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MEN'S
BREAKFAST



All men are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 2, at 7:00 a.m. in

the fellowship hall for our monthly Men's Breakfast. You'll enjoy a delicious meal for \$5, a brief devotional and wonderful fellowship. Please join us!

AUGUST MEETINGS

- ▶ **Hospitality Team**
Sunday, August 13, 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Missions Team**
Monday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.
- ▶ **CARE Team**
Tuesday, August 15, 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Discipleship Covenant Team**
Tuesday, August 22, 5:15 p.m.



**Monday, July 31 –
Tuesday, August 1**

Please visit the [Forms](#) tab of our website to register your children for FUMC's annual Kids' Mission Camp. The registration deadline is Thursday, July 27.

One of our projects will be to assemble care kits for the homeless. If you would like to donate items for the kits, please bring any of the following items to church with you this Sunday:

- ▶ bars of soap
- ▶ toothpaste
- ▶ combs
- ▶ shampoo
- ▶ wet wipes
- ▶ deodorant
- ▶ cereal bars
- ▶ washcloths
- ▶ toothbrushes
- ▶ Band-aids

Thank You!

The Mission Team thanks all of the children, youth and adult workers from Vacation Bible School who collected snacks for the Eagle's Rest and Kanz for Kids ministries we support. Thank you so much!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 6

FUMC's annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* will be Sunday, August 6th, at 11:00 a.m. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks and school bags to church for a special time of prayer for our children and teachers as they prepare to begin a new school year. Let's celebrate going back to school with prayer and praise!



July 30 Volunteers

► Acolyte

11:00 – Bankston Jones

► Sacristy Prayer Leaders

8:30 – Bob Powers

11:00 – Jacque Chapman

► Ushers

8:30 – Aubrey & Margaret Baugh

11:00 – Logan Mitchell

John Gray

Dan McKenzie

Robert Bennett

► Lay Readers

8:30 – Virginia Clark

11:00 – Linda Grice

► Greeters

8:30 – Bette Harney

11:00 – Charlie & Anne Schaeffer

► Children's Church

11:00 – Jessica King

Calendar of Events

► Sunday, July 30

Worship 8:30

Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11:00

2nd Mile Mission Camp

► Monday, July 31

2nd Mile Mission Camp

Kids' Mission Camp

► Tuesday, August 1

Worship Team 9:00

2nd Mile Mission Camp

Kids' Mission Camp

► Wednesday, August 2

Men's Breakfast 7:00

2nd Mile Mission Camp

Chancel Choir 5:30

Hey FUMC Family!

Here's this week's *Elevate Top 5!*

1) This is the LAST CALL for our 2nd Mile Mission Week. If you haven't heard, 2nd Mile is a mission trip for middle schoolers that happens right here in Eufaula. We'll serve our community, have some fun together, and get to lead in the Children's mission camp. This will be an awesome experience. We'd love it if you'd pray for us! Let me know if you know any Middle School students that need to be involved in this event!

2) We've had such an awesome Summer! Our theme this year has been Ohana. According to Lilo and Stitch, "Ohana means family, and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten." We had our last Summer Sunday last week at the lake! We had a party at Caty and Ed Richardson's home. We're so thankful they were willing to host us. It was so cool to get to just hang out with our Ohana and have a good time. I'm SO thankful to be a part of what God is doing here in Eufaula through FUMC.

3) Summer is ending and that means school is coming and coming fast.



We know that's a bummer for a lot of people but we've got a LOT of awesome things coming up to make it better!! For example, we're having a Back to School night of Worship on August 6 with our favorite band, Raised in Glory (they were here for IMPACT weekend). We also have a Back to School Breakfast on August 14 at 7:00 because school may be hard but pancakes make it less hard!! We can't wait to get fall kicked off and rolling!

4) We've got lots of big things coming soon (including some changes to our Sunday night Elevate program). There are several ways to stay up to date on what's going on. You can find us on Facebook at FUMC Eufaula Youth Ministry. You can like us on Instagram @ElevateEufaula. You can add us on snapchat @ElevateEufaula. You can even sign up for text message updates by texting @elevate88 to 81010. We also send our a youth newsletter each week on Thursdays. If you don't receive that email but would like to, please email me at britt@fumceufaula.org and I'll add you to the list.

5) I mentioned above how awesome this summer has been, and I want you to know that we would not have been able to do near the caliber of ministry we've done this summer without our summer intern, Caroline Richards. She's really so much more than an intern. She's part of our family here at FUMC. She has absolutely knocked it out of the park this summer. She's connected well with kids, she's been a huge help in organizing and planning. It seems like everything she does, she does well. We're going to miss her as her internship comes to an end next week. God looks Good on Caroline. Tell her that when you see her. Thank her for the things she's done for our church this summer! Ask her to tell you some of her stories from this summer. She's got some good ones!

