



**ASHLAND PLACE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**Easter Sermon Series: Table Talk**



Our new Easter Sermon Series, “Table Talk”, will begin this Sunday and continue through May 5th. Through the series we will consider our faith traditions in light of the United Methodist Church General Conference.

This week we will be “setting the table” before General Conference begins on April 23th. There will be 862 clergy and lay delegates from 4 continents around the world meeting in Charlotte, NC from April 23rd to May 3rd. This group meets every four years (except for the past few years due to Covid) and there will be “live” sessions that anyone can watch in the second part of the conference.

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# ART MARKET

spring 2024

vendor form    event info

**Saturday, April 13th**  
8 am to 4 pm | 5835 Old Shell Rd. Mobile, AL 36608

## ART Market Kid's Crafting Area

Let's create together!

**Saturday, April 13th**  
9:30am-4pm

Welcome to all ages!  
1st Craft Free!  
\$1 Per Extra Crafts  
\$5 Unlimited Crafting

- Spring Themed Crafts
- Handprint ART Wall
- Bubbles & more!

For more info contact:  
usawesley@gmail.com

**You're invited to an Art Market!** Over 50 vendors will be at the USA Wesley Foundation for the Spring Art Market. Please consider coming to help support this great ministry for college students in our area. There will be a Community Art Project, a Kid's Craft area, and face painting, and a BBQ Lunch Plates for \$10. Parking is at USA, across from Jerusalem Cafe.

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## Staff Parish Relations Announcement

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Darren M. McClellan has been appointed as Senior Pastor for Ashland Place UMC. Many of you already know Dr. McClellan and his wife, Kristi, as Ashland Place was his first appointment following Seminary. He served as our Associate Pastor from 2001-2006. Dr. McClellan grew up attending Shalimar UMC, and answered God's call into the ministry while attending Blue Lake as a teen. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida (1998), an M.Div from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University (2001) and a D.Min from Princeton Theological Seminary (2010). He was ordained as an elder in The Alabama-West Florida Conference in 2004.

Darren and his wife, Kristi, have three sons--Joshua, John, and Max. Joshua is majoring in engineering at Central Florida University, and John and Max attend Spanish Fort High School. Kristi is a grant writer for Embrace Allabama's Children - UMC Children's Homes. Dr. McClellan's first Sunday at Ashland Place will be July 7th and we will host a welcome reception for his family.

Rev. Dr. Sterling Boykin has been appointed to serve the Southeastern District of our Annual Conference which ranges from Valley, AL, down the eastern side of Alabama to below Dothan. He and Lee Ann will be moving to the Dothan area at the end of June. Sterling's last Sunday in our pulpit is June 16th, with a reception at 10:00.

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### Sign up for VBS & Service Squad is OPEN!

**June 10-13th (8:30 to Noon)** will be our Vacation Bible School and Service Squad. **Registration for participants and volunteers is open** and we are so excited! Current 4-yr old Preschoolers through current 6th graders will have programming, and anyone currently in 7th grade and up is welcome to sign up to volunteer. A nursery will be provided for younger children of

volunteers. (Adults - Contact Rev. Kristen Wright to volunteer at [kwight@apumc.com](mailto:kwight@apumc.com); youth contact Lee Ann at 251-272-0721, or [LAboykin@apumc.com](mailto:LAboykin@apumc.com))

This summer we'll be "*diving into friendship with God*" through Scuba VBS & Service Squad at Ashland Place UMC. Our younger kids will anchor at the church for Scuba Singing, Deep Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Reef Recreation, Tidal Treats, and Sticky Scripture times that will make stories from the Bible something kids can't wait to splash into! Older kids who have completed 5th and 6th grades will start the morning with everyone in Fellowship Hall but then our "crew" will sail out into the Mobile area to do local missions. Questions? Call 251-478-6356.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

## Around the Congregation...

**Please hold these members and friends in your prayers:** \*Ken Akin (husband of Jeanne Hunt Akin), John Allen, Ina Boykin (Sterling Boykin's mother), Jean Brown and son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton and Linda Lee Counts, Richard Crowther, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Ruffin Graham, Bill Higgs, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Tee Hope, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, \*family of Sue Reed, \*David Richards, 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), \*family of Bob Thomson, Joan Waldron, Kathryn Willingham. (*\*New concern this week*)

[APUMC Prayer Request \(Link\)](#)

**CHRISTIAN LOVE and SYMPATHY** to the family of **Bob Thomson** who passed away on Friday, April 5th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Louise and their family as we join in mourning his loss. His Celebration of Life service will be on **Saturday, April 13th at 11:00**, with Visitation and Lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service. [Link to Obituary](#)

**CHRISTIAN LOVE and CONGRATULATIONS** upon the birth of Graham Michael **McCorrison**, born to Katie and Jamison McCorrison on April 8th. He is also welcomed by big sister, Nuala.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE and SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Sue Reed** who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 9th. Information about her Celebration of Life service is forthcoming.

### This Week's Schedule

#### Sunday the 14th

9:00 Ascension Service in Fellowship Hall

10:00 Sunday School, Confirmation

10:00 Safe Sanctuary Meeting

11:00 Traditional Service in Sanctuary

3:30 Special Confirmation Class

6:00 Youth Group

**Monday** - 10:00 Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday** - 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday** - 10:00 The Joseph Project, Dumas Wesley Community Center;  
3:45 Confirmation Rehearsal; 5:00 Handbells; 6:00 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday** - 7:00 Men's Bible Study, 9:30 The Joseph Project, DWCC

### Financial Update

YTD 2024 Needed: 238,050; YTD Received: \$187,855

Needed Weekly: \$15,870 Offering Received 4/7: \$10,679

**Happy 1-Year Anniversary to Kim Brown, Church Administrator** We are so fortunate to have Kim on staff! She brings a great attitude, a willing spirit, and knowledge of a wide variety of things -- that continues to grow each week! She would have us ask if you know anyone who is looking for a part-time job in the custodial/maintenance/building steward area! If so, send Kim an email, [admin@apumc.com](mailto:admin@apumc.com). Thanks!



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