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PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The term "Happy New Year" is more welcomed and appropriate for 2021 than perhaps any time in recent history. 2020 was a year that many long to see come to an end. The pandemic and recurring hurricanes and contentious social and political struggles brought much perplexity and struggle. In any struggle we long for deliverance or for times to get better or easier. But I have often admired the statement from John A. Shed, "Ships look good in the harbor. But ships were not made for the harbor". Of course, this parallels many scriptural teachings about how we are to endure or persevere in trials to gain greater maturity. Outside a true prophetic vision we cannot look into 2021 and know how it will unfold. We are hoping and praying for a "Happy" New Year, not just as a traditional greeting but a time when we are hopeful for truly "new" things to happen. But whatever this year may hold, we are people of faith. What Paul said is put very succinctly, "We walk by faith and not by sight".

The other part is that beginning a New Year does not make our struggles disappear. Obviously, a New Year and the passage of time alone does not automatically bring positive changes. Many are still facing recovery from the hurricanes. Political and social unrest are not ending with the old year. The pandemic is still with us also. But this New Year holds possibilities that solutions might become realities. People often make resolutions to do things differently, to change bad habits, or live healthier, or help bring reconciliation to broken relationships. I certainly encourage resolutions as they stir us to act and stretch us away from apathy or mediocrity. But I also know that real change happens as we respond to the gospel message which calls us to repent. As you assess your own life you might want to find areas where by God's grace you need to change the "old" habits or "old" behaviors. Interestingly, Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Old things pass away! Behold! All things become new". So I pray in the greatest sincerity that this will be a "Happy New Year".

Blessings, Pastor Bill Price

WORSHIP

**** ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC SITUATION****



NEW YEAR: NEW BEGINNINGS | January 3 | 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | We will be starting a new sermon series for the new year. We could all use a fresh start after 2020! We hope you will join us.

IN PERSON WORSHIP & SMALL GROUP MEETINGS |

We are excited to be reunited with our church family for Sunday morning worship services and small group meetings! We are continuing to do our best to provide the safest possible worship environment for everyone to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. We encourage all persons (especially those who are in the high-risk categories) to make an informed decision regarding worship attendance. For those who choose to worship from home, we will livestream our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Facebook and we will broadcast our 8:45 a.m. service on 103.3 FM at Noon each Sunday.

Symptoms: We ask those experiencing illness or fever, or those recently exposed to Covid-19 to worship from their own home. | **Masks:** Upon entrance, all worshippers age 6 and up will need to wear a facial covering. We will have masks available to those who need them. Those that cannot wear a mask are asked to worship at home. We will no longer be conducting temperature checks. | **Personal Behaviors:** We ask that all worshippers maintain social distancing at all times and please refrain from handshakes or hugs. Please no eating or drinking in the Sanctuary.

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ONLINE Giving

GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE |

- Give ONLINE on our website at www.spanishfortumc.org/giving
- Scan the QR code with your cell phone/app
- Text SFUMCGIVE to 73256 and follow the link
- Log into the Realm Connect app on your phone
- Set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, contact Faye in the church office or at faye@spanishfortumc.org.
- Mail check designated as offering to 6530 Spanish Fort Blvd., Suite D, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
- Drop in mail slot by the church office front door.



**all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.*

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

- Regular Schedule
- Traditional Worship - 8:45 AM (Sanctuary, Main Campus)
 - Discipleship Hour - 10:00 AM (In Person & Zoom)
 - Contemporary Worship - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary, Main Campus)

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Friday 8 a.m. - Noon
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With everyone's continued support and adherence to Covid policies, we hope that we can continue to meet in small groups and worship in person. **Our full enhanced health and safety measures and small group on campus meeting policies can be found online at www.spanishfortumc.org/covid.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

KIDCHECK UPDATE | Attention Parents! Please log in to your KidCheck account at go.kidcheck.com and update your contact and guardian information.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MINISTRY RESUMES

January 10 | 11:00 a.m. | The following groups resume after the holiday; Preschool Children's Church, MC110; Elementary Worship, MB105; Nursery, MC104

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MID-WEEK PROGRAMS RESUME

January 13 | 6:00 p.m. | J.A.M. (ages 3 & 4, PreK), WD110; Extreme Kids (K-3rd graders), WD104 & WD106; L.O.L. (4th & 5th graders), WD105; Nursery (Must Register), WD108.

YOUTH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sundays 10:00 a.m. Youth 9th - 12th graders will meet at P.J.'s for coffee & fellowship on Sunday mornings between services. For more details contact Brittney in the church office.

