Worship Arts Ministry

Are you looking to get connected at FUMC Americus? There are so many ways we can actively serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the ministries of the church, and here are a few opportunities in which you can do just that...

♦ **Chancel Choir**
Calling on singers of all voice types. Our genres feature classical, folk, gospel, and contemporary music. There is no audition necessary. Simply show up, and we’ll make you feel welcome. Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

♦ **Handbell Choir**
Handbells are always fun to play, and anyone can learn! The handbell choir currently meets on Tuesday nights from 5:15 to 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

♦ **Audio/Visual Tech**
Do you want to help behind the scenes? We are looking for new volunteers to help run the PowerPoint slides and/or operate the sound system. Don’t worry, we’ll make sure you are properly trained to do the job! Our audio/visual techs sign up for as many or as few Sundays as desired.

♦ **Praise Team**
Join our praise team! Our group of volunteers enjoy the full worship experience in a simple, contemporary setting during our 8:55 service. We are looking for folks who can play an instrument and/or sing. The praise team usually meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

♦ **Drama Team**
Bring out your inner thespian to spread the gospel for the glory of God! There is no audition required to join the drama team, and our skits are usually less than 10 minutes. Sometimes memorization is required, but we also do reader’s theatre.

♦ **Communion Preparers, Servers, & Homebound Ministry**
One of the most sacred acts of service in the church is through communion. We serve communion on the first Sunday of every month. Communion preparers are responsible for setting the altar table in preparation for the sacrament of holy communion. Servers assist the pastor and acolytes in distributing the elements during our services. We also need volunteers who can assist in taking communion to our homebound community on Sunday afternoons.

♦ **Greeters, Welcomers, & Ushers**
This group represents the first impression AFUMC will make to each visitor, returning guest, and church member. Greeters, welcomers, and ushers serve as the cornerstone of our outreach ministry on Sunday mornings.

♦ **Flowers & Decorations**
Perhaps you have an artistic side that you would like to express for God’s glory. This group serves to beautify our church facilities, keeping it vibrant and refreshed.

Blessings and peace to you as you prayerfully consider how you can serve the Lord through the worship arts ministry.

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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 Rev. Daryl Brown at 924-3169.
Buddy and Cherilyn Guth are happy to announce that Caroline Guth and Logan Dan Miller were married on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Woodmen Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Caroline and Logan met and worked together at Lost Valley Ranch, Sedalia, Colorado, where Caroline has worked for the last 13 years. They are making their home in Colorado Springs.

Logan’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller of Tomball, Texas.

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**DOOLY CAMPMEETING 2019**

**September 22-25, 2019**

Preachers:
- Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 11:00 am. Rev. Steve Patton, Northwest District Superintendent
- Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 7:00 pm. Rev. Jim Cowart, Harvest UMC, Warner Robins
- Monday, Sept. 23 @ 7:00 pm. Rev. Daryl Brown, Americus First UMC
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 7:00 pm. Rev. Jeremy Alexander, Buena Vista UMC
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 @ 7:00 pm. Rev. Brad Brady, Perry First UMC

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to Children’s Church In Campsite 2 with Kellie Starlin and Karin Owens immediately before the message.

Refreshments provided by Millie and Ricky Trussell.

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**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

*September 22, 2019  8:55 a.m.*

Be Loving
Get Connected Sermon Series
1 Peter 4:7-11
Rev. Daryl Brown

Praise Team
John Teate, Worship Leader, guitar and vocals
Sam Morris, Worship Leader, keyboard and vocals
Kalyn VanLandingham, keyboard and vocals
Hannah Mitchell, guitar and vocals
Rebecca Ferguson, vocals
Nathan Bateman, bass guitar

Audio Tech ~ Johnny Ferguson, Video Tech

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Tuesday, September 17 - Chapel with Bright Beginnings
“Fire that Burned Up Water”, from 1 Kings 18:39

Wednesday, September 18 — God’s Playhouse
Have an attitude like Christ. Philippians 2:3-11.
The kids will learn why it’s important to put others first.

Children’s Church and Sunday School, September 22
Solomon Turns Away From God, 1 Kings 11:1-13
God deserves our full devotion.

** On Wednesday nights in God's Playhouse, the kids have started earning
“Bible Bucks.” They will be rewarded for bringing their Bible, a friend, good
behavior, answering questions from the teachers, memory verses, etc. Then on the
last Wednesday of the month, we will have a little store available for the kids to
spend their Bible Bucks. (Each child will have an envelope with their name on it to
keep their bucks in, here in God's Playhouse.)

Upcoming:
Please say a prayer as we return from KidzQuest/Epworth by the Sea today.
(Sunday, September 22)

In Him,
Stephanie

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YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join us this Sunday at 10 a.m. in The Foundry! Kalynn
will be teaching Sunday school. We’ve been discussing Galatians 5, Flesh vs
Spirit. She is going to share about her life and how she is able to live by the
spirit daily and reflect Christ every day. We hope to see you there!

