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In the neighborhood for good!

Not the End of the Story

Sometimes it feels like the world is falling apart. It might be an avalanche or an earthquake in your own little world—health concerns, job loss, family issues. It may be the disorientation of the changes in our wider community—a favorite business closing, changes in our neighborhood, the conflict in the United Methodist Church. Or it might be the heartbreak of the staggering crises in our world—war, natural disasters, political turmoil, economic loss, racial injustice. These endings, small and big, are sad and frightening. Into these divisions, these deep fissures, these wounds, God speaks a word of hope.

In the book of Jeremiah, we hear of just such destruction and devastation. An enemy army has conquered the land. There is widespread chaos. People have lost everything. They are sent packing to a foreign land. And God speaks a word to Jeremiah, a crazy word of brave love and fierce hope. Buy land, God says. Buy land in this forsaken, enemy-owned place. Stake a claim. Plan a future. This is not the end of the story, God says. I have plans for you.

What seems like an ending in your life? Hear these words: God is not through with you yet! God is not through with us yet! God has plans for a future and a hope. And therefore, we step forth in faith. We hope when even hope seems hopelessness. We trust. We invest in this church that is breaking apart as though it just might be breaking open. We invest in the future of our children and youth. We love one another even those, especially those who don't "deserve it."

God continues to tell us a story of abundant life and of hope. Are you filled with anxiety and dread? Are you consumed with fear listening to the news and the malicious gossip of those around you? Let us tune our hearts and our ears to the story God is telling, to the hope God is singing, to the truth God is bringing.

Look around you. Look within you. What seems a lost cause? What seems to be a failure? How is God calling you to invest in the future God has planned? God is making all things new. God's promises are real and true. Let us spend our time, our energy, our resources on God's future rather than on our disappointment and regret. Let us see what God will do in us and through us. I just can't wait to see how this story ends.

Peace,

Sally

A Letter from Leslie

Hi, friends!

I'm very pleased to let you know that there is still a lot of energy regarding our Alpha small group for young adults! There are multiple young adults who aren't currently involved in East Lake UMC that have expressed a lot of interest in engaging in these spiritual discussions with one another. I ask you to please, please, please be joining me in prayer—that God would bring this community together and be present throughout our meetings! Please pray explicitly for this group and its members as often as you can!

I am also beginning to compile a list of different Sunday school lessons, ideas, and resources to share with our current and new Sunday school classes. While none of these suggestions will be mandated, I am intending this to be a helpful guide as we approach a new season and the new year! Hopefully all people can find something good to get involved in soon, on Sunday mornings and/or beyond!

Updates on the website continue as well. I am working my way through a United Methodist Communications training course to learn as much as I can before I jump into action and expand more. Lots of exciting things!

Love to you,

Leslie

Thanks!

From the Bell Tower Players: We really appreciate those of you who supported us by coming to see *The Hallelujah Girls*. We had a great time putting it together, and hope you got some joy out of it, too.

Please mark your calendars for our next production, *The 1940s Radio Christmas Carol*, to be performed on December 2 and 3 (Friday and Saturday) and on December 8-11 (Thursday-Sunday).

The Bazaar is coming!

The Fundraising Committee wasn't trying to spring it on you as a surprise, but we've had a lot of things going on! And with *The Chimes* back to just once a month, at the first of September, the November Bazaar was not exactly foremost in your editor's mind!

But the Bazaar *will* happen on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. As usual, we'll have handmade crafts (some brand new ones and kinds), homemade preserves, etc., plus all kinds of other goodies! Spiced tea, hot-soup lunch and wonderful fellowship—what more could we want on a mid-autumn morning!

Hope you will mark your calendar now for this ELUMC tradition!

UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting funds and items for cleaning buckets for victims of recent natural disasters. If you'd like to give money, make checks to the church and mark "UMCOR." Look for a list of cleaning items in the glass door area.

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October Birthdays

2	3 *Roy Miller	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 *Susie Knedlik	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 *Carole Rigby	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 *Tom Duley *Bronwyn Lovelace	29
30	31					

“Keep on praying for the saints . . .”

