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IT'S A NEW YEAR AT EFUMC

This past year has been the strangest and most difficult year in ministry. Leading a church through a pandemic is tough. Moving to a new church and leading through a pandemic seemed like an impossible task, but every member of this church made that job much easier. I am so thankful for the leadership that all our committees have provided our church in this year of both transition as well as pandemic. My fervent prayer is that we never have to go through anything like that again!



REV. DAVID MORRIS
Senior Pastor

At the AWFUMC Annual Conference this year, Matt, Billy, and I were approved to return to serve here at EFUMC for another year and Matt was commissioned as a provisional elder. I am excited for this new year of ministry and am glad that we have another year of this ministry team, including all our staff and volunteers, to get our church back on its feet. Bishop Graves encouraged us to step up in our ministry in his episcopal address to the annual conference and I believe we, as a church, will do just that.

For this coming year our main goal is to get the church back to normal operation and to launch as many community building and outreach ministries and opportunities as possible. As we enter this post pandemic world, I believe that people are going to be looking to come back to church. Our job is to meet those people who are seeking faith in new and exciting ways.

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To that end, Matt and I will be launching a worship service at an alternate time, we will be developing an outreach presence on Fort Rucker, increasing our older adult ministries, and will be seeking to launch many different types of small groups in the coming year. In all of this, we are going to need your help. We are striving to make disciples who are part of Christian community not just for a few hours each week, but each and every day. To do this we are going to rely on all of you at EFUMC, and many more who aren't yet engaged in mission and ministry in our church, to help us achieve these goals.

I am so grateful to begin my second year here at EFUMC. God can and God will do great things with our church!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor David



Matt Jordan

Associate Pastor
&
Director of Youth Ministries

From Pastor Matt's Desk

As I write this newsletter, I do so after seeing some great friends. I was visiting some specific friends, but while at dinner, out of the blue, I ran into two or three of my friends from back home. Honestly, I was shocked to see them because it has been (time for me to feel old) almost 10 years since I have seen some of them. However, we picked up right where we left off.

As I reflect, I am reminded of the great united connection we have with one another in the body of Christ. No matter where we find ourselves, there are always believers around us, people in our family of Christ who we can reach out to who are nearby and who connect with us on a spiritual depth. However, what does it take for us to understand and experience this connection? We must be vulnerable. We must be authentic. We must be kind. We must be focused on things of Christ and not of this world. Our commonalities are all centered on the life of Christ. But what does that mean for us? It means we must put aside the divisions of this world and find our hope and centrality in Christ above all else. It means we must live for Christ and not ourselves. It means, friends, to be in the family of Christ as the body of Christ we must live like Christ to one another. As Jesus says, they will know us by our love. Do they know us today, friends? Let us love each other well and remain connected in the body as people called by one name.

Pastor Matt

Pastor Billy's Notes

GOD OF OUR FATHERS 1876

This hymn communicates a feeling of patriotism and the greatness of God. This patriotic hymn represents a double celebration of America's one hundredth birthday. The words were written in 1876 by a New England pastor in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The music was written twelve years later in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution.



Rev. Billy Luttrell
Minister of Music

Daniel Crain Roberts, a 34-year-old veteran of the civil war, authored the words. Born on Long Island in New York in 1841, Daniel attended college in Ohio and served as a private with the 84th Ohio volunteers during the War Between the States. As the war ended, he was ordained as a deacon in the Presbyterian Episcopal church, and shortly afterwards as a priest. He served the next thirty years pastoring Episcopal churches in New England.

The majestic melody was not the one to which it was originally sung. When Daniel wrote "God of Our Fathers," he set the words to the tune of the Russian National Anthem! It was twelve years later that George William Warren, a self-taught organist composed its stately tune with its trumpet fanfares. It was called NATIONAL HYMN, written to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

George Warren, lacking in formal training, had pursued a business career. But his natural talent soon moved him into music, and he became one of America's premier organists. When George Warren died in 1902, there was a feeling that no organist could play as well as he could, so not a single note of music was played at his funeral, which was attended by thousands.