That's all for now.

God looks good on you – Britt



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Healed and Whole

One of the most amazing aspects of Jesus' ministry was the people he healed miraculously. Jesus healed people with all kinds of ailments: leprosy, blindness, individuals who were mute, lame and deaf. He then commissioned his disciples and those who followed them to do the same. Miraculous physical healing has been a hallmark of the spread of the gospel all over the world, even though we rarely hear about it today. But people need healing in other areas as well: emotionally, relationally and spiritually.

How should the church be involved in healing today? Many would say that the primary way would be to donate money for hospitals and work for the prevention of disease. Those are great and noble pursuits! The United Methodist Church, for example, in partnership with other organizations, has reduced malaria deaths in Africa by 50% by providing mosquito nets.

God is still in the business of healing, and God does it through the church and individual followers of Jesus. Experience tells us that God does not always heal everyone, at least not in the way we imagine.

This coming week we will look at the ways God heals us from our brokenness physically, relationally, emotionally and spiritually. As is the case with many of God's acts of grace, healing in some ways can only come through our cooperation with God's grace.

This week, let's do an inventory of the places in our lives where brokenness has touched us and ask God to begin a great work of healing in those areas.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Alan

Sermon Series:
Foundations for Ministry

7/30 Sermon Title:
Healed and Whole

Isaiah 61:1-4
James 5:13-16

Psalms 34:1-8
Luke 4:14-21

Prayer List

New concerns:

▶ Continue to pray for:

Alison Haas
Jim Roberts
George Williams
*Louise Trammell
Mary Sellers
Linda Dudewicz
Cruz Rios
*Mel Stephenson
*John Hagood
*Louise Britt
*Betty Searcy
Walter Harmer
*John Jenkins
Bobby Gray
Kathy Armstrong
*Taylor Washington
*Jeff Richards
*Brian Devlin-Meagher
Mary Lindsey Hannahan
*Richard Boyette

▶ Prayer list guidelines:

If you would like to place someone's name on the list, please ask that person's permission before calling the office. Names remain for 4 weeks unless requested to remain.
* denotes church members.

A Look at July 23

Sunday School	
8:30 Worship	50
11:00 Worship	103
Total Worship	153
Offering received	\$10,361
YTD received	\$262,763
BTT balance	\$367,000

Birthdays

Monday, July 31

▶ Britt Washington

Happy Birthday!



The mission of First United Methodist Church is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our church, community and world.

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Project Nametag

As our new pastor and his wife try to learn all of our names, it would be really helpful to them for you to wear your nametags on Sunday mornings.

This will also help our visitors learn our names. Please pick up a nametag as you enter our church and return it as you leave.



Music Notes

Dear FUMC,

Last week we said goodbye to a wonderful lady. Lillie Mitchell Moorer, better known to all of us as Miss Lillie, was a dedicated Christian. In fact, as some people say, if you look up Disciple of Christ in the dictionary, Miss Lillie's picture would be right there.

I first knew Miss Lillie when I was a youngster. Not only was she the organist of my church but also taught music for a short time in the city schools. I knew that she was very special early on. When I sang in the church choir while in high school, I enjoyed being around Miss Lillie. One just felt very comfortable around her. She always made a person feel important.

When I returned to Eufaula to work as choral director of Eufaula High and Moorer Middle School, I had the fortunate opportunity to be choir director of First United Methodist Church and work with Miss Lillie. Here was this young upstart coming in and working with a seasoned veteran of music who by all rights should have pulled rank in a heartbeat and made sure that I knew my place. But she did not. She allowed me the chance to try my new choral music wings with much patience and always with a smile. I will admit that in her own gentle way she sometimes had to reign me in. But it was certainly not in an offensive way but in a most loving and caring way. Miss Lillie helped to form the musician that I am today. I am most grateful for that and the over 22 years that I worked with her.

As most of you know, the piece that was offered by the choir at her service was originally commissioned to celebrate 50 years of her being the organist at this church. She was not resigning you understand for she continued for three more years as organist. But the words of that piece were taken from one of her favorite scriptures from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." This was how Miss Lillie lived her life and why she was such an inspiration to others...and why she was able to endure upstart young know-it-all choir directors.

Miss Lillie touched more lives than we can imagine not only through her expertise as organist but also through her work in the Camerata Music Club, the Christ Child Circle, the Pink Ladies group at the local hospital, and other ways as well. I thank God for the life of Miss Lillie Moorer and what she has meant to so many of us whose lives she touched.

God bless, — Billy