

October Sunday Servants

October 17th: TV Crew: Producer: David Jones; Camera: Terry Price; Livestream Sound: Rick Westray; Sanctuary Sound: Gene Youmans; Character Generator: Donna Bartoe; ProPresenter: Lori Gorny
Ushers: David Payne, Bill Lanier, Eddie Davidson
Greeters: Teri Jones, Shirley Lowery
Shepherds: Curt Clements, Ray Waits

October 24th: TV Crew: Producer: Gene Youmans; Camera: Claire Gorny; Livestream Sound: Justin Smith; Sanctuary Sound: Eric Churcher; Character Generator: _____; ProPresenter: Bruce Gorny
Ushers: Rick Westray, Eddie Davidson, Kevin Simpson, Tommy Stalnaker
Greeters: Jean Marriott
Shepherds: Brad Wright & Jeff White

October 31st: TV Crew: Producer: Gene Youmans; Camera: Claire Gorny; Livestream Sound: Justin Smith; Sanctuary Sound: Eric Churcher; Character Generator: _____; ProPresenter: Bruce Gorny
Ushers: Jordan Thigpen and Youth
Greeters: Joe & Patti Wunderlin, Teri Jones
Shepherds: _____

October Sunday Worship

Sunday, October 17th Stewardship Sunday
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Josh Bizzell
Sermon Scripture: Nehemiah 2 (Selected Verses)

Sunday, October 24th
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Josh Bizzell
Sermon Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 31st
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Josh Bizzell
Sermon Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

CHURCH PROGRAM STAFF

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| Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Josh Bizzell | Ext. 105 |
| Assoc. Pastor for Hispanic Ministries | Rev. Daniel Medina | Ext. 108 |
| Minister to Children & Families | Kylin Poth | Ext. 112 |
| Minister to Youth & Young Adults | Jordan Thigpen | Ext. 111 |
| Interim Director of Music | Joann Price | Ext. 109 |
| Church Administrator | Donald Rhodes | Ext. 104 |
| Admin. Asst. to Sr. Pastor for Comm./Oper. | Dottie McInnis | Ext. 101 |
| Director-Cheerful Cherubs Preschool | Kylin Poth | Ext. 112 |

Prayer List

Joyce Adcock
 Bob & Inge Arisohn
 Wesley Barron
 Lenora Clements
 Andy Grisham
 Gene Hardin
 Norma Hunt
 Bill & Margaret Lanier
 Doris Meeks
 Cynthia Parker
 David & Nancy Payne
 Dan & Ann Ray

Lonnie Rhodes
 Tommy Ryals
 Steve Strader
 Rosaland Tallet
 Patty Towne (fr. of Kylin Poth)
 Phil Williams (son of Marilyn Williams)
 JoeAnne Scott Williams

*Denotes new add to prayer list

Independent, Assisted Living Residents

The Phoenix @ Lake Joy Assisted Living: Margie McDowell
Summer's Landing: Bill Carter, Jeanine Frey
Southern Pines: Joan Warren, Ed Davis
SummerHill: Rosaland Tallet
The Lodge: John Lane
Fellowship Home @ Meriwether: Milledgeville: Alice Herndon

PRAYER CHAIN

Below is the list of members who are on our Prayer Chain. If you are not on this list and would like to be placed on it, contact Judy Burden @ 714-2179.

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| Judy Burden | 478-714-2179 | Peggy Parker | 478-923-6075 |
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Grief Support Group, "The Overcomers", will meet on **Monday, October 18th** at 6:30 pm in Carter Hall. This group is open to anyone wanting to have a safe place to share.

United Methodist Women will meet on **Tuesday, November 9th @ 11:00 am** in the Reachout Bldg. (Bldg. E). Elizabeth Bizzell will be leading the study. All ladies are invited to come and join us!

October Birthdays!

Oct. 16: Shellie Bosshart; **Oct. 20:** Richard Moore, Larry Tucker, Barbara Potter, Audrey Westray; **Oct. 21:** David Stafford; **Oct. 22:** Ted Clements; **Oct. 23:** Patrice Strader; **Oct. 25:** Maryanna Price; **Oct. 28:** Jimmy Mason, Jim Barkley; **Oct 29:** Curt Clements, Brad Wright, Hadley Cofield; **Oct. 30:** Kaitlyn Daley; **Oct. 31:** Beth Leever, Leigh Ann Churcher, Georgia McCall.



