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The Beacon
March 29, 2020

Welcome to Shalimar UMC

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us this week! Hearing assistance devices are available for the Sanctuary. Please see an usher to obtain these aids. Enjoy fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Family Life Center Gym between worship services.

Our Vision

Christ-centered, multigenerational, family and community relevant ministries through worship, discipleship, and mission.

Our Mission

REACH, TEACH, and SEND

We **REACH** out to our congregation, community, and the world to **TEACH** the word of God as provided in the Holy Scripture, and **SEND** our members and missionaries to be witnesses to God's grace and His promise of eternal life to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Worship Services

Traditions

At 8:00 and 11:00am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we celebrate through the rich traditions of our faith such as hymns led by organ and piano, seasonal vestments, and traditional Methodist liturgy. Our Chancel Choir leads the 11:00am service.

Connect

At 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we engage in a four-fold service of gathering praise, service of the Word, Holy Communion with candle stations for prayer, and sending forth. The music is a blend of contemporary praise songs and upbeat hymns.

Freedom

At 11:07am Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center Gym we worship through modern music, multimedia, and a teaching style message in a non-traditional atmosphere. We come to God as we are to experience the freedom of not having to stay that way.

REACH | TEACH | SEND



Here's what you need to know this week.

Text to 850-204-4545 to subscribe.

The Week of Sunday, March 29th

- **COVID-19 Updates** - The church office will not have someone answering the phone. All staff will be working off-site. Pastors are available by cellphones. Please either call cellphones or email. Check the website for updates on weekly activities. sumc.io/covid
- Worship, March 29th – Online Only, sumc.io/livestream
- 9:30 Sunday School - Livestream or Zoom, sumc.io/33MECVp
- **Drive Up Communion** - Holy Week will be here in just two weeks! We plan to Livestream our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services. On Sunday, April 5th from 2-4pm, and Monday, April 6th from 8-10am, we are scheduling times for you to pick up communion elements and items for Maundy Thursday by driving through the Church parking lot. If you can't come to the church, please contact Pastor Brian at brian@shalimar-umc.org to have the items brought to you. sumc.io/driveup
- **Online Connections** - Our staff and laity have been busy this week mobilizing to bring opportunities for discipleship through technology to you. We have a wide range of Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and even children's church all via Zoom. We are so thankful for everyone's hard work.
- **Send Us a Selfie** - We'd also love to see pictures of you worshipping with us. Please take a picture of you watching worship and send it to faith@shalimar-umc.org.

OUR CHURCH'S
RESPONSE TO
COVID-19

Find out ways to worship
and grow from home!

[SUMC.IO/COVID](https://sumc.io/covid)

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.

*In Celebration of Fred & Shirley Carnes
62nd Wedding Anniversary!*



Stay Connected!
Facebook:
Shalimar UMC




Visit us online:
shalimar-umc.org

After Hours Emergency Pastoral Assistance:

Dr. Philip McVay (850) 607-1133
Rev. Brian Dale (404) 597-6242
Rev. Faith Parry (850) 420-9888

**Text to Give
850-203-3057**

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Philip McVay - Lead Pastor

- Rev. Brian Dale.....Executive Pastor
- Rev. Faith Parry..... Communication Pastor
- Dr. Brad BradfordWorship Pastor
- Rev. David Garvin..... Youth Pastor
- Ben Savage..... Worship Ministries Associate
- Karen JadinPreschool Director
- Jennifer GuidoniChildren's Director
- Dawn Rozofsky Camp Director
- Kim Margold Program Director

Traditions Worship Service

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Prelude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane
	<i>We're Marching Zion</i>	
Church Life and Celebrations		Rev. Faith Parry
Hymn of Praise	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Hymn No. 77
Affirmation of Faith		Hymn No. 881
Gloria Patri		Hymn No. 70
Philip's Focus and Morning Prayer		Dr. Philip McVay
Offertory Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Hymn No. 378
Offertory Prayer		Dr. Brad Bradford
Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Praise To the Lord</i>	Alice Biggar and Joel Lane
Doxology		Hymn No. 95
Scripture Presentation	Luke 10:25-37	
Sermon	<i>Heaven Can We Be Sure We Will Go To Heaven?</i>	Rev. Brian Dale
Hymn of Response	<i>Sweet By and By</i>	
Closing Prayer		Rev. Brian Dale
Closing Song	<i>God Bless America</i>	
Postlude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane

5th Sunday in Lent
Purple Paraments



Philip's Focus

Odd Times, Unprecedented Challenges, and Our Church Steps Up!

