

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

# THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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## ***ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES***

February 22nd

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Drive Thru  
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7:00 - 8:30 AM

Front parking lot and Kids First  
drop off line (back parking lot)

Worship Services  
12:00 and 6:30 PM  
in the Sanctuary

# SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE

Public Sale: March 17th from 8 am to 7 pm  
and March 18th from 8 am to 2 pm (most items 50% off)

ARE YOU UP FOR THE "100x2 CHALLENGE"?

The Spring 2023 Trussville Methodist Consignment Sale will be the week of March 12th-18th and we need YOU!

Pastor Steve has asked for at least 100 volunteers to pledge their time to help with the Spring sale. That means you only need to volunteer one 2-hour shift. No matter your level of physical ability, there is a job for you. Please accept the challenge! Your time serving your church in this ministry allows us to serve needy families in the community while raising money to support our children and youth ministries and other church projects. Remember all volunteers get to shop the sale early on March 15th before the public.

Sign up sheets will be located in the CLC, transept and church office. You may also email Carolyn Matthews at [ccmatthews137@gmail.com](mailto:ccmatthews137@gmail.com) to let her know your availability.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

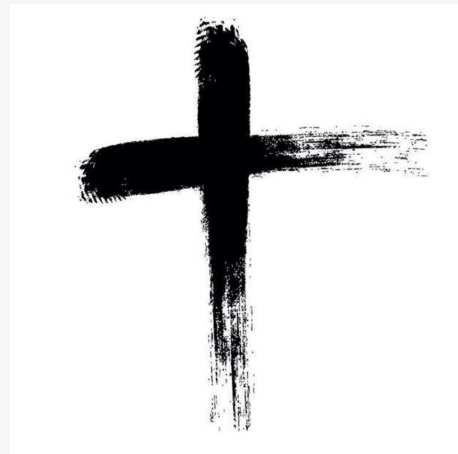
### **Lunch and Learn: Independent Methodist**

Please mark your calendar for our next “Lunch and Learn” study: Independent Methodist Church on Sunday, February 5th at 12:30PM in the CLC. Please bring your lunch and join us. Childcare will be provided. To sign up for childcare, visit <https://fumctrussville.com/childcare>

### **Ash Wednesday is February 22nd**

We will do an imposition of ashes from 7:00–8:30 am in the front parking lot and in the back parking lot in the Kids First drop off area.

We will also have Ash Wednesday services at both noon and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.



**Annual Easter Ferns Sale:** Look for more information, coming soon.

### **We need Nursery Workers!**

If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information. Must be at least 18 years of age and complete Safe Sanctuary Training and a background check.



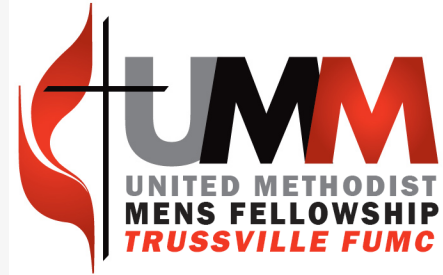
### **Handbells at CAHF This Month**

Come support our Jubilant Ringers at the 2023 Central Alabama Handbell Festival on Saturday, February 25th at 3PM at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla. Lots of handbell choirs will be there working hard on both Friday evening and all day Saturday for their special afternoon concert. All are welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

### **UMM Monthly Meeting**

The United Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall followed by the meeting. Chris Bond, the Executive Director of Designs for Hope, is our speaker. Designs For Hope's Vision is to design and deliver innovative solutions to the physical and spiritual needs of disciple makers, which empowers them to ignite their communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Breakfast will be provided by the Friendship class. 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.



### **Naomi Girl's Luncheon**

Our next Naomi Girls Meeting will be on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11:30 at Olive Garden in Trussville. Be sure to RSVP Linda Shaddix by Feb. 16, 2023. All Naomi Girls please try to attend, we will decide our project for 2023.

### **Community Food Bank**

The Community Food Bank volunteers will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 9:00 - 11:30 AM. If you would like to volunteer please email Charlene Sharp at [csharp@bellsouth.net](mailto:csharp@bellsouth.net) or call (205) 835-2691.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

The Student Ministry is moving into the new year at a blistering pace! Our summer schedule is beginning to take place with mission trips, retreats, and other outings! With that being said, if you would like to host the Student Ministry at your house to swim or grill out during the summer then please contact me, so I can put you on the schedule! We have had several small groups, Sunday school classes, and circles ask about providing dinner for us in the future and if that is an option, I can assure you that our students would absolutely love that!

We look forward to launching our Parents small group that will run alongside the Student Ministry's time slot on Wednesday from 6:00-7:15! Please be on the lookout for upcoming information in regard to that, and be sure to reach out to me if you are interested in attending this small group so I can relay that information to you! We are excited to begin to set up ways to pour into our parents!



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation has begun and we have a total of 7 students who are going through our classes! This is an exciting time for them as they begin their journey together as friends and family! We look forward to working with them and their families as we move through the confirmation process!

I want to take this time to mention a big part of why the Student Ministry has been successful over the past few months! We have quickly gone from one volunteer to steadily working with eleven consistent volunteers within our ministry. We are forever thankful for their time, energy, and focus on simply loving the students within this ministry! To put it very simply, we would not be where we are if it wasn't for them! Below is a picture of the last dinner we had together to fellowship and grow deeper with one another. We are missing three, but if you see any of the people pictured in person, be sure to thank them for pouring into the students of our church and community!

