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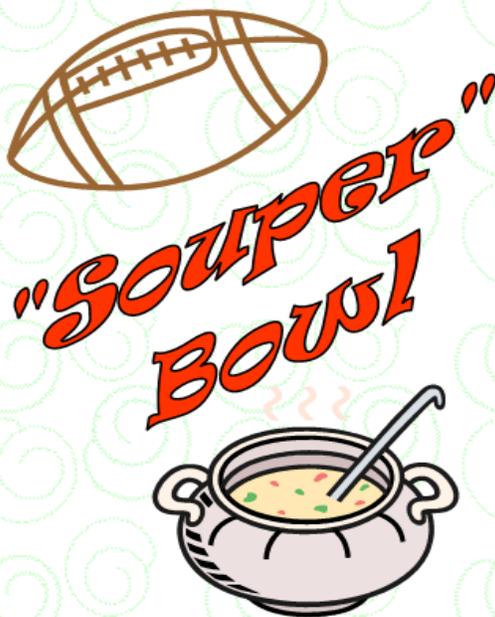
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First United Methodist Church



Get ready for the "Souper" Bowl, one of our youth ministry's biggest fundraisers! We would love your support, so how can you help?

- ▶ **Provide a crockpot of soup!**
We'll provide you with a crockpot liner for easy clean-up. If you will help, please contact Margaret Baugh at 334-616-2909 or abaugh5@earthlink.net.
- ▶ **Attend!** We will begin serving after the 8:30 service and again after the 11:00 service. There is no set price per person – we ask that you donate whatever amount you feel is appropriate! And remember, all proceeds are used to support our awesome youth missions projects!

Sunday, February 4

Share-A-Snack

Last Sunday of Each Month

The Missions Team is collecting after-school snacks for children at Eagle's Rest Ministries.

- Water Bottles (small)
- Capri Suns
- Cracker Packs
- Other Snacks

Please leave donations on the missions shelf on the first floor of the education building.



We offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to:
– Susan Hudgins & Ed Slade and family following the death of their mother, **Margaret Slade**.
– Lara Lea Jones and family following the death of her father, **Oscar Bankston**.
Please pray for God's peace and comfort to surround these families in Christ.

Recharge Menu

Wednesday, January 30

*Roast Beef
Creamed Potatoes
Early Peas
Rolls, Dessert*

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All members should make every effort to attend!



Will You Provide a Meal?

The next session of *Communities of Transformation* began this week, and meals will be needed each Monday night beginning January 29. Two or three people can work together to provide a meal for about 35-40. Please contact Brenda Parker at 355-1887 or 687-3891 to schedule a date that you can furnish a meal for the volunteers and participants and their children. Thank you!

January 28 Volunteers

► Acolyte

11:00 – Katherine Tye

► Sacristy Prayer Leaders

8:30 – Janet Wills

11:00 – Ashley Washington

► Ushers

8:30 – Nick & Heather Smith

11:00 – John Howard

Richard Wingate

Ang Schramm

Lance Abbott

► Lay Readers

8:30 – Erin Wingate

11:00 – Lance Abbott

► Greeters

8:30 – Bette Harney

11:00 – Jane Boyette, Mona Mitchell

► Children's Church

11:00 – Katy Richardson

► Elevate Supper

6:10 – Alison Tye, Nick Smith

Calendar of Events

► Sunday, January 28

Worship 8:30

Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11:00

Elevate 5:30

► Tuesday, January 30

No Worship Team today

Church Council 5:30

► Wednesday, January 31

Children's Choirs 4:30

Supper 5:00

No Adult Bible Study tonight

Elevate Next Level (youth) 6:00

Handbells 6:00

Chancel Choir 7:00

Hey FUMC Family!

