

# CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE LINK

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"Whatsoever I thankfully receive, as a token of God's love to me, I part with contentedly as a token of my love to Him."

-Theophilus Gale.

Isn't it wonderful to step into a building and someone has prepared for your arrival? The lights have been turned on, the temperature is just right, the choir is in the choir room preparing for worship, children are laughing in the nursery, and adults are learning together in their classrooms. Does this sound like a typical Sunday morning at Church Street UMC?

When I arrived in Selma, I could see the love and care of the folks at Church Street. This care began in 1835 when people began calling Church Street home. People contributed their time, their tithes, their prayers, and much hard work and effort to make the facilities the wonderful place it is today.

I cannot help but be thankful for the opportunity and privilege to be a part of supporting Church Street with my time, tithes, prayers, and hard work to make it a place for future generations to worship.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our emphasis on stewardship. I ask that you begin to prayerfully consider all the ways in which you can support Church Street. I will make a promise to each of you, I will support Church Street and our ministry here in every way I can.

I continue to pinch myself to see if I am really in Selma. I have fallen in love with my new home. I recently told someone that Selma's best kept secret is its people. Selma is a great place to live, and I am thrilled to be here and to be your pastor.

Thank you for the many ways you not only serve Church Street UMC, but also for the ways you serve our city and its citizens.

Blessings,  
Diane



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### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

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



**Our Music Ministry has begun the fall season in a grand way. Our Chancel Choir continues to effectively lead worship each Sunday morning; our children's choirs are up and running, preparing for fall and Christmas singing. We are well on the way to a fantastic fall!**

**Our Young Musicians (Grades 1- 6) will lead in worship Sunday morning, October 17th - Children's Sabbath. It will be exciting to hear them sing for the first time this fall. Parents continue to faithfully bring them to our Sunday afternoon choir session at 5:30 pm (preceded by supper at 5:00 pm). By the way, the Young Musicians will also sing the morning of December 5th, as well. Be sure to place those dates on your family calendars.**

**It's not too late to join our Chancel Choir. We have begun work on our Christmas music, so now is a good time to visit a Wednesday evening rehearsal (6:00 pm). Think about it!**

***Gordon***

**Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)**

**2 Corinthians 9:10**



## The Children's Ministry



Happy October ~ this month is filled with a variety of fun activities and worship opportunities! CHILDREN'S SABBATH will be celebrated during our Sunday Worship service on October 17th when our children will participate in the service with songs, readings, and handbells. Our Sunday night activities continue on October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We are thankful that there are many ways to worship and serve God!

DRUM ROLL . . . . on October 24th, we will have our CSUMC Annual FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL with the always popular TRUNK OR TREAT! It's been two years since our last trunk or treat and we cannot wait to see all the children AND ADULTS in costumes, plus all the spectacularly decorated "trunks!" We will have hot dogs, games, prizes, and lots and lots of candy!!!! We are already reserving spaces for the "TRUNKs" so PLEEEZE let us know how many TRUNKS you will be decorating! Costumes are encouraged but nothing SCARY.

October 3rd — Sunday Night Activities

October 10th — Sunday Night Activities

October 17th — Sunday Night Activities

October 24th — Trunk or Treat 4:00pm — 5:30pm

October 31st — No night activities **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



A little Tidbit: Did you know that trick or treating dates to the Middle Ages? Olivia B. Waxman writing in TIME says, "The history of Halloween and Christianity goes all the way back to the Middle Ages. The roots of trick-or-treating can, for example, be traced back to a medieval Christian tradition, in which the poor would go to wealthy homes on Hallowtide - the eve of All Saints' Day — and offer prayers in exchange for food and [drink]."

Frances



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

**Current:** Dub Deavor, Charlotte Speed, Connor Bradford, Castle Twins, the Family of Mark Mason, Nita & Rex Waldrop, Buddy & Austin McLendon, Todd Krumnow, Ward Beers, Avere Adams

**Ongoing:** Martha Cobb Roberts, Suzanne Ingram, Helen Edwards, Brandon McHugh, Caroline Thomas, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

**Homebound:** Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Helen Rogers, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Lucille Jordan Sellier

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

### Average attendance in August

Sunday School: 67

Worship Service: 110

We hope to see each of you each week for  
our regular **Sunday Schedule with Breakfast**  
at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and  
**Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