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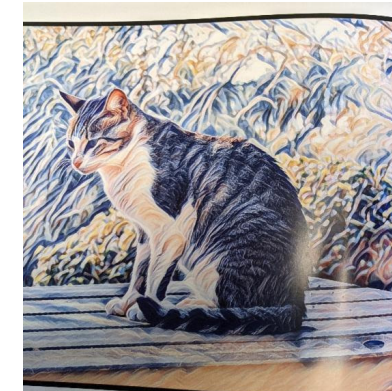
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Support Our Students and Learn About the Holy Land!

When I went to the Holy Land in January 2020, I was surprised to see cats everywhere I went. I love cats and it was a delightful addition to the trip. At each stop along the way, I took pictures of the cats on their holy ground. I recently used a computer program to filter those photographs to make them look like sketches. I then wrote little stories about the cats and how they might view their important homeland. The stories tell a little bit about the many holy sites in the Holy Land. I have compiled these in a short book that I call *Cats of Israel*. This 32-page book is designed like a children's storybook, with a picture for every cat highlighted in the story. There is a sample image below of a typical two-page spread from the book.

First UMC will be selling these books over the next month to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. The books are \$20 each. We will take pre-orders through Sunday, November 7th and will then order the copies. **We will only be able to order the exact number of copies that are pre-ordered, so we will not be able to take orders after November 7th.** 100% of the proceeds (sales minus the cost to produce the books) will go to the Scholarship Fund. The more books we sell, the more money we will raise per book. If we sell 50 books, we will raise approximately \$600. However, if we sell 100 books, the total amount raised increases to nearly \$1500.

If you are interested in getting a great book (wonderful for stocking stuffers or Christmas presents) and supporting our students, then call the church office to reserve your copy today!



Leah likes living at the Mount of the Beatitudes. The of people who come to say hello to her on their way up t el. They often stop to rub her head and scratch her chin not her favorite part! There is a snack stand not far fro and sometimes the visitors share their treats with her. sit patiently on top of the picnic tables and quietly li conversations as they eat together. It is much easier to my this way than by hunting for her own food. After tried to eat a fish she saw on the ground, but it alm tooth. It was really a stone mosaic! She'll never mak again. After eating the yummy morsels the pilgrim her, and with the branches of the trees above giving l the warm sun, she will soon sprawl out for a bath and

Weekly Rhythms

Sundays:
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 2:00 pm Hispanic Worship (Bldg. E)
 5:00-7 pm Here & Now (6th-12th Gr)
 5:00 pm Sunday Bells Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Daily Scripture Readings Discussion Group
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Mondays:
 12:30 pm "The Kitchen" (Bldg. C)

Tuesdays:
 2:00-4 pm Brev Hunt Food Pantry (Bldg. D)

Wednesdays:
 5:00 pm Youth Handbells
 5:15 pm Children's Handbells
 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper RESUMES (September 22nd)!
 6:45 pm Children & Youth & Adult Programs
 7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays:
 2:00-4pm Brev Hunt Food Pantry
 7:00 pm The Space Between (18-25 yrs.)

Fridays:
 12:30 pm "The Kitchen" (Bldg. C)

General Conference/UMC Update Informational Session

– There are many questions and uncertainties surrounding the General Conference scheduled for August 2022. This has caused a lot of anxiety for the worldwide UMC and for local UM churches as they plan for the future. There are many things we know at the present time as well as many things we do not know. Pastor Josh will be leading an informational session on the present state of the UMC and the planned General Conference on **Wednesday, October 20th at 6:45 pm** in Carter Hall. This will include a time for questions at the end. We hope to see you there!

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 17th is a day set aside for our Stewardship Sunday. Thank you if you have already turned in your Stewardship card to the church office. If you have not, we will have a time to bring your cards forward to give to the church. Your continued support of FUMC and our ministries goes very far in helping us minister to the community and to our church activities. This also helps in the planning for our budget for the year 2022. We will have cards in this Sunday's bulletin if you are needing one.