This is a most unprecedented time...a virus crisis. A pandemic in the likes we have never seen. We live in odd times. I have been considering the new oxymorons like being "separate together," "socially distanced," and yet "distantly connected." Our Nation that had been bitterly divided only a few weeks ago, now has wonderfully united to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We live in odd times. Even in a crisis, we are beginning to see the good that can come. I was speaking to one of our members today and he reminded me of a quote by Richard Bach, "There is no such thing as a problem without a gift." What possible good could come from this pandemic?

We are starting to see people step up in response to our national crisis. I see it through our church too! I saw it this morning. One of our Administrative Assistants, Donna Whitney, decided she had been home long enough. Julie Covert, Brian Dale, and I joined Donna and took our love to our member's doors. We made spontaneous visits to curbs, yards, and parking lots with wonderful signs saying, "Shalimar UMC loves you!" See the photos on next page.

Our awesome staff is stepping up! They met by ZOOM and are functioning at high level to help our congregation through this crisis. Our lay people have also stepped up! Sunday School classes, Splash of Joy, 144 groups, Children's Church, and Pastors Class are all meeting by ZOOM. Pastors are calling our members and will continue in the coming weeks. All in all, in some ways, we are better connected than a few weeks ago. God is helping us find different ways to be the Church in this most crucial and unprecedented time. Thank you for being the church when we need the Church the most!

I am proud of the way our church is rising above the circumstances and I am so honored to be your pastor! On the next page you can view photos capturing some of the different ways we have been connected and showing love this week!

Shalom,
Philip

Dr. Philip McVay, Lead Pastor
philip@shalimar-umc.org







DRIVE UP

Communion

APR 5TH 2-4PM & APR 6TH 8-10AM

Pick up communion for our Online Maundy
Thursday service...while supplies last.



Hosanna

THE KING IS HERE

PALM SUNDAY | APR 5 | 8, 9:30, 11 & 11:07AM
SUMC.IO/LIVESTREAM



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

SHALIMAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APR 9 | 7PM | sumc.io/livestreamflc



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
REMEMBERING THE CROSS

APR 10 | 7PM
[SUMC.IO/LIVESTREAMFLC](https://sumc.io/livestreamflc)


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SHALIMAR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 12
8, 9:30, 11, 11:07 AM
[SUMC.IO/LIVESTREAM](https://sumc.io/livestream)

[SHALIMAR-UMC.ORG](https://shalimar-umc.org)



ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD

ONLINE

THIS SUNDAY

sumc.io/livestream



EASTER *lily* PROJECT

The Easter Lily Project is a way to honor or remember someone and help others at the same time. All proceeds go to support those in need in our community. You may donate any amount. See order form in Worship Guide. Thank you for helping us honor and serve others.

God can Accomplish Immeasurably More



144
144 SMALL GROUPS ARE NOW ON ZOOM! FIND
A TIME GOD FOR YOU AND JOIN.

[SUMC.IO/144GROUPS](https://sumc.io/144groups)



ONLINE
Sunday
SCHOOL

sumc.io/33MECVp

Update:

Splash of Joy II will pause until the fall.
Contact Cathie for more info
at 850-613-6414.

Scrapbooking

Friday, April 24th
Noon to midnight
&
Saturday, April 25th
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
at Cross Corner

Bring non-perishable food items for
Sharing & Caring along with a snack to share.



