEEING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND DOING IT

KidsQuest meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

KidsQuest needs volunteers for Sunday mornings. Many of our families have begun returning to in-person worship and our KidsQuest is hopping! Please contact Debbie Wiist at debwiist@gmail.com if you can serve on a rotating basis in our Sunday morning kids ministry! You will be blessed!



Attention parents, kids, and youth! If you would like some Bible verse images like the one at left to put in your notebooks, folders, backpacks, etc. to provide encouragement for your school year, be sure to visit the Foley UMC resource page on our website at foleyumc.org/resources and download and print your pack!

THANK YOU

To my church family,

By the time you read this, we will have had the most beautiful wedding in our new sanctuary. On August 21st, Ashley Joellenbeck and Kelley Gunn became husband and wife. I'm sorry that we could not invite our entire church family, but the sanctuary just wasn't large enough to have everyone with us. It was such a blessing the day Ashley came to me and said they wanted to get married in FUMC and that was before the church ever decided to do a sanctuary remodel. It also makes my heart full of joy just thinking that Ashley went to Mother's Day Out at this church so many years ago and now she is getting married in the same church. GOD IS GOOD!

I would also like to take a moment and say THANK YOU again to each and every one of you who have given money for the sanctuary, worked in the sanctuary, and prayed for our sanctuary. You see without all of you, this project would not have been possible. I know that our God had his hands on this project the entire time and in the end, we did this to Glorify Our God, not to satisfy ourselves. I'm very proud to have been a part of this project and I truly feel, deep down inside, that our Lord is pleased with FUMC. We have accomplished something that in my opinion, is just short of a miracle. We remodeled our sanctuary, that hasn't been updated for over 30 years, in the middle of a pandemic and it was fully funded because of you. NO ADDITIONAL DEBT! I invite you to stand with me and be proud of our new look and let's invite people to worship with us. Though this has been a huge undertaking, I believe our God has even bigger plans for FUMC in the coming years. Who knows, if we aren't careful, we might just grow in size.😊

Thank you and I pray that God will keep each of you safe and healthy during these difficult times,

AJ Joellenbeck

A heartfelt thank you to the UMW women who helped serve, bring food and clean up for the luncheon for Wendy Stewart. I'm sure she was smiling from up above and sending us her love. We love you Wendy and we miss you. God's blessings to everyone.

Alva Schroeder

To my church family:

I want to thank everyone for all the phone calls and cards, and prayers. Dale really loved the church and the date night for Family Promise with Lyle Wiist and Fish Fry and the beach service. I could not have made it without everyone's prayers.

Thank you,
Cassie Jepson

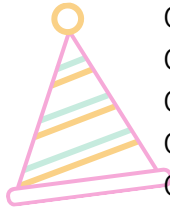
Thank you to Judy Morse, Gerry Stiffler and all those who contributed to help make the "Back to School Event" at South Baldwin Christian Church a huge success.

Polly Pack



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

09/02 Danna Murphy
 09/03 Reita Kelley
 09/05 James Baker
 09/05 David Dalton
 09/06 Alva Schroeder
 09/06 Bob Schroeder
 09/11 Diane Sims
 09/11 Dwight Fulks



09/11 Elaine Craighead
 09/13 Jerry Schoen
 09/13 Brooklyn Weber
 09/15 LuAnn Wibel
 09/15 Gay Green
 09/15 Cyndee Martini
 09/17 Lyle McIntyre
 09/19 Roy Scheffler
 09/21 Michelle Stracener

09/22 Frank Lathrop
 09/22 Nina Olive Alexander
 09/22 Lance Rankin
 09/22 Mark Gilbert
 09/25 Irene Walker
 09/26 Lynn Ainsworth
 09/27 Robert Pardue
 09/27 Ann Brasher
 09/28 Ellen Roberts

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Families of our
 Church Family
 Members who passed
 away:

Janie Gardner
 Dale Jepsen
 Wendy Stewart
 Douglas Staub

Also remember:

Gail Parris
 Shane Ratcliff
 Lt Camron Lowery
 Jessica Kelley
 Beverly Glisson
 Johanna Habisreitingner
 Pam Yaeger
 Joan Hand

James and Judy Jackson
 Liz Kinsey
 Debbie Johnson
 T.J. Brooks
 Martha Curtis
 Mary Lou Berg
 Emery Martini
 Lynn Ainsworth
 Margie Kennedy
 Barbara Beam

CARES
 ~ AND ~
 CONCERNS

Email needs and concerns
 to care@foleyumc.org

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 now! Details on the cookie sale will follow...meanwhile, drink your coffee and bring in those cans!



Beverly McNair will offer oil painting classes beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15. The class will meet on Wednesdays till Nov. 17, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$100 for the 10 week course. For more info, contact Beverly McNair at 251-943-7786. Pictures above are from some of YOU from previous classes. Come join in and bring a friend!




With the escalated Covid numbers in our area, the men's group is going to pause the Men's Breakfast until further notice. Meanwhile, we encourage you to stay connected to one another through one of the opportunities listed on page 3.



Please note that the church office will be closed on Sept. 6 for Labor Day. Normal operating hours 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. The office phone number is 251-943-4393 and email is office@foleyumc.org.

AND THAT'S A WRAP!

Season 71 of the Galilean service has come to an end. We had a wonderful season and couldn't have done it without our volunteers. A special thank you to our worship team and everyone who helped with equipment set-up/clean-up, greeting, speaking and planning. This service touches the lives of many and couldn't happen without all of you.



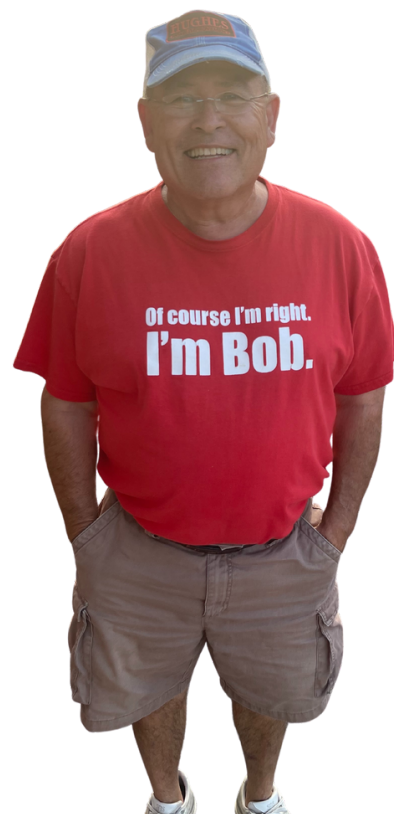
We are still in need of volunteers for the following areas on campus. Please consider serving others by volunteering. Training is provided! We are looking for a willing heart!

Greeters--contact John Simonson at jsimonson@foleyumc.org

Ushers--contact John Simonson at jsimonson@foleyumc.org

KidsQuest Workers--contact Debbie Wiist at debwiist@gmail.com

Sound Crew Workers--contact Kate Norris at katelnorris@gmail.com or Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org



We thought you could use a smile today.





Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

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*Don't miss Foley UMC
loves Foley Day on
September 19!*

STORIES JESUS TOLD

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

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

