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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023 ~ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day to worship!

But some of us bring heavy burdens which weigh us down.

We gather this day to praise God!

But some of us have hearts that ache inside us and we feel we can go no further.

Come all who are burdened and who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.

Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits. AMEN.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves.

In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Merciful and loving God, we are so grateful for your redeeming love for each one of us. We confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we don't always believe that you will take our burdens. We feel we always have to be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care, you never just let us go to drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. For we pray these things in the name of Jesus, the one who will take our burdens and give us peace. AMEN.

Hear the good news, dear friends! Jesus releases us from our burdens.

Place your whole trust in his love. AMEN.

LET US PRAY

Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer.

AMEN.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Come Home

(arr. by Page/Shafferman)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Children 4 years old and up can meet at the side doors for Children's Church.

They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

Nursery is also available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

"Comfortably Numb"

Rev. Angie Long

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#13*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #419

I Am Thine, O Lord

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

✠ Stand as able

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Shannon Deas
by her mother and step-father, Dianne and Bill Nassar,
and sister, Jill Delamore and family.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Angie Long, Rev. Laura Parker, Tom Hood, Jenna Hood

Acolytes: Sims Peters, Logan Peters (11:00)

Communion Servers:

(8:30) Al and Lee Earnest, Melanie and Bob Moore

(11:00) Tracy and Silas Peters, Marilyn Stephens, Michelle Graham

Music: Tom Hood, Vicki Wright (Organ)

Media and Sound: Wright Tapscott

Visiting With Us Today?
We want to know! Scan this QR Code:



Welcome Rev. Angie Long

We welcome Rev. Angie Long to our traditional services today. Angie was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama. She has worked in public accounting as a CPA, as well as in private industry. As a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Montgomery, she felt a calling to seminary and ordination in the United Methodist Church. She has served both Spanish Fort UMC and First United Methodist Church of Greenville. Many of you will know her from her time as Director of Pastoral Care and Church Relations for Embrace Alabama Kids. Angie is currently taking a break from full time ministry and working as the comptroller for a local telecommunications company in Greenville, AL where she and her family still reside. Angie and her husband, Keith, have two children, Brady and Brinkley. Brady just graduated high school in May and will attend the University of South Alabama this fall, where he plans to pursue Marine Biology. Brinkley is a rising high school junior and a three sport athlete. They, along with their five pets, keep Angie and Keith quite busy.

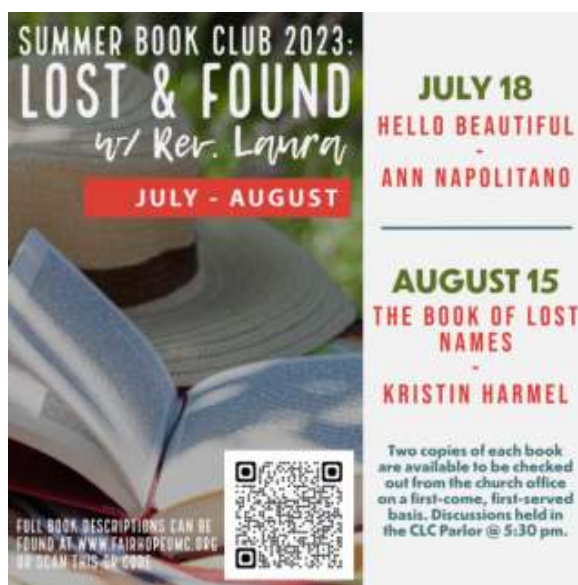
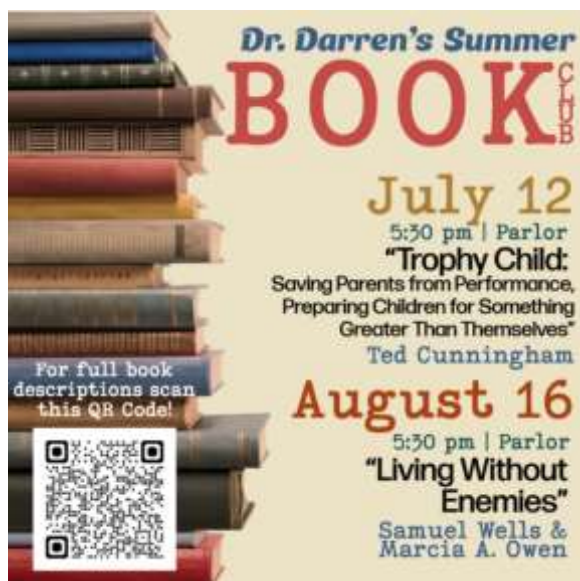
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Military Service Men and Women

Sympathy: Delbert Hess in the death of his wife, Pat.

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OPENING SONG

Graves Into Gardens

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.
Happy are those who sing your praise
and extol your righteousness all the day.

LET US PRAY

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Good God Almighty

This Is Our God

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

SERMON

"Alive and Free: Embrace the Freedom"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving-kindness endures forever.

O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor, but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done; we know that the wages of sin is death. Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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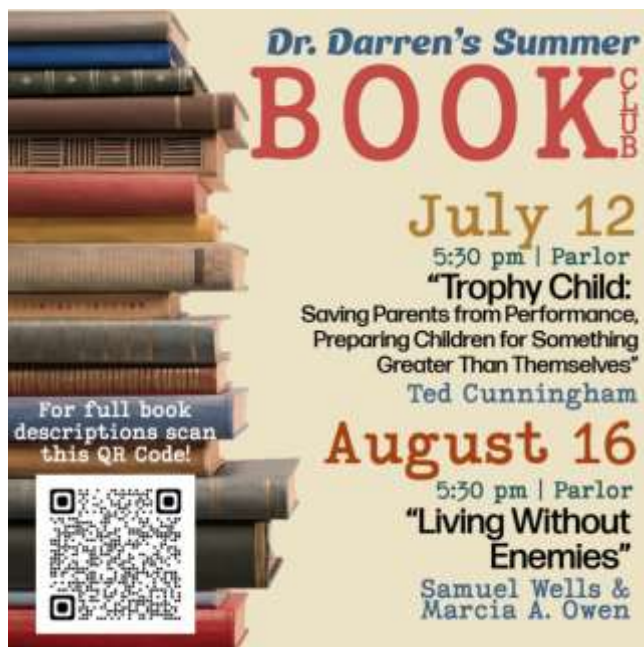
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Dr. Darren's Summer BOOK CLUB

July 12
5:30 pm | Parlor
"Trophy Child:
Saving Parents from Performance,
Preparing Children for Something
Greater Than Themselves"
Ted Cunningham

August 16
5:30 pm | Parlor
"Living Without
Enemies"
Samuel Wells &
Marcia A. Owen

For full book descriptions scan this QR Code!



**SUMMER BOOK CLUB 2023:
LOST & FOUND**
w/ Rev. Laura

JULY - AUGUST

JULY 18
HELLO BEAUTIFUL
-
ANN NAPOLITANO

AUGUST 15
THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES
-
KRISTIN HARMEL

Two copies of each book are available to be checked out from the church office on a first-come, first-served basis. Discussions held in the CLC Parlor @ 5:30 pm.

FULL BOOK DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR SCAN THIS QR CODE



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