Phillip McEvoy, Youth Minister - [phillip@fumctrussville.com](mailto:phillip@fumctrussville.com)



# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022

For the year 2022, the church received contributions (income) of \$975,000 or \$23,000 (2.3%) below budget. Contributions to the Uganda widow's homes, the new organ and all other designated contributions are recorded separately and not reflected in contributions. For 2022, designated contributions totaled \$147,000. Expenses were \$1,144,000 or \$146,000 (14.7%) higher than budgeted. As a result, the church used \$169,000 of its financial reserves during the year. The table below provides additional details, as well as a comparison to 2021. The church has no indebtedness on its facilities and \$50,000 as a loan balance for the organ.

Trustees spent \$413,000 or \$190,000 more than budgeted for maintenance and replacement expenses, including roof repairs, replacement of heating/cooling units, repairing leaks, replacing fire sensing and protection equipment and replacing the kitchen ice machine (as examples). Staff expenses were under budget by \$23,000 and Education was under budget by \$7,000. All other expense categories were each under budget by \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Thank you for being faithful to Trussville First in 2022. As the new year begins, prayerfully consider your 2023 giving plans. While the congregation is in discussions (discernment) about its relationship with the United Methodist Church, our missions and ministries continue uninterrupted.

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

## FUMC-Trussville December YTD 2022

	Dec YTD 2022	Dec YTD 2021	Change vs. 2021	Dec YTD 2022	Dec YTD Budget	Difference vs. Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 974,650	\$ 1,018,078	\$ (43,428)	\$ 974,650	\$ 997,724	\$ (23,074)
<b>Expenses</b>	1,144,113	924,153	219,960	1,144,113	997,724	146,389
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (169,463)	\$ 93,925	\$ (263,388)	\$ (169,463)	\$ -	\$ (169,463)

# MEMORIALS & HONORARIA



**Memorial For:**

Pam Pratt

**By:**

Dan & Betty Milam  
 Betty Haisten  
 Cathy Coe  
 Sarah Whiteside  
 Phyllis Jordan  
 Pat Glenn

**Fund:**

General Fund  
 General Fund  
 General Fund  
 General Fund  
 Organ Fund  
 Organ Fund

Doris Murphree

Phyllis Jordan  
 Ann Bowman

Organ Fund  
 Missions

Marja Leena Viikinsalo

Ann Bowman

Missions

Lilian Judith Barnard

Ann Bowman

Missions

Holland Hawkins

Ann Bowman

Missions

Glenda Curtis

Ann Bowman

Missions

Meiling Shakleton

Ann Bowman

Missions

Judy Bennett

Ann Bowman

Missions

Bobbi Wells

Ann Bowman  
 Bill & Pat Smith  
 Joy Gwin  
 Friendship Class  
 M. L. & Kiki Smitherman  
 Linda Shaddix

Missions  
 Organ Fund  
 Choir  
 Youth Ministry  
 Organ Fund  
 Organ Fund

Freya Bess

Ann Bowman

Missions

Shirley Heard

Ann Bowman

Missions



STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

## THE ACOLYTE

BY: WILL NORTHERN



I was an acolyte for years in the church where I grew up. I enjoyed serving in that role, and I encourage all of our youth to participate in that capacity as it is a great way to begin service to the church. Every time I see a young person serving as an acolyte, I am reminded of a great lesson I learned many years ago. (My boys love to hear me tell this story. My parents too.)

In the church where I grew up, the acolyte sat next to the pastor during the service - practically facing the congregation the entire time. We were taught to look reverent and even a bit serious, and I did my best - other acolytes acted the same. My dedication to this principle would be challenged from time to time, by my Dad - who is now a retired Lieutenant Colonel - who would make faces at me to try to get me to laugh. He succeeded a time or two.

The acolyte would arrive early, light candles before service, stand next to the pastor during communion, and help clean up after the service. When I was 10 years old or so, I had just lit the candles using the same brass candlelighter that our acolytes currently use. I decided to snuff out the flame by blowing it out (instead of withdrawing the wick back into the candlelighter which immediately extinguishes the flame). As I did so, I felt a very slight sting directly on the bridge of my nose but only for a split second. I thought nothing more of it and went on with the service. Determined to put in a good 'show' as an acolyte that day, I sat up as straight as I could during service. During communion, I thought I was doing a great job because everyone that came to receive the elements stared and made direct eye-contact with me - they were noticing what a good job I was doing - so I stood up even straighter, carried a very 'pious' look (whatever that was), and said to myself, "I must be doing a great job!"

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BY: WILL NORTHERN

Later, as I was taking off my acolyte robe, I passed a mirror and something caught my eye. A closer look revealed a big blister - directly on the bridge of my nose - about the size of a black-eyed pea. It looked like an enormous pimple. Two things suddenly occurred to me: 1. the flame that I blew out must have somehow jumped back and touched my nose 2. I had been standing in front of everyone with a big blister on my face. That was what everyone was noticing - not the “great job” I was doing. I felt so silly and embarrassed. Two things suddenly occurred to me: 1. the flame that I blew out must have somehow jumped back and touched my nose 2. I had been standing in front of everyone with a big blister on my face. That was what everyone was noticing - not the “great job” I was doing. I felt so silly and embarrassed.

Our efforts to make ourselves look good can be so shallow. When we talk the talk and walk the walk, everything is great, but when we make a mistake, we feel exposed - like there's this side of us that we didn't want anyone to know about and now it's out there. The truth is, we all have this 'side' of us - but dealing with it in the open is a whole other matter, and can be difficult for many of us to cope with. If you are struggling with such matters, your Stephen Ministers are here for you. We partner with you as long as you need us to. Confidentially. Confidently. You need not stand in the open alone, any longer.

Many Blessings,  
Will Northern

## **Trussville First UMC Stephen Ministers**

Stuart Garner	Martha Cusimano	Garey Morrison
Linda Hester	Curtis Garner	Rebecca Best
Will Northern	Teri Freeman	



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The Neighborhood Watch  
February 2023

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Youth Minister

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Music Minister

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Pianist

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