

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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EASTER 2024

Celebrate the Risen
Savior with us!



Palm Sunday, March 24

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

Noon Holy Week Services & Lunch

Monday-Friday, March 25 - 29,
12 noon in the Sanctuary, lunch following in
Christian Life Center

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Experience

Thursday, March 28 - meal at 6:00 p.m.,
in the Christian Life Center
Seating is limited. Age limit of 11 and under (5th
grade) will participate in children's seder meal
together. Tickets are available for \$7 each through
the church office.

Good Friday Service,

Friday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Childcare provided.

Easter Services, Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Gardens (CLC, if inclement weather)
8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary
11 AM Grace Vision Contemporary Service, Christian Life Center

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & LUNCH

Noon Holy Week Services & Lunch

Monday-Friday, March 25 - 29, 12 noon in the Sanctuary
Lunch immediately following in the Christian Life Center
Different denominations from the area come together each year and
participate in the noon service and provide lunch.

- **Monday:** Father Gerald Holloway
Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church
Lunch: Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

- **Tuesday:** Rev. Buddy Champion
First Baptist Church of Trussville
Lunch: First Baptist Church of Trussville

- **Wednesday:** Rev. Derrick Jordan
Hope Everlasting Ministry
Lunch: Trussville Methodist Ladies

- **Thursday:** Rev. John Stirewalt
Faith Lutheran Church
Lunch: Faith Lutheran Church

- **Friday:** Rev. Richard Ahlquist
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Lunch: Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church



LENTEN SERMON SCHEDULE

“A Jesus-Shaped Life”

Dr. Steve Strange

March 3rd

Title: Living in Obedience

Scripture: Luke 6:46-49

March 10th

Title: Made for Relationships

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

March 17th

Title: The Courage to Stand

Scripture: I Chronicles 28: 20-21

March 24th

Title: We Are Not the Justice League

Scripture: Matthew 12:15-21

March 31st

Easter Sunday

Title: Mission Complete

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8

“Journey to the Cross” series:

Rev. Shan Odom

March 3rd

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

March 10th

Scripture: Luke 15:1-11

March 17th

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

March 24th

Scripture: Luke 22:1-6

March 31st—Easter Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

PRAYERS:

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.

We will be selling **Easter ferns** for Missions again this year. The ferns are in 10 in. hanging baskets and are only \$22 each. Order forms are located in the Transept, Welcome Center and in the Church Office. Please support missions by ordering in honor or in memory of someone special to you.

Our ferns are grown by Rainbow Omega, a residential home to 79 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79 years old, with developmental disabilities. Place your order form, along with payment, in the offering plate or at the church office. The last date to order will be Sunday, March 10th.

For more info, contact Louise Jensen or the church office.

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 March/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.

March 6 - Church Provided | Chicken Alfredo | Mission
March 13 NO MEAL-Consignment Sale Week
March 20 - Church Provided | Chicken Pot Pie | Blessing Box
March 27 - NO MEAL due to Holy Week
April 3 - Fundraiser| Fish Fry | Trussville Methodist Men

Upcoming Missions / Projects :

March - (Mission) Blessing Box canned foods
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

- Our church will provide 50 **Easter Baskets for Lovelady**. If you, or your group can help, please contact the office. We will do it differently this year-the Easter Baskets will not be gender or age specific but will need to contain items such as coloring or puzzle books, candy, games, etc. The deadline to drop off your basket at the church is Sunday, March 17.

- Everyone is invited to help with the spring refreshing of our church. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend a **Churchwide Work Day** on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. We will work both inside and outside the church to refresh for spring and prepare for the upcoming Holy days and events. For questions, please contact Allen Hatcher at 205-773-9591.

- **Naomi Girls Luncheon** - Friday, March 15th at Costa's Mediterranean Cafe in Trussville at 11:30 am. Please let Linda Shaddix know if you will be able to attend.



**Please Don't forget
to bring food items
for our Blessing Box.**

- Have you completed the **member information update**, either online or hard copy? We need this information to ensure the accuracy of our new church directory. Forms are still available in the Transept, Welcome Center and church office, as well as online.

- The **Trussville Methodist Men** will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Please remember that wives and children are welcome at the breakfast. Notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.

The Missions Team volunteers this month at the **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama** from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, March 21, 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.



FROM THE LOVELADY CENTER

Thank you so much - Elizabeth

Thank you,
Jesus bless you!
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Jeff Ann da Scala
Thank you

Thank you!
Blessings
Jennifer
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Yam'e thank you!

Thank you so much for your donation of toilet paper. You all are such a blessing to us. Your generosity means so much to our ladies.

We love you,
Donna Smith



The photograph on the front of this card was taken on our rooftop gardens here at the Lovelady Center. This card set is in appreciation for your generosity to the 500+ women and children who call the Center their home.

Thank you

Photo Credit: A Lovelady

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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 and volunteer information.
Online photography scheduling is OPEN NOW!

