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The Beacon  
May 17, 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, May 17th**

- **Taskforce** - We are thankful for everyone who gave the Taskforce feedback. We received over 300 completed surveys, representing more than 600 of our attendees.
- **Bible Buckets** - Kids remind your parents to drive to the church on **May 21st** to pick up a Bible Bucket. The Minion will be handing them out from 10am-2pm. Bible Buckets have a week's worth of songs, activities, and Bible engagements for the family. They include family devotionals, a music CD, activities, and scriptures for memorization that will encourage you and your family during this pandemic! It's what should be on your Bucket List for the quarantine time!
- **Graduation** - This past week, Superintendent Chambers announced that Okaloosa County School has penciled in a date for graduation in the middle of July. We are currently working on how we can honor our graduating seniors. Please stay tuned for more information.
- **Attendance** - We would love it if you register your attendance with us. You can fill out the webform found online, leave a comment in Livestream chat, or you can send an email to [Faith@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:Faith@shalimar-umc.org).



**REACH | TEACH | SEND**

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD

**ONLINE**

**THROUGH JUNE 1ST**

[sumc.io/livestream](https://sumc.io/livestream)

*Children's Church*  
ON ZOOM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: SUNDAYS AT 1PM

[sumc.io/children](https://sumc.io/children)

ONLINE  
*Sunday*  
SCHOOL

[sumc.io/33MECVp](https://sumc.io/33MECVp)



God can Accomplish Immeasurably More

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

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

# LIVE PRAYER

*Online*

Join us Mon, Wed & Fri at 9am for live prayer. You don't  
need a Facebook account to see the live prayer sessions.  
[fb.com/shalimarumc](https://fb.com/shalimarumc)

# Women's Ministry

SPLASH OF JOY I

Twelve More Women of the Bible

Wednesdays at 9:30

Zoom ID: <https://zoom.us/j/898749041>

More information available from Sara Michaelson, 865-3343.

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 Bradford.....Worship Pastor
- Rev. David Garvin..... Youth Pastor
- Ben Savage..... Worship Ministries Associate
- Karen Jadin.....Preschool Director
- Jennifer Guidoni.....Children's Director
- Dawn Rozofsky..... Camp Director
- Kim Margold..... Program Director

# Traditions Worship Service

## Sunday, May 17, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane
	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	
<b>Church Life and Celebrations</b>		Rev. Faith Parry
<b>Call to Praise</b>	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Joy Ringers
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Hymn No. 400
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		Hymn No. 881
<b>Gloria Patri</b>		Hymn No. 70
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Rev. Brian Dale
<b>Music Message</b>	<i>Just a Little Talk With Jesus</i>	Gloryland
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>Grace Greater Than Our Sin</i>	Hymn No. 365
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Dr. Brad Bradford
<b>Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings</b>		Gloryland
	<i>When We All Get Together</i>	
<b>Doxology</b>		Hymn No. 95
<b>Scripture Presentation</b>	John 3:16-17	
<b>Sermon</b>	3:16 <i>Would Not Perish But Have Everlasting Life</i>	Dr. Philip McVay
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Hymn No. 378
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Dr. Philip McVay
<b>Closing Song</b>	<i>God Bless America</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
White Paraments



# Philip's Focus

## Around Shalimar UMC

It has been a while since I wrote a focus about the general happenings around Shalimar UMC, so I thought I would give it a whirl for this week's Beacon. Some may assume that not much is happening right now, but on the contrary! We remain a vibrant church even in such times! Below are some of the highlights of church activities and ministries going forward that are on my mind today.

