



The Chimes

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In the neighborhood for good!

Journey of Faith

I have two friends who have recently made what I consider a bold and rather frightening move in their lives into a senior living facility. This meant leaving behind a house that they had lived in for decades, a house where they had raised their children and their grandchildren. It was a house full of memories. AND, it was a house full of stuff – almost a lifetime worth of furniture, photographs, memorabilia – all the things that collect around us in places where we live. They moved away from all that was familiar to a new place, with new people, and new stuff. All of their stuff wouldn't fit, so they had to choose what to keep and what to give away, or throw away, or donate. They were also moving to a situation of greater dependence. They were having to admit that they couldn't make it on their own anymore. It was sad, and hard, and exciting and unknown.

This is very much like our journey of faith. There are many examples in the Bible of the people of God being a people on the move, from Abraham and Sarah, to the Hebrew people, to the disciples, to Jesus Himself. Our God is even a God that never settles in one place (2 Sam. 7: 4b-6). This is the story of the journeys of Epiphany, as we remember the Magi following the star, and of Lent as we follow Jesus to the cross. Isn't it interesting that the scribes and the scholars in Jerusalem knew where the messiah was to be born, but they didn't get up and go find him. Peter knew the stories of how the messiah was to suffer and die, but he rebuked Jesus when Jesus talked about it and said that was not the path he should take. It seems that the ones who know better stay put where things are safe and familiar, and the ones who long for answers and are searching for hope are the ones who are willing to take a risk and go.

Which one are you? You might have been in church and/or a believer all of your life, but are you willing to follow that star? Are you willing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus even to the cross? Or are you too settled, too comfortable, too afraid? God asks us to move, to change, to leave things behind and to trust in God to lead us. What is God leading us to as individuals, as a church? Can we be bold, even when it is hard? Can we be open to hearing God's call when God calls us to move ahead? Can we trust in God? May God make us bold and faithful.

Peace,
Sally



Ash Wednesday services will be held at noon and 6 p.m. on February 14.



The 11:00 congregation is settling into their new space in the chapel.



Our after-school kids are in need of snacks! See the list on page 5.



Kennedy Martin has just returned from "Jan. Term" at Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco. Ask her about it!

A Word From the Trustees

Your church trustees have been working faithfully to repair, maintain, and develop plans for replacement for the HVAC



system at the church. They have recently made progress on getting the heating to function as it should on the 3rd floor of the East Wing where our after-school program meets. The sanctuary is continuing to work as it should (with the exception of one bad compressor that is under warranty and is in the process of being replaced). The heat is also working on the first floor of the West Wing (old daycare building) where community members are renting space.

The next step is to finish wiring and making connections to the already installed new equipment on the first floor of the East Wing (where most of our Sunday School classes and neighborhood meetings and training happen).

After a very successful first stage of our capital campaign, we are now relaunching it in order to finish the project. This will make us more sustainable for the future and enable us to implement all the ministries that God is calling us to. Stay tuned for more information on the capital campaign from that task force.

VALENTINE DINNER In the Diner EAST LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Soup

Salad or Shrimp Cocktail

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Vegetables

Bread

Coffee ~ Tea

Dessert

Make reservations for one of two dinner times.
5:00 or 7:00 \$14 per person

Candlelight Dinner, Great Service, and
Delicious Food.

Either seating allows time for you to attend the
ELUMC Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00.

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Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

A few years ago, it began to become obvious to all of us who played our 1920s piano in the Sanctuary on a regular basis, that this "faithful servant" was having some problems. It would not stay in tune, and for that short period that it did hold pitch, the sound was not very pleasant. It also had a non-functional soft pedal and a cracked back leg. Piano technician Sam Burke informed me that its pin block had issues, and that it would be cost prohibitive to repair it. I began to ask God, and anyone else, for another piano.



A few weeks ago, I got a call from Mrs. Carolyn Carlton. She is a frequent attendee at our Sunday afternoon musical functions, and I've also gotten to know her through our mutual friend, Bill McElwee. She was downsizing from her home on Southside and had attempted to sell her Baldwin grand in her "estate sale." Even though she'd lowered its price, it remained unsold. She said it was ours! Within an hour of our conversation, she learned of a buyer for it, but declined the offer; Mrs. Carlton wanted the piano to go to East Lake, because we are remaining in the city, in our neighborhood, to minister to everybody. The instrument is beautiful; it exactly meets our needs. Thanks be to God!

In a few days, the choir, and cherished friends, begin rehearsals for our *Voices at the Cross* service on March 18. Dr. Schwandt will be here, hopefully for a few more extra days than usual, as he continues to prepare for the upcoming CD. I hope to see all of you on the 18th of March, at 2:30, when we gather again for this annual time of Lenten worship.

