

## ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### News & Updates

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#### **Important Traffic Information: Use Old Shell Road this Sunday January 14th**

The **Mobile Marathon** (aka First Light Community/L'Arche) will take place on Sunday, January 14th. The race begins at 7:30 and will be on Dauphin Street, will make a loop at Mobile Street, go through neighborhoods, and back down Dauphin, etc. We encourage all to use Old Shell Road to get to the church because that will avoid all race traffic.

#### **Preschool Registration: Open for Church Members & Current Students NOW**

Registration for APUMC members and current Preschool families started on January 8th. New families can register beginning on January 22. For an application, email [MHfuller@apumc.com](mailto:MHfuller@apumc.com) or drop by the Church Office.

**Preschool Parade News:** The **Mystics of Ashland Place Parade** is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Tuesday, **February 6th** (rain plan is the 7th) Contact the Preschool if you have an "alum" who would like to be in "the band".



#### **Welcome Baby Hil!**

What an honor to welcome **Hilary Felix Garstecki II** into Christ's holy church through baptism last Sunday. "**Hil**" is the son of Patrick and Mary Collins Garstecki, the brother of Lyon, and the grandson of Tricia and Gary Garstecki.

This is the congregational vow we made to Hil (and his family): With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God and be found faithful in service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

## 2024 Leadership Installation & Annual District Conference Sunday, January 21st

### 2024 Leadership Installation, 9:00 and 11:00 am

The new term for APUMC leadership begins this month. At our worship services on Sunday, Jan. 21st, we will install our new class of leaders for 2024. Please make plans to join us in one of the services for the installation, whether or not you have been asked to serve as a leader. These leaders (and faithful followers) will begin the new year in prayer as we continue the good work of Ashland Place UMC to grow the kingdom of God.

### Annual District Conference, 3:00 pm

The District Conference will be held at Dauphin Way UMC on Sunday. All church members are invited to attend.

(Note: SPR members are invited to a training there at 2:00 p.m.)

Who are our leaders? Are you a leader?  
Click on the button below.

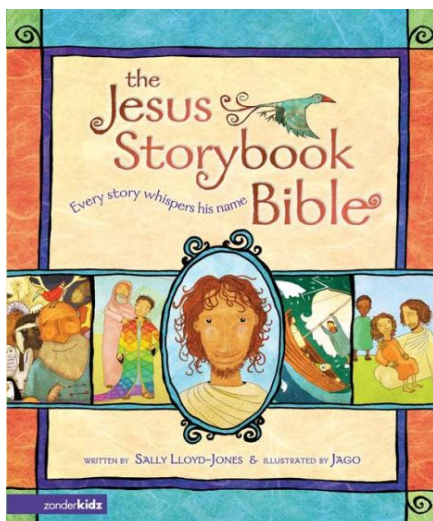
**2024 APUMC  
Leadership**



## Welcome Members!

Join us in welcoming new members Kathy Neel, Lauren and Alex McGowan, and their daughters Margaret and Maryanne. We're so happy to have you "officially" join the APUMC family! (Kathy, we already thought of you as a member! So glad your daughter and family have moved and can join us too!)

## Children's Ministry



Our Children are studying Bible stories from "The Jesus Storybook Bible". Do you have a copy at home? Would you like us to order one for you? If so, email [LAboykin@apumc.com](mailto:LAboykin@apumc.com)

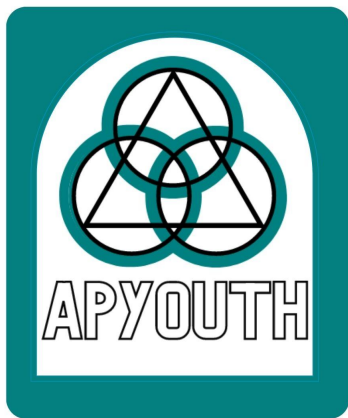
Many thanks to the team of teachers who are leading our younger children: Linda Noble, Donna Carroll, Becky Mayhall, Tricia Garstecki, and Laura Beck.

