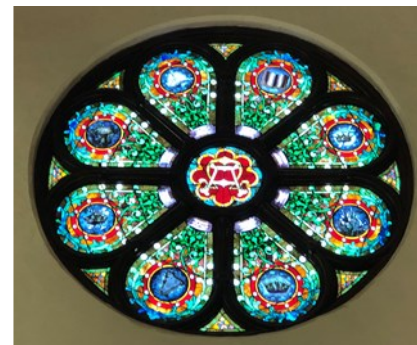


# CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE LINK

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The church has been closed. Those words sound wrong being typed, being said, and not just because the church is a people—and so never really closed. This is uncharted territory and we will be moving into a new normal when the church begins to get back together.

In case you're wondering, there are a couple of dates I want you to keep in mind. The first is June 28. On this date, CSUMC will have a training service. We are looking for some small and large wrinkles that we can iron out, before the church at large gets together. The people who are invited to the service on June 28, are the ushers, the security teams, and the Administrative Council. We're keeping the circle small intentionally to see how things seem to/seem not to work. Some of the things that will be instituted from that service forward will be: a single point of entrance/exit, temperature checks, sign-in sheets, and other items. Simply put, we take your health seriously. We want to do every reasonable thing for your safety when we meet together—which brings me to our next date.

July 5 is the first date when all of CSUMC will meet together for worship. The guidelines for our meeting together are included in this news link, are available at the church office, and are available on the church website. Please be aware though, that every service will continue to be posted online. If anyone is feeling ill at all, then please stay home and worship from there.

The church will be opened. Those words sound much better! I want you to know that I personally am excited about this! I'll see you soon!

Grace and Peace,  
Lance

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Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm



## ***Music Ministry Notes From Gordon***

This past month, I hope you have enjoyed singing many of the “good-old favorite hymn” medleys through our online service. These certainly bring back wonderful, wonderful memories, as well as gives us the opportunity to praise our Lord during these unusual times.

We continue to be blessed by our soloist these past weeks. I cannot thank enough many of our wonderful choir members for offering their musical gifts to be used for these online services. It was good to welcome our first summer guest Eric Allison, as he blessed our hearts with his harp skills on June 21st. Our second summer musical guest will consist of Selma’s very own George Edwards, Jr. He will be here to share his wonderful vocal talent with us on Sunday morning, July 26th. I know you will give him a warm Church Street welcome. Kay Tidmore Sanford will be with us Sunday morning, August 16th. As we plan to gather in-person to worship Sunday, July 5th, please be aware of the guidelines pertaining to the worship service which are included in this issue of *The Link*.

Even during these different times, our God is STILL in control!!

Gordon

**BLESSED**  
*be the*  
**NATION**  
*whose*  
**GOD IS THE**  
**LORD**  
*psalms 33:12*



## Children's Ministry – HAPPY SUMMER!!!!!!

As we sail on into the hot, humid days of summer, please know that I cannot wait until we will worship, sing, and enjoy Sunday School fellowship together!!!! In the meantime, let's continue to plant seeds, tend to our "gardens" and get ready for the harvest!!

Listed below are several "faith builders" taken from the *Children's Ministry Magazine*. Try one or two for fun summer activities with you child. You'll enjoy the fellowship!

**#1 Nature Hunt:** Make picture-based checklists of things found in nature. Then, go outside to find each one. Children can mark off the items and then you can talk about what you noticed about God's creation. Thank God for His creation!

**#2 Let it Shine:** Place floating candles in a kiddie pool and use squirt guns to try to extinguish the candles. Discuss that our light can shine for God regardless of who or what tries to put it out!

**#3 Go for "Some More:"** Set out the ingredients for s'more, assembly line style, and make them together with your child. Discuss "when has God done 'some more' for you? Why do you think God wants us to do 'some more' for other?"

God's word is a "treasure trove" of encouragement and guidance for each of us. Take time with your child to learn scripture. Talk with you child about God's love, forgiveness, and His direction.

**Matthew 22:37** – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

**Ephesians 4:32** – "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you."

**Thessalonians 5:16-18** – "Be joyful always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances."

Joyfully,

Frances



## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers....*

The Family of David Pearce	Gail Browning	Mary Margaret Mims
The Family of Henry Pitts	Ivey Harris	Grace Henry
Samantha Thomas Wilson	Richard Seibel	Anna Elizabeth Beers
Steve Kopp	Tommy Eiland	The Kroemer Family
Myrna Todd	Lynn Moseley	<b><u>Home Bound</u></b>
Cally Nichols	Olivia Jones	Rex Osburn
Caroline Thomas	Tracey Craig	Eloise Trammel
Kincey Green	Kathryn Hardy	Jean Walker
John Sherrer	Roger Coleman	Nell Woodward
Allen Williams	Russ Jackson	Helen Rogers
Amy Sims	Bill Livingston	Ann Pegues
Peggy Cross	Elizabeth Kilponen	Barry Blanton
Earl & Helen Edwards	Clark Schatz	Camille Salter
Baxter Ellzey	Reita Sample Davis	
Keith Stephan	Jimbo & Misty Barrett	Please pray for our Bishop, the President of the United States with his team and the Governor of Alabama. Each day they make decisions that affect our changing world.
Blake Flanagan	Pam Cunningham	
Wayne Henderson	Joanie Looney	
Sandy Seago	Shannon Miller Cook	
The Family of John Parris	Cassandra Steele	
Gary West	The Family of Lynda Johnson	



The Church Office will be closed July 3rd in  
observance of Independence Day.