- Our church is not only SURVIVING through this time of world pandemic but is in some ways THRIVING. The Church is more than our building! The Church is PEOPLE. We are seeing that lived out in so many ways now. Our people have been amazing!
- The participation remains strong through Livestream worship, Zoom discipleship groups, studies, children's ministries, youth ministries, and Sunday School classes. Church committees such as Church Council, Finance, Staff-Parish, and Trustees are not only meeting by Zoom but are functioning at a high level. I have been so proud of the leaders who have stepped in, stepped up, and stepped out!
- The financial support of our congregation was amazing during the months of March and April. God has blessed Shalimar UMC with the gifts needed to move forward in such a time as this. Amazing generosity in such times! Thank you!



- Our Missions team has functioned at a high and compassionate level in our community. As of this past week, 1,310 bags of food (three tons!) has been collected and over 135 families have benefitted! Thanks to Pete Peters and our Missions Team for offering both love and groceries!

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- We are also grateful that Blessings for Children has been open for our community during this critical time! Mary Jane Robertson writes,



“We are seeing many new families from our community (mostly Hispanic) that are coming to us from our church’s food drive. We are learning that God’s love does not need to share words. We do a lot of pointing at what is needed and a lot of smiling. All our Spanish bibles have been taken and the children are choosing books about Jesus, Jonah, and David. We served 12 children Wednesday. One of the mothers that came in for diapers brought us her outgrown clothes and toys that we can now offer through our

Treasure Chests. That happens very often; our families come back to us bearing items to donate for others. We are so grateful for the church family’s donations of both financial offerings, diapers, and all the other items we distribute. Their support allows us to keep the blessings flowing!”

- The newly formed Covid19 Taskforce Team has hit the ground running to form a plan to reopen the church for in-person worship. We really appreciate the leadership of Lay Leader, Angie Turnbow, who has been pouring through recommendations from the President to the Bishop, from national health officials to local leaders, and from other churches who are all chartering together in these unchartered waters.
- We also appreciate our congregation taking the time to return the questionnaire to the Task Force. There were at least 300 surveys returned which represents approximately 600 people in the congregation. This is outstanding! All the information is valuable for considerations for Shalimar UMC and your input is greatly appreciated!
- As of now, we know we will continue to worship online through Livestream until at least June 1st. As we know more, we will keep our congregation informed.

These are just a few of the highlights around Shalimar UMC! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday on Livestream as we continue to learn more from John 3:16.

Shalom,

Philip

**Dr. Philip McVay, Lead Pastor**  
[philip@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:philip@shalimar-umc.org)





# Virtual Gathering



Our Missions team supports the Good News Jail Ministry. This year, due to Covid-19, they cannot meet in person for their annual banquet. To see how God is reaching more people with the news of what is going on behind bars and to support what the Lord is doing in His jail, please attend the virtual gathering found at [sumc.io/localmissions](https://sumc.io/localmissions).

# CONGRATULATIONS *Graduates*



CURRENTLY WORKING  
ON A PLAN TO  
HONOR OUR SENIORS

## Merge Young Adults

David James - Facilitator  
(850) 217-9632



Shalimar UMC Merge

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



Merge Online Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97660682189>



Thank you, Shalimar UMC!!!

What a response to help the needy in our neighborhood! To date we have collected over 700 bags of food through your generosity! Those bags have gone to help folks in our congregation, folks in our Shalimar community, and Sharing & Caring!

As a reminder, we collect donations from 9-11 am in front of the FLC on Mon, Wed, and Fri. We start passing out food from 10:30-11:30 am at the same location, then we go to the Ballfield in Shalimar for another hour to pass out to the community. The next day we take the remaining items to Sharing & Caring!

One recipient was so impressed in what Shalimar was doing, he comes every day to help collect and had out bags of food to the needy!

In addition to food items, we have given out over \$1,200 in gift cards for milk, vegetables, fruit, etc.

Please keep up the good work! We will continue the program until the need is no longer there!

Bless you all!

For additional information  
Kim Margold, Programs Director  
[programs@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:programs@shalimar-umc.org)  
850-862-7183

Volunteers, Pete Peters & Bill McBroom, stop at the Shalimar fields with food donations to help the neighbors then head to Sharing & Caring.