IGNITE - Last week we talked about real sacrifice, remembering those who
sacrificed so much on 9/11/2001—so many Christ-like examples for us to
honor and to live by! We will always be thankful and we will always
remember! We also will always be thankful and remember the sacrifice that
Jesus paid for us on the cross. We had powerful prayer time at the altar and I
was very touched by the youth who came forward and prayed over me; it was
very moving. Great things are happening in our youth and I pray that we will
keep pressing forward in our faith and spiritual growth! I love our worship time
on Wednesdays. Please do whatever it takes to be here. I know that you’ll be
glad that you did!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE -
  Foundry Opens @ 3:30 p.m.
  Youth Praise Band practice- 4:00 p.m. in The Foundry
  Wednesday Night Supper- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall
  IGNITE- 6-7:15 p.m. The Foundry
  Youth Praise Choir practice- 7:15 p.m. in The Foundry
  Snack Supper- 7:15- 8 p.m. The Foundry Café

UPCOMING EVENTS:
10/4/19-1st Friday Leadership/Core Team Prayer Breakfast @ Cafe
Campesino w/Bill Harris
10/13- FRIGHTFEST Sign up and get a permission form in The Foundry.
Permission forms and money are due by Sunday, October 6. Please call
me on my cell phone 229-942-8961 or at the church 229-924-3169 if you
have any questions.
11/23-11/25/19-ROCKRIDGE
12/29/19- YOUTH LOCK IN
CHRYSLASIS: Girls Flight #63- 1/9-1/12/20  Boys Flight #64- 1/16-1/19/20

Johnny
GIFTS IN MEMORY
Kay Ansley
Roberta Crowell
Harry and Ann Entrekin
Judy Tindol

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY
are given to the glory of God and in honor of Eugenia Smith for her 90th birthday from her family.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
NEW MEMBER AND MEMORIAL SERVICE LUNCHEON
September 30, 2019 FUMC Social Hall
United Methodist Women will host a New Member and Memorial Luncheon on September 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall. All women of the church are invited. Please come and be with us.
Our UMW women are active:
• Alaska fishing and sewing supplies will be delivered.
• Fast food cards will go to Wesley Community Center in Savannah.
• UMW TEA at MAGNOLIA MANOR, October 5, 2019, Magnolia Room, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Fellowship Supper ~ 5:30 p.m.
MENU: Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls, Salad, Dessert
Children/Youth—$4 Adults—$6

GREETERS and USHERS for September, 2019
8:55 Inside Greeters: Millie and Ricky Trussell
11:00 Inside Greeters at Front Door: Mary Comer
11:00 Inside Greeters at South Door: Penny and Jim Bolin
11:00 Ushers: Herschel Smith, Captain; Bill Bird, Jim Bolin, Jamie Collier, George Ellis, John L. Fowler, 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
**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 22, 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
- 3:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle in the Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection in the Parlor

**Monday, September 23, 2019**
- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Social Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Ellis Lanier Circle in the Parlor

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**
- 10:00 a.m. Preschool Committee in Campsite 2
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper in the Social Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Children in God’s Playhouse
- 6:00 p.m. Youth IGNITE in the Foundry
- 6:00 p.m. Growth Groups in assigned rooms
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**
- 11:00 a.m. Safe Sanctuaries in Campsite 2
- 1:00 p.m. Bulletin Crew

**Friday, September 27, 2019**
- 9a—12p Church Office Open

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You are invited to our 5th Sunday Potluck on Sunday, September 29, 2019, following 11:00 worship.

The church is providing sliced ham. If you would like to help provide other dishes, we need fried chicken, sides (veggies, salads or starches), and desserts. Please contact the church office at 229-924-3169 to let us know what you are bringing.

Our Epworth Sunday School class donated $500 for Hurricane Relief (UMCOR $250 and Samaritan’s Purse $250) to help stranded people from Hurricane Dorian in the Bahama Islands last week.

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

- Total committed: $1,729,400
- Total uncommitted received: $290,354
- Total committed and uncommitted: $2,019,754
- Total received from committed and uncommitted: $813,234
- Total committed remaining: $962,117

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**OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS**

- Membership: 1025
- Total Worship Attendance September 15: 271
  - 8:55 Worship Attendance: 107
  - 11:00 Worship Attendance: 164
  - Budget Giving: $8,853
  - YTD 2019 Budget Giving: $552,095
  - YTD 2019 Expenditures: $607,356

Youth: 70
Kids: 38
Sunday School Total: 123
Benevolence: $3,872

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

Friday—Sunday, September 20-22
KidzQuest Retreat
Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island

Friday—Sunday, November 22-24
Youth Rockridge Retreat
Rockridge Camp

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

Friday, November 22
Preschool Grandparents Day
Social Hall

Tuesdays
(Not During Summer)
Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:15 in the Bell Choir Room

Sunday, September 29
5th Sunday Potluck Dinner
Social Hall

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Communion
And Candlelight Service
Sanctuary

Wednesdays
(Not During Summer)
*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, November 6
Preschool Operation
Christmas Child Packing Party
Bright Beginnings Rooms

Wednesday, November 13
Wesley Country Store
Social Hall

Wednesday, December 25
Community Christmas Dinner
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Finance Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00a -3:00p
1. In your experience, how may suffering help us to be done with sin?

2. What are your thoughts about expecting suffering, or even “rejoicing” in suffering, and how suffering enhances spiritual growth to one’s life?

3. What is your understanding of “the end of all things is near”? Why does Peter use this language?

4. How can the “family of God” prove its faith is genuine? What characteristics should be evident in one’s life as one lives for God? Discuss the idea that living a “self-controlled” life?

5. How have you experienced Christ this week? What have you learned about yourself this week?