**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....  
GIFTS**

## *Memorials*

### **Anita Williams**

By: Charlotte Speed  
By: Matt & Karim Oaks  
By: Gale Bedgood  
By: Jim & Mary Drue Wheeler

### **Hans Poulson**

By: Matt & Karim Oaks  
By: Sharon Hardy  
By: Jim & Mary Drue Wheeler

### **John Parris**

By: Marie Barker  
By: Larry & Jan Justice  
By: Jim & Mary Drue Wheeler  
By: Myrna Hollis

### **Phillip Henry Pitts,**

By: Charlotte Speed  
By: Matt & Karim Oaks  
By: Scoop & Betty Rivers  
By: Coralie Frazer  
By: Sharon Hardy  
By: Ken Morrison  
By: Bob & Melanie Culpepper  
By: Randy & Cora Smith  
By: Ed & Andrea Livingston  
By: Les & Leslie Smith  
By: John & Sarah Chisolm  
By: James & Becky Nichols  
By: Joe & Em Moore  
By: Steve & Erika Smitherman  
By: Jack & Mary McKissack  
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer  
By: Raymond & Ann Thomas  
By: Gale Bedgood  
By: Bill & Donna Porter  
By: Charles Pollack

### **David Y. Pearce, Sr.**

By: Charlotte Speed  
By: Matt & Karim Oaks  
By: Marie Barker  
By: Scoop & Betty Rivers  
By: Coralie Frazer  
By: Sharon Hardy  
By: Ray & Coco Killian  
By: Raymond & Ann Thomas  
By: Ken Morrison  
By: Frances Henderson  
By: Sidney & Susan Nelson  
By: Randy & Cora Smith  
By: Bob & Melanie Culpepper  
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By: John & Sarah Chisolm  
By: James & Becky Nichols  
By: Joe & Em Moore  
By: Steve & Erika Smitherman  
By: America's Catch, Inc.  
By: Jimmy & Gladys Elliott  
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer  
By: Jeanne Burson  
By: Bill & Donna Porter  
By: Rod & Barbara Broach  
By: Charles Pollack

### **Ed Sanderson**

By: Jim & Mary Drue Wheeler

### **Sue Callis Cogle**

By: Matt & Karim Oaks  
By: Bill & Donna Porter

## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... Participation

### Church Street United Methodist Church Reopening Strategies

We strongly encourage the elderly, anyone with health issues, and anyone who is not feeling well to remain at home. The service will be recorded and posted as soon as possible, using *YouTube, Facebook* and our church website.

- I. We believe that to maintain a healthy and safe Church Street environment, Church Street United Methodist Church should reopen with a **WORSHIP ONLY** strategy. Our Sunday school classes, breakfast, and nursery will not be reopened at this time. Our 10:30 a.m. Worship service will emphasize a **FAMILY WORSHIP** time with families seated together. Early arrival is encouraged! Therefore, the Sanctuary and Calhoun Parlor will open at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Facial coverings are required for church staff and encouraged for members. Your temperature will be checked by an usher (99.0 or below required).
- III. Upon entering the Sanctuary, you will be directed to a designated seating area, and you are encouraged to **REMAIN** in your seating area until the service is over. Once the service is over, you will exit under direction.
- IV. There will be no nursery during the worship service. Parents of infants and toddlers are encouraged to sit in the rear of the Calhoun Parlor.
- V. With all family members, including small children, gathered in worship, the worship service will be shortened. To accomplish this, the following are enacted:
  - A. The Pastor will direct all portions of the service from the pulpit area.
  - B. Due to the possible spreading of germs, there will be no singing during the service. You are encouraged to hum as the Director of Music sings.
  - C. No Acolytes will be utilized in the service
  - D. Security teams will still be utilized but by using a smaller group of individuals.
  - E. Ushers will be utilized before the service to direct you to your seating. Please understand that at this time you may not be seated in your usual pew. At the end of the service, the Pastor will direct you from the service.
  - F. There will be no "meet and greet" time
  - G. Offering plates will not be passed during the service. Plates will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary for the placement of personal offerings, or you may choose to continue sending your offering by mail or by using the church website online giving.
  - H. There will be no Chancel Choir in the choir loft. Special music will continue to be provided by soloist/groups.

## Church Street United Methodist Church Reopening Strategies

- VI. Additional precautions to help maintain the health and safety of all of our member
  - A. All areas of the church, with the exemption of the Sanctuary, Calhoun Parlor and restrooms near the choir room, will be closed. There will be security team members seated at the courtyard entrance from 10:00 a.m. until the conclusion of the service. They will monitor the use of the restrooms and assist anyone while the service is in progress.
  - B. Sunday greeters will not be utilized at this time.
  - C. We will have one entrance into the Church (Narthex only). Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance. Please maintain your six-foot social distancing upon entering and exiting the Sanctuary.
  - D. Worship bulletins will be placed on pews prior to the service.
  - E. Hymnals, Bibles, Registration Pads, and pencils have been removed from the Sanctuary.
  - F. Hymn/chorus text sheets will be inserted within the worship bulletin.
  - G. Congregants will be spaced accordingly:
    - 1. Members of the SAME HOUSEHOLD will sit together with special consideration given to extended family members.
    - 2. Non-family members are to maintain the six-foot separation with alternating and staggering pew seating which will be marked. Pews will be “blocked off” to encourage social distancing.
- VII. A Children’s Message will be presented. Children will remain seated with their families.
- VIII. There will be no Children’s Church at this time as all children are to remain with their families in the Sanctuary.
- IX. Each worship service will be recorded and posted as soon as possible, on the church Website *YouTube* and *Facebook*.
- X. Please call the church office to let staff know of your need for the wheelchair ramp entrance.
- XI. Please call the church office to let staff know of your need for a personal hearing device. The device will be located at the rear of the sanctuary in a sealed plastic bag with your name attached.





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