"Sing"cerely,
Billy



EFUMC Children's Ministry

When you think of the month of July what do you think of? Let me guess, Independence Day! On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Now let me ask you a question. What type of independence or liberty do you express? Is your liberty one that is self-focused? Or is it one that reaches outward? Galatians 5:13 says, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love." On July 4th, carry this scripture in your hearts. Remember to honor the freedoms God has granted you and use them to help free others!



Judene Fluker
Director of
Children's Ministry

EFUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES



Peyton Hammack
Director of Youth &
FLC Ministries

This past month has been so encouraging. The students are excited about coming to church. They come excited not only to have fellowship with their friends, but also to learn about God. We have been walking through spiritual disciplines this summer and the students have been loving it. They are learning very practical things to help them develop into mature disciples of Christ. Please be in prayer that they would take what they are learning and apply it to their daily walk with Jesus. Exciting things are happening in the EFUMC Student Ministry, and we cannot wait for the days ahead!

The EFUMC Student Ministry could not be more excited for July. From July 29-31 the youth will be going to Motion Conference up in Birmingham. Motion Conference is a gathering of students to worship God through song and the preaching of the Word of God. It is going to be a great time and we hope that you can join us. You can register both online and through the church app.

Peyton



Mom's Day Out & Stepping Stones Preschool

"Children are a gift from the Lord."
Psalm 127 : 3

Tammy Ezzell, Director

The first two weeks of MDO Summer Camp has definitely been lots of fun!! We have over 70 campers ranging in age from 12 months—rising 5th graders.

We are planning and working toward opening for fall classes on August 5th. Classes are filling but we are still accepting registration. Registration forms are available online at EFUMC.com or you may call 334-406-3625, 334-393-2536, or 334-347-3467 ext. 225. You may also email us at MDO@efumc.com. Registration is accepted on a first come/first served basis and paying the registration fee will hold a place in class for your child.

Mom's Day Out & Stepping Stones Preschool

Registration is going on now.
Ages 2 months—rising 5 year olds
Fall classes will begin Thursday,
August 5th

Happy Independence Day!

**MDO SUMMER
CAMP
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, July 5th**



I Love My Flag

(do the tune of Father's Tools)

I love my flag, my country's flag,
the red and white and blue.
It has broad stripes and fifty stars,
And stands for freedom too!



S.T.A.R.S.

If there is one targeted group where the pandemic has been the most difficult and unforgiving it is in our senior adult ministry. The pandemic of 2020 has taken so much from so many of us both personally from our opportunities and actual persons. Many of us have lost friends, husbands, spouses, leaders, and mentors. We find ourselves in need of community, but so many of these folks like Russ Vaughn, John Fergus,

and Doc Walding led our community in our church. Though this season has been dark it is not over yet. Through this season in our church has been one where we have lost some great heroes we know God is not done using ordinary folks like us, God is still making heroes for the faith out of people like you and me, and our S.T.A.R.S. ministry will be at the front of this effort to form a greater community in the name of Christ, which makes disciples for the transformation of the world.

I am excited for what is to come in the months ahead and for what the Lord is going to do! An old man once told me, "Matt, I looked in the obituary today and my name wasn't in it. Why act as though I am dead?" Friends, God isn't through with us yet. There is still a lot left to do. Let us not waste what we have in front of us. Let us make the most of our time for the glory of God above it all.

Pastor Matt

The weather is hot. The middle of summer has arrived. The kids are out of school and Independence Day is just around the corner. It is so easy to lose track of time in the summer. There is so much to do. It is a challenge to focus on our church life during this time of the year. We see attendance drop in the summer and we understand why. That doesn't, however, stop the need for giving. The ongoing expenses of the church are not less during the summer.

When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he reminded them of the importance of giving to the glory of God. He reminded them of their pledges. He reminded them of the others from Macedonia who gave even though they themselves were poor. But mostly, Paul reminded them that it was the right thing to do. Paul speaks to us down through the tunnel of time. Let us be faithful in our giving for the glory of God.

In this summer of returning normalcy, when we don't have to wear masks everywhere, let us be thankful that God has spared us from the ravages of disease. Let us be humble that others were not. Let us be mindful of the needs, both spiritual and material, that others have. Enjoy the summer and recharge our batteries. Let us return with a renewed sense of joy for the kingdom of God. May God bless our pathways and provide for us as we provide for others.