Ephesians 6:18

There are many unspoken prayers in our congregation, in addition to these listed:

Please pray for

Alma Boggan

Roger Folk

(see article at right)

Mattie Lou Harrison

Tom Preston

Gary Sandridge

And for

All in our country affected by wildfires, floods, water shortages, and hurricanes

Our world leaders

The people of Ukraine, and those all around the world, affected by war

Welcome, new member!



We are thrilled to welcome our new ELUMC family member, **Jackie Folk**. Jackie comes to us from another denomination. She and her husband, Roger, live in Roebuck Springs, and they have been no strangers to the church. Jackie rents

space for her business in our building, out of which she sells vintage clothing. She also helps out in the thrift store. Jackie attends the 11:00 service.

Jackie’s husband has been sick as we go to press with this edition of *The Chimes*. Please keep him in your prayers as we welcome Jackie to our church family!

Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

Lately, I've been chronicling my team's journey at a church near UAB. Actually, there were two organs to rebuild. Lately, we focused on the 1920 organ. It was a "bear" to do in-situ: up two ladders, the longer of which had to be moved into place each week; often my knees got the best of me; the restrooms seemed a mile away! We had a goodly senior clergy person ever concerned about the clutter of the "being restored" pipes, and a beloved organist-choirmaster in very poor health. Their support, and that of the vestry and congregation, were wonderful, and Norris Associates (my team) managed to get the job done "exceeding(ly) abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," thanks be to God. It was quite an undertaking! Knowledgeable Birmingham organists have stood up and taken notice, especially one, who says it has more color than the one he plays, which has three times the number of pipes.



The group is called "Norris Associates" because it's a group of people who have gotten together to get a job done. Jim Schmidt does the woodworking. Brant Duddy does many things! John Schwandt leads, voices, and dreams. Locally, Stuart Thompson, engineer extraordinaire, makes everything come together, and Sam Burke, of golden ears, sits at the bench, and tells John if each pipe's sound matches that of its neighbors (he also traveled with me on all four organ trips). I filled in all the gaps, along with being responsible for the relay of the organ. All but one of these people worked on our organ at ELUMC as well!

This church, which pro-actively welcomes everyone, now trusts me to help warranty the organ into the future. I am glad.

Love,

Barry



Hello, Boomers!

We had a rousing, if not always congenial, "Name That Tune" competition last month! We all agreed, though, after all was said and done, that it was pretty fun! It was tough to compete with the "NTT" champion, Woni Lawrence!

This month, we will go out for dinner at Pappas' Grill on Highway 31 in Vestavia. (And Jane promises NOT to tell them it should be Pappas's!) Since we've never been to Vestavia for dinner, this Greek place seems like a good choice. We'll go on Friday, October 28 (Tom Duley's birthday) and meet at 6 p.m.

Look for the email about making your reservation later in the month.



Hey, girlfriends (and every now and then, boy-friends)!

This month, as I said a month or two ago, we will meet simply to eat lunch together in the diner (not only is it cheap, but it's also good). But here's the problem: Every Tuesday after today has a wonderful lunch choice, and I can't make the decision!

SO. Please take a look at the menu on page 7 and cast your vote for baked chicken, beef tips with rice, or breakfast by telling me which you prefer (it might also depend on your other plans), I'm listening out for you!

Jane P.

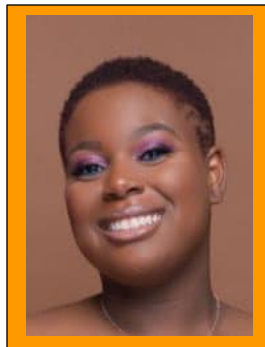
Exciting New Faces!

Our New Children's Director: Regan Sanders



Hello, everyone! My name is Regan Sanders, and I graduated from Auburn University in 2021 with a degree in Nonprofit Studies. I have been working in ministry with children, youth, and college students ever since then, and that's what I hope to do for the rest of my life! I have the best family in the world, I love board games and coffee shops, and I'm so happy to be back in my hometown of Birmingham (especially since my cat and dog live here too).

