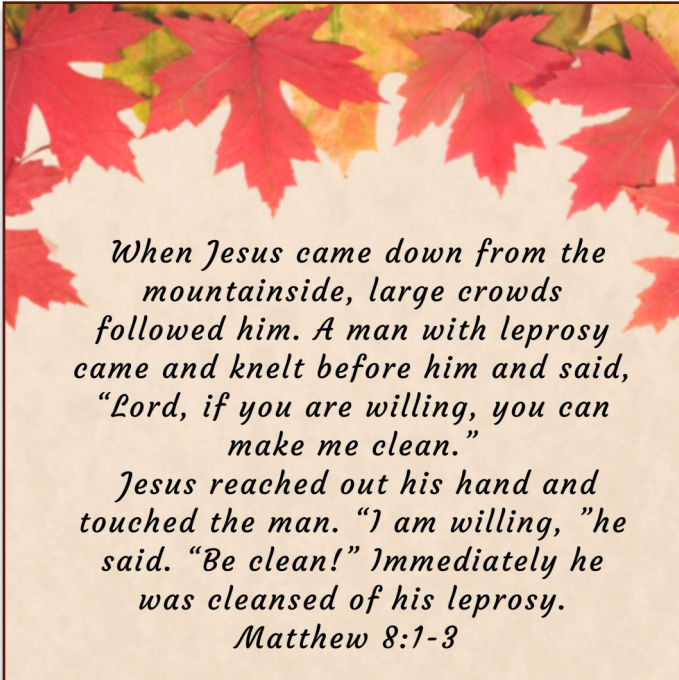


CORNER CONNECTIONS

Jesus cares about our dignity



Most would agree that God is concerned with our spiritual health and well-being. We are not always certain that God is as concerned about our emotional health. But there is an encounter in the gospels that reveals that Jesus is very much invested in our emotional well-being.

It is in Matthew 8:1-3. Jesus is coming down from the mountain where he has given his now-famous Sermon on the Mount. We read,

A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus *reached out his hand and touched the man*. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

It seems like such a small, insignificant detail. Yet why would Matthew bother to record that Jesus reached out and touched the man? It certainly wasn't because Jesus needed to

in order to bring him healing. Immediately after this, a Roman centurion will ask Jesus to heal a servant from afar and claim that Jesus' authority is such that he doesn't even need to be present, and Jesus will commend the man for his faith, essentially saying, "You're right. I don't need to be present."

The reason that Jesus was so intentional about touching this man was because, as a leper, anyone who touched him would be made ceremonially unclean themselves. So he has lived for a long time with no human touch, no human contact. He would have been required to keep as far away from all healthy people as possible. Whenever someone drew near who did not have leprosy, he would have had to shout, "Unclean! Unclean!"

Jesus touched him, even though he didn't have to, as a way of restoring his dignity. And Jesus cared about his dignity because Jesus cares about every part of our well-being, including our emotional well-being. A part of our salvation is being freed from the false narratives that we tell ourselves, the false narratives to degrade our dignity and make us feel devalued as God's people.

Jesus' death and resurrection gives us power to live a new life, and that new life is not only spiritual, but emotional. The good news is that Jesus made himself low so that we may be lifted up. Jesus allowed his dignity to be stripped away so that our shame could be taken away and our dignity restored.

In Christ,

Clint

Pastor's Report – Charge Conference 2022

I ended my report from last year's Charge Conference sharing about how our Church Council had worked to create a more focused strategy to make disciples by building around three key words: commit, connect, and engage. Those words have long been a part of our church mission statement, but we have re-imagined them as a discipleship model where we plan to grow disciples by encouraging people to be committed to a loving relationship with God, connected in vibrant relationships with other people, and engaged as servants in ministry. Specifically, we love God through worship and spiritual disciplines, we connect with other people through small group ministry, and we engage in ministry by serving on a ministry team.

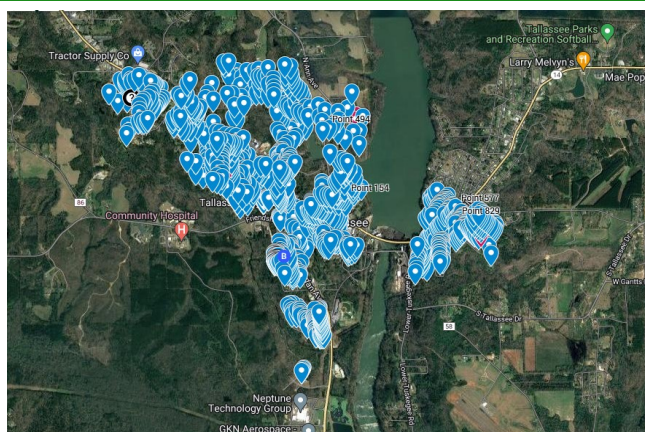
In light of this, two new ministry areas were formed. One was a small group coordinator to oversee and plan for small group ministries in the church. Emily Bryant has filled this role and has created a plan involving offering various levels of small group ministry, including groups to engage people in our community as well as more serious groups such as Wesleyan discipleship bands. This vision has begun to take hold as three new short-term small groups have launched this fall, as well as two band meetings.