In Christ,

Mark S. Coale, for the Finance Committee



Our "Continuing Prayer List" is listed below. Please include these in your daily prayers. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please feel free to email secretary@efumc.com or call 334-347-3467 to add your request. If you see someone on this list who needs to be removed, we would appreciate that information as well. Please pray earnestly for these and others you have upon your hearts.

Our Nation; Our Church; The Worldwide United Methodist Church; Our Frontline Workers; Our Medical Center Enterprise doctors, nurses, and staff; Everyone affected by COVID-19; Nell Baker; Jim Benefield; Roby Benefield; Linda Ellis-Bolton; Hilda & Mark Buxton; Linda Byers; Cindy Calaluca; Sawyer

Clark & Family; John Davis; Janine Desrochers; Dylan Dossett; Janet DuBose; Don Ellis; Betty Fergus; Leon Fortune; Faye Griffin; Gene & Sue Gullo; Bobbie Harrison; Jim Harrison; Monteka Holmes; Judy Holloway; Clifford & Elaine Hunt; Tony Hunt; David & Nita Ingram; Sue Jones; James Dylan "Dee" Kennett; Ellie Grace Luker; Blue Martin; Bonnie Morgan; Brian Oates; Foster & Tricia Oates; Ted & Miriam Painton; Joseph Oelschlaeger & Family; Marie Quinn; Nancy Riegler; Dottie Schwartz; Sis Sherling; Maggie Sickler; The Ashton Southerly Family; Freida Stewart; The Russ Vaughn Family; The Claire Vickers Family; Marvin Vickers; The Marion Ward Family; Charlie & Gayla Wars-White; Bill & Lucille Willette; Melanie Wright; Lois Yeager; Unspoken Concerns; National & Worldwide Issues; Victims of Natural Disasters.

ENTERPRISE CELEBRATE RECOVERY



¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

Jesus was willing to heal these broken men of their leprosy. Ten men walked away. One turned back, remembering what had happened in his life and that Jesus did the healing. "Where are the other nine?" asked Jesus.

Jesus honored the former leper's praise and adoration because this man was not only thrilled to be free of his affliction, but also filled with gratitude toward the One who had healed him.

Coming to Celebrate Recovery is not just returning to a place to have God "Take care of what I struggle with." It is much bigger than that. He wants a relationship with us as we face our struggles and pains. Verse 19 says, "And [Jesus] said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" It was his faith in God and willingness to praise God that brought *continued* healing.


May we walk our Christian walk today with appreciation and gratitude toward the God who Heals. It's easy to react with, "I got what I came for...I have other things to do now." Living life in continuous gratitude and thankfulness to the God we serve is our calling...no matter what we choose to do next.

God is working miracles in the EFUMC Celebrate Recovery ministry. We are so thankful to be able to send eight leaders in person to the Celebrate Recovery 30th Anniversary Summit in Dallas, TX, July 21-23, 2021. Twelve more leaders are to attend virtually. As expected, our church is filling up with those hungry for healing. May we be as the one in Luke 17 who returned with faith and willingness to praise God!

Jean Johnson
Assimilation Coach, Enterprise Celebrate Recovery
334-406-7964



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY!! Contemporary Worship 9:00am ~ Fellowship Hall Sunday School ~ 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am ~ Sanctuary	5  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MDO SUMMER CAMP CLOSED	6 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC 5:45pm Celebrate Recovery	7 2:00pm Senior "Sea" 6:00pm Youth Small
		MOM'S DAY OUT SUMMER CAMP	
11 Contemporary Worship 9:00am ~ Fellowship Hall Sunday School ~ 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am ~ Sanctuary	12 1:00pm EFUMC Staff Mtg 4:00pm CR Band Rehearsal-FH	13 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC 5:45pm Celebrate Recovery	14 2:00pm Senior "Sea" 6:00pm Youth Small
	MOM'S DAY OUT SUMMER CAMP 8:30am		
18 Contemporary Worship 9:00am ~ Fellowship Hall Sunday School ~ 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am ~ Sanctuary	19 1:00pm EFUMC Staff Mtg 4:00pm CR Band Rehearsal-FH	20 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC 5:45pm Celebrate Recovery	21 2:00pm Senior "Sea" 6:00pm Youth Small
25 Contemporary Worship 9:00am ~ Fellowship Hall Sunday School ~ 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am ~ Sanctuary	26 1:00pm EFUMC Staff Mtg 4:00pm CR Band Rehearsal-FH	27 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC 5:45pm Celebrate Recovery	28 2:00pm Senior "Sea" 6:00pm Youth Small