2020 HOLLY FAIR PLANNING MEETING

APRIL 27TH
5PM-6PM
ROOM 212

ANYONE INTERESTED IN
THE HOLLY FAIR IS
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
PLANNING MEETING!

A Thank You Note of Encouragement from the Silvester's

Hi All,

I just want to reach out and say thanks for the online streaming. I get my coffee (I know, Paul said to eat before meeting), walk back to my den, close the door, and sit in my comfortable chair while I'm focused in and listening.

Philip said he's preached before in front of an audience that isn't listening! Well, believe me when I say we're out here listening. In fact, with it being just me, my IPAD, and you, I actually feel like you're speaking right to me. I also feel the Connect Group is singing right directly to me.

I would like to **ESPECIALLY THANK** Brad and the Connect Team and their music. I know with everything going on, they have their own issues to attend to, and it isn't easy to spend time rehearsing and preparing to sing to us. Please pass my special thanks along to the music group. It wouldn't be the same if we just had solos from Brad, as beautiful as his voice is!!

The only drawback to this whole thing is I'm used to having some beautiful voices on either side of me singing along. When it's just me I realize how dreadful my singing is!!

So thanks for being there, and thanks for the online streaming. I'm sure a couple of years ago, when someone suggested setting up online streaming, we thought it was a little unnecessary. How blessed we are that you did it and got the glitches worked out for when this virus came along.

Please thank the online streaming team for their foresight and for all their work in making this happen every week.

God Bless you all for being there,

Terry and Janet Silvester





Children's Ministry News

Sunday School for Kids(SUMC kidz Ministry) on Facebook
Closed group but will accept new members according to church covenant upon request

[facebook.com/groups/SUMCFF/?ref=bookmarks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SUMCFF/?ref=bookmarks)

Videos to come that will help your children cope during this time of crisis.

The Bible tells us to **Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield** to God's authority. **PRAY** is so important to our wellbeing. Keep in touch with how this is making others in your home feel and continue to let them know they matter.



Join Us!

Friendship Club



FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

(A ministry for all adults)

The Friendship Club invites all adults to join them for these activities!

Tuesday, 14 April 2020 - 11:30. We will have our normal meeting. Our program will be Ashley Bailey, the Crime Prevention Specialist from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. She will speak to us about scams and how to prevent them. Lunch will be provided by Chef Heyward, cost \$7.

Please call the Church office (651-0721) or text (850-204-4545) by the Monday prior to make a lunch reservation.

For additional information

Ollie Fay Flint: 651-2360

Betty Stewart: 613-4228

Jon & Kathie Sheperd: 651-8008

Thank You

Good morning all.

I would like to say thank you church family
for the prayers and thoughts during my
recent hospital stay.

God bless and keep you.

Keith. E. Latimer





Rev. David Garvin, Youth Pastor
850-651-0721 | youth@shalimar-umc.org



FusionSUMC



FUSION

Sunday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the FLC

SMALL GROUPS

Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the FLC GYM

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:30 am in Youth Rooms

GET INFORMED

Text "@FusionSUMC" to #81010 for weekly updates

Merge Young Adults

David James - Facilitator
(850) 217-9632



Shalimar UMC Merge

Thursdays | 6:30 pm | #10 2nd Street



Merge Online Meeting

<https://discord.gg/G3YMze>

Attendance, March 22, 2020

Worship and Technical Volunteers	45
Live Stream	545
TOTAL	590



Dawn Rozofsky
Camp Director
Cell: 850-294-2384
Church: 850-651-0721
asc@shalimar-umc.org

After School Camp

Our Mission:

Offer a safe, loving and Christian environment for children after school.

We learn about God in our daily devotions, serve a healthy snack, do homework, make crafts, and play.

Ways You Can Help!

Volunteers: We need Reading Buddies and Homework Helpers from 3:15 - 4:00pm. See Camp Director for Volunteer forms!

Scholarship Money: You Can Adopt a Child's Tuition: We are seeking scholarship funds for tuition assistance so a safe, Christian atmosphere can be provided for those who need it most.

