

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Blessing of the Backpacks

The 2020-21 school year is going to look a whole lot different. Because we cannot meet in person this year, backpack tags have been delivered to the homes of all of our children. Families were asked to take a picture of the child(ren) with their backpack and tag and send it to atrue@apumc.com. Today, we will be praying for their safety and happiness, and the teachers and administrators who will provide guidance and wisdom. The blessing will take place in both services. Questions? Contact Amy True, atrue@apumc.com.

Pastor's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays

Join the Pastor's Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. on Zoom. We will continue our study on Psalms through August 11, then will begin a 6-week study on Hosea. If you are interested in receiving the links and a list of optional readings, contact the Church Office (478-6356) or one of our pastors.

Passing the Peace

Who have you missed seeing at Ashland Place? Have you talked to your pew-mates to let them know you have missed them? We encourage you to call at least 1 person/family that you have missed since the "stay-at-home" orders affected our in-person worship. In addition, would you like to make some calls to encourage our shut-ins or some "At-risk Sr. Citizens" for Dumas Wesley? Call the Church Office at 478-6356 if you need help finding numbers or are willing to help Dumas Wesley.

CONTINUED FINANCIAL GENEROSITY

Mail your contribution to the church at:

APUMC, 15 Wisteria Avenue, Mobile, AL 36607

Give Online

As an alternative to giving in person during services you can choose to give online, via text, or through our church app. Visit our website www.apumc.com and click the "give" tab to make your gift online. You can even set up recurring payments if you want to regularly support a specific ministry or set your tithe to auto-draft.

Give by Text

Text amount you would like to give to 251-263-0003. If you are a first time, text-giving donor, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL. Once you click the registration link, you will enter your credit or debit card information. At this point your donation will process. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful.

2020 GENEROUS GIVING UPDATE

For Sunday, August 2, 2020:

Giving Received: \$ 6,618
Giving Needed Weekly: \$ 16,156

Year to Date Information

As of the end of July:
Giving Received: \$ 405,246
Giving Needed: \$ 449,964

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This Week's Opportunities through APUMC

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Ascension Modern Service—9:00 a.m.

Virtual Children's Devotion—10:00 a.m. on AP Children's Facebook Page

Wesley Class Sunday School—10:00 a.m. on Zoom (LAboykin@apumc.com)

Traditional Sanctuary Service—11:00 a.m.

Mondays

Prayers of the People — included in Daily Readings

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible Study on Psalms (Zoom) — 6:15 p.m. (sboykin@apumc.com)

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Devotional on website, YouTube and emailed

Children's Storytime on Facebook — 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Choir Meeting—6:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study — 7:00 a.m. (bring a chair, meet outside New Parlor)

Daily — Daily Readings & Reflections — emailed to our "Newsletter" list

Attending Church Online

Access all Sunday Worship Services and Wednesday Devotions Online through our website: www.apumc.com If you have trouble accessing things or connecting for studies, classes or meeting, you may contact Lee Ann at 251-410-6547 or 251-272-0721. Feel free to text or call.



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost – Ordinary Time August 9, 2020 – Virtual Worship

Welcome to virtual worship at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship online with us.

This is the 10th Sunday after Pentecost, and green is the liturgical color. Green reminds us of growth so we consider where growth is happening in our lives right now. Where are we being challenged and changed? Where are connections being made and hope restored? In this first week of our new sermon series, "Community," you are invited to consider what is working in and around our community of faith.

Usually we anticipate the normal routines brought about by school re-starting, but during this time on the "Corona-Coaster of Confusion" we are instead given more opportunities to change. The school mission fields may look different, but they will still be filled with ears waiting to hear, and minds ready to explore. As our students and teachers return to schools (in some form or another), we encourage them to take their faith into those environments. May we all be willing to share our faith by the way we live, encourage one another, and pray for our students, teachers and community.

Thank you for joining us at the "Worship Sharing Place"!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER FOR ONLINE WORSHIP
August 9, 2020

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Berry

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES **Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright**
We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us! Please "register your attendance" by leaving a comment that you are watching online.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* 569
We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.
(Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM READING Psalm 113:1-4

♪ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* 581
Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *The Anchor Holds* Chewning and Boltz
Don Bowden

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS* Amy True

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 12:1-8*

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER Lisa Cooper
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING John 4:16-26

SERMON *Dr. Sterling Boykin*
COMMUNITY: Sharing Worship

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*universal

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY We extend love and Christian sympathy to the family of Dr. Carter (Amelia) Thomas, upon the death of his mother, Linda Pritchett Thomas. Services were held on Thursday, August 6.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN Please hold these members in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Margaret Graham, Erveta Haas, Freddie Jones, Thalia Laird, Elaine Maxime, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Nyla Smith, Lonn Spencer, Kathryn Willingham, teachers, students, and those who are affected by Covid-19.

VIRTUAL CHOIR MEETING ON ZOOM
There will be a Zoom choir meeting on Wednesday evening on August 12th from 6 to 7:00 p.m. If you are in the sanctuary choir, the virtual choir, or interested in singing with us, please join us! All current members will be sent an email with the Zoom link. If you are new to choir, please email Jennifer Bemis at jbemis@apumc.com to receive the link.