

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. Many of you are traveling and enjoying some time away to relax and recharge.

During our weekly staff meetings, we go over our calendars and there are many plans being made for opportunities for us to be together during these slower months. Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night supper, beginning June 8th, as well as Sunday school and morning worship.

On June 8th, we will have our first Wednesday night supper for the summer. We will meet each week through July 13th. This will be a time to connect during the week and enjoy some time around the table. We will have a short devotional and prayer time. We will ask that you make a reservation each week, so we have enough food for everyone. Also, we will ask for donations from each family to offset the cost of food. I am excited about seeing everyone mid-week this summer.

My heart continues to overflow with thanksgiving and love for each of you. I cannot believe June 22 will mark one year since I moved to Selma. I look forward to continuing to serve as your pastor as we join to be a part of the great things God is doing.

In His Service,

Diane



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8:30 am to 2:30 pm



Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



As mentioned in last month's article, this summer the Music Ministry will bring back our Summer Guest Musicians Series (postponed last year due to the quarantine) with three outstanding and dedicated Christian musicians. This month (Sunday morning, June 19th), we welcome "one of our own"- Andrew Swindle. Andrew is the son of Betty Carol and Tommy Swindle. He was an active member of Elkdale Baptist Church during his childhood and youth; always very active in the music ministry of Elkdale. He graduated from Morgan Academy in 2013 and then studied marketing at Auburn University; graduating in 2017. While at Auburn, he was an active member of the Auburn Singers-a well-known auditioned, mixed chorus that presents concerts in the US and abroad. After graduation, An-

drew decided to remain in Auburn where he has developed many marketing strategies in the area; one of those being the establishment of *Andrew Swindle Photography*-a thriving business that keeps him very busy during all seasons of the year. Andrew is very active at First Baptist Church, Opelika, where he participates in the Adult Choir and directs the fourth through sixth grade children's choir. He is a featured soloist for many musical events presented by the choir. His giving spirit and love for his hometown is evident by his participation in many activities and fund-raisers for his hometown school-Morgan Academy. We welcome Andrew to Church Street and know he will bless our hearts with his vocal solos in June.

Our other two artists on their respective Sundays.

Sunday, July 10 – Valerie Reese Harris, pianist

Sunday, August 21 – Kay Jones, vocalist

Ok now - neither Pat nor I have received any "good-old favorite hymns" to make up our summer hymn medleys for these summer months. I have my own, but would greatly appreciate your input. Let me ask that if you have a favorite hymn you would like for me to include in these medleys, please do not hesitate to let me know. Call the church office and leave it with Pat or speak to me following our worship service. I hope to hear from you.

June is a great month to visit a Chancel Choir Wednesday evening rehearsal and to consider becoming a part of this important ministry. We rehearse for an hour in the Choir Room at 6:00 p.m. and would welcome any interested individuals. Contact me if you have any questions.

It's great to be a part of the family of God at Church Street!

Gordon



Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you!

Isaiah 60:1

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School begins Wednesday, June 1st and goes through Friday, June 3rd! We are excited to go on an adventure to become God's "beacons" of FAITH, JOY, and HOPE. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who once again selflessly offer their time, talents, and smiles!

June 19th is Father's Day, and we wish all of our Church Street fathers and grandfathers a very special day! We celebrate you and are thankful for you! Psalm 103:13 says, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

As we embark on these summer months, please remember that our church doors are open and we will continue to have Sunday school each and every Sunday! For those of you who will be traveling, be safe. "Let's put ourselves in the hands of our loving God and pray together that He will bless all of us and our families during the wonderful months of summer" (Archdiocese of Baltimore).

HaPpY Summer,



Frances



SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, JUNE 16TH POOL PARTY!

Rising 1st – 6th grade

Information to follow

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

Current: Buc & Gwen Shaw, Glenn Carter, Bobby Phillips, Allen Green

Ongoing: Helen Edwards, Dub Deavor, Allen Williams, Bill Sellier, Caroline Thomas, Brooke Lawrence, Shelby Breedlove, Grace Henry, Mary Ann Hornby, David Saylor, Abigail Flanagan, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Camille Salter, Rex & Anita Waldrop, Lucille Jordan Sellier

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PRESENCE**



Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion

Let's get together this summer for food, laughter and fellowship.

We will have dinner ready at 5:00 pm and hope you will join us!

We will be finished by 6:00 pm to allow time for the Chancel Choir to practice.

Please complete the form in the Sunday Bulletin to let us know if you plan to join us.

This will give us an idea of how many to prepare dinner for each week,

June Communion Offering

***The Communion Offering on Sunday, June 12th, will be given to
United for the City.***

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



**Are you the missing piece to the
Church Street Puzzle?**

Usher Team

Join the Choir

Security Team

Teach Sunday School

Breakfast Cooks

Help with VBS

Communion Stewards

Join a Bible study

Place flowers in the church

Outreach Committee

Office volunteer

Where will you fit in ???



There is a trip to the Holy Land planned for April 17-28, 2023.
We will be sharing additional information about this trip on
June 15th during our Wednesday Night supper.

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SERVICE**

Teams Serving in June

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Ed Livingston, John Nettles , Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers, Lee Calame, Larry Jones

Security: William Free, Jamie Thomas, Wood Spivey, Steve Todd

Worship Stewards: Em Moore & Polly Sellier

Collection Counters: Gail Lovelady & Myrna Hollis

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

June Meetings

Trustees

will not meet in June

Finance

Thursday, June 23rd, at 5:00 pm, in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, June 23rd, at 5:45 pm in the Grist Library

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



Signing up to provide flowers for the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to sign up, simply contact Joy Beers or the Church Office.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A righteous man who walks in his integrity - how blessed are his sons after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

**Happy Father's Day
June 19th**

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WITNESS**



Dear Church Family,

We greatly appreciate your prayers, love and concerns as Bill is continuing to recover from surgery. This appears to be a long and arduous process but we have hope for a successful outcome.

Many thanks to you all !

Love,

Polly and Bill Sellier



Children's Ministry

Thursday, June 16th

Mark your Calendar

Living Treasures

will meet again on
Thursday, September 15th,
at 12:00 noon in Windham Hall.

Enjoy your Summer !!

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





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