CATAPULT & REMEDY YOUTH RESUME

January 10 5:30-7:30 p.m. | West Campus | WC112 | Beginning the first Sunday of each month (with the exception of January being the 2nd Sunday) Catapult and Remedy Youth will enjoy fellowship, discipleship, and hanging out together. Other than this one time together a month, Catapult (6-8th grades) will then meet on the remaining Sundays at 5:00 p.m. (new date/time for Catapult). Remedy (9-12th grades) will meet following Catapult on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. For more information and questions, please contact Brittney Liebbe at brittney@spanishfortumc.org or calling the church office, 251-626-1334.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

January 10 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Youth Area, West Campus | This meeting is for parents and youth to learn more about



Confirmation. All youth 6th grade and up (who have not previously gone through Confirmation) are invited to participate. Confirmation is the process by which we teach the beliefs of the Christian faith, especially those that are distinctive to the United Methodist Church. We will meet for ten sessions plus a retreat and participate in the Ash Wednesday service. Register at <http://bit.ly/confirmsfumc>.

CATAPULT LIFE GROUPS

January 13 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | WC112 | Life groups are small groups divided by age and gender. Each group has a leader that is devoted to the accountability and discipleship of their group. This is a great opportunity to be with other students of the same age and share in life together. For more details contact Brittney Liebbe.

STUDY

BIBLE BASICS CLASS

January 13 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | WD105 | Join us for a short term class for adults wanting a basic overview of how the Bible is organized. It is a place to ask questions and gain a better understanding of God's holy word. There is no cost for the class and there are no study materials required. Led by Beth Allen. For more details or to register go to www.spanishfortumc.org/registration.



COFFEE TALK BIBLE STUDY - I'M WAITING

January 12 | 3:00 p.m. | West Campus | WD105 | Do you ever feel like God is taking too long to answer your prayers? Have you ever taken matters into your own hands, only to discover that you've made the situation worse? Then this 4-week study, *I'm Waiting, God* by Barb Roose, is for you! The class is a hybrid class (in person or zoom) led by Rev. Rebecca Rutherford. You can purchase the study guides online (about \$15) before class begins from cokesbury.com or amazon.com. For full details or to register go to https://bit.ly/im_waiting.

SERVE

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

January 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary | For more details contact Bonnie Hariel in the church office.

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS - CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

Children's Monthly Mission Project | Children's ministry participates in a year long mission effort of collecting and assembling hygiene kits for disaster relief and local organizations. Each month different items are collected and then they are assembled. During January, we will be collecting soap and gallon sized Ziploc bags. There are drop off locations in the Narthex and West Campus. For more information, please contact Jennifer Robertson in the office.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2021

The following is a listing of our leaders for 2021. We are grateful for those who have agreed to serve. We pray our church will continue to grow in spirit and number as we enter into the new year.

CHURCH COUNCIL | *Church Council Chair:* Jim LaRose | *Vice President:* Pat Kimble | *Secretary:* Christy Inabinett | *Lay Leader:* Ken Coale | *SPRC Chair:* Lee Walters | *Finance Chair:* Kevin Inlow | *Trustees Chair:* Ryan Ott | *Lay Member to Annual Conference:* Marilyn Sullivan | *Lay Member to Annual Conference:* Leigh Matthews | *Member At Large:* Jacob Price | *Member At Large:* Cari LeMaitre | *Member At Large:* Greg Kelly | *Member At Large:* Joanne Logan | *Senior Pastor:* Rev. Bill Price | *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Rebecca Rutherford | *Director of Congregational Life Ministries:* Beth Allen | *Congregation*

Life Chair: Jason Lober | *Director of Children's & Nursery Ministries:* Jennifer Robertson | *Youth Director:* Brittney Liebbe | *Worship Arts Director:* Bonnie Hariel | *Traditional Worship Team Chair:* Connie Cayson | *Contemporary Worship Team Chair:* Ashley Milner | *Discipleship Team Chair:* Pat Shubird | *Security Task Force Chair:* TBD | *Service Team Chair:* Gay Desotell | *Youth Team Chair:* Laura White | *Children's Team Chair:* Elizabeth Von Hofe | *Disaster Relief Chair:* Larry Davis | *Disaster Relief Co-Chair:* Pat Shubird | *Preschool Board Chair:* Catherine Adkins

TRUSTEES | *Chair:* Ryan Ott | *Lay Leader:* Ken Coale | *Members:* Tamara Pitre, Ryan Ott, Wendy McMillan, Jan Webb, Don Davis, Leon Allen, Bruce Baker, Bob Haney, Ann Fuller

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS (SPRC) | *Chair:* Lee Walters | *Lay Leader:* Ken Coale | *Members:* Sarah Murphy, Laura Mixon, Michael Maxwell, Leslie James, Laurel Kolakoski, Steve Hegan, Mike Vincent, Jackie MacDonald

FINANCE | *Chair:* Kevin Inlow | *Lay Leader:* Ken Coale | *Members:* Les Williams, Kevin Inlow, John Wade Therrell, Jill Arnott, Kim Dailor, Ted Langley, Angela Perry

