

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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**DONNA
THORNELL**

**New Finance Minister
Trussville First**



First Methodist would like to officially welcome our new Finance Minister, Donna Thornell.

Donna is a graduate of The University of Alabama and has a comprehensive background in both business and ministry. She lives in Springville with her husband of 28 years, Joe and is Mom to two grown sons, Grant and Reed. She is also 'Gigi' to her granddaughter, Opal Claire.

Donna enjoys college football, camping trips, and spending time with her family. Joe and Donna are members of Clearbranch Methodist.

Please take time to stop by and say hello to Donna and make her feel right at home!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Coming Soon! OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new church pictorial directory and it won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.



SAVE THE DATE!



Directory Photography Week
Monday, April 15—Saturday, April 20, 2024

Visit <https://trussvillefirst.com/directory> for photography scheduling information. Spaces are filling up, so be sure to schedule your session as soon as possible.

We need greeters during Directory Photography week!
2 people per 2 hour shifts each day. Please consider volunteering. Visit <https://trussvillefirst.com/directory> for greeter sign up form. Questions, contact Melissa Smith at web.admin@trussvillefirst.com

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Each month we will highlight a project or a mission. Your donations will be used for improvement projects or specific missions. If the menu says "fundraiser", the funds will go to the specific groups or ministries listed. These meals will be provided at the expense of the group and the funds will be collected by the specific group.

This is the current menu for April of 2024. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the CLC. Please email Shan if you would like to have a fundraiser meal for a special occasion and it will be added to the calendar. Her email is shan@trussvillefirst.com or pastor.shankay@gmail.com.

April 3 - Fundraiser| Fish Fry | Trussville Methodist Men

April 10 - Church Provided | Spaghetti | Student Ministry

April 17 - Church Provided | Chicken & Rice | Student Ministry

Upcoming Missions / Projects :

April - (Project) Student Ministry to aid their program

May - (Mission) Community Food Bank

June - (Project) The Garden

July - (Mission) 3 Hots & A Cot

August - (Mission) Brother Bryan Missions

September - (Mission) T.E.A.M.

October - (Project) Angel Tree

November - (Mission) Independence Place

December - (Mission) Embrace Alabama Kids



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- **Kids First Day School** Welcomes Spring! The Kids First Music Program and Art Show is April 11, 2024 at 6:00 in the CLC.

- The April **Naomi Girls' luncheon** meeting will take place on Friday, April 19th at 11:30 am at Costa's Mediterranean Café, 5891 Trussville Crossings Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35235. Please let Linda Shaddix know if you will be able to attend.

- The **Mission Team** volunteers this month at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama from 9:00 to 11:30 am on April 18, 2024. We welcome ALL who wish to help! If you would like to join the team, please call Charlene Sharp at 205-835-2691 or email at csharp@bellsouth.net to register.

- If you have a **specific prayer** that you wish to go directly to Pastors Steve & Shan, please email them at prayers@trussvillefirst.com. You will still need to contact the office to be added to the published prayer list.

The **Women's Ministry** Spring Mission is to fulfill the needs of those who are aging out of foster and group homes and entering the Higher Ed program of Embrace. We plan to fill 15 laundry baskets with all the necessities @ \$150/basket. We're asking that you (or your class/group) give whatever you are called to give. Any amount is appreciated. The deadline for donations is April 28th. Be sure to put 'embrace baskets' on the "for" line of your check.



**Please don't forget
to bring food items
for our Blessing Box!**



TRUSSVILLE METHODIST MEN



Laurie Franklin
Methodist Men Speaker
April 14, 2024

Laurie Franklin, Founder/Owner of Birmingham Christian Family Magazine and BirminghamChristian.com

Laurie Franklin is the founder of The Christian Family Publication, Inc. based in Birmingham, Ala. The company published its first magazine, Birmingham Christian Family, in 2000. Since then, similar publications have been added in other markets including Nashville, Tenn. The goal of the publications is to spread Good News in print and online and help businesses and organizations serve more families.

Laurie grew up in Birmingham, Ala. the daughter of a Lutheran minister. She attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. and graduated with honors in English. She pursued a career in broadcast journalism, serving as a medical reporter and news anchor. Later as the founder and editor of a national health magazine, she developed and implemented public relations and advertising campaigns for a national health corporation. She is a graduate of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses entrepreneurship program. She and her husband Adam Franklin are the proud parents of five sons.

Join us for breakfast and our speaker Sunday April 14th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is provided by the “Open Door” Sunday School Class.

NAOMI GIRLS PROJECT

Thank you for contributing to our annual Naomi Girls' service project! Many of you have responded and Hope Lodge has received \$540 in donations reported as of March 15. Our Birmingham Hope Lodge provides a caring and supportive lodging place for those who are undergoing cancer treatment from out of town-40 miles or more. They provide lodging for the patient and one caregiver at no charge.

Some of the amenities include a kitchen, library, and an outdoor screened area. Each room is assigned a space in the kitchen for food so that their caregiver can prepare meals there according to their needs. Transportation to different hospitals can also be arranged if needed. This is a wonderful blessing in our community that many people are unaware of.

Please send your donations directly to the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham. You can go online to look up our local Hope Lodge and see more information about it, or you can ask our church secretary. Since there are a number of Hope Lodges across the country, please make your checks payable to the American Cancer Society with "restricted to Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge/Naomi Girls Project" on the memo line, so that your name will show up on the donor list. All checks should be mailed to: Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge, Attention: Tonya Zapata, 1104 Ireland Way, Birmingham, AL 35205. Envelopes (with this information inside) are available in the Transept and Welcome Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Need a stay?
Get a stay at
Hope Lodge.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

In Honor of:

Harold & Cathy Fulton

By:

Lee Roy & Doreen Lee

Fund:

General

In Memory of:

Bill Nielsen

Dennis & Julianne Geraghty

Missions

Scott & Johnna Fifer

Missions

Dennis & Roxanne Diehm

Missions

Margaret Turk

Missions

Thomas & Wendy Hartsock

Missions

Bob & Barbara Fifer

Missions

Jim & Ay Deitch

Missions

Mollie Lyle

Missions

Donna Talbott

Missions

Rick & Charlene Sharp

Missions

Patricia Nielsen

Missions

David & Ann Driskel

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Stephen Stults

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Missions

Hugh & Nancy Lickiss

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Black Creek Shop

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Eric Horst

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Missions

Liz Hollis

Ann Bowman

Missions

It Is Okay To Be Angry or Upset by: Garey Morrison

Ephesians 4:26-27 Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. (The Message)

A major change can make us angry. Very angry. We did not want anything to change. Suddenly, you are faced with life changes that were unplanned and many times from out of left field. Much has been written about the stages or phases of dealing with loss or sudden change. The first "phase" is denial followed by anger. I know we process change and loss in our own way. The question is "How can I deal with what is before me?"

Your Stephen Ministers can provide support during challenging times. Your Stephen Minister will walk with you for as long as you need. Everything that is discussed with a Stephen Minister is completely confidential. Always.

You are part of a family called First Methodist Church Trussville. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. You are not alone and we are available.

Blessings,
Garey Morrison

Our First Methodist Church Stephen Ministers are:

Stuart Garner
Linda Hester
Kim Cooper

Martha Cusimano
Curtis Garner
Teri Freeman

Garey Morrison
Betty Frankl





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