The other ministry area was a new evangelism and outreach team led by Kristina Pendergrass. That team has asked the question, "What can we do that no one else is doing so that we can reach people that no one else is reaching?" Out of that discernment process, the team launched a new outreach in January called "Pray and Go." Two people from the team go out on Sunday afternoon and pray over homes in a particular area of Tallassee, and will leave a door-hanger sharing that the home has been prayed for.

In February of this year our Missions Team began the church's Mission House. Using the old parsonage next to the main church building, the team has been providing clothes, food, medical equipment, housewares, and hygiene items to individuals and families in need. We have been able to form relationships with people in our community we may not have encountered outside of this ministry.

As we move toward the end of 2022 and into 2023, we will continue to seek ways to reach people in our community with the good news of Jesus Christ. At the same time, we will continue to work together to navigate through the impending divide in the United Methodist denomination, and seek to do so in the most faithful and God-honoring way possible.

Rev. Clint McBroom



PRAY and GO - Update!

So far, **our Pray and Go Team has prayed for just over 1000 households in our community!** Even as we pray for blessings for others, when we go out and do God's will, we find that we are at least as blessed!

There is something deeply moving about following Jesus' command to "GO OUT" and to pray on behalf of those whom we don't even know! Sometimes our prayers are general; sometimes God puts specific prayers on our hearts; sometimes we get to meet the folks we're praying for and get the opportunity to invite them to join us in prayer. We've been asked to pray for family unity, for upcoming moves, for strained relationships, for family members, and for specific health conditions.

Pray and Go is a quiet and beautiful way to serve God and others!

If you'd like to participate in generous prayer for others and gain experience in occasional, low-key faith-based interactions, I'd encourage you to give Pray and Go a try! Let any of our team members know you'd like to go out some afternoon for about 45 minutes with them and be blessed as you bless others!

Our Pray and Go Team: Karl Ames, Wendi Bearden, Marilyn Durham, Amanda Glasscock, Clint McBroom, Darryl & Kristina Pendergrass, Bob Reed

Our annual Charge Conference will be on **Sunday, October 16 at 2 PM** in our sanctuary. We will have a cluster Charge Conference with some other churches in our area. The voting members of our Charge Conference are the voting members of our Church Council.

Be **KIND** to one another,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING one another, as
GOD in CHRIST has forgiven **YOU.**
Ephesians 4:32, NRSV

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL - VOLUNTEERS, CANDY, INDIVIDUAL WRAPPED CUPCAKES, CAKE POPS AND COOKIES. SEE HILLARY OR PEYTON



FALL FESTIVAL

GAMES • PRIZES • COSTUME CONTEST • TRUNK OR TREAT
HAYRIDE • SNOWCONES • BOUNCY HOUSE • CAKE WALK • POPCORN

SUNDAY, 30th OF OCTOBER

4:00-6:00 PM

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FIRST METHODIST, 1 JORDAN AVENUE, TALLASSEE
PLEASE PARK ACROSS THE STREET AT THS

Youth & Kids



Volunteers Needed
We need as many youth as possible to help with the fall festival on October 30 from 4:00-6:00.

There is a meal train that has been posted in the Facebook group to help provide meals for the youth and children on Sunday nights.

\$100 Deposit Due ASAP For Ski Trip



YOUTH SKI TRIP

DECEMBER 17-21, 2022

If you would like to go, please be sure to pay your \$100 deposit ASAP. More information will be provided for those who are going.