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lay Leader: Ken Coale | *Church Council Chair:* Jim LaRose | *SPRC Chair:* Lee Walters | *Trustee Chair:* Ryan Ott

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS)

Chair: Rev. Bill Price | *Lay Leader:* Ken Coale | *Members:* Lynn Langley, Jason West, Kathy LaRose, David Chalk, Ernest Scarbrough, Ashley Milner, Shelly Thigpen

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM | *Staff Rep:* Rev. Rebecca Rutherford | *Members:* Faye Hill, Melissa Foil, Gene Garthwait, Elizabeth Von Hofe, Cari LeMaitre, Wendy McMillan, Greg Robbins, Ronda Robbins, Pat Shubird, Connie Waggoner, Nancy Davis, Don Davis, Ken Coale, Asher Carmichael, Rev. Bill Price

CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM | *Chair:* Elizabeth Von Hofe | *Director of Children's & Nursery Ministries:* Jennifer Robertson | *Children's & Nursery Ministry Assistant:* Mandy Reeves | *Members:* Ashley McKeithan, Michele Chapman, Susanne Winter, Blair Lober, Maconica Sawyer, Jessica Lowell, Kerri Smith

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM | *Chair:* Laura White | *Youth Director:* Brittney Liebbe | *Members:* Teri Smith, Toby Rutherford, Margie Walters, John Spencer, Lesley James, Brendt Bedsole, Pam Few

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES TEAM | *Chair:* Jason Lober | *Director of Congregational Life Ministries:* Beth Allen | *Members:* Mollie Herrington, Marcia Gifford, Lydia Noble, Angela Vincent, Jessica Harris, Gene Garthwait, Ronda Robbins, Whitney Becker

SECURITY TASK FORCE | *Chair:* TBD | *Staff Rep:* Rev. Rebecca Rutherford | *Members:* TBD

WORSHIP TEAM | *Traditional Chair:* Connie Cayson | *Contemporary Chair:* Ashley Milner | *Staff Rep:* Bonnie Hariel | *Members:* Gail Yance, Elizabeth Von Hofe, Ken Coale, Edna Coale, Larry Davis, Gladys Davis, Jack Gipson, Nancy Gipson

SERVICE TEAM | *Chair:* Gay Desotell | *Pastor Rep:* Rev. Bill Price | *Members:* Larry Davis, Pat Shubird, Laura Maxwell, Melinda Immel, Rob Howell*

PRESCHOOL BOARD | *Chair:* Catherine Adkins | *Preschool Director:* Beth Bedsole | *Pastor Rep:*

Rev. Rebecca Rutherford | *Director of Children's & Nursery Ministries:* Jennifer Robertson | *Finance Committee Rep:* Kim Dailor | *Trustees Committee Rep:* Wendy McMillan | *Parent Rep:* Ashley White | *Member At Large:* Angela Vincent | *SPRC Rep:* Laura Mixon

COVID TASK GROUP 2021 | *Pastor Rep:* Rev. Bill Price | *Members:* Lee Walters, Beth Bedsole, Beth Allen, Rev. Rebecca Rutherford, Jennifer Robertson, Brittney Liebbe, Bonnie Hariel, Ken Coale, Karen Fagan, Leslie James, Blair Lober, Andy Cloninger

COMMUNITY

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT SERVING THE LORD



John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International (Uruguay) Rob and Amy Ellis; Ethnos360 Missions (Tanzania, Africa) Ronnie and Nanny Calvert (Quito, Ecuador) Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting (Southern India)



SOLO SENIOR MEN

Mondays | 10:00 a.m. | Fort Container Park near Bass Pro Shop | You are invited to join this group of men for a time

of fellowship each Monday. For questions, please call the church office at 626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

HURRICANE SALLY DISASTER RELIEF | For more information on how you can assist with Hurricane Sally Relief efforts (labor/monetary donations) or if you have or know of any needs in the community, please visit www.spanishfortumc.org/sally.

MEN'S RETREAT | February 5-6 | Guest speakers are J.D.Walt and Mark Benjamin | More info coming soon.

BIRTHS | Congratulations are extended to:

Rich and Schaefer Jones on the birth of Bo Coleman Jones, born December 2, 2020.

DEATHS | Our condolences and prayers are extended to:

Dottie Wilkins on the death of her husband and member, Jack C. Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins passed away on November 12, 2020.

Brian Desotell and family on the death of his mother, Sandy Desotell. Mrs. Desotell passed away on November 30, 2020.

Laurie Eaton and family on the death of her sister, Jan Gielbelhaus. Ms. Gielbelhaus passed away on December 5, 2020.

Elizabeth DeRocher and family on the death her father, Watson "Gene" Ellzey. Mr. Ellzey passed away on December 7, 2020.

The family of beloved member, Diane Bull. Mrs. Bull passed away on December 11, 2020.