

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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**Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 14, 2023**



- **Proverbs 31:28: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:"**

DISAFFILIATION VOTE & NEXT STEPS

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, members of Trussville First United Methodist Church voted 296 to 83 (78% majority) to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. At the church conference scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, we, along with over 100 other churches, will officially disaffiliate.

What's next for us?

Once our disaffiliation is official, we hold another vote to decide our new affiliation going forward—Global Methodist, Free Methodist, Wesleyan, or Independent. More information on that vote will be coming soon.

Until that time, please know that our Sunday services, outreach and programs will not change. We understand that this has been a very stressful time for Trussville First, but through this all, we will all be drawn closer together in prayer and scriptural like-mindedness.

Peace in Christ,
Dr. Stephen Strange

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

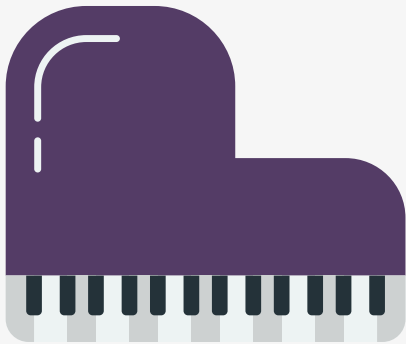
Worship Tech Ministry

Volunteers are needed for Tech Support during our services. Please see Dan Shirah or call the church office at 205-655-3259 if you are interested.



Naomi Girls Luncheon

Friday May 19, 2023 at 10:30 am (notice time change!) at The Farm House of Springville. We will carpool and leave from back of church parking lot at 10:30 am. RSVP Linda Shaddix. The address is: Farm House of Springville, 85 Purple Heart Blvd., Springville, AL 35146.



Michael King Student Showcase

You are invited to attend Michael King's Student Showcase in the Church Sanctuary at 1 o'clock, Saturday, May 13. You will hear performances by Michael's piano and vocal students! Fantastic talent of all ages, from beginners to professionals!

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery hosted our first Casserole Cookoff in April. With 14 entries, the judges were asking for recipes! We had 3 categories which included BREAKFAST, DINNER, and DESSERT. The winners for each category is as follows:

BREAKFAST: Steve Woods

DINNER: Mary Lou Muir

DESSERT: Tammy Cook

We are looking forward to doing this again next year. Until then, keep watching for our Fall Chili Cookoff to be announced. We also want to take the time to thank everyone who has supported the Celebrate Recovery ministry over the past 4 years. You have been a blessing to us and a blessing to many who just needed a safe place each week to breathe and have fellowship.

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UMM Monthly Meeting

The United Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Our speaker for May is Dave Woods, retired CEO of Wood-Fruittcher. 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, May 18, 2023. 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.



To my precious church family:

Thank you for your kindness, your generosity and above all, for your friendship. It means more than words can express.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve our awesome God with you! Over the years, we have prayed together, laughed together and walked the journey of life and you've become a precious family to me.

Each of you is loved and treasured, unique and individual and very dear.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to use the gifts God has given to serve. As we walk together and build our future on the unshakable promises of God, may you always be blessed and know you are much loved and appreciated! I laughingly told someone one day that they were 'on my refrigerator' but it's true. Like my yellow sticky notes - my prayer lists abound and you may well be 'on my refrigerator' today - love you and pray God's richest blessings for each of you!

Your sister-in-Christ,
Candy

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

On behalf of the entire committee, we would like to thank the church for your support at the Spring 2023 Consignment Sale. We had a record number of church member involvement ever! **THANK YOU!** We had another successful sale because of the support of our church members and community giving their time to volunteer and shopping the sale!

The Consignment Committee has recently approved and earmarked funds for the following programs:

Thank you again for joining us in this ministry to help give back to our church, local schools, and local community.

Trussville Methodist Consignment Sale Committee

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

SPRING 2023 Consignment Sale Donations	2023
FUMC Donations	
FUMC Children's Ministry	\$2,000
FUMC SWAG Ministry	\$3,000
FUMC Youth Ministry - Mexico Misson Trip	\$8,000
FUMC Youth Ministry - Summer Beach Trip	\$5,000
FUMC- Trustees (Nursery upgrades)	\$1,000
FUMC General Tithe	\$1,500
FUMC Grace Vision	\$1,000
FUMC Missions (Ecuador Mission Trip)	\$1,000
FUMC Organ Debt	\$3,380
FUMC- New Beginnings SS class	\$850
Kids First (new rugs in music room & 4 mats)	\$1,500
Kids First (Teacher Appreciation Lunch)	\$500
FUMC- Naomi Girls (water well & solar kits)	\$2,500
Total FUMC Donations	\$31,230
Local Schools	
Local Schools -Teacher Appreciation (3 elementary, middle and high school) (\$400/school)	\$2,000
Local Schools- Scholarship Fund for Book Fair, Field Trips, etc. for needy families	\$4,000
Local Schools -5th grade extravaganza x 3 (\$300/school)	\$900
Total Local School Donations	\$6,900
Local Community	
Church of the Reconciler	\$500
Lovelady Center	\$500
Camp Sumatanga	\$500
Total Local Community Donations	\$1,500
TOTAL ALL DONATIONS	\$39,630