2021

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	1 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC		2 8:00am CR Men's Step Study-GR		3		
ior "Seated" -FLC th Small Groups	8 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC		9 8:00am CR Men's Step Study-GR		10		
WINTER CAMP 8:30 ~ 2:30pm							
<i>d's Messy Games</i> <i>Midday Bible Study</i> <i>ec Field</i> ior "Seated" -FLC th Small Groups	15 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC		16 8:00am CR Men's Step Study-GR 6:00pm CR Leadership Mtg-YBMH		17		
8:30 ~ 2:30pm							
<i>Cooking Class</i> <i>Time TBD</i> ior "Seated" -FLC th Small Groups	22 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC		23 8:00am CR Men's Step Study-GR		24		
ior "Seated" -FLC th Small Groups	29 2:00pm Sr Exercise Class-FLC		30 8:00am CR Men's Step Study-GR		31		



My church friends,
My 90th birthday was my best ever thanks to you! Thank you so much for the many cards, gifts, calls, flowers, and visits! I enjoyed a week long celebration. How blessed I am to be in your church family! My sincere love and blessings,
Martha Wood

Honorariums

Martha Wood
Helen Miller

Memorials

Marion Ward
Dottie Schwartz
Helen Miller
Charlie & Ginny Canon
Life Journey Sunday School Class
Jean Judah
Herbert & Joyce Barr

Russ Vaughn
Charlie & Ginny Canon
Jean Hartley
Dottie Schwartz
Herbert & Joyce Barr

Keith Riegle
Jim & Peggy Adie

John Fergus
Dorothy Abercrombie

Doc Walding
Dorothy Abercrombie

Mary Jean Feagin
Dorothy Abercrombie

Harry Carver
Polly Carver & Family

Janice Luttrell
Jean Hartley



PASTOR - ON - CALL

Everyone on the pastoral staff of EFUMC strives to be available to you whenever you need us. Below is a list of our pastors' cell phone numbers. We ask that you respect our pastors' time with their families in the evenings and on weekends; however, if a need or an emergency arises, please feel free to contact them.

Rev. David Morris, Senior Pastor - 850-287-2717
Rev. Matt Jordan, Associate Pastor - 256-200-4945
Rev. Billy Luttrell, Minister of Music - 334-494-4066
Rev. Gary Daniel, Pastor Emeritus - 706-405-0119

Group Training July 2021

First United Methodist Family Life Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Classes: \$5 per class gym members DROP INS \$10 per class				1 2pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Sculpt	2 5:15am Indoor Cycle 8:30am Sculpt 9:15am Simply Stretch	3
4	5 No classes today, enjoy your holiday!	6 2pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Boot Camp	7 5:15am Foam Rolling 8:30am Sculpt 2pm Seated Stretch 4:30pm Indoor Cycle	8 2pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Sculpt	9 5:15am Indoor Cycle 8:30am Sculpt 9:15am Simply Stretch	10
11	12 5:15am Sculpt 8:30am Indoor Cycle 5:00pm Barre Hit	13 2pm Strength and Balance 5:00pm Boot Camp	14 5:15am Simply Stretch 8:30am Sculpt 2pm Seated Stretch 4:30pm Indoor Cycle	15 2pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Sculpt	16 5:15am Indoor Cycle 8:30am Sculpt 9:15am Simply Stretch	17 Discounts are available by prepaying for the month. 2 classes per week \$30 monthly. unlimited \$50 monthly.
18	19 5:15am Sculpt 8:30am Indoor Cycle 5:00pm Step Mix	20 2:00pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Boot Camp	21 5:15am Simply Stretch 8:30am Sculpt 2pm Seated Stretch 4:30pm Indoor Cycle	22 2pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Sculpt	23 5:15am Indoor Cycle 8:30am Sculpt 9:15am Simply Stretch	24
25	26 5:15am Sculpt 8:30am Indoor Cycle 5:00pm Simply Stretch	27 2:00pm Strength & Balance 5:00pm Boot Camp	28 5:15am Simply Stretch 8:30am Sculpt 2pm Seated Stretch 4:30pm Indoor Cycle	29 2pm Strength & Balance 5pm Sculpt	30 5:15am Indoor Cycle 8:30am Sculpt 9:15am Simply Stretch	For more information call Jenny Brown 334-806-6343

