The Three Plans to be Presented at General Conference

The One Church Plan keeps the United Methodist Church unified as a single denomination, hence the name. The church would take no formal position regarding LGBTQ issues like same-sex marriage, so clergy and congregations would have a great deal of latitude to follow their own consciences and to effectively minister according to their local context. Many progressives approve this plan, though some do so reluctantly. This plan was endorsed by a majority of members of the Commission on a Way Forward. Of the 32 members serving on the Commission, 18 of them support this plan (several members supported more than one plan). Also, the One Church Plan is the only one endorsed by the Council of Bishops.

The Connectional Conference Plan dissolves the five regional jurisdictions in the United States and in their place creates three values-based “connectional conferences”: traditionalist, centrist/unity, and progressive. Annual conferences, congregations, and clergy would each have the opportunity to select the connectional conference to which they would like to belong. Each connectional conference would have its own distinctive approach to ministry, yet each would still remain connected to the other connectional conferences through shared essential doctrines and certain joint ministries and agencies. This is often viewed as a centrist plan that allows a level of unity amidst diversity, but it faces significant administrative hurdles. Of the 32 members serving on the Commission on a Way Forward, 12 of them support this plan (several members supported more than one plan).

The Traditionalist Plan retains the United Methodist Church mostly in its current form, including the incompatibility clause, the prohibitions on same-sex marriage, and the restrictions on ordaining self-avowed practicing homosexuals. It also adds greater levels of accountability to ensure adherence to church doctrines and policies, especially as it relates to homosexual behavior. The plan offers a way for those who can’t abide by the traditionalist stance on human sexuality to exit the denomination yet still maintain an institutional relationship with the United Methodist Church. As the name indicates, this is the preferred plan for many traditionalists. Of the 32 members serving on the Commission on a Way Forward, nine of them support this plan (several members supported more than one plan).

Americus First United Methodist Church
MORNING WORSHIP
February 17, 2019 — 11:00 a.m. in
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

WELCOME
GREETING AND WELCOME CHORUS — Surely the Presence
ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please fill out your communication card and place it in the offering plate later in worship.)

PRELUDE — My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Arr. Mark Hayes)
Piano Duet: Alwen Yeung and Mark Watford
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES — Caitlyn Umpleby and Wiley Stewart

*HYMN OF PRAISE #308 - Thine Is the Glory
Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 — The Apostles’ Creed

*GLORIA PATRI #71 — Glory Be to the Father
PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

CHORAL RESPONSE — Twofold Amen (Greek)

BAPTISM OF ADALYN FAITH UPDIKE
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — God Claims You

ANTHEM — Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (Arr. Mark Hayes)
Sam Morris, Tenor

TITHES, OFFERINGS and COMMUNICATION CARDS
OFFERTORY PRAYER — Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.
OFFERTORY — The Risen Christ (Arr. Lani Smith)
Piano Duet: Alwen Yeung and Mark Watford

*DOXOLOGY #95

3K to 2nd Grade Children dismissed to Children’s Church
with Sara Kate Shorter and Judy Tott.

*HYMN #604 — Praise and Thanksgiving to God

*SCRIPTURE — Matthew 14:22-34 — Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.


*CLOSING HYMN #452 — My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#453 — More Love to Thee, O Christ

*BENEDICTION — Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

*POSTLUDE — Mark Watford, Organist

Lee Pinnell, Audio Tech  Ellen Hanson, Video Tech

Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!
We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.
We invite you to join our congregation.
If you are interested in membership, call Pastor Jerry at 924-3169.
Americus First United Methodist Church

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

February 17, 2019     8:55 a.m.

Ready, Fire, Aim!
The Life of Peter, Disciple of Jesus
Part 2: That Sinking Feeling

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-34
Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

Praise Team
John Teate, Worship Leader, guitar and vocals
Kalynn VanLandingham, keyboard and vocals
and Hannah Mitchell, guitar and vocals
Rebecca Ferguson and Beverly Huffman, vocals
Nathan Bateman, bass guitar

Video Tech: Brad Lafevers    Audio Tech: Debra Donnelly

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to Children’s Church with Susan Barr and Jill Youngdale immediately before the message.

