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Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Taste & See Sabbatical

I began the process of applying for a sabbatical almost two years ago. The question I had to answer from the grant I applied for was, “What makes your heart sing?” For me the answer was simple, “Eating.” Unfortunately, I did not receive the grant. Maybe they were looking for something more spiritual. But to me, and I would argue the early church would agree with me, a meal is much more than just the food but the company too. Eating is essential to life. We don’t just eat to hit our macronutrients or calories for the day, we eat to enjoy God’s creation. We eat to be in relationship with God’s creation. In Food and Faith Norman Wirzba writes, “Food is God’s love made nutritious and delicious. Eating is the daily reminder that life comes to us as a gift.” We are not self-sustaining beings, we were created to be in relationship with God, creation, and others.

We eat best when we break bread with others. Scripture talks about the importance of food in the life of the Israelites and the sacrifices they made to God. Jesus was often invited into peoples' homes to preach around a shared meal and he came to be known as the Bread of Life. The Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the first communion, was not shared over a few nibbles, but at a full meal. The early church was characterized by breaking bread together often. And yet, in our digital world we too often neglect God’s creation and our connectedness. My hope is that through looking at these texts and my sabbatical we might find ways to continue to build our church community.

A lot of work from our elders and deacons has gone in to create this opportunity. I am thankful to each of them for saying yes to preaching or taking on a little more this summer so I can take a step back with my family. And I am thankful for each of you for giving me this opportunity as well. Thank you for your love, your support, and your prayers.

TASTE AND SEE SERMON SERIES PREACHERS

May 24 – Acts 2:1-21 – Anne Hall

May 31 – Acts 2:37-47 – Elizabeth McGinniss

June 7 – Galatians 2:11-14; 3:23-29 – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