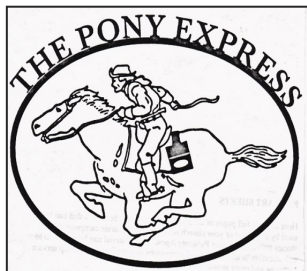
Please remember  
**Sunday Nights @ Church Street!**  
**Supper begins at 5:00.**



The grass withers, the flower  
fades, but the word of our God  
will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

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



The routes are mapped out, the trail bosses have been trained, and Sunday, October 31st, the Pony Express will leave the church - heading into the highways, the hedges, and homes of our members. Your saddlebag will be arriving soon. This is an exciting time for our church, as we hopefully, and expectantly wait to see what we can accomplish this year. When your saddlebag arrives at your home, take some time to consider what your family giving should be for the coming year. Then fill out the estimate card, put it in the envelope and then in the saddlebag. Then take the saddlebag to the next family on the list. When that's done, please call your trail boss to let them know you have completed your part.

**The Blessing of the Saddlebags is Sunday, October 31st, during the Morning Worship Service.  
All bags should be turned in to the Financial Office by Wednesday, November 10th,**

## MEMORIALS

### Richard (Dick) Dunaway

By: Jim & Amy Sims  
By: Jane Driggers  
By: Herb & Suzy McCreary  
By: Rebecca Morris  
By: Steve & Erika Smitherman  
By: Joe & Em Moore  
By: Evelyn Register  
By: James & Michele McNeill  
By: Randy & Cora Smith  
By: Nancy Gantt  
By: Coralie Frazer  
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.

### Ronnie Holladay

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.  
By: Joe & Em Moore

### Mary Alice Brady Mims

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.

### Tommy Traylor

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.

### Claude Cooper

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.

### Nell Frasier

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer, Sr.

### Don Wilson

By: Ed & Andrea Livingston

### October Communion Offering

*The Communion Offering on Sunday, October 3, will be given to Christian Outreach Alliance.*

### World Communion Sunday

*World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 3. Offering envelopes will be available in the attendance registration pad on each pew.*

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

### Teams Serving in October

**Ushers:** Robert Beers, Matt Oaks,  
Buddy Perkins, Mike Bruner, Joe Moore,  
Randall Beers, John Stallworth

**Security:** Bart Adams, Butch Jones, Buc Shaw,  
Tom Lang, Leigh Lang, Judy Moore

**Worship Stewards:** Em Moore & Polly Sellier

**Collection Counters:** Myrna Hollis and Julie  
Drinkard

**If you are unable to be present, please  
find a replacement and contact your  
captain.**

### October Meetings

#### **Trustees**

Tuesday, October 12th, at 5:00 pm, in Windham Hall

#### **Finance**

Thursday, October 28th, at 5:00 pm, in Windham Hall

#### **Church Council**

Thursday, October 28th, at 5:45 pm, in Windham Hall

**Please contact your chairperson or the Church  
Office if you will not be able to attend.**



### Sunday Night Supper Schedule

September 26th - Believers/Cornerstone Class  
Hot dogs with fixings, chips, cake  
and P,B & J sandwiches

October 3rd - Seekers Class  
Lasagna, Green Salad, French Bread,  
Desert and PB & J sandwiches

October 10th - No Menu

October 17th - Pizza, Green Salad, Cupcakes,  
P,B & J sandwiches

October 24th - Trunk or Treat



NOT TO US, LORD,  
NOT TO US BUT TO YOUR  
NAME BE THE GLORY, BECAUSE OF YOUR  
*love AND faithfulness*  
PSALM 115:2 NIV



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

### Living Treasures

*will meet in October*

***Mark your calendar for  
Living Treasures on  
October 21st @ Noon***

This group of senior adults (60 and above) meets the third Thursday of each month for a catered lunch at 12:00 noon and the program ends at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 per person and reservations are not required.

### Circle Meetings

#### Catherine Revel Circle

will meet on Monday, October 4th,  
at 3:30 pm, in Windham Hall

Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet  
Tuesday, October 5th, at 6:00 pm,  
in Windham Hall. If you have  
attended Emmaus, please make  
plans to attend the Selma Emmaus  
Cluster meeting.

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Tuesday Bible Study** led by Martha Jackson meets each Tuesday, at 12:00 noon, in Windham Hall. They began a new study Tuesday, September 21st by Jen Wilken, "God of Deliverance". In this 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18, Jen Wilkin shows us that Israel's story is our story: the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

Bring your sack lunch and join them.



Join us for  
Sunday Night @ Church



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