Refreshments provided by Terri Lee.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
February 23-26, 2019
Special Session of the General Conference
Of the United Methodist Church

MISSION COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

FUMC want to rejuvenate our commitment to local missions. If you would like to be a part of our mission efforts, you are invited to attend the Missions Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
Tuesday, February 12 - Chapel with Bright Beginnings
The kids learned that God's love will never let us down. The Bible tells us that God is love and that love never fails! (1 Corinthians)

Wednesday, February 13 - TeamKID
"Studying the Bible"...The kids had a special Valentine message about God's love and the Fruits of the Spirit, with a Valentine party to follow! (Galatians 5:22-23)

Sunday, February 17 - Explore the Bible* in Sunday School: The kids will learn how the Lord is a refuge for those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:3)

Sunday, February 10 - Children's Church: The kids are continuing to learn about colors in the Bible. Today they will learn about the purple cloth, and the story about Lydia. And about Paul, a missionary, telling everyone about Jesus. (Acts16:14)

UPCOMING DATES:
February 20, 27, and March 6 - Confirmation classes meet 6-7 p.m. in Pastor Jerry's office.
March 3 - kids sing at the 11 am service
March 17 - Recognition of the Confirmands/11 am service. There will be a luncheon following worship for the confirmands, families and mentors.
March 28, 6-7 p.m. - First Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance!! Capital Campaign Fundraiser
May 12, 11:00 a.m. - Kids sing at the 11:00 Worship for Mother's Day

***February challenge for Operation Christmas Child***
Let's buy combs, brushes, and hair items. There is a marked box to put items in, outside the church office.

Lots of wonderful things going on here at FUMC! Thank you for your continued support of our kiddos!
Stephanie

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**YOUTH**

Sunday School- 10 a.m. in The Foundry- We are starting a new series on Steps We Can and Need To Take To Grow. We need these lessons and they'll be good for all of us!

Youth Praise Choir & Praise Band- Praise Band practice 4:30 in The Foundry every Wednesday. Praise Choir will practice every Wednesday @ 7:30-8 pm in The Foundry after Bible study.

Wednesday Bible Study- This is still our best meeting time of the week and if you're not here, you are missing out! Come join us for great worship and message at 6 p.m. on Wednesday's in The Foundry!

**The Foundry and game room are now open on Wednesday's at 3:30. All youth are welcome to come hang out after school, play games or work on homework until we head upstairs for Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:30 p.m. Join us on Wednesdays!!!!

Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday 2/20 at 7 a.m. We have been bouncing around between different places each week. I will send out a text on Tuesday's letting everyone know where we will meet.

Devotion schedule: 2/20 Leslie Anne Farr 2/27 Sam Pinnell

Upcoming Events:
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17- All youth and college students are invited to join our family this Sunday at the 11am service. Adalyn is going to be Baptized! All of you are family, too, and we would love for you to be with us on this special occasion!

SUNDAY, MARCH 3- Youth Praise Choir and Praise Band leading worship at both services.

Thanks,
Johnny

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Fundraiser for Americus FUMC Capital Campaign

Last Chance
February 23-24
Flowers in the Sanctuary Today
Are given to the glory of God and in honor
the Baptism of Adalyn Faith Updike by her family.

All women in the congregation are invited to attend...
United Methodist Women’s
A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM
There will be a program on First Baptist Church’s After School
Program by Pat Turner followed by soup and cornbread for lunch.
There is no cost for the lunch. There will be an offering for missions.

Wednesday Fellowship Supper
5:30 p.m.
Menu: Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Salad,
Rolls and Dessert
Adults $6 ~ Youth & Children $4
Please make reservations on your communication card or call the
church office by noon on Monday (924-3169).