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I want to start off by saying a big thank you to all of those who have helped, volunteered, contributed, and served in any way with the Children's Ministry. It has been a whirlwind the last few months in the best way!

The Princess Ball was a huge hit. We had so many beautiful princesses attend with their princes and they all danced the night away. Our next events will be the Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th and the Children's Musical Program on May 8th.

Our latest project has been updating the children's highchairs within the church. So far, thanks to the Consignment Sale, we have been able to purchase six new highchairs! With so many new babies and so many on the way, we were very excited to get these in. Check them out next time you are in the Christian Life Center. Our next project, also thanks to the Consignment Sale, will be the upstairs nursery. Stay tuned for updates.

Upcoming in the Children's Ministry:

We have made several updates and changes around the church to prepare for growth in our Children's Ministry. Specifically, within the toddler and infant age group. We are already seeing this significant growth on Sunday mornings which is incredible. To be able to keep up with this growth though, we are in need of some more loving arms to hold babies and kind hands to cut crafts. We are in specific need of someone to help with Children's Church during the 8:30 service, a few more volunteers during the Sunday School hour for our preschool class, and nursery help during our 11:00 service. If you feel called or led to serve in any of these areas or in an area you do not see listed please let me know. You can also follow the attached link to our SignUpGenius where you can sign up for any spot that interests you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA4AD22A4FAC61-48072247-Sunday>

Megan McEvoy
Children's Minister

CONSIGNMENT SALE

Public Sale Dates:

Friday, March 15th 10 am - 9 pm & Saturday, March 16th 8 am - 2 pm

TEAM DOLLAR DASH:

Saturday, March 16th, 4-6pm and Sunday, March 17th, 2-4 pm.

Located in the Fellowship Hall. Visit tmccsale.com for more info.

TRUSSVILLE METHODIST *Children's Consignment Sale*

PUBLIC SALE

MARCH 15TH & 16TH

FRIDAY 3/15 10AM-9PM

SATURDAY 3/16 8AM-2PM



STUDENT MINISTRY

The Student Ministry has a lot of exciting news going into the month of March.

First, all 20 spots for our Mexico Mission Trip have been filled. This trip will take place June 6th-12th and will cost approximately \$900/ person. If you would like to donate or sponsor an amount for a specific person, then please contact Phillip and let him know.

Second, we have been working on getting some praise and worship music going upstairs. We have begun to order instruments, stage lights, and other things for the Student Ministry room. If your student plays an instrument and would like to get plugged in, then please let us know! We are hoping to get this going as quickly as possible after everything is worked out!

Our beach retreat is planned for July 26th-29th at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. The cost is \$220/ person for this trip and that covers transportation, food, and lodging! Reach out to Phillip to request the link for signups on this trip!

A big thank you to everyone who came to help serve at our outreach day for the homeless in the Birmingham area! We were able to help them get socks, underwear, blankets, hygiene packets, and help administer narcan. So, thankful for those who took time out of their day to help make that possible!



STUDENT MINISTRY

If you have a senior student, please reach out to Phillip to ensure that we have them down on our list of graduates. We would hate for anyone to be left off and want to go ahead and get ahead of this for Senior Sunday.

Thank you for all that y'all do for us!



We had a fun time with our Bob Ross paint night. The students were skeptical, but we had some amazing little paintings!



NAOMI GIRLS PROJECT

The Naomi Girls invite you to participate in our 2024 service project. We are sending donations directly to the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham. The Hope Lodge provides a caring supportive environment and lodging for a cancer patient and their caregiver. It is available for those undergoing active cancer treatment who live 40 miles or more from Birmingham. They provide 33 hotel style rooms, which are set up with cancer patients in mind. They have a laundry, library, outdoor area, and a common kitchen and dining area. You can go online and see more information on their facebook page at “American Cancer Society Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge Birmingham” or you can ask our church secretary for more information about this project.

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” on the memo line. Also please write somewhere above the memo line on the check, (or attach a note to it) that says “Naomi Girls Project” so that your name will show up in the name of donor list we will receive quarterly. All checks should be mailed to: Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge, Attention: Tonya Zapata, 1104 Ireland Way, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Envelopes with this information will be available in the Transept and Welcome Center, or you can see Candy in the church office. The Naomi Girls thank you for your help with this project and the blessing that this Lodge provides to cancer patients and their families.

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Stephen Ministry Update

by: Garey Morrison



What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care during a time of need.

What Stephen Ministers Do?

After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Who are our Stephen Ministers?

Our First Methodist Church Stephen Ministers are:

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

Will anyone know if I have a Stephen Minister?

No, everything that is discussed with a Stephen Minister is completely confidential. Always.

Where can I meet with my Stephen Minister?

Anywhere that a one-on-one discussion can be held. Your Stephen Minister can come to your home or arrange for a quiet spot at First Methodist.

When a life event affects you or someone you love **please let us know**. You are not alone. We love you.

Garey Morrison



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