Love,

Barry

SUPER SENIORS

Happy February, Joymakers/Super Seniors!

After not meeting in January, we need to make up for lost time! Plus, we missed our Bingo day in December, and we *can't* not make that up. We'll play on Tuesday, February 27, at 10 a.m.

First, though, on Tuesday, February 13, we'll have our second Tuesday movie—and since it's the day before Valentine's Day, let's make it a love story! Tell Jane Phares your favorite—if she finds out soon enough (by February 7), she'll make sure we have it in house for a 10 a.m. showing.

Excellent lunches in the diner both of these days—so make plans to stay for Pancake Day on the 13th (pancakes plus bacon, sausage, grits, and baked apples), and for the delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans on the 27th!

BOOMERS!

Boomers had a good crowd at The Palace in Trussville last month, and there we initiated a new technique for planning our monthly outings/gatherings. Each month, one of you will decide where we are going and what we are doing. Whoever plans a certain month then tags someone else for the next month, and so on down the line. Joy and Mike Dorriety were tagged for February, and the plan is to meet in the diner for pizza and bingo. The cost will be \$5 a person for pizza, and each one should bring a Dollar Tree prize (it doesn't have to be wrapped). The date is Friday, February 23, at 6 p.m.

Jane will be sending out an email a little closer to time, or you can let her know that you are coming whenever you see her. We'll need to know so we'll know how many pizzas to get.

Joy and Mike have already tagged Kay and Roy Miller for March. Be thinking—you may be next!

"Keep on praying for the saints..."

Ephesians 6:18

Please pray for the members of our church family who have had surgery, been in the hospital or rehab during the last month, are currently in the hospital or in rehab at press time, or who are continuing to recover at home:

Corinne Averitt
Bob Chapman
Jim Elliott
Clifford Harris
Gary Sandridge

EACM Item for February:
RICE



It's nice to give
RICE!

Memorials & Honoraria

Gifts have been given to the church in memory of:

Mrs. Lucille Wilcox Cater

Robert C. Chapman

Mrs. Jackie Carson

Robert C. Chapman

Alex Thompson

Alma & Jack Boggan

June Chapman

Bob Chapman

Sara Lovell

Alma & Jack Boggan

Gifts have been given to the church in honor of:

Betty & Jack Ferguson

Patricia F. Wood

Rev. Sally Allocca

Robert C. Chapman

February Birthdays

				1	2 *Roy Stegall	3 *Curtis Luster
4 *Bill Self	5	6 *Lisa Heathcock	7	8	9	10 *Dot Batson *Betty Real
11 *Bob Chapman	12	13	14 ❤️	15 *Juanita Jones	16	17 *Dana Cockrell *Willie Frazier
18 *Leslie Adams	19 *Mary Osborne	20 *Alison Walker	21 *Jon Lott *Logan McDonald	22 *Tom Forsee	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Lectionary Readings for February

Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey – Psalm 119:105 (CEB)

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11 – Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Youth and Children's Programs

After school care is back in session and going very well. We are excited that the program is growing and that we have exciting program-ing to offer the children in addition to homework help and outside play.

Our wonderful leaders and volunteers are offering reading circles, sports days, spoken word, cooking and nutrition programs and much more.

We are still in need of snacks:

granola bars

oranges

yogurt

graham crackers

apples

peanut butter

as well as school supplies, and donations for book sets for our reading circles.

Discovery Weekend was held the last weekend of January at Camp Sumatanga, it was a great time for the youth in attendance to make new friends, learn about their faith, and remember that God loves them. Please continue to keep our children and youth ministries in your prayers.



February 2018

Sunday, February 4

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Wesley Hall)
 Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee quarterly meeting – 2 p.m. (office conference room)

Tuesday, February 6

Super Seniors: No Program

Wednesday, February 7

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Trustees Committee – 1 p.m. (back room of the diner)

Saturday, February 10

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11 a.m. (Choir room)

Sunday, February 11

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Wesley Hall)
 Finance Committee – 2:00 p.m. (Office Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 13

Super Seniors Second Tuesday Movie: A love story to be decided – 10 a.m. (office conference room)
 PANCAKE DAY IN THE DINER! – 11-1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Ash Wednesday Services – 6 p.m. (Sanctuary)
 Valentine's Dinner – 5 and 7 p.m. (Diner) –
 Reservations appreciated! (see page 2))

Saturday, February 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Choir room)

Sunday, February 18

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Wesley Hall)

Friday, February 23

Boomers Pizza and Bingo – 6 p.m. (Diner)

Saturday, February 24

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11 a.m. (Choir room)

Sunday, February 25

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday, February 28

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

Ash Wednesday
 We don't wear ashes to
 proclaim our holiness,
 but to acknowledge
 that we are sinners who
 are in need of
 repentance and renewal.