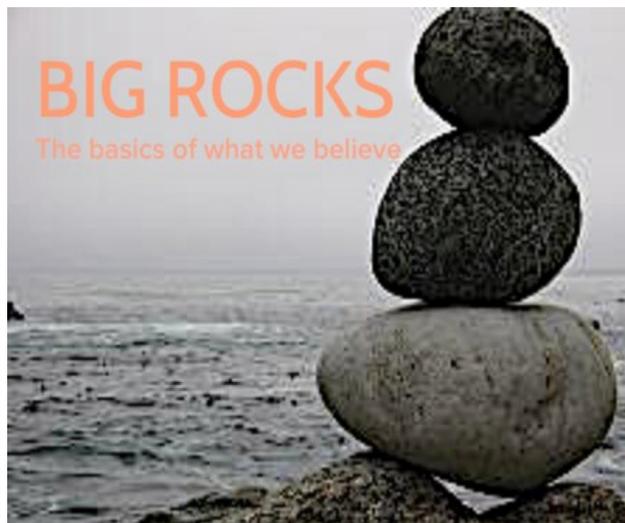
Here's this week's
Elevate Top 5!

1) I'm going to go ahead and get this one out of the way with number one. IMPACT Weekend is ALMOST here!!

Next Thursday (Feb. 1) is the last day to sign up! We're

running a special for this last week of registration. If we invite friends that didn't come last year they can come for just \$40! Head on over to www.fumceufaula.org/impact to sign up now!

2) Last week at Elevate, we started a new series called *Big Rocks*. We're



talking about the big-time basic beliefs that make up our faith – the building blocks. Last week we asked the questions “Who is God?” and “What is God like?” We left truly in awe of the God that created the universe but still dwells in and among us. I'm so excited about where we're heading in this series! It's the perfect time to jump back

into Elevate if you've gotten out of the habit!

3) SAVE THE DATE!

March 23-25 We're heading out on our Spring Breakaway and this year Elevate is headed to the beach!! More details are coming soon, but this is sure to be a great way to kick off Spring Break!



4) Be sure to follow us on social media if you want to stay in the loop about all things youth-related. You can find us on Facebook at FUMC Eufaula Youth Ministry. We're on Instagram and Snapchat @elevateeufaula.

5) Number 5 should really be number 1 every week. I'm just so thankful to serve this church in this community. I'm honored to get to serve and love the teenagers (and their parents) here in Eufaula. THANK YOU!

God looks good on you –
Britt

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Communication

Anyone who has tried to learn a foreign language knows how difficult communication can be. I have attempted to learn Greek, Hebrew, Spanish, German and a few phrases in Northern Sotho (one of 11 official South African languages).

But, we don't have to venture out of English to understand the complexities of language. In the panhandle of Florida where I grew up, we had a phrase that went like, "I wouldn't care to do that," meaning I don't want to do what you are asking. When I moved to South Central Kentucky, the same phrase means the exact opposite. It caused me a great deal of confusion.

We may not realize it, but when we try to communicate with others, a whole host of factors enter into that event: background, culture, communication skills, self-concept, physical state, emotional state, past experiences, attitudes, memories, expectations, and gender. It is a miracle that communication happens at all!

Communication is one of the most important tools we have in our Relational Toolbox. If we can communicate well, we can solve almost any conflict.

Sunday we will spend some talking about what helps us effectively communicate in our relationships and what hinders it. If you want to get a head start on learning to communicate effectively read Ephesians 5:25-32.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Alan

Prayer List

▶ New concerns:

The *Margaret Slade family
*Jack Porter
*Josh Jones

▶ Deployed Overseas:

Logan Bargewell
Col. Chris Jones

▶ Continue to pray for:

*Margaret Slade
Mitzi Tzerman
Dave Allen
*Jane Pody
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:

Names remain for 4 weeks unless requested to remain.
* denotes church members.

Sunday, January 28

The Relational Toolbox

The tools we need for good relationships:

Boundaries
Communication
Forgiveness
Faithfulness
Love



Invite others to attend!