# Bringing Worship to Sunday

During this strange time of virtual worship, I am thankful that Shalimar UMC has a team to help each week make worship possible. As I reflect on how much I appreciate my worship partners during COVID-19, I want to honor all our team does. I also wanted to share with you the process, from start to finish, how we bring a Sunday service to execution.

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## Long-Term Planning

The first step is our long-term planning, specifically sermon planning. We sit down to talk about preaching anywhere from 1-3 months out. The preaching pastors bring ideas and we put onto the preaching calendar decisions about teaching. These are subject to change based on God's leading. This plan becomes the framework for how worship is planned.

## Creative Free-for-All

Once we layout scriptures, topics, or church seasons to spend time with, we set time aside to look at the next 1-3 sermon series to talk about how we can engage people in the sermons. Philip expresses the big idea of the series that he has created which launches the conversation. This meeting helps us talk about:

- Sermon illustrations
- Graphics
- Connecting the concepts within the congregation
- Connecting with future church attenders
- Reaching non-Christians

We talk about series titles, sermon titles, scripture passages, how long we'll preach this series, how it might be received, what questions might be asked, how we will advertise it, how it can engage others, and so forth. This meeting is where the sermon series takes form. The only time we use outside resources for these series is when we share with the congregation that we are using a book to guide us (i.e. *The Circle Maker* or *The Red Sea Rules*).

## The Week Of Sermon Planning

Each week, the preaching pastors gather to collaborate and help deepen that week's message. This meeting usually takes place on Tuesday. They take the notes from the previous conversations, review what has been planned for the coming Sunday, determine if there are any changes, and collaborate on how God is leading.

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## Worship Planning

Everyone on the staff that helps make the worship service possible gathers on Tuesday to talk about the next Sunday service. We look at:

- All the details
- Coordinate any changes
- Ensure that the music and any liturgical elements connect with the sermon
- Coordinate all things happening.

We also go over creative features, Church Life announcements, and look towards the weeks to come.

## Worship Team Practices

From here, our different worship groups practice for Sunday. We have practices throughout the week for all the services and teams to ensure all services have time to prepare.

## Technology is Loaded

Thursday, our technology is loaded into the system for Sunday. We have volunteers that work on their training, and we button up as much as we can for Sunday.

## Sunday Morning

On Sunday morning, we ensure that everything is ready to go.

- Do service run-throughs
- Check all service cues
- Ensure each piece of technology
- Verify speaking scripts
- Ensure each volunteer has what they need

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Not every week looks the same. Some weeks we have more services, and some are dramatically different. As a whole, our process is consistent. Even with our services online, this process continues. It helps us to maintain when things are unpredictable.

I am proud to work with the preaching pastors. They create powerful sermons from their own spiritual lives and congregational input. I love our creative team. This team helps enhance our worship by designing graphics, video clips, and even sermon illustrations used Sunday morning.

Most importantly, I am thankful for all of our volunteers making the plan possible and our congregation making the efforts worth it.

Faith Parry, Communication Pastor  
[faith@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:faith@shalimar-umc.org)





Join Us!

# Friendship Club



## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS**

(A ministry for all adults )

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

Friendship Club activities are curtailed until June 1st.

Please continue to check back here for updates.

### **For additional information**

**Ollie Fay Flint: 651-2360**

**Betty Stewart: 974-2296**

GET UPDATES FROM  
THE COVID-19

## **TASKFORCE**

[sumc.io/covid](https://sumc.io/covid)

## **Attendance, May 10, 2020**

New attendance method  
Visit [sumc.io/covidnumbers](https://sumc.io/covidnumbers) to learn more

