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The Beacon
May 24, 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 24th

- **Taskforce** - Last week, our COVID-19 Task Force gave us an update, you can find that update archived on our website at sumc.io/covid.
- **Drive-by Goodbye** - Pastor Brian's last Sunday will be **Sun, Jun 7th**. We are planning a goodbye parade for the Dale's. We plan to meet at Shalimar Ball Park to line up and decorate our cars at 2:30pm. We will start the parade at 3pm, led by our very own Deputy Self. There will also be a box available if you would like to give the Dales a note or card. sumc.io/driveby
- **Free Grocery Give Away - Tue, May 26th** SUMC will be a host site for Feeding the Gulf Coast. We will start distributing food in the Family Life Center parking lot at 9am until all the food is gone. Registration for cars will start at 8am. We expect to feed 150 families. Help us serve our community. Volunteers should arrive at the church at 6:30am to unload the semi-truck and get everything ready. sumc.io/freegrocery
- **REBOOT Crisis** - Our Military ministry recently completed a 5-week Crisis Edition of REBOOT. This free online group is available to anyone who is struggling with trauma, especially during this crisis. If you know of a military person or dependent that needs support, please pass this information along. sumc.io/rebootcrisis
- **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.

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Shalimar UMC



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**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 JadinPreschool Director
- Jennifer GuidoniChildren’s Director
- Dawn Rozofsky Camp Director
- Kim Margold Program Director

Traditions Worship Service

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Prelude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane
	<i>Onward Christian Soldiers</i>	
Church Life and Celebrations		Rev. Faith Parry
Hymn of Praise	<i>Heralds of Christ</i>	Hymn No. 567
Affirmation of Faith		Hymn No. 881
Gloria Patri		Hymn No. 70
We Remember		
Morning Prayer		Rev. Brian Dale
Offertory Hymn	<i>I Stand Amazed in the Presence</i>	Hymn No. 371
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Brian Dale
Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane
	<i>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i>	
Doxology		Hymn No. 95
Scripture Presentation	John 3:16-17	
Sermon	<i>3:16</i> <i>Salvation Message</i>	Dr. Philip McVay
Hymn of Response	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Hymn No. 593
Closing Prayer		Dr. Philip McVay
Closing Song	<i>God Bless America</i>	
Postlude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane

Ascension Sunday
White Paraments



A Message From Bishop Graves

Bishop David Graves, in conjunction with the Alabama-West Florida cabinet, encourages churches to continue to hold online, outdoor and drive-in worship services through June 30, 2020.

“Thus far, we have not seen the necessary 14-day steady decline in the number of COVID-19 cases in many areas of our conference,” stated Bishop Graves. “The health and safety of anyone potentially coming into our United Methodist church buildings is of utmost importance and remains a priority to conference leadership. We all have a deep longing to return to our church campuses and to find a sense of normalcy, but we are simply not able to recommend in-person worship at this time. Remember that churches are not closed, only buildings. The leaders in our local churches have shown how to continue ministry during a pandemic by hosting online, drive-in and outdoor worship services; feeding thousands of people through food delivery programs and reaching out to neighbors in creative and meaningful ways.”

While the decision to reinstate in-person worship rests with the pastor and church leadership, the Alabama-West Florida Conference continues to recommend the following:

- Establish a COVID-19 task force leadership team within your local church to discuss a restart plan;
- Develop a written plan for your local church that can be communicated to your members to establish trust before reopening;
- Review the restart guidelines, released on May 12, 2020, on the conference Website to understand the necessary steps a church must take to reopen its doors;
- Assess your cleaning and personal protection supply inventory and discuss with your leadership team how to best acquire needed supplies to ensure the health and safety of your congregation when in-person worship does begin.

“It is critical that churches understand their responsibility during this pandemic and the unique risks associated with in-person worship,” Graves continued. “While it is ultimately up to each local church to determine their best plan of action, we have an opportunity to lead by example in how to move forward with an abundance of caution.”

Visit www.awfumc.org for up-to-date information.

GET UPDATES FROM
THE COVID-19
TASKFORCE

sumc.io/covid

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD

ONLINE

THROUGH JUNE 1ST

sumc.io/livestream

ONLINE
Sunday
SCHOOL

sumc.io/33MECVp

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

Don't worry about anything; instead,
pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank him for
all he has done.

Philippians 4:6

Online Beacon

Find the Online Beacon on the web:
sumc.io/beacon



Once there take a look at other items we
have on our website.

Ways to subscribe to Online Beacon:

Call church office at 651-0721

Text BEACON to 850-204-4545

Mark communication card



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.



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

ONLINE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

sumc.io/zoomclasses

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN,
CONTACT DEB HUTTO AT 850-240-2564

Philip's Focus

Thanking Rev. Brian Dale and Ministry Update

As you know by now, Rev. Brian Dale has been appointed to Bagdad United Methodist Church and will be leaving in the coming weeks. As his time with us winds down, I want to invite the congregation to participate in a Love Offering for Brian.



You can give online, by mail (P.O. Box 795, Shalimar, Fl. 32579), or by text by June 3rd (please mark Brian Dale Love Offering). This gift will be given to the Brian and Sue on June 7th. We will also offer a special honor to David on his last Sunday. You can find a save the date in the Beacon about an exciting parade to honor the Dales occurring on June 7th.

