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## CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### THE LINK

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I am amazed how quickly the summer seems to come and go. Maybe it is because I am getting a little older or perhaps it is because we are busy people. I don't think the phrase "lazy days of summer" applies much to us anymore.

As I sit with the staff and worship leaders each week, we prayerfully and thoughtfully plan the calendar. Plans are being made and dates are being recorded as we begin our fall ministry opportunities and move toward the Advent season. We even have dates on our 2024 calendar. It is never too early to begin planning.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a Confirmation Class. I am excited about spending time with these amazing young people. It is always exciting to have a front row seat to witness spiritual growth in our young people.

The SNOW Committee will be meeting in September also. We will be making plans for outreach, nurture, witness, stewardship, and worship. Even if you are not a member of this committee, please be praying about ways you would like to serve CSUMC. We have many opportunities available, and you are always invited to participate.

It is a joy to serve as your pastor!

In His Service,  
Diane



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#### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

## *Music Ministry Notes From Gordon*



As we quickly move into our fall season, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your great “summer singing”. It has been a joy to create and lead the wonderful “hymns of our faith” these past 13 weeks. Thank you for suggesting the hymns and thank you for singing with excitement! I look forward to our summer singing in 2024!

Let me also thank you for your encouraging words concerning our 2023 Summer Guest Musicians. What a joy it was to have Ruby Hardy Ernest, The Dillpickers, and Lindsay Thompson Mangum as our guest musicians this year and to hear the beautiful selections they presented for worship. We were truly blessed by each and look forward to the Summer Guest Musician Series of 2024!

We still have vacancies in our Chancel Choir. No experience is necessary! Please contact me if you feel led to be a member of our wonderful, outstanding Chancel Choir. I especially want to invite willing vocalist to come join the Chancel Choir as they begin work on the Christmas musical Nativity Suites; A Cantata For Christmas.

Gordon



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WITNESS**

## *Living Treasures*

**September 21, 2023  
12:00 - 1:00 in Windham Hall**

Hope you will join us!

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 \$8.00 per person and reservations are not required.

**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.**

**The Seekers Class will have their Annual Fish Fry at Claude and Caroline Anderson's Home on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.**

## *Coming this Fall.....*

10/8/2023 Pony Express Begins

10/22/2023 Church Wide Luncheon

10/29/2023 Blessing of the Saddlebags

11/5/2023 All Saints Day

11/12/2023 Stewardship Celebration Supper

11/19/2023 Community Thanksgiving Service



**September Communion Offering  
The Communion Offering on Sunday, September 3rd, will be given to Safe Harbor.**



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### Teams Serving in September