First United Methodist Church of Eufaula

A Look at January 21

Sunday School.....	96
8:30 Worship	40
11:00 Worship.....	95
Total Worship	135
Offering received.....	\$12,969
YTD received.....	\$32,562
BTT balance	\$284,637

Birthdays

Friday, January 26

► Betsy Purcell

Saturday, January 27

► Delainy Earle
Collins Mitchell

Sunday, January 28

► Glenn Kasper

Monday, January 29

► Henry Gray

Tuesday, January 30

► Evelyn Goff

Wednesday, January 31

► Lamar Lee



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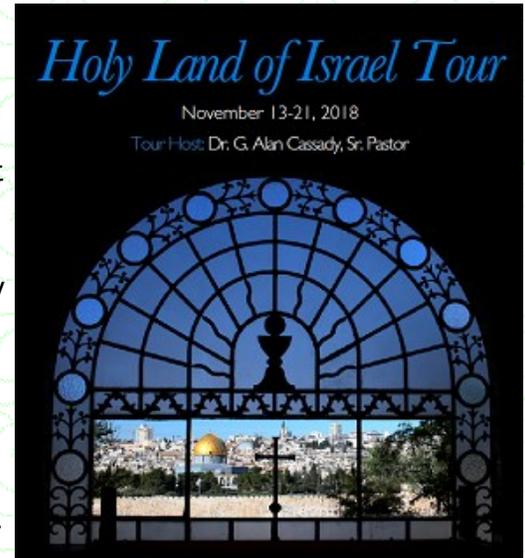
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The mission of First United Methodist Church is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our church, community and world.

Israel Trip Informational Meeting

Pastor Alan will host an informational meeting about the 2018 Holy Land of Israel Tour on Wednesday, January 24th, at 4:30 p.m. just before the Pastor's Bible Study in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom. The trip will be November 13-21, 2018.



Music Notes

Dear FUMC,

I hope that you have been as inspired as I with the "Relational Tool Box" series that Alan has been preaching during these weeks. This past Sunday, Alan spoke about boundaries. One thing that I brought away from his sermon was that I can only control my own boundaries and not someone else's. When you realize this, it takes a lot of stress off your plate.

This really puts me in mind of the musical, "Bye, Bye Birdie" and one of the characters, Mae Peterson. Mrs. Peterson was a mother who worked very hard at controlling her son through guilt. (I'm afraid we have all known folks like that.) One scene especially comes to my mind. She was especially upset at her son and was doing her utmost to bend him to her will. The line

went something like this: "It's come at last, it's come at last, the time I knew would come has come at last. Just put me out with the garbage, throw me out with the old grapefruit and the empty, used cans of Bumble Bee Tuna..." Or how about Mrs. Walowitz of "Big Bang Theory" fame and how she guilt trips her son, Howard.

Hopefully, we don't resort to this type of operating system to try to get control over someone else. Of course, when we have children growing up in our homes, we definitely work hard to "raise them right." But in doing so, we have to remember that our job is to teach them to respect other people's boundaries and to control their own boundaries. It is not to make them into little reproductions of ourselves and it is not to bend them to our will. We do teach them that there are consequences for every action; be they good or bad. Obviously, there is a wide range of consequences. If they are given a certain amount of money for the week as an allowance, we don't go rushing to give them more if they spend the money foolishly. We try to make the consequences appropriate. This helps them to understand self-control.

But other than trying to teach our children these important life lessons, we should not try to control the boundaries of others. Of course this does not mean that we should not show love to our fellow human beings. Jesus never tried to force anyone to his way of thinking but he did show them love and he gave them a wonderful example to follow. The hymn, "We Would See Jesus" gives many examples of the things that Jesus did for others; from healing to teaching to inviting others to join him. We don't use this hymn very often but if you want, next time you have a hymnal in your hands you can check it out on page 256 of The United Methodist Hymnal. Hopefully, we can all be good examples to others. I have heard people say "do as I say and not as I do" (I've really heard this folks). But I would rather invest in the words "If you talk the talk you should walk the walk." Especially if you walk with Christ.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. God bless, Billy