

The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

August 2021



*Mark your
calendar*

The Galilean Service

- Aug 1 – Bill Watts
- Aug 8 – Bill Curtin
- Aug 15 – Bill Watts
- Aug 22 – Debora Bishop
- Aug 29 – Pam Barnhardt
- Sept 5 – Bill Curtin

August 1

Communion Sunday
9:30 and 11:00

August 8

Grand Re-Opening
11:00 in the Sanctuary
12:15 Starting Point

August 22

Community Service
11:00 in the Sanctuary

FISH FRY IS BACK!

The Fish Fry has been a significant part of the Foley UMC experience and has been missed by members of the community as well as church members. Throughout the years, it has provided great fellowship, delicious meals, and has turned into a form of outreach as dinners have been given away to the homebound and those in need. This is just one of the ways that Foley UMC has used food as a form of ministry and ties in well with the vision of our Table Missional Community.

After a meeting in June, it was decided to resume the First Friday Fish Fry in August and continue indefinitely! Join us on the first Friday of every month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Foley UMC Spirit Center. Enjoy fried fish, coleslaw, baked beans, hush puppies, dessert, and a drink...all for just a \$10 donation per plate! Call 251-943-4393 for additional information. Everyone is welcome and no reservation is required. We'd love to see you!



WORSHIP NOTES

We are beyond excited about and grateful to be worshipping in the renovated sanctuary. Over the next couple of weeks you will see some more work being done, the choir loft finished, the lights on the back wall finished, as well as the sound system tweaked to perfection. We hope that the church family will feel at home and blessed by the renovation, and we look forward to many years of worship in this space.

Chris Kelley



The Chancel Choir will practice on Monday, August 2, 16, and 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have questions about choir or are interested in joining, contact Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org.



We are planning to reinstate our acolyte program. If you are interested in participating, contact Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org. What is the significance of an acolyte? The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning follower, helper, or assistant. By the middle ages, acolytes were a clerical order. Acolytes may have any number of helping functions. They may carry the light, processional cross, banners, or Bible. They may also assist the pastor or other worship leaders with communion, baptism and other duties. Children and youth often serve as acolytes, but in some churches, adults may serve as well.

"Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world'" (John 8:12 NRSV). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Many congregations use two candles on the Lord's table. While the original use of such candles was simply to provide enough light for the presider to see the communion liturgy well enough to pray it, some also came to see those two candles as a reminder of the dual nature of Jesus, both human and divine. At the end of the service, the light carried out into the world is a sign that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere, and that Christ goes with his people into the world where they serve as his living body.

COVID Updates: Our COVID Response Team continues to monitor the Covid situation. If you are fully vaccinated, but feeling vulnerable or have "at risk" health issues, feel free to wear a mask and socially distance. If you are unvaccinated, please be mindful and practice distancing from our most vulnerable, at risk persons. If there are additional changes to the protocol, we will post them at foleyumc.org/covidupdates and notify the congregation via email.

2-YEAR CHALLENGE; AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

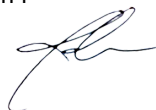
As we enter into August there are a few things happening that we get to look forward to. We are coming back home to the sanctuary this month. If you have not had a chance to see what the remodeled sanctuary looks like, you are in for a treat. We will also be starting youth back up this month. Pastor Bill is settling in and we are looking forward to where God is leading us next.

Pastor Bill has also challenged everyone who calls FUMC home to invite one person every six months over the next two years. What will our church look like in two years if every one of us brings 4 people to church with us and they make FUMC their home as well? We also have our first fish fry planned since COVID shut everything down. How great will it be to invite the community back into our doors for some fried fish? The men's breakfast is back on and will meet again this month, and we have people meeting at the church regularly. There are a lot of great things happening at FUMC and if you haven't found a place to get involved I want to challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and find a place to plug in.

The four pillars of the church are continuing to become more involved in the community and this is a perfect place to find somewhere to serve Foley, AL. Every Wednesday our weekly email goes out and there is information about what the different missional communities are planning. I encourage you to reach out to the different teams and find out what they have planned and share any ideas you might have for how FUMC can help build the kingdom of God through the missional communities.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to come together every Sunday in August. We have some special Sundays planned to celebrate our return to the sanctuary. Most of all we want to celebrate how God has been moving and working over this past year in spite of everything we have faced. We have endured, we have begun to reach out, and we have renovated when the rest of the world seemed to shut down. We know this is only because of God and we want to celebrate, together, all He continues to do in us, for us, and through us. I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Pastor John



MEETING REAL LIFE NEEDS



August 8-14 is our week to host families from Family Promise. We will not be housing families this cycle but they have asked us to commit to taking dinners to the site 3 times during that week. One meal is already taken care of so we need two groups to volunteer. If your Sunday School class, Life Group, or other group can help, please call Ann Johnson at 530-635-4530 or 251-965-2106.

Foley UMC has chosen Family Promise as one of the organizations to partner with to love and serve others in our community. If you are unfamiliar with Family Promise, it is an organization whose mission is to provide temporary shelter, transitional housing, related services and nurturing support to families with children experiencing homelessness and to assist them with obtaining suitable and permanent housing.



