



Pell City FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2021

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Associate Pastors: Rev. Joe Riddle

Rev. Ava Rozelle

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning October 3rd

8:30am ~ Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

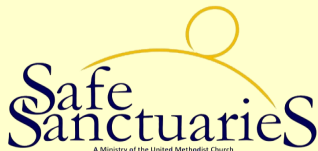
9:30am ~ Sunday School (Various Classrooms)

10:30am ~ Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30am ~ Wide Open Worship (The Beacon)

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

September 26th ~ Room 111



following the
10:30 worship service
Lunch will be provided

SUNDAY,
SEPT 19TH
12:30 - 5PM

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CAMP LEE
70 CAMP LEE MAIN RD
ANNISTON, AL 36207

Hurricane Ida Urgent Needs

See inside for more details...



**Look what's
coming
to PCFUMC!**

That's right! Our Trustees have approved a design for a new elevator to be built and installed at the end of the building (on 22nd Street side). Once this is complete they have also approved remodeling and updating both the men's and women's bathrooms on the first floor to be ADA accessible. Then, if that is not enough, they have also included plans to add an accessible ramp from the first floor down into the sanctuary.

HOWEVER, this requires your help! This is a large project with a price tag of between \$400 and \$500,000. If you are able to help support these plans please make a donation to the "Dream Fund" through the church website or write "elevator" on the bottom of your check.

This will be built in phases so we will keep you updated on the progress.

NEW!

PICKLEBALL

Led by Julie Gaston

**Beginning Friday,
September 10th
@ 6pm in the Beacon**



PCFUMC is going hiking!

Meet at the church on September 11th at 9am and we'll ride together to Coleman Lake (or you can meet us there.) This is a family level hike... so everyone is invited!

Save the dates for October 16 & November 6th for our next hikes.



Every Member in Mission

A number of years ago now, when a new pastor was appointed at Sango UMC in Clarksville TN, he did something unusual. The week before assuming the pulpit, he spent four days on the streets living as someone without a home. An article in the Tennessean quoted Rev. Lyle, "Sango UMC is not going to be a congregation that talks about issues and solutions. We are going to be part of the solutions to the problems we face in our community. We are going to get our hands dirty as we live like Jesus and help others. Talking is easy. Doing is harder, and sometimes it is really uncomfortable."

Doing is harder than talking, but Jesus calls us to not just talk about our faith. We are to put our beliefs into action. Our mission at Pell City First UMC is to be *a community of believers seeking to transform lives through Jesus Christ*. We are empowered by God to put action to our faith through passion in worship, nurture through discipleship, and loving service to others.

The theme for September reminds of us this. Every Member in Mission is meant to encourage us to engage in living out our faith through acts of compassion and service. In our worship services and on social media, you will hear from members of our Missions Team and others who will describe opportunities for you to be in service within our congregation and the wider community. These will be concrete opportunities for you to put your faith into action. May you seek to put your faith into action by loving your neighbors.

¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. *James 2:17-18*

MISSIONS MOMENT

*"Jesus loves the little children,
all the children of the world..."*

And he said to us: "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the One who sent me." —(Mark 9:37)

If children are of such value to our Lord you might consider becoming involved in an opportunity to be a volunteer in "The Children's Place".

The Children's Place is a children's advocacy center. An advocacy center is one place that provides a safe and child-friendly environment for a child experiencing the trauma of child abuse. These are children who desperately need our help. If you feel moved by the Holy Spirit to be a volunteer in this mission call the church office and get on our list. Sign up and join us. More to follow...

(Written by Richard Troost, a retired pastor; still a shepherd to the lost, the weak and the vulnerable.)

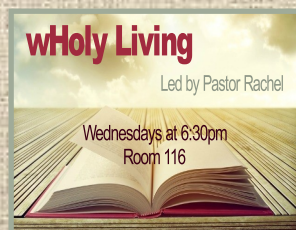


Wednesday Night Small Groups



Read Together:
A Sharing Group for those participating in the conference's Bible-reading initiative.

Led by Angel Rait



Living a wHoly life: wellness & the Bible
Study the Biblical foundation to care for the totality of ourselves-body, mind and spirit-as well as looking at practical ways to think of our health wholistically.

Led by Pastor Rachel



Basketball Group:
Recreation is the same as re-creation... so come out, invite your friends, and let's play! All ages and skill levels are invited to come and play some basketball.

Led by Pastor Joe



Creative Spirituality:
Hands on activities that connect us to God and each other. We will talk, we'll create with our hands, we'll play. We'll seek to care for our minds, bodies, and souls. All are welcome!

