Sanctuary Flowers
Jan 7 Christa Seal
Jan 14 Dawn Somers
Jan 21 James Holmes
Jan 28 Available

Sanctuary Steward
Pat Oakes

Ushers/Greeters
Available

Family Night Host
Call Susan at the church office if you or your group/class would like to host this month.

Acolyte Schedule
(8:45 a.m. service)
Austin Cucuzza
(11:00 a.m. service)

Jan 7 Katie Campbell & Katie Warden
Jan 14 Carter Campbell & Eli Williams
Jan 21 Katie Campbell & Carter Campbell
Jan 28 Katie Warden & Eli Williams

January Birthdays

3 - Tena Jones 14 - E’dee Liles
    Jordan Stafford         Christa Seal
4 - Logan Cain 15 - Ben Maddox
    Abbie Hall            Christa Seal
5 - Grayson Dyal 16 - Shauna Breland
    Brenda Pickering      17 - Eleanor Miles
6 - James Lott 18 - Jason Seal
    Gail Williams        19 - Mike Seal
7 - Emma Kellogg 20 - Michelle King
    Cathy Parker          21 - Chris Cain
10 - Darryl Stringfellow Anna Warden
11 - Stephanie McLain 22 - Grace Alexander
    George Smith        23 - Carleigh Pendarvis
12 - Joseph Tynes       24 - Chris Cain
13 - Marilyn Lott 25 - Anna Warden
    Virginia Stringfellow

January Anniversaries

5 - M/M Brian Cain
12 - M/M Robert Seal

Children's News

Thanks to our December leaders for Children's Church: Kaylee & Brenton Alexander and Kristy Scafide & Mary Warden. Children's church is offered on Sundays at 11am for ages 3 - 1st grade.

The children and youth presented their Christmas program, “God’s Gift to Us”. They did a great job! Thank you to Rissa Killen, program director, Michelle King, music leader, and Robert Seal for setting up the stage. Thanks to Susan Campbell, Mary Warden and Angela Williams for taking care of the reception. Thanks to Suzy Guthrie and Paige Baucum for helping with all the extra jobs. And of course, thanks to Paul Hardy and Josh Warden for sound.

Children In Action (CIA) will resume on January 14, 2018. If you would like to provide a snack meal on a Sunday afternoon, there will be signup sheets on the table by the church office. Call me if you need more information.

Christa Seal, Children & Youth Activity Director

Safety & Security

FUMC Wiggins will be implementing a new safety and security plan in the near future. This plan is intended to prepare for natural disasters, fire, and personal emergencies/incidents. You may notice subtle changes intended to keep our members safe from harm. If you would like to serve on a safety team or would like to learn more, contact Leon Lambert, Sonny Soileau or Rev. Dayna for more information. If you have previous safety or security training, we encourage you to consider helping in this area.

Memorials/Honorariums

Given in honor of Sonny & Roy Soileau by:
Sharon Soileau

Given in memory of Les Baucum by:
Eugenia Baucum

Given in memory of Mary Holmes by:
Eugenia Baucum

A Message from Worship

As worship chair, I would like to thank all those who helped with Christmas decorations. With the replacement of the windows and several services in the Family Life Center, something new happened each week, and it could not have happened without lots of help.

This year we added several new things to enhance our worship experience. First, we made altar rails for use in our worship area in the FLC. This gives us an opportunity to pray as we feel led. Next, we purchased candle-lighters that use fuel instead of wax wicks. We are also hoping to replace the wax candles with fuel candles because of the problems we’ve had with the candles’ wicks and dripping wax. Look for these new improvements in January.

Again, thank you to all who helped make our worship services meaningful.

Kathy Gordon
Worship Chair

Ladies Bible Study

BEGINNING JANUARY 10

All Things New by Kelly Minter
An 8 session study on 2 Corinthians

WEDNESDAYS AT 9 AM

To register or for more information call Kathy Gordon 601-928-8478
Just as stores take inventory following the Christmas rush, this first month of the New Year gives us opportunity to “take stock” of our spiritual lives. Here are a few questions to spur your thinking:

- Do I practice my spiritual disciplines in a consistent manner?
- Is my family in good shape by having regular family devotion & prayer time?
- Am I free from financial pressure?
- Do I get enough physical rest and exercise?
- Do I have clarity on God’s calling and am I obediently pursuing it?
- Have I established replenishing patterns in my life?
- Have I surrounded myself with “eagles” in my area of ministry or work?
- Do I have a good sense of my spiritual gifts?
- Have I prioritized my ministry to complement my spiritual gifts?
- Do I have prayer partners to provide essential support for me?

If your answer is “no” to several of these, don’t give up. Consider focusing intently on one per month, adding one each subsequent month that follows. Daily use of the “Covenant Prayer” (no. 607 UMH) that we use in worship from time to time could be a helpful practice for you. Even something so simple as this can be very helpful in bringing your Christian life and ministry into sharper focus. Find a prayer partner to help you get started and stay on track. If you get off track, just pick up where you left off and try again. Regular practice makes the next time easier — as will regular attendance at Sunday school and worship. Make weekly attendance a habit for 2018 and beyond. Blessings abound and many great things are happening: come and see!

Happy New Year 2018 to you and yours. Hope to see you and your family this week!

Blessings & Peace,
-Rev. Dayna