For more information on Family Promise, visit familypromisebaldwinal.com

Some of the services offered to families in crisis who are participating in the Family Promise program include:

- Day Center with access to laundry facilities, computer & wi-fi, bathroom, kitchen and resources
- Case Management
- Community Resources for jobs, housing, childcare, education, parenting, financial literacy, etc...
- Shelter through our Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Meals
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Basic Necessities
- Gas Card Incentive Program

Area churches take turns providing meals for the families in the program. Please consider joining in this month as we show these families that Foley UMC loves them!

LOVING KIDS IN FOLEY

On July 21, 2021 there was a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the Snook Youth Club merging with the Boys & Girls Clubs to become the Foley Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama. I think I can speak for all of us on the Kids Missional Community at FUMC that we are looking forward to helping more kids in the Foley area with the opening of this branch of the Boys & Girls Club. I, Mary J. Medbery, am presently involved in teaching art classes at the Club where we have 43 students who have participated in the summer enrichment program which also includes music, technology, educational classes and field trips. In the Fall of 2021, we will begin our after school program, and through our merging with the Boys & Girls Club will be able to reach more Foley school children and expand our program activities. As you can see by the photo many of our FUMC members, including Pastor Bill, joined us at this opening ceremony where we received our official certificate as a proud member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama. Please come see us anytime for a facility tour and to meet some great kids and caring staff. When school starts in August we will need some eager individuals who enjoy working with children to volunteer. We will have many ways you can help us, such as with homework support, tutoring, reading, playing games, and mainly being a strong positive role model in young people's lives. We need you to help us develop these young minds to achieve academic success, gain good character skills, and develop healthy lifestyles. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sharing God's Peace and Blessings,
Mary J. Medbery



SAVE THE DATE

September 19

Foley UMC Loves You Day

Invite your friends and family on this day
so we can love on you and them!
A day to celebrate love and mercy!



IT'S BACK! Join us for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the Spirit Center. Note we will not have a breakfast in August but plan to begin meeting regularly on the third Saturday starting in September. Pass the word. Invite a friend!



Please note that the Cares and Concerns phone line is no longer active, but the Care Team is! Please email any cares and concerns to care@foleyumc.org. Michelle Stracener heads the Care Team and can answer any questions that you may have as well as respond to congregational cares and concerns, including illnesses, special requests, or other pastoral needs.

If you have a prayer request, please submit via email to prayer@foleyumc.org and our prayer team will pray for you.



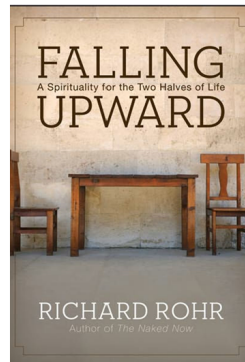
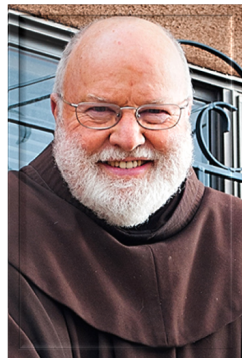
Please note that the church office will be closed on Sept. 6 for Labor Day. Normal operating hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch and closed on Fridays. The office phone number is 251-943-4393 and email is office@foleyumc.org.

**WANT TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT
FOLEY UMC?
THE NEXT
STARTING POINT
IS AUGUST 8!**

**Starting
Point**

Starting Point will meet 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. in The Well on Sunday, Aug. 8. We will serve a light lunch. If you need childcare, please contact the church office at 251-943-4393 before Thursday, August 5.

A good
read by
one of
Bill's
favorite
authors.



*In case you
missed it...*

Pastor Bill Curtin has offered two reading recommendations (seen at left) in recent weeks. Watch your e-news for more resources! If you don't receive the weekly e-news, be sure to sign up at foleyumc.org (click on the box that says "Stay in the Loop").

**Miracles
and other
reasonable
things.**

One of my
favorite
authors



If you missed a message, you can watch previous services at foleyumc.org/live or you can listen to the podcast by clicking the "Listen to the Sermons" button on the homepage of our website.

YOUTH BACK IN ACTION!

Beginning Sunday, August 15th, Youth grades 6th-12th will begin meeting on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Plan to come, have a good time, and bring a friend!

If you have any questions, contact Kate Norris at knorris@foleyumc.org.