June 14 – John 2:1-11 – Mike Novak

June 21 – John 3:1-17 – Beth Keating

June 28 – Matthew 14:13-21 – Melissa Wyllie

July 5 – Mark 7:24-30 – Rev. Raymond Guterman

July 12 – Ruth 2:1-23 – Elizabeth McGinniss

July 19 – Luke 5:27-39 – Cochran Keating

July 26 – Luke 14:15-24 – Bryan Stringer

August 2 – John 13:31-35 – Rev. Dr. Matthew Frease

August 9 – Luke 24:13-35 – Rev. Mario Bolivar

August 16 – John 21:1-19 – Jan Bell

August 23 – Isaiah 25:6-10 – Adrienne Johnson

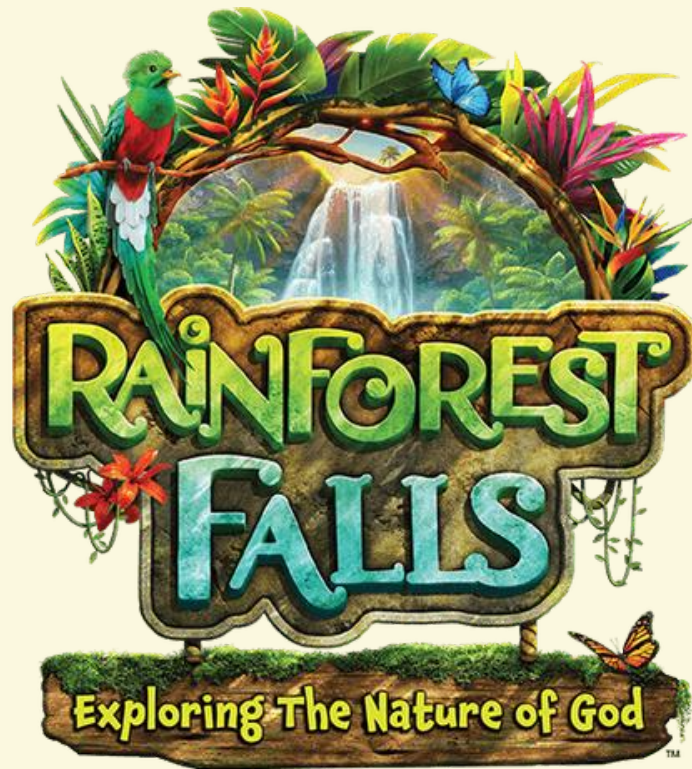
BON VOYAGE NOTES

Please plan to stay for Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, May 17th. This will be A.J.'s last Sunday before he goes on sabbatical. Let's give the Mealors a nice Bon Voyage. We know A.J. would love to receive cards to think of us while he is away. Extra cards and a basic will be available. If you would like to give a love offering please make the check out to A.J. Most of all, they will need your prayers for safe travels. See you there!

WHO TO CONTACT

While A.J. is on sabbatical this summer he will be unavailable via email, text, and phone. However, our elders and deacons, as well as Kim will be able to help! If you have a pastoral care concern please reach out to Laura Beth Hall at lhall@jdmandassoc.com. For any other ministry questions or concerns please contact Kim in the office and she will be able to assist you or find someone who can. If it is about worship please reach out to Elizabeth McGinniss at emcginniss624@hotmail.com.

VBS is coming!!! July 20-24



We need many volunteers to make this week happen, so please consider what area you can share your time and talents. Registration is now open.

Please click the link to register as a volunteer or register a child to participate.
<https://vbspro.events/p/fellowship>

Dates to remember:

Registration - NOW!

Decoration pick up from Killlearn Methodist Church - June 5th 12:30pm and
June 7th time TBD Trucks needed!

Fellowship Decoration set up - July 19th after worship

Fellowship Decoration clean up - July 24th 12:00pm

Your help is very much appreciated!

Please message Heather Kidd at (850)510-6281
with any questions or interest in volunteering.

Dogwood Acres Summer Camp

Dogwood's staff gently encourages children and youth to explore their beliefs and relationship with God, as they're ready, and to continue building their sense of accomplishment, appreciation of others' abilities, and a new perspective on what they're capable of achieving. It is our goal to provide an environment in which individuals and groups can grow in Christian faith as they experience fellowship and recreation in an outdoor ministry setting. Find more information at <https://www.dogwoodacres.org/summer/>.

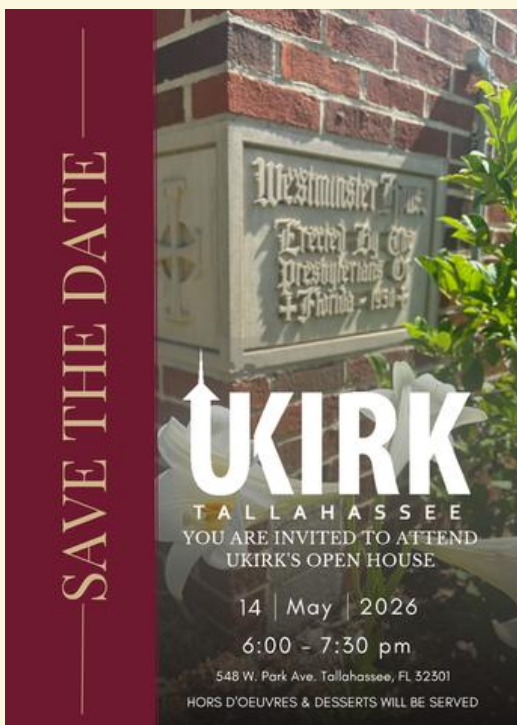
Dates

Week 1: June 21-26 HS Youth
Week 2: July 5-10 2-8th Grade
Week 3: July 12-17 2-8th Grade

Programs

Intro: entering 2nd & 3rd Grade (3 nights)
Discovery: entering 3rd-5th Grade
Adventure: entering 6th-8th Grade

Interested? Let the office know! The youth will not be going on a mission trip this summer. If your child or youth wants to attend we would like to help send them to camp and grow in their faith.