Led by Ashley Riddle

URGENT REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR HURRICANE IDA VICTIMS

United Methodists support those living through disasters via our United Methodist Disaster Relief Warehouse located in Decatur, AL. Our United Methodist Warehouse was created in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina to help with disaster relief efforts. In 2020, the warehouse responded with relief supply shipments across AL, TN, FL, MS, and LA. Our UM Disaster Warehouse is a central location for collection and distribution of UMCOR Disaster Relief Kits to those in disaster areas.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HURRICANE/TORNADO BUCKETS:

standard sized claw hammer

shirt pocket notebook, permanent marker, pencil and sharpener (these items can be placed in a small zip-lock bag).

flash lights with batteries

black trash bags 30-45 gallon recommended

toilet paper

leather palm/cloth back or all leather work gloves

50 count #8 nails

white 13-gallon kitchen trash bags with draw strings

cellophane packing tape

1-gallon Ziplock bags

box cutters

liquid hand sanitizer (4-12 oz.)

insect repellent spray bottle/can or wipes

safety glasses

40-55-gallon clear large plastic bags

tampons or pads

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLEANING KITS:

32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent

16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)

16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap

4-8 oz. pump/aerosol spray air freshener (aerosol must have safety cap)

6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent or pack

20 wipes (pump spray bottles must have protective covers)

scrub brushes

re-usable cleaning wipes (no shop cloths, terry cloth, microfiber or paper towels)

scouring pads (no stainless steel, copper or pads with soap in them)

clothespins

50-100 ft. clotheslines (cotton or plastic line)

24 roll of 33-45 gallon sized heavy-duty trash bags

N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3mm thickness) – no surgical masks

kitchen gloves

OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED:

<p>tarps: preferred size is 15' X 20-24'</p> <p>2 gallon sprayers</p> <p>20" box fans</p> <p>D-grip handle shovels or grain/large scoop shovels</p> <p>garden Rakes - no leaf rakes</p>	<p>18 inch push brooms</p> <p>15-50 ft OUTDOOR extension cords</p> <p>flat pry bars 12"-22"</p> <p>5 gallon gas cans</p> <p>HD contractor trash bags</p>
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Or write a Hurricane Relief Check payable to PCFUMC to buy above Needed Supplies.

Please bring your Donation items to church or Chapel

Sundays, September 12th and 19th.

For more information, contact Pell City Disaster Relief Coordinator **John Genter** at jrgenter@aol.com or 813-477-5446.

"You are my servant, I have chosen you . . . do not fear." Isaiah 41:9

PRAYER NEEDS - SEPTEMBER 2021

Those Who are Homebound or Reside in Care Facilities

Tender, compassionate God, we lift our prayers for those who have lost much of their independence. Give grace and comfort to those who are isolated from loved ones and grant peace to families and caregivers. Reassure all that you do not abandon anyone.

Benny Cospers
Judy Carleton - *Cook Springs*
Dot Doak
Willie Earhart
Tom Kelly - *Veteran's Home*
Alene Mathis - *Autumn Cove*
Bill & Kitty Sams
Janet Weldon
Elaine Stratton - *McClellan*
Byron Terry - *Legacy*

Precious Lord, hear our prayers.

Those Serving in the Military

Most powerful and loving God, we commend to your care all the women and men of our armed forces serving at home and abroad. Strengthen them in the trials they face, give them courage to face peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence.

Ryan Warmack
Matthew Dorough
Connor DuBose - *South Korea*
Max Knepper
Wesley Smith
Seth Wyatt
Military Families

Lord in your great love, hear our prayer.

Those Who Grieve

Bless those who mourn, and heal their brokenness with the soothing balm of your gentle touch.

Family of Bob Day
Family of Neva Hestley
Family of Betty Duncan

Lord, in your tender mercy, hear our prayer.

Those in Need of Healing *(Body, Mind, or Spirit)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you offer comfort to the sad and strength to the suffering. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant hope, and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Frances Channell	Janice Seay
Clayton West	Gus Skillman
Bob & Kathy Dent	Donella Allen
Sheree Gibbs	Cindy Grice
Donn Brascho	Sarah Rhodes
Jane Hays	Willie Earhart
Marilyn Jackson	Hank Myers
Danielle Eggleton	Harvalene Green
Kevin Garrett	Philip Guinn

Lord, out of your bountiful love, hear our prayer.

Prayer for our Hurting World

Most Loving God, God of the universe and all its inhabitants. We come to you in our brokenness, praying for the pain, suffering and disorder all around us. We pray especially for:

- Those impacted by Covid-19, including caregivers, health care providers and schools. Give them strength and endurance, renew their spirits when days are long and dark.

- Those impacted by Hurricane Ida, including those without power, those who have lost loved ones, and all their worldly possessions. Give them hope, perseverance, and bring needed help.
- Those impacted by devastating fires in the Northwest, who have lost homes, communities and natural resources. We pray for the firefighters that they will have strength, endurance, and safety. We pray for rain where that is needed.
- Those impacted by the recent earthquakes in Haiti, resulting in thousands of lives lost, many more injuries and countless left homeless. Our hearts break for the plight of those already struggling to survive poverty and overcome previous tragedies.
- Refugees in war torn areas, including Afghanistan, who face loss of freedom, torture and possible death. Give them hope, courage, and faith in these scary days.

Merciful God, we are overwhelmed by suffering and are at a loss for words, not sure how to pray. We call on your Holy Spirit to intercede for us, praying as we are unable. Convict us, where we need to respond to suffering. Show us tangible ways to be your hands and feet, and let us not grow weary in doing good. Give us courage to speak out for the most vulnerable where needed.

God of Grace and Glory, God of Might and Compassion, hear our prayers.



Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday - Closed

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