Older children are taught by Mae Winters. Children's Chapel during the 9:00 service is led by Valencia Montgomery. Our **teaching team will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at Noon** for planning.

**Children's Music** is being woven into each activity.

## Youth Ministry

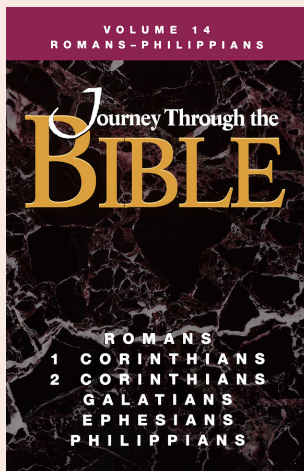
**Youth Group & New Sunday School  
Class**



**Youth Group** will meet on January 21st & 28th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

**One: Youth & Parents Sunday School Gathering**  
Youth, Confirmands, and Parents of either type of student are invited to a "once-a-month" Sunday School gathering on **February 4**. We'll meet together on the first Sunday of each month in the Basement. Come with your parent/student or come alone!

## Adult Ministry



### New Ladies Bible Study begins January 22nd

Come join a great group of ladies on Monday mornings (10:00 to 11:30) as we begin a new study of some of Paul's letters. Leaders are Valencia Montgomery and Lee Ann Boykin. Books have been ordered and you can purchase one at the first class on 1/22. Send Lee Ann an email or text to make a reservation for your book: [LAboykin@apumc.com](mailto:LAboykin@apumc.com), 251-272-0721.

**To be prepared:** Read Romans 1-4 before class.

## Music Ministry



Thanks so much to Conrad and Glenda Pierce for hosting our Choir Party. We had a great time eating and having fellowship together, and we even rehearsed the anthem for last week! If your New Year's Resolution is to use your singing voice more, come join us!

Regular Rehearsals - Handbells at 5:00, Choir at 6:00, however, we will not meet on January 17th.

## Service Ministry

### The Joseph Project, January 17 & 18

Our Food Pantry will be serving needy individuals and families next week! Volunteers will unload and sort food on Wednesday from 10 til Noon, and help with distribution on Thursday from 9:30 to Noon. We meet at Dumas Wesley Community Center at 126 Mobile Street. Hope you'll consider joining us!

### Office Volunteers Needed on Thursdays

We have awesome volunteers who serve in the Church Office on Mondays through Wednesdays, but we need help on Thursdays. Volunteers answer the door, help with mailings and general office things or just sit and have time to read a book! Let us know if you're interested. Email Kim Brown at [admin@apumc.com](mailto:admin@apumc.com).

# Around the Congregation...

**2024 Flower Calendar** Would you like to give altar flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of someone this year? A SignUp Genius has been created where you can reserve the date, or you can call the Church Office. The cost is \$55, payable to APUMC. [Click for SignUp Genius Link](#)

**Another Ashland Place Baby!** We celebrate the birth of **Margaret Paige Petersen**, born to Madison and Brice Petersen on December 3. She is welcomed by big sisters Anne and Edie.

**Children's Teaching Team will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at Noon** for planning, in Wisteria Parlor.

**Membership Care Committee Meeting** on Wednesday, January 24 at 9:30 in Wisteria Parlor.

**Meals for the Wrights** Several people have asked if we could extend the Meal Train for Revs. Kristen and Micah, so here is an [updated SignUp Genius link](#) (or you can call the office). Kristen has come back to work, so any help is greatly appreciated as they learn new routines! Thank you for your willingness to cook, buy or purchase a gift card to feed Kristen & Micah so they can spend time with baby Callie rather than shopping and cooking. They assure us that they eat anything and everything!

**Circle of Concern** Please hold these members and friends in your prayers: John Allen, Ina Boykin, Jean Brown and son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton and Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Jane Ford, Josh Gochee, Ruffin Graham, Bill Higgs, Tee Hope, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Peggy Mann, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Billie Scobey, Alan Smith (Maria Coleman's brother), Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Bob Thomson, Joan Waldron, Kathryn Willingham. (\*New this week) [APUMC Prayer Request \(Link\)](#)



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