UKIRK OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend
UKirk's Open House
May 14 6-7:30pm
548 W. Park Ave.
Tallahassee 32301

Hors D'oeuvres &
Desserts will be served

NEWS TO KNOW

KAREY FOWLER RETIRING

Family of faith, after 15 years in service to our congregation, and a lifetime of service to the greater church Karey Fowler will be retiring this summer. Karey has blessed us with her talents on the organ and piano and we are thankful for how she has partnered with our choir, music directors, and many guest musicians over the years to lead our congregation in worship. We do not have a retirement date set but be on the look out so we can be sure to shower her with gratitude.

➔ JOIN [ZOOM MEETINGS](#) ➔

NEW DIRECTORY

We have welcomed several new members and visitors into our church community the last few weeks. Stop by the office and pickup a hardcopy, birthdays included!

We will not distribute electronic copies due to increased email threats.

**BUNCO
MONDAYS**
2:30PM ZOOM

NEWS TO KNOW

Sunday, May 17:

CENTSABILITY SUNDAY

COMMUNION

The Mealors Last Sunday Before Sabbatical

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Fellowship Hour

5:00PM Synago Square

5:30PM Youth Group @ the Johnsons

Monday, May 18:

2:30PM Bunco (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 20:

6:30PM Choir

Sunday, May 24:

PENTECOST (Wear Red!)

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Fellowship Hour

Livestream is available on [YouTube](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family

Dick Buys

Tom Shields

Fisher, Audree, & Josh Yaney

Larry Everett

Cecelia Novak

Wanda Alford

Friends of Family

Kim McDaniel
and Rosey Jones (friend)
(Jan Bell)

Dan & Joanne Bohl, Ashley Moore
(Alice & Chuck Saunders)

Ruth Jamieson (Rita Schumm)

Heather Bailey Ray, Lisa &
Mrs. Kristine Joubert
(Lisa and Lacy Bigham)

Tim and Aunt Liz Williford,
Chris Beers (neighbor)
(Cochran & Beth Keating)

Nikita Mac
(Jamie Seidman McDonnell)

Dan Mercer
(Beth & John Mercer)

Charlie Sinclair
(Jane Fletcher)
Carolyn Parsons
(Michele & David Reed)

Shelia (niece)
(Louise Sadler)

Minne Lee Vann (mother)
(Gerome Brown)

Jenna Strickland
(Amy Hall)

Gloria Byard
(Joyce Blocker)

Freightlin Cox, Kevin Sattler
(Elaine Wilbur)

Jill Dooley & Family,
Tammy, Nureatha, Kim,
Cathy, Gregory, Nancy
(Laura Harrison)

MaryAnn King (mother),
Patrice High-Pinder,
Thomas High, Scott Pusey,
Family of Ruth Davis (sister-in-law)
(Diane Bodenhamer)

Karen & Joe Rodesta (cousins)
(Rita Sockman)
Carol (sister)
(Elaine Hebenenthal)

Phil Ashley (father), Sarah White
(Phillip Ashley)
Bob Roller
(Duane & Shannon Woods)

Daniel Godwin (David's brother)
(The Godwins)
Marnie Mephill (mother)
(Jenn Farrell)

The family of Shirley Downs,
The family of Randy Golden (brother)
(Karey Fowler)

All Military & Families,
Robert Gamble & This Child Here

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Rev. A.J. Mealor

Phillip Ashley

Karey Fowler

Kim Bergstresser

Gerome Brown

Pastor

Music Director

Organist

Office and Finance Manager

Sexton

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of this rewarding ministry, please call the office at (850) 893-0617 or send an email to fellowshipprayer24@gmail.com.