Nursery Workers Needed
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN THE NURSERY BE ON A LOOK OUT FOR A SIGN UP SHEET OR SEE CARRIE

A Day in the Mission House:

The door bell rings and we open the door to find Linda and her 6 year old granddaughter. Smiles and hugs are abundant as we exchange our delight to see each other again (she has visited the Mission House several times). Linda was looking for a few clothes for her grandchildren, and ended up sharing about her mastectomy and her embarrassment over her body image. We talked while the granddaughter colored some of the pictures available on a children's table. We prayed. It was apparent Linda felt comforted and blessed, as we did. Linda continues to browse when the doorbell rings again. A frequent visitor, Becky, is at the front door with her smile and friendly words. She is alone this visit, but she often brings in her 11 year old granddaughter who visited over the summer. Becky also often brings in a friend that is legally blind and enjoys getting out. Becky lives alone and just enjoys the support and now friendships that she has developed at the Mission House. Today she shared some very painful family issues that led me to know that she has trust in our relationship and desires our prayers for family issues to be resolved. Becky has continued to say that she would like to volunteer to work in the Mission House on a regular basis, and we are hopeful this can be arranged for her to work alongside church member volunteers. At this point, Linda had said her goodbyes and as she was leaving, four ladies I had not met before arrived. They selected a few clothing items. Two of the ladies were using canes, so I asked if they needed any other medical equipment supports and mentioned some of our donations. They had what they needed at this point, except for a knee brace for one. We were not able to locate the size she needed for her swollen knee, but we said we would be on the lookout for one. After they left, four ladies arrived from the House of Love and Mercy. They had also visited before, and were pleasant and engaging as they looked through the clothing. Laughter and even giddiness abounded throughout the house. After they departed, the house was quiet for a few minutes and we sorted donations and straightened the rooms. Then the doorbell rang again. Sherry, a new visitor arrived, along with her driver. More on Sherry next month...

One of the ladies above shared: "Thank you for what ya'll do. This Mission House is such a blessing to this community". Thanks to all who make the FUMC Mission House possible and make a difference in the lives of those around us. Those who pray, donate used items, donate money, volunteer in the Mission House on Wednesdays and Saturdays, tell others in need about the services, mentor the frequent visitors – all are necessary to make this ministry a success. And this is one of the ways our church members "love one another".



Mission House Food Collection

We're collecting food for distribution by the Mission House. Please drop off your donations in the collection tub under the table by the Coke Machine.

ACTS

Is in need of flour and corn meal. Please leave it in the fellowship hall or bring it by the church office.

OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 2 none
Oct. 9 Heacocks
Oct. 16 Frankie Scott
Oct. 23 Richard Ellis
Oct. 30 Jackie Golden



- 01 Elizabeth Ames
- 02 Lily Love
- 03 Alec Houts
- 04 Emily Cullars
Allison Johnson
Delmar McCaig, Jr.
Andrew Pressley
Laura Sanders
- 05 Laura Leigh Peters
- 07 Lochlyn Crain
Marilyn Durham
Cindy Pressley
- 08 Bruin Hathcock
- 10 Jake Crain
- 11 Jason Barker
- 12 Bryan Hancock
- 14 Toby Burnham
- 15 Mike Segrest
- 16 John Burgess
Milly Crain
- 19 Steele Segrest
- 20 Jonathan Cullars
- 21 Lilly Martin
Becky Segrest
- 27 Steve Missildine
Elizabeth Moseley



- 04 Mike & Traci Segrest
- 12 Toby & Leah Burnham
- 18 Todd & Jessica Justice
- 27 Alan & Marie Milam

Stewardship Summary - September 2022 (to 09/23)

	Budgeted	Actual
Monthly Contributions	\$31,250	\$23,040
Monthly Total Income	\$36,021	\$23,043
Year to Date Income	\$324,185	\$315,075
Monthly Expenses	\$36,690	\$21,693
Year to Date Expenses	\$330,213	\$306,381

Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 114

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Ladies Circle 10:00 am Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm Discernment Meeting 6:00 pm, fellowship hall Compliment for Couples Class 6:30 pm	4 Restaurant Supper Club 5:30 pm @ church	5 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Class 360 Town Hall Meeting 6:30 pm	6	7	8
9 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am	10 Church Council 6:00pm , FH Compliment for Couples Class 6:30 pm	11	12 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Children (Kids)	13	14	15
16 Charge Conference 2:00 pm Sanctuary	17 Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm Compliment for Couples Class 6:30 pm	18	19 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Mission House	20 Home Supper Club 6:00 pm	21	22
23	24 Compliment for Couples Class 6:30 pm	25	26 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Shepherding Group	27	28	29
30 Combined Service 10:00 am  FALL FESTIVAL 4-6 pm	31 Compliment for Couples Class 6:30 pm					



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**
11 am - traditional worship

KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



Facebook.com/FUMCTallassee

The service for the preceding week is broadcast each Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at **7:15 am** each weekday morning.