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

2021 General Operating Budget **\$1,150,494**
 YTD Total Budget Expenses 447,310
 YTD Total Budget Received 397,548
YTD Budget Shortage **(\$49,762)**

2021 Capital Improvement Budget **\$84,000**
 YTD Capital Improvement Expenses 11,039
 YTD Capital Improvement Received 14,810
YTD Capital Improvement Overage **\$3,771**

YE General Budget & Capital **(\$45,991)**
Improvement Budget Shortage

(Unaudited as of June 28, 2021)



**Enterprise First United
Methodist Church**

Our Vision

*To know Christ and to make
Him known.*

Our Mission Statement

*Enterprise First United Methodist Church
is a body of believers that works to
provide a welcoming, loving,
environment, that encourages a
passionate desire to know and serve
Christ in our daily lives. We will
accomplish our mission through the
following means: ceaseless worship and
prayer; courageous ministry; creating an
atmosphere of generosity; craving
Biblical truth; and cultivating genuine
hospitality.*

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the distribution list.



July

- 1 – Gigi Brooks, Gayla White, Haley Ellis
- 2 – Harrison Jennings
- 3 – Tami Jo Nichols
- 4 - Rhonda Barr, Hilton Lunsford, Melanie Davis,
Michelle Mynard
- 5 – Remington DuBose, Zoey Covington
- 6 - Blake Moore, Hampton DuBose
- 7 - Laurielee Mixson, Emily Harrison, Reagan Robinette,
Brooklyn Williams, Judene Fluker
- 8 - Hazel Buckner, Chase Ezzell, Caroline Whitaker,
Cooper Faulk, Carole Phinney
- 9 - Kathryn Peacock, Wendy Zeller, Carolyn McInnis
- 10 - Lindsey Lassan Dahlquist, Debbie Bartlett
- 11 – Jerry Grenke
- 12 - Uryia Townsend, Courtney Baril, Fred Grill
- 13 - Regena Lacey
- 14 - Bill Kelsoe
- 15 - Neal Brown, Jackie Crane, Luanne Stone
- 16 – Jordy Brooks
- 17 - Karen Elliott, Brenda Walding
- 19 - Macy Beckwith, Ross Cotter, Allen Hosley, Dalton Carr
- 20 - Page Dionne, Tripp Cline, Shelly Strickland, Kaitlyn Hegar
- 21 - Mona Hooper, Kristen Schindler, Jack Kaiser,
Shelby Brown
- 22 - Kaylyn (Kelsoe) Beard, Harrison Avery
- 23 - Billy Joe Alberson, Kathy Gammill, Jennifer Stutzman,
Noah Kravulski
- 24 - Doug Turnbull, Martha Abernathy
- 25 - Sam Sawyer, Jane Coale
- 26 - Foster Oates, Gavin Anderson, Vicky Ohlson, Haley Cline,
Jennifer Hale
- 27 - Brenda Killpack, Katie Marcum, Laura Patrick,
Jacky Watson
- 28 - Amanda Marshall, Sarah Chapman
- 29 - Jennifer Rhyne, Caroline Bond, Perry Dillard
- 30 - Harrison Gammill, Freida Stewart
- 31 – Emily Stephenson

AUGUST

- 1 – Alvin Sheffield, Nelson Garrett, Hayden Hudson
- 2 – Kathy Bynum, Katie Stuart, Eric Massey
- 3 – Robert Lacey, Stephanie Taylor, Maggie Lyons
- 4 – Jessica Edwards, Mary Catherine Ezzell-Wood, Mason
Goodson, Leann Cline
- 5 – Camille Bracewell