Children's' Church: 8  
Worship and Technical Volunteers: 56  
Livestream: 633

**Total: 697**

**Yes**  
to SUMC  
Kidz

SUMC Kidz

**We at SUMC Kidz are praying for you and your children by:**

- **Continually searching for new ways to reach out to them for discipleship**
- **Striving to bring fun and entertaining new ways to connect them to each other socially**
- **Searching for ways to help guide you and your children through the emotional issues of these difficult times through biblical principles**

**Children's Church - Sundays 1pm on Zoom [sumc.io/children](https://sumc.io/children)**

**New ZOOMY ROOM! Mon thru Fri 2pm - 3pm**

A gathering room for kids to have supervised playtime with friends on Zoom! Each weekday is themed with a focus on Jesus and fun! There will be games, scavenger hunts, sing-alongs and lots of free time for the kids to talk to friends and socialize. The room will be monitored by two Safe Sanctuary credentialed adults and will be hosted by Ms. Jen and her crew! Learn more at [sumc.io/children](https://sumc.io/children)

**Parenting Emotional Support Zooms Tuesday nights 8pm - 9pm**

Meet to pray, encourage and strategize different ways to help our children navigate through the doldrums and look for biblical principles on how to raise them.

**Bible Buckets - Thur, May 21st | 10 - 2 pm**

A full family devotional for one whole week of fun, crafts, activities, and joy shared together as we focus on Jesus! Pick up your Bible Bucket from our Minion and start the week with our Children's Ministry Team focusing on Jesus!



# DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

ONLINE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

[sumc.io/zoomclasses](http://sumc.io/zoomclasses)



## Bible Buckets

Bible Buckets are a full family devotional for one whole week of fun, crafts, activities, and joy shared together as we focus on Jesus! Pick up your Bible Bucket from our Minion on Thurs, May 21st, 10-2pm, so you can start the next week with our Children's Ministry Team focusing on Jesus!



## Family Matters

Parent Emotional Support group

Once a week meeting to pray, encourage, and strategize ways to help our children through the dull-drums as we look for biblical principles on how we raise our children.

Tues, 8-9pm | [sumc.io/children](http://sumc.io/children)

# Student Ministry

ONLINE



sumc.io/fusion



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



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## COVID-19

*Stay connected with us through your computer or phone!*

## VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS

*Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm on Zoom*

<https://zoom.us/j/243300001>

## WEEKLY DEVO

*Worship and teaching videos released on Instagram Sundays at 4:00pm*

## GET INFORMED

*Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to stay updated on student activities.*



## Blessings For Children

### Our SUMC Beacon Shines Bright at the #10 2nd Street house!

Over the past weeks, while we have all felt the closed doors of the church, we know the love and light of God is always with us. With His grace, church leadership's approval, the support of our generous church family, and the dedication of our volunteers, Blessings for Children has been able to keep the doors open at the #10 2nd Street house on Wednesdays from noon to 3:30 pm.

We have made some changes in our protocol to allow for safe social distancing (like serving only 1 family at a time in the house), and some of our volunteers have had to step back due to health concerns, but the needs of children in our community, ages infant through fifth grades, are still being met.

With all the closings that have taken place during this Covid 19 crisis, we anticipate more families than ever with exceptional needs. As long as we are able, we will be there with open doors and hearts to meet those needs. For the time being, thanks to a generous donation of one of our church members, we still have toilet paper to distribute!

While we are apart from each other, please consider joining with us at Blessings for Children as we continue to serve and minister to our community:

- 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](http://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.

#### For additional information

**Mary Jane Robertson**

**Email: [mjr53@cox.net](mailto:mjr53@cox.net)**

**Visit: [sumc.io/blessings](http://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](mailto: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](http://sumc.io/livestream)

**Traditions Worship .....8 & 11 am**  
**Connect Worship .....9:30 am**  
**Freedom Worship .....11:07 am**

**Sunday, May 17th  
through  
Saturday May 23rd**

**ALL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS ARE SUSPENDED  
THROUGH JUNE 1ST**

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8 am - 4 pm • Friday 8 am - Noon



**Ways to  
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