Prayers: We are always grateful for prayers!

Wednesday Night Supper Club: ASC kids enjoy joining our Children's Ministry for Choir and Kids Club. Sign up weekly for Supper Club by Tuesday 5:30pm. Only **\$3.00** for a children's dinner plate! This program isn't just for ASC kids; it's for anyone who needs it!!! Call or email Dawn for details.

Registration is Open for Summer Camp!

M-F 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

\$40 - Annual one time registration

Weekly rates:

\$125 weekly

\$40 daily





Blessings For Children

Diapers, Diapers, and More Diapers!

When we began our Blessings for Children ministry to serve newborn through 5th grade children in need in our community, we targeted items we would distribute to meet a child's basic needs. Little did we realize how many diapers we would distribute almost weekly! If you haven't shopped for diapers recently they are a very costly item and many times we hear from our families that it is a hard decision of diapers or food or diapers or gas. Our ministry, with your support, has been able to make that difficult decision easier for the families who visit us at the #10 2nd Street house on Wednesdays. Many of us may think cloth diapers would be more cost effective for these families, but when you are in financial difficulty you often don't have a washer or dryer, or transportation to a laundry mat, or even the laundry detergent to wash the diapers. But through this outreach ministry these littlest ones can have the blessing of a fresh clean diaper when it is needed.

- Please pray for the ministry and all who participate.
- We'd love to have you join us as a volunteer and you don't have to commit weekly or even monthly!
- Consider donating items we distribute to the children. Diapers and pull-ups of all sizes, wipes, children's t-shirts, socks and underwear, children's toothbrushes or toothpaste, body wash or soap, and toilet paper are in great demand. A complete list of items we distribute can be found at sumc.io/blessings. You can donate items any 3rd Sunday in the bins placed in the narthex and Family Life Center lobby, or stop by the #10 2nd Street house behind the church any Wednesday from noon - 3:30 pm to donate items. Children's bibles and bible stories and activity books are also a joy to receive and distribute!
- A financial gift designated to Blessings for Children allows us to shop for needed items.

We are so grateful to our church family and our Blessings for Children families. You are a blessing to this ministry and all who are involved!

For additional information

Mary Jane Robertson

Email: mjr53@cox.net

Visit: sumc.io/blessings

Phone: (850) 499-6173



Open every Wednesday 12 - 3:30 pm



Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is always available for your use. **The code to enter is 1423.** After each Sunday morning service, someone will be present to pray with if you would like. They will also respect your wishes to pray alone. Prayer shawls are available for your use. The Prayer Box with cards is available for you to leave a request for either the pastors or Prayer Team. They will pray for you or a situation you would like lifted up. There have been great reports of use for this special place.

Prayer Chain



You can add someone to the Prayer Chain, share an answered prayer or receive prayer requests and praises through email. A printed copy of the SUMC Prayer List is available each Sunday in the Narthex and FLC Lobby. If you'd like to start receiving the Prayer List via email, please call the church office at **(850) 651-0721** or email prayer@shalimar-umc.org.

Prayer Ministry

Please contact the church office at (850) 651-0721 if you are interested in becoming involved in one of the following Prayer Ministries:

- **Prayer Group** - meets weekly to share praises and intercessory prayer for people listed on the Prayer List (both church and personal)
- **Prayer Room Attendant** - Volunteer to pray with those who come to the Prayer Room after the Sunday morning worship services
- **Pray in the Prayer Room** during each Sunday morning worship service
- **Pray for special church functions and events**
- **Participate** in the Prayer Chain and Prayer Link

Weekly Schedule

Worship Times Online sumc.io/livestream

Traditions Worship8 & 11 am

Connect Worship9:30 am

Freedom Worship11:07 am

**Sunday, March 29th
through
Saturday April 4th**

All Activities on Campus are Suspended

1 Old Ferry Road
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
8 am - 4 pm • Friday 8 am - Noon



**Ways to
give .**



WEBSITE
sumc.io/give



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