Our New Youth Director: Genesis Turner



Hi, everyone. My name is Genesis Turner. I am currently a senior at Birmingham-Southern College majoring in health sciences. I have a passion for serving the community and working with the next generation of youth. I aspire to work as a health care provider focusing on women's health. When I'm not at school and serving my community, you can find me spending time with friends and family or doing yoga.

Halloween Carnival Oct. 31!



Yes, as usual, we will have our Halloween Carnival this year, on Halloween evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

We need individually-wrapped candies and small prizes for our usual Carnival fun! We also need volunteers and more volunteers! And lastly, we need YOU to help spread the word!



Lectionary Readings for October

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, October 2 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1: 1-6
Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Do you have a particular ministry or group of people that touches your heart? Here are some great opportunities to give to specific areas of need. Simply designate the particular fund on the PayPal message or on your check.

***Calloway/Nichols/Good Fund** – a fund for youth and children. These funds are for salary support and supplies. We are particularly excited about growing these ministries with our new youth and children's directors.

***Griffin Fund** – theater department and renovations to the fellowship hall

***Hope Initiative** – capital expenses for buildings and grounds

***In the Neighborhood for Good Fund** – mission outreach in the community and beyond

***Senior Adult Fund** – salary support and supplies for ministry with senior adults

***Thompson Fund** – assistance for those in our church and community in need. Funds from this account can be used to support free lunches and snack bags for the hungry as well as other Matthew 25 needs (food, clothing, shelter)

*Kids' Corner
at the last market
of the year!*

Saturday, Oct. 8

10-12 noon

Our theme will be

*All
Things
Fall*

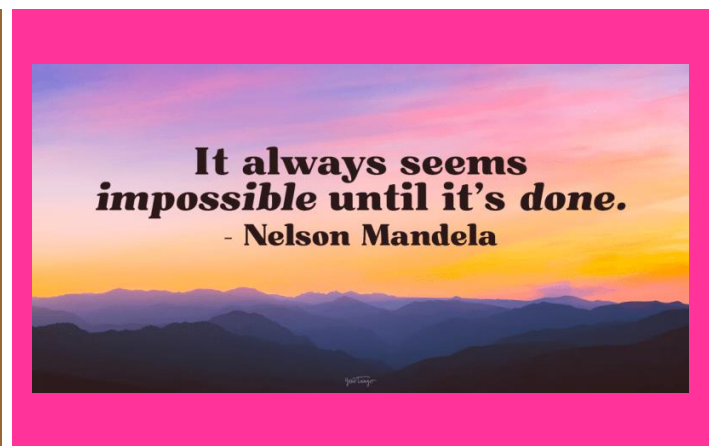




October 2022 Menus

Tuesday, Oct. 4	Hamburger steak with gravy, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, bread roll
Wednesday, Oct. 5	Loaded baked potato with chicken or beef
Thursday, Oct. 6	Baked or fried pork chop, sweet potatoes, steamed cabbage
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Baked chicken, garlic roasted potatoes, green beans
Wednesday, Oct. 12	Taco salad with black beans, and rice
Thursday, Oct. 13	Baked or fried fish, succotash, rice, bread roll
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Beef tips with rice, mixed vegetables, bread roll
Wednesday, Oct. 19	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage, cornbread
Thursday, Oct. 20	Baked or fried fish, baked beans, cole slaw, bread roll
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Breakfast for Lunch!
Wednesday, Oct. 26	Macaroni and cheese, collard greens, butter beans, cornbread
Thursday, Oct. 27	Baked chicken, mixed vegetables, rice pilaf, bread rolls

Yum, Yum!



October 2022

Saturday, October 1

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Thrift Store – open 9 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 4

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, October 7

Clean and Sober Jam Session – 6-8 p.m.
(Downstairs Diner)

Saturday, October 8

Kids Corner at the Market – 10 a.m. -12 noon
Last Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Thrift Store – open 9 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 11

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 18

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (By phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Ponder with the Pastor – 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story
Brewery, Crestwood Shopping Center)

Sunday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 25

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Boomers' dinner outing to Pappas' Grill – Meet
there at 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

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

Monday, October 31

Halloween Carnival – 5-7 p.m. (Wesley Hall)