The Session

Jan Bell, Cliff Jordan,
Melissa Wyllie Beth Keating,
Mike Novak, Joyce Blocker,
Shannon Woods, Heather Kidd,
Jamie Seidman McDonnell
CLERK: Beth Keating

The Diaconate

Louise Sadler, Laura Hall,
Rita Schumm, Cathy Sheridan,
JoAnn Schlorholtz,
Melanie Jordan

TREASURER: Hillman Brannon



May



SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 17

Taste & See Series

Psalm 34:1-10
Luke 24:13-35

MAY 24

Taste & See Series

1 Corinthians 12:3-13
Acts 2:1-21

MAY 31

Taste & See Series

John 10:1-10
Acts 2:37-47

Ushers:

May 17 - Bryan/Robert Dixon
May 24 - Ben Godwin/Bill Bell
May 31 - Tara B/Beth Mercer

Counters:

May 17 - Angelyn/Linda Davis
May 24 - David R/Chuck S
May 31 - Tara B/Carolyn Hoe

Greeters:

May 17 - Adrienne Johnson
May 24 - Dottie Lee
May 31 - Laura Harrison

Fellowship Hour

May 17 - Personnel Cmte
May 24 - The Woods

Please sign-up in the
Fellowship Hall to host
Fellowship Hour.

Deacon:

JoAnn Schlorholtz

AV:

May 10 - Nathan/Bill/John
May 17 - Lin/Cochran/Bill
May 24 - Melissa/Susan/Jim
May 31 - Susan/Bill/Jim

Lay Leader:

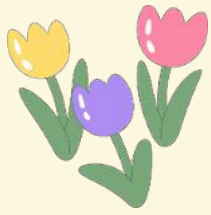
May 10 - Sarah Godwin
May 17 - Beth Keating
May 24 - Cochran Keating
May 31 - Amy Hall

MAY BIRTHDAYS

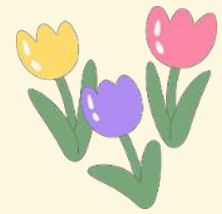
1: Sarah Godwin
2: JoAnn Schlorholtz
2: James Vance
3: Cliff Jordan

17: Susan Crona
20: Lynne Garvin
26: Emily Godwin

28: Mary-Jackson Thomas
28: Adrienne Johnson
30: Charles Groff
30: Emily Yaney



May



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3 MAY DAY CELEBRATION Communion PW B-DAY OFFERING 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour 5:30PM Youth @ Alchemy	4 Yoga 9:00AM Bridge 12:15 PM Bunco 2:30PM VBS Decorating @ Killlearn 6-8pm St. Andrews 6:30 Worship Cmte 7PM Scouts 7PM	5 Yoga 10AM	6 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM	7 Yoga 10:00 AM Cub Scouts Planning Meeting 7pm	8 Bridge 12:15 PM	9 Harmony Circle 10AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM
10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Hour 5:30 Youth Group	11 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM Bunco 2:30 PM CE Meeting Zoom 7PM Scouts 7:00 PM	12 Yoga 10AM Joy Circle 10:00 AM Senior Friends 12PM	13 Yoga 9:00 AM Newcomers Lunch 10AM-1PM Bridge 2PM Choir 6:30PM	14 Yoga 10AM	15 Bridge 12:15 PM	16 Tai Chi 5:00 PM
17 CENTSABILITY SUNDAY Communion The Mealors' Last Sunday before Sabbatical 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Hall 5:00PM Synago Square 5:30 Youth Group	18 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM Music Makers 2:00 Bunco 2:30 PM	19 Yoga 10AM	20 Bridge 12:15PM Choir 6:30 PM	21 Yoga 10AM	22 Bridge 12:15 PM	23 Tai Chi 5PM
24 PENECOST Wear Red!!! 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Hour	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM Bunco 2:30 PM	26 Yoga 10AM PWCT 4:30 PM	27 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM	28 Yoga 10:00 AM	29 Bridge 12:15 PM	30 Tai Chi 5PM
31 9:30AM Sunday School Unity Circle 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Hour	1 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM Music Makers 2:00 Bunco 2:30 PM	2 Yoga 10AM	3 Yoga 9:00 AM Bridge 12:15 PM	4 Yoga 10:00 AM	5 Bridge 12:15 PM	6 Tai Chi 5PM