**Ushers:** Bill Porter, Randy Lovelady, Andy Arrington, Les Smith, James McNeill, Claude Anderson, Owen Nichols

**Security:** Brad Utsey, Beau Boyd, Derek Chappelle, Gail Lovelady, Caroline Anderson

**Worship Stewards:** Polly Sellier

**Collection Counters:** Gail Lovelady & Linda Haskell

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



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### September Meetings

#### Trustees

Tuesday, September 12th, at 5:00 pm

#### S.N.O.W.W.

Monday, September 18th, at 5:30 pm

#### Finance

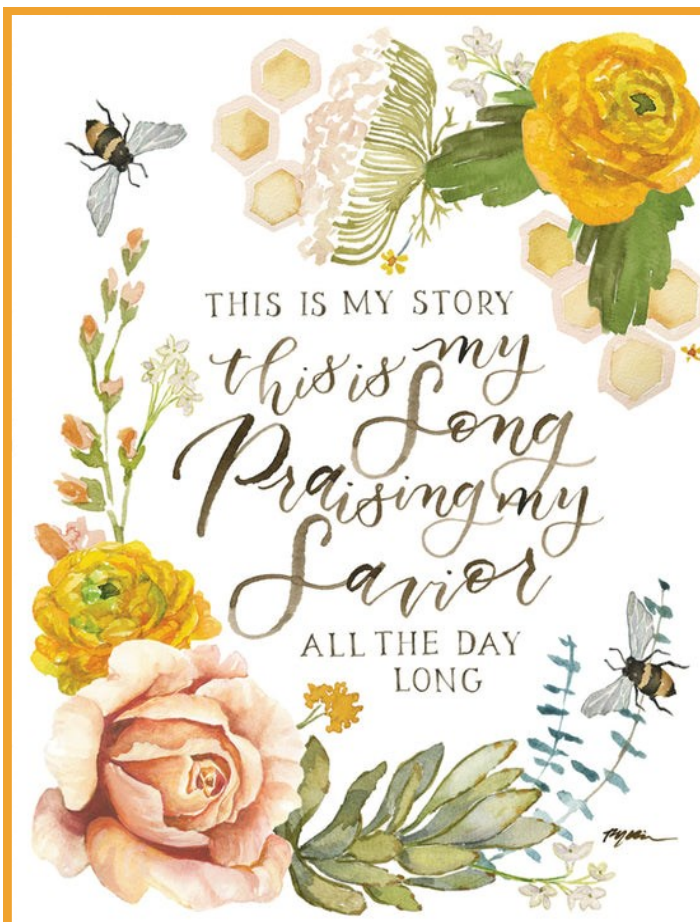
Thursday, September 28th, at 5:00 pm

#### Church Council

Thursday, September 28th, at 5:45 pm

**All meetings take place in the  
Grist Library.**

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



## Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 22nd is Confirmation Sunday and Children's Sabbath. This year our Confirmation candidates are Maggie Calame, Daniel Lovelady, and Daltyn Ott. If you have a teenager who has not been confirmed and would like to be, please contact me. Pastor Diane will lead the class which begins Sunday, September 10th at 9:00am in the 2nd floor classroom (the one above the Grist Library).

Following our worship service on October 22nd, EVERYONE is invited to Windam Hall for a lunch honoring Maggie, Daniel, and Daltyn, and for a celebration of ALL of our church families – the young, the sort of young, the middle ones, the getting older, the older, the really wise ones, the one person family, the 10 person family, and everyone in between! We hope each of you will join the celebration.

Our Church Street family has many new little ones!!!! We seek to nurture the little ones, share God's love with them, and help to plant a STRONG CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION for them! So that as they go through life, they will have NO doubt of God's love, mercy, and grace. If you feel an inclination to help with our Children's Ministry, we would love to welcome you.

We serve a loving and faithful God!!! James 2:17 says that "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." We are thankful that Church Street UMC continues to be a beckon of light in serving our Selma community. UMCOR is present, and in just the last three weeks, churches throughout Alabama, North Carolina, and Indiana have used our Church as a basis from which to rebuild our community and serve others. Practice your faith through actions, give back to God, be generous, be still and believe that God is in control . . . Please join us as we grow in Faith and Service!

**In God we trust,**

**Frances**



As it reads on the front of our church bulletin, we are

"[t]o be disciples of Jesus Christ through love, worship, service and evangelism."

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**PRAYERS**

**Current:** Dorris Sherrer, Caroline Thomas, Bill Sellier, Jerry Shelby, Katie Barrette, Mary Nell Mayo, Mark Rogers, Brenda Glover, Mary Margaret Mims, Wayne & Elaine Stewart, Linda Spivey, Peter Bradsell, Robert Beers, Dot Lovelady, Wanda Calame, Fred McCormick, The Family of Dub Deavor.

**Ongoing:** Buc and Gwen Shaw, Blake Flanagan, Robert Revel, Jimbo Barrett, Becky Rives, Gloria Adams, Lee Calame III, Cassandra Steele, Peggy Cross, Sonny Nelson, Bob Simpson, Linda and Jesse Harris, Danny Jordan, Shelby Breedlove, David Saylors, Arthur “Deedle” Sullivan, Jim Kennedy, Amy and Jim Sims, Kathryn Hardy, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Bert Beers.

**Homebound:** Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Anita Waldrop, Mary Ann Hornsby.

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**PRESENCE**

**Average attendance in August**  
 Sunday School: 60    Worship Service: 130



Cook Team #1 is in need of two cook team members. We cook one Sunday per month. Contact Claude Anderson at 334-412-7018 if you are interested.

**Circle Meetings**  
**The Roberta Sample Circle**  
 will meet Monday, September 11th,  
 at 11:00 am in Windham Hall  
**Catherine Revel Circle**  
 will meet Monday, September 11th,  
 at 3:00 pm in Windham Hall

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**GIFTS**

*Memorials*

Rebekah Gray Fitzsimmons

*By: Ann Thomas*

Eva Joe Nichols Bruner

*By: Judy Moore*

*By: Sharon Hardy*

Gladys Dunkin

*By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer*

Camille Salter

*By: Judy Moore*

*By: Sharon Hardy*

Linda Cristwell

*By: Sharon Hardy*

Dr. Dub Deavor

*By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer*

*By: Pairs & Spares Class*

*By: Myrna Hollis*

*By: Ed & Andrea Livingston*

*By: Gordon & Elaine Welch*

*By: Gail Hawkins*

# LEIKA'S

September 4th – Labor Day – No School

September 5-8 – Manners Week

“Be ye kind one to another” Ephesians 4:32

September 8th – Miss Manners comes to visit!

September 11-15 – Fire Safety Week

“Obey your leaders, they keep watch over you.”  
 Hebrews 13:1

September 13 – Fire truck comes to visit the children!

September 18-22 – Mother Goose Week

“Jesus told many things in parables.” Matthew 13:3

September 20 – Mother Goose flies in for a visit!

September 25-29 – Sports Week

“Honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:20

September 29 – Leika’s field day!!

