

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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April 9, 2023

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the
Gardens (Sanctuary if
inclement weather)

8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the
Sanctuary

11:00 AM Grace Vision
Contemporary Service
Christian Life Center

*He is
Risen*



Palm Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary
11:00 AM Grace Vision, Christian Life Center

Noon Holy Week Services & Lunch

Monday-Friday, April 3rd - 7th, 12 noon in the Sanctuary
Lunch immediately following in the Christian Life Center

Donations accepted for T.E.A.M.

Different denominations from the area come together each year and participate in the noon service and provide lunch.

Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Service

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Services, Sunday, April 9th

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Gardens (Sanctuary if inclement weather)

8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary*

11:00 AM Grace Vision Contemporary Service, Christian Life Center*

Please don't forget to bring flowers and greenery to decorate the living cross on Easter Sunday.

Services will be streamed via our Facebook and YouTube

*Our Sunrise service will not be streamed.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

There will be a called Trussville First United Methodist Church Conference* on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 12:30 pm for the sole consideration of the following matter: Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church over issues related to human sexuality per Paragraph 2553 of the Addendum to the 2016 Book of Discipline.

Also, per paragraph 246.7, no other business may be conducted at this meeting.

The vote will be by written ballot and disaffiliation will require a two-thirds vote of those professing members present and voting. Members present constitute a quorum. The District Superintendent of the Cheaha District of the North Alabama Conference, Rev. Sherill Clontz has consented to and will preside over this called Church Conference.

IMPORTANT! Please be aware that once the Called Church Conference begins, a 5-minute grace period will be given for any late members to receive a ballot. After that grace period, no ballot will be distributed.

Due to member voting restrictions, new members will be processed until Monday, April 10th, then will resume after April 23rd. New members received between April 10th and April 23rd will not receive a ballot to vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS



UMM Monthly Meeting

The United Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. The speaker for this meeting is Cindy Patsios whose presentation will address her completion of the Camino deSantiago, a 500 mile pilgrimage across northern Spain. As always, children and wives are welcome at meetings. Please notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.

Community Food Bank

The Mission Team volunteers this month at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, April 20, 2023. We are always accepting new volunteers! If you would like to join the team, please call Charlene Sharp at 205-835-2691 or email at csharp@bellsouth.net to register.

Ecuador Mission Trip

A Trussville First United Methodist Church mission trip to Ecuador is scheduled for July 22-29/30, 2023. This is a VBS/construction trip sponsored by SIFAT. I need to know by March 29 if you or anyone you know will be interested in going on this trip. For more information visit <https://www.fumctrussville.com/ecuador-mission>
Gracias, Skip Pennington.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Lovelady Easter Baskets

THANK YOU to everyone who donated an Easter basket to the Lovelady Center. If you have not delivered your basket, please do so by April 3rd so they can be picked up on time. They still need toilet paper donations.

Naomi Girls Luncheon

Our next Naomi Girls Luncheon will be on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM at Cracker Barrel in Trussville. The address is 4710 Norrell Dr. For more information, contact Linda Shaddix.

Membership Information

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trussville First, please pick up one of the membership forms in the Transept or Welcome Center, fill it out and return it to the church office. You can place it in an envelope and put it in the mail slot in the church office door if the office is closed. Please remember that you are not automatically a member if you attend, work or give. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 205-655-3259.



Kids First Day School

Kids First Day School is ready for **Spring!**

The children are looking forward to warmer weather to play outside and explore in our outdoor learning area with our new Music wall, paint wall, garden area and sensory tubs.

Registration for 2023-2024 Fall Registration and our School Age Summer Program are underway.

Our April Upcoming Events include:

- April 4, 2023: Free Focus First Vision Screening
- April 5, 2023: Easter Parties and our Easter Egg Hunt
- April 6, 2023: Closed for our Teacher Training and Workday
- April 27, 2023: Kids First Spring Music Program and Art Show at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

Positions for Substitutes and a part time Spanish Teacher are available.