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

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AUGUST 15TH

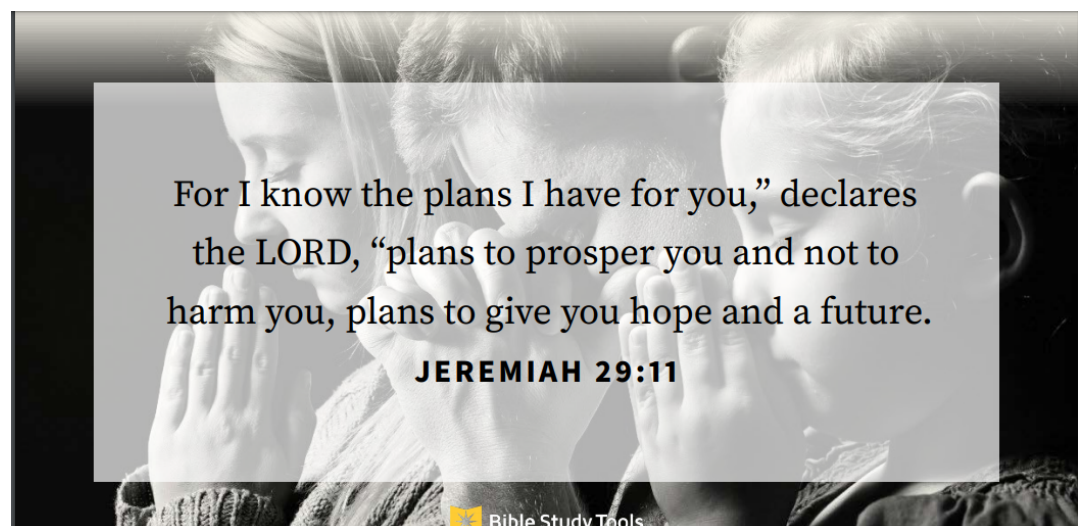
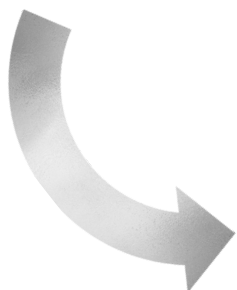
5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Foley UMC loves you

Foley United Methodist Church
Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

Come Join The Fun!

@ the church - 915 N. Pine, Foley, AL



KIDSQUEST

KidsQuest in August:



KidsQuest meets at 9:30 on
Sunday mornings.

Our kids will learn that when Jesus was a boy, He grew in wisdom. God wants us to discover wisdom, too. When we make a wise choice, we reflect the character of Jesus to the people around us. That's why giving kids a strong foundation of wisdom is important. We want to equip them to face down whatever choice they may face in the future. We encourage you to discuss the lessons with your children and grandchildren. Ask them what they learned! You might learn something too!

MEMORY VERSE

**"IF ANY OF YOU NEEDS WISDOM, YOU SHOULD ASK GOD FOR IT. HE
WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. GOD GIVES FREELY TO EVERYONE AND DOESN'T
FIND FAULT."**

JAMES 1:5, NIRV

WISDOM

Finding out what you should do and doing it

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!



Do to others as you would have
them do to you.

LUKE 6:31

Bible Study Tools

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



08/01 Donna Tindall
08/01 Mary Katherine Messick
08/02 Taylor Lane
08/03 Bob Kelley
08/03 Liz Kinsey
08/04 Connie Bradsher
08/04 Vikki Miller
08/05 Sharon Sprowls
08/06 Jerry Denny
08/06 Sandi Stewart
08/08 Patsy Dyer
08/08 Beatrice Henning
08/09 Dan Barberi



08/09 Bobby Jackson
08/10 Ryan O'Neal
08/11 Paulette Reeves
08/14 Mary Rosenblath
08/15 George Fly
08/15 Kent Gibson
08/17 Maude Barnett
08/18 William Borchardt
08/18 Sandra Johnson
08/18 Louis Vildibill
08/20 Beth Turner
08/21 Sandy Jackson
08/22 David Mullins

08/23 Pat Box
08/23 Payton Buchanan
08/23 Ruth Ann Bultinck
08/23 Darrel Edmonson
08/26 Charmaine Peterman
08/27 John Cole
08/27 Susan Morrison
08/27 Elaine Smoak
08/27 Tommy Halstead
08/27 Mary Allyn Kelley
08/28 Chris Korhonen
08/28 Cory Yaeger
08/31 Fuji Ring

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jessica Kelley
Darrel Edmonson
Beverly Glisson
Janie Gardner
Johanna Habisreitering
Pam Yaeger
Joan Hand
James and Judy Jackson
Liz Kinsey



Debbie Johnson
T.J. Brooks
Martha Curtis
Mary Lou Berg
Linda Radcliffe
Emery Martini
Lynn Ainsworth
Margie Kennedy
Barbara Beam

COOKIE SALE COMING IN DECEMBER

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



ARE YOU WAITING FOR A REMINDER?



If you've been waiting for a reminder, consider yourself reminded! The following opportunities are waiting for you:

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

THEN THE KING WILL REPLY TO THEM, 'I ASSURE YOU THAT WHEN YOU HAVE DONE IT FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU HAVE DONE IT FOR ME.' MATTHEW 25:40 CEB



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Don't miss the Coming Home Grand Opening of the Sanctuary on August 8!

COMING HOME!

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
GRAND OPENING AUGUST 8



We are Coming Home! The Foley UMC sanctuary is ready for worship. Mark the following dates on your calendar:

Aug. 1 at 11:00 Communion Sunday
(first Communion in renovated sanctuary)

Aug. 8 at 11:00 Grand Opening "Coming Home!" (glorious day of worship as we celebrate the completion of the sanctuary and gather together)

Aug. 22 at 11:00 Community Service
(we will have special guests from the community; everyone bring a friend!)

Note: The Contemporary Service will meet as scheduled at 9:30 each week in The Well