Trunk or Treat This year we will have trunk or treat on **Wednesday, October 27th** at 6:00 pm with a light meal!! Go to our facebook page to register your car! **Deadline to sign up your car is October 17th.**

WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE Whether you are on a lifelong adventure of drawing closer to Christ or are just figuring things out, make Women of Joy part of the journey! We are gearing up for the next adventure **Friday, April 22** thru **Sunday, April 24** at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Guest speakers include Chrystal Evans Hurst, Lisa Bevere, Liz Curtis Higgs, and Sheila Walsh. Leading us in worship each day is Charles Billingsley with Matthew West as guest musician. The cost is \$260 (includes conference, hotel, and gas). **Please sign up by November 28th.** Email Shirley Lowery at benshirley.loweryvt1@gmail.com.



The Bridge SS Class will be starting a new study entitled, *The Epic of Eden, Understanding the Old Testament* on **Sunday, October 24th at 9:45 am**. Sandra Richter will lead this 12 week video study summarizing her book by the same title. If you have questions about the Old Testament or are just looking for a new study, we would love to have you join us! All are welcome (you don't need to be a regular attendee of The Bridge)! You can check out this material on seedbed.com. You can get the digital version of the study guide there or stop by the church to pick up the printed study guide. (PS: We are building Blessing Bags **Sunday, October 17th**. Come join us as we package some Love to share with our community).

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Since QCDs are not includable in income the QCD is also not deductible. As such, the QCD can remain an option for your charitable giving, even if you claim the standard deduction in a given year. You must be at least 70½ years old at the time you request a QCD. Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity. Contact Donald Rhodes if you are considering this option for your charitable giving to First UMC at 478-923-3737 x 104 or administrator@fumcwrga.org



Alpha Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm through December 15th. Explore life, faith, and meaning in a friendly, open and informal environment. There will be free food and conversation. This program is designed to engage students through connection, content, and conversation in order to have authentic discussions about faith. This time is open to any student (6th-12th grade) whether they are members of our church or have never been to a church. Each session features a short talk on a topic of faith and is interspersed with discussion time to share thoughts and questions.

The Upside Down Kingdom **October 17th-November 7th** in this series, You can probably notice people your age are gaining more and more influence, authority, and power in their lives – even if it's in small ways like having later curfews, getting car keys, or having more say in how they spend their time and money. You've probably also noticed they're more vocal about their opinions of the power structures they see at home and in the media. And what happens when those in authority don't behave in a way that's worth following? Well in this series, The Upside Down Kingdom, we're inviting students to examine how Jesus turned the world upside down with the unexpected ways he used his power.

There will be no Youth on October 31st at 5 pm. Have a happy Halloween!

The Space Between



The Space Between is beginning a teaching series on **the Shema**. *The Shema* is one of the most famous and important prayers contained in the Bible as we see the Hebrew people repeat it over and over again throughout the Old Testament. "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one, and as for you, you shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*" It is a powerful prayer and one with a lot of meaning packed into just a few words. *The Shema*, which is the Hebrew word for "listen," is the centerpiece of the last speech Moses gave to the Israelites before they went down into the promised land. After entering the promised land, the Shema became prayer the Israelites prayed twice daily. Join us as we study the words of this prayer and find the meaning it has for our lives today.

Worship in the Sanctuary at Trinity UMC on Thursday, October 21st: at 7:00 pm. After a successful debut in July, The Space Between is continuing Worship Nights in the Sanctuary every other month, starting this October. These events will be shared across our church partners in town with the October worship night happening at Trinity UMC. Make plans to join us for this great night of refreshing worship and prayer. All are welcome. 129 S Houston Rd, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

The Hall will be Friday, November 12th at 7:00 pm. The Hall is an event offering a free, family friendly, open mic night on select Fridays of every other month where local artists can share their talents in a relaxed atmosphere for genuine community. 221 Church St, Bonaire, GA 31005. Free Admission.

No Space Between gathering on November 25th: . Have a happy Thanksgiving!