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Thank you to ALL our wonderful volunteers, consignors, and shoppers at the Spring 2023 Sale! We would like to say a special THANK YOU to the church members that accepted the 100x2 challenge to serve along with us in this ministry. This sale would not have been a success without your support!

TFUMC church members served in many capacities during Spring Sale. Here are some examples:

- Breakdown and set up for Grace Vision service
- Unloading garage and set up of sale racks
- Sponsoring meals and snacks for our hard-working volunteers
- Sorting and displaying items for the sale
- Collecting passes and greeting shoppers at the entrance
- Working checkout stations during the sale
- Restocking items
- Security
- Picking up and returning our borrowed shopping carts from a local grocery store
- Runners to help shoppers take items to their cars
- After sale sorting
- Breaking down our heavy racks and loading them back in the garage
- Prayer and encouragement to volunteers

As you can see it takes a VILLAGE to do this sale. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time for this ministry that supports our children, youth and local community.

Trussville Methodist Consignment Sale Committee

Carolyn Matthews, Daniele Greene, Katie Morse, Katelyn Asbury & Wendy Farmer



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

-Our Children's Ministry is growing! Beginning April 2nd, we will be dividing our Elementary and smaller children into two groups. Ages 3-5 will be in one class, while our older "Elementary" children will be in another. Elementary will be upstairs and the smaller children will be downstairs next to the Nursery in the Children/Youth (Kids First) building. Please sign your child in when you leave them in our care and sign them out when you pick them up. If you are not picking up your child, please let us know who will be picking them up.

-We still need volunteers! We all want a great Children's program, but we depend on volunteers to accomplish what one person cannot do. There are so many opportunities to help. Listing just a few-Wednesday nights...volunteers help with the lessons, feeding the kids (maybe your small group could provide a meal?), as well as arts and crafts projects. Sunday morning-we always need volunteers to help teach our kids (volunteer permanently, once in while, a month at a time-you name it!) If you are interested, please contact the church office at 205-655-3259 for more information. Must be at least 18 years of age and complete Safe Sanctuary Training and a background check.

NURSERY INFORMATION AND HOURS:

(Ages: Infant-5 years)

Wednesday Nights: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 12:15 pm

~Please sign in at the desk downstairs in the Children/Youth Building.

~Parents note: If you receive a text of "77" please come to the Nursery.



STUDENT MINISTRY

A big hello from the Student Ministry to all of our church family! We wanted to thank everyone for the outpouring of support during this time of growth and planning. Whether it has been opening your home to us, cooking a dinner on Sunday night, or donating towards ministry activities and events, we would not be where we are without the support of all of you.

We have a few dates to keep in mind for the month of April so feel free to mark them in your calendar.

On April 16th, we will have a SWAG/Student Ministry family night. We will come together as the body of Christ and have a family style dinner, fellowship, games, and a lesson. We will supply the meat for the main dish and the Consignment Sale is providing the desserts. All we ask from you is to please let me know how many in your family will be attending and what side dish you would like to bring.



We will also have a church wide dinner fundraiser on April 19th. The funds from this will go to support those who are going on the Mexico Mission Trip with us from June 8th-14th. Be on the lookout for a menu and we hope to see everyone there for some great food and fellowship!

On April 29th, Phillip and the volunteers will be taking our Seniors to pick out their bibles for Graduation Sunday, have them engraved, and finish the day with an early dinner at Bama Bucks.

STUDENT MINISTRY

April 30th will be Confirmation Sunday. Their day to be recognized is quickly approaching and we hope to see everyone come out and support these students as they continue to grow within the church.

We are also putting together our summer schedule that will include, swimming, volleyball, and slip N slide kickball. If you are interested in signing up to open up your home to this ministry then just let us know and we will hold you to it!

If you have any questions about anything mentioned above then please feel free to reach out to Phillip McEvoy at any time.



NAOMI GIRLS - CURRENT PROJECTS

Solar Box Kits and Repair Water Wells

The Naomi Girls will be making solar boxes from kits to charge cell phones where there isn't electricity. This is their only way of communication. The solar boxes are sent to churches. While the people are waiting to get their phones charged, the pastor brings a sermon to the people. Hopefully, they will discover one day that Jesus has more power than the solar boxes.