GREETERS and USHERS for February 17, 2019
8:55 Inside Greeters: Terri Lee
11:00 Inside Greeters at Front Door: MaryLen Walker and Virginia Watson
11:00 Inside Greeters at South Door: Jim and Penny Bolin
11:00 Ushers: Herschel Smith, Captain; Bill Bird, Jim Bolin, Jamie Collier,
George Ellis, John L. Fowler, Bill Kipp, Floyd Martin, Ted McMillan,
Bob McNeill, Craig Potter, John Shealy, Sonny Shealy, Bobby Strange,
Jay Umpleby, Jim West, Ryan Young

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
Rev. James Aycock, Cuyler Barr, Sue Bailes, Mike Bledsoe,
Sammy Bledsoe, Nancy Carlan, Beth Carroll, Joe Caldwell, Mary Davis,
Sheryl Dickens, April Duke, Sue Dupree, Sharon Dutton,
Margie Easterlin, Gertrude Forehand, Marion Franklin, Amy Hamrick,
Marilyn Jacobs, Ruth Jones, Pam Law, Imogene McLendon, Floyd Martin,
Ted and Brenda McMillan, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Vicki Partain,
David Peak, Charlene Sanders, Eugenia Smith, Walter Stapleton,
Calvin Starlin, Richard and Diane Swope, Betty Trammell,
Liz and Bill Turpin, Stephanie Updike,
Evelyn Wages, Juanita Wilder, Al Womack
OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership: 1008
Total Worship Attendance February 10: 321
8:55 Worship Attendance ............... 114
11:00 Worship Attendance ............ 207
Budget Giving ........................ $12,894
YTD 2019 Budget Giving ............. $72,539
YTD 2019 Expenditures ............... $74,462
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING TO DATE...$735,985

Youth Wednesday .......................... 69
Children—Team KID ...................... 27
Sunday School Total ..................... 162
Benevolence .............................. $897

Reminder: You can make donations to the church by automatic draft.
Just call Elaine in the finance office.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 17, 2019
8:30 a.m. Chapel open for prayer
8:55 a.m. Worship in the Social Hall
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection in the Parlor
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on The Revelation to John in the Social Hall

Monday, February 18, 2019
10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Social Hall
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in the Parlor

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
11:30 a.m. UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial in the Social Hall
5:15 p.m. Bell Choir
5:30 p.m. Council Meeting in the Epworth Classroom

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast at Café Campesino
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship Supper in the Social Hall
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class in Pastor Jerry’s Office
6:00 p.m. Team KID in Campsite 2
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study, Worship in the Foundry
6:00 p.m. Growth Groups meet in assigned rooms
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Thursday, February 21, 2019
1:00 p.m. Bulletin Crew in Epworth Classroom

Friday, February 22, 2019
9a-12 noon Office Open

The UMW Candle is lit February 17, 2019, in memory of Ginny Whaley by the Nimble Fingers.

WESLEY CLASS PANCAKE SUPPER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019, AT 5:30 P.M.
Come enjoy pancakes and all the trimmings and the proceeds will go to Arca del Fuego for chairs.

New
Grandbaby!!
March 10, 2019
Jase Michael Donnelly

Parents: Mandee and Jon Donnelly
Grandparents: Debra and Mike Donnelly
Calendar Dates
2019

Sundays
8:55 a.m. Worship in the Social Hall
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection In the Parlor
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on The Revelation to John Social Hall

Wednesdays
Fellowship Supper
5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
TeamKID Youth Growth Groups
6:00 p.m. in the designated rooms
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Wednesday, February 20, 27, and March 3
Confirmation Classes meet Pastor Jerry Roe’s Office at 6 p.m.

Tuesdays
Nimble Fingers Quilters
10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

Wednesday, February 27
Pancake Supper Social Hall

Mondays
Nimble Fingers Quilters
10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

Tuesday, February 19
UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial Social Hall

Tuesdays
Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:15 in the Bell Choir Room

Tuesday, February 19
Council Meeting Epworth Classroom

Tuesdays
TeamKID Youth Growth Groups
6:00 p.m. in the designated rooms

Wednesday, February 20, 27, and March 3
Confirmation Classes meet Pastor Jerry Roe’s Office at 6 p.m.

Church
Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Friday is Jerry’s, Stephanie’s and Johnny’s day off.

Finance Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
9:00a -3:00p
1. What does it mean to you when someone says, “Trust in Jesus?” How much do you trust in Jesus? Discuss an experience in your life when you trusted in Jesus. What was the outcome?

2. How important was prayer to Jesus? How important is it to you?

3. It appears that Jesus is taking a “short cut” home across the Sea of Galilee. Put yourself in the disciples shoes. What might have they thought and done when they saw Jesus walking on the water?

4. What “sinks” Peter? How does doubt affect your walk with the master?