TRUSSVILLE METHODIST CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE
A MINISTRY OF TRUSSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NAOMI GIRLS - CURRENT PROJECTS

Solar Box Kits and Repair Water Wells

The Naomi Girls enjoyed our monthly luncheon on April 21. We voted to stay together as a widows group. This group has meant a lot to us. With your help we have helped many and changed lives. We still need each other.

Our project for this year is collecting money for solar boxes at \$100 each and repairing water wells \$1,500 each to be sent to Africa.

We greatly appreciate all who have made donations. So far we have money for 20 solar boxes and 2 water wells to be repaired. Please continue to donate to this church and designate for solar box or well repair. It will continue to be sent to the non profit Designs for Hope. You have made a difference in the lives of others.

We want to thank you for helping us share "Professional's Day" for our church's secretary, Candy Strickland, on April 19. A basket was presented to Candy filled with cards and love gifts. She said it was a total surprise.

DESIGNS FOR HOPE



To help with donations for our projects with Designs For Hope, 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 MARCH YTD 2023

The church received contributions (income) of \$206,000 or \$46,000 (18.2%) below the March year-to-date budget. Expenses were \$221,000 or \$31,000 (12.4%) below the same budget. As a result, the church has spent \$15,000 more than it has received year-to-date. The processor of electronic donations failed to forward approximately \$22,000 in contributions before the end of March. Had those contributions been received in a timely fashion, contributions would have exceeded expenses by \$7,000. The Trustees are under budget by \$17,000. Our Conference tithe (apportionment), paid a month in arrears, is below budget by \$11,000. All other expenses are \$3,000 under budget. The table below provides additional financial details, as well as a comparison to 2022.

On April 23rd, the Church Conference voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. In January, the North Alabama Annual Conference indicated that our church would need to pay \$187,804 to disaffiliate, less two types of payments which are in the church’s budget to be paid monthly. Reflecting payments made through April 23rd, our cost to disaffiliate is \$147,327. The payment will be made on May 1st. After disaffiliation, the Conference will no longer hold any trust relationship on our property. The church has no debt now that the organ loan has been repaid.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Trussville First. Our missions and ministries (and their related expenses) continue as we remain Methodists but make the transition from the UMC.

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

The Finance Committee

FUMC-Trussville March YTD 2023						
	Mar. YTD 2023	Mar. YTD 2022	Change vs. 2022	Mar. YTD 2023	Mar. YTD Budget	Difference vs. Budget
Income	\$ 205,748	\$ 256,671	\$ (50,923)	\$ 205,748	\$ 251,602	\$ (45,854)
Expenses	220,468	269,535	(49,067)	220,468	251,602	(31,134)
Difference	\$ (14,720)	\$ (12,864)	\$ (1,856)	\$ (14,720)	\$ -	\$ (14,720)

MEMORIALS

Honorarium For:
Debbie Woods

By:
Bill & Pat Smith
Phyllis Jordan

Fund:
Choir
Music

Memorial For:
Joyce McLemore

Bill & Pat Smith
Ann Bowman

Choir
Naomi Solar Boxes

Pat Curry

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Kitty Moseley

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Pam Pratt

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Billie Alston

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Jim Alston

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Randy Sharp

Ann Bowman

Naomi Solar Boxes

Dana Batson Johns

Barbara Batson

General



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO COME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD - PT 2

BY: GAREY MORRISON

This was written the day after our vote to disaffiliate. Everyone is processing what this change means for our congregation. I do not know. Many of us are feeling a sense of loss. My prayer is that our new direction will be full of energy and grace.

If you need a Stephen Minister to walk with you during this challenging moment, let us know. It does not matter if you are Free, Independent, Global, or United. We are all walking in the Wesleyan Way in service of our Lord and Savior.

Your Stephen Ministers are always available to provide support. We love you and are here for you. 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	Betty Frankl	
Will Northern	Teri Freeman	Kim Cooper	





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May 2023

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