Each solar kit will cost \$100. We will begin to assemble the kits when we can pay for 10 kits. Any amount of money is greatly appreciated, every dollar adds up. We will have an instructor to help us assemble the kits.

The repair of water wells is also important. The women are the ones that sometimes walk for miles with a large jug on their head to get water for their family every day. Ladies we are truly blessed! The repair of the water wells is \$1,500 each. We will continue to work with the nonprofit, Designs For Hope, with Chris Bond with our project.

The Naomi Girls would like to invite the Trussville First UMC family to help make these projects possible. Look what the TFUMC family did last year. You help to build 15 houses for widows in Uganda. You made a difference in the life of others. They were living on a dirt road.

If you would like to help with donations, please write your check to TFUMC for Naomi Girls either solar boxes or repair wells.

We need prayers for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Shaddix.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

The church received contributions (income) of \$149,000 or \$19,000 (11.2%) below budget. Expenses were \$143,000 or \$24,000 (14.5%) below budget. As a result, the church has received \$5,000 more than it has spent year-to-date. Our Conference tithe (apportionment) of \$9,000 is paid a month in arrears, which would have changed the cash flow to \$4,000 more than received had it been paid. Additionally, the Trustees are under budget by \$12,000. The table below provides additional financial details, as well as a comparison to 2022.

On March 9th, the church repaid all but \$4,000 of the balance on the organ loan, reflecting all contributions received through that date and a bequest from the estate of a church member who passed away in 2022. **On Sunday, March 19th, the consignment committee indicated their intent to provide funds to finish paying off the organ loan. Thanks to everyone who has assisted in paying for the organ. The church now has no indebtedness.**

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Trussville First. While the congregation is in discussions (discernment) about its relationship with the United Methodist Church, our missions and ministries (and their related expenses) continue uninterrupted.

If there are any questions, please see any member of the committee.
The Finance Committee

FUMC-Trussville February YTD 2023						
	Feb. YTD 2023	Feb. YTD 2022	Change vs. 2022	Feb. YTD 2023	Feb. YTD Budget	Difference vs. Budget
Income	\$ 148,954	\$ 166,626	\$ (17,672)	\$ 148,954	\$ 167,735	\$ (18,781)
Expenses	143,418	164,621	(21,203)	143,418	167,735	(24,317)
Difference	\$ 5,536	\$ 2,005	\$ 3,531	\$ 5,536	\$ -	\$ 5,536

MEMORIALS

Honorarium For:

Ann Bowman
Harold & Cathy Fulton
Jim & Mary Wolfe

By:

Margaret Gaither
Margaret Gaither
Margaret Gaither

Fund:

Organ Fund
Organ Fund
Organ Fund

Memorial For:

Joyce McLemore

Friendship SS Class

Music



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO COME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

BY: GAREY MORRISON

We are excited that 3 members of this congregation have completed Stephen Minister training and been commissioned to serve God in this church. Your new Stephen Ministers are:

Bob Murray
Kim Cooper
Betty Frankl

Your Stephen Ministry team is available to walk with you during challenging moments in your life. Two of the key principles of Stephen Ministry are that God is the Cure Giver and that everything you discuss with your Stephen Minister is always completely confidential.

If you are experiencing a period in your life where you need someone to help you through a tough patch, please let us or the pastors know. We can provide a Stephen Minister to help you. Your Stephen Ministers are always available to provide support. We will walk along with you as long (or as short) as you need.

Remember, you are part of a family called Trussville First United Methodist. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. You do not need to face change alone.

Blessings to you from your Stephen Minister Team.

Garey Morrison

Trussville First UMC Stephen Ministers

Stuart Garner	Martha Cusimano	Garey Morrison	Bob Murray
Linda Hester	Curtis Garner	Rebecca Best	Betty Frankl
Will Northern	Teri Freeman	Kim Cooper	





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April 2023

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