I featured several ministry updates in the last Beacon, and this week, I would like to focus on the Food Drive. I asked Pete Peters to share from his heart about the last five weeks. Here is his summary:

Two months ago, most of us couldn't spell "Zoom," and now that's all we hear. SUMC is fortunate to have folks out there on the front line helping those in need. We all know there are people in our community and our church family that do not have Zoom or even the ability to Livestream. In fact, they are struggling to pay utility bills, put food on the table, or clothe their children. In the first week of April, the SUMC Missions team voted to do something about this problem in our community.



The committee voted to divert funds from their overseas mission budget to a new COVID-19 Support Account. Going into the 6th week, the Missions team and volunteers have been collecting food every M-W-F and handing it out to those in need. Since starting, we have seen an increase of families with needs. Not only have we handed out food (over 4 tons to date), but we also have handed out over \$3,000 in gift cards. The mission has impacted over 200 families so far! We have even helped folks with paying rent and utilities as needed. This has also married well with other outreach programs like Sharing and Caring and, especially, Blessings for Children, because we refer everyone with children to that valuable mission as well.

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God is present in all we do, but never have I seen God's love displayed more than when people ("Cheerful Givers") who donate food ask what else can they do to help the recipients who are so humble and quite sad to be in this situation ("Tearful Receivers"). We on the front line are blessed to see God's love each and every day!

We even have two individuals who were embarrassed to ask for help but needed food for their families. They both wanted to help in some way and have come every single day to help with collections and distributions.

If you are tired of Zoom, please contact us and come help! Donation are still needed!

DROP OFF 9-11 and PICK UP 10:30-11:30 M-W-F at the FLC

We are grateful to Pete and all the volunteers who have made this possible. It is so amazing to see our congregation use their gifts to serve our community! We have seen our church really step up during this time, and it is most exciting.

Shalom,

Philip

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



SUMC COVID-19 Task Force Update

Thank you to our church family for your continued prayers as your task force team meets to determine our recommendation for the various steps we need to take as we work to return to the numerous on-campus activities at Shalimar United Methodist Church.

It may help our church family to understand the why and how of the task force team:

- Our resident Bishop, David Graves, asked that each church form a task force team to give recommendations to the lead pastor in determining the steps needed to return to public worship. This directive came on Monday afternoon, April 27.
- Our church's lead team—comprised of our church council chair, finance chair, SPRC chair, trustee chair, lay leader, church administrator, and our lead pastor—reinforced the need of this team on Wednesday, April 29.
- The task force team was recruited and our lay leader, Angie Turnbow, was asked to chair the team. The team had their first meeting on April 30.
- The church's lead team asked the task force to work a two-step process. First, give recommendation of how we can begin to return to public worship. Once that recommendation is formed, the task force team will work the second step to provide a recommendation for how additional on-campus activities and ministries will resume. This step would include children's and youth ministries.
- This past Tuesday, May 12, we received from our Annual Conference the minimum guidelines we must meet to resume public worship.

With this as our foundation, there are several updates we would like to share with you:

- Your task force team's number one priority continues to be the health and safety of all who are a part of the Shalimar United family.
- The task force team is now taking each of the guidelines given to us by our Annual Conference and, working with our various expertise represented on the team, is developing a recommendation as to a step-by-step process in which we can begin to return to public worship, the venues of those services, and the on-campus logistics we will need to adopt.
- The task force thanks you for your response to the questionnaire and these results will be very helpful as we develop our step one recommendation.

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Who will act on the task force team's recommendation?

- The task force team's recommendation for resuming public worship will be given to our lead pastor, Philip McVay. Pastor Philip will ask the church's lead team to consider the recommendation and will then approve and implement or ask the task force to reconsider any part of it and then resubmit.
- Once the lead team is ready to implement, we will communicate to all of our church family the when, where, and how we will begin to return to public worship.
- The task force team will then begin the second step of working to form a recommendation for the other ministries and activities of the church. This recommendation would then follow the same path as the first to implementation.

We ask for your continued prayers and understanding as we diligently work toward these recommendations. The task force team is moving as quickly as possible to form the recommendation for us to be able to meet together in public once again.

Pastor Brad adds this final thought as adapted from an email sent to him by a friend.

It is very easy to be impatient right now, so let's remind each other of this word:

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

(Isaiah 40:30)

Let's continually be in prayer for each other as we wait on the Lord. This waiting is a time that will require all the patience we can muster. A time that will require all the faith we can muster. A time that's better measured as Kairos than Chronos. A time we must leave to God.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

Pastor Brad

Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford, Worship Pastor
brad@shalimar-umc.org



Sympathies



Condolences to the family of
Lucille Wickliffe
Mar 1, 1923 - May 18, 2020



CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY ON HIM
BECAUSE HE CARES
FOR YOU

1 PETER 5:7



Volunteer Project



Local group, SEW LOVE FWB, has been making clothing and sleeping mats for the homeless and those in need. Long time Shalimar UMC member, Marilyn Oest, helps as they switch to making masks during the pandemic. They operate by donation only and have produced over 3,000 masks. These masks have been donated to many locations, including a local correctional facility and a Navy ship at sea.



FREE GROCERY GIVE AWAY

SUMC, in partnership with Feeding the Gulf Coast, will be giving away 5,000 pounds of food on Tuesday, May 26th. This will provide about 150 households with food.

The FLC parking lot will open at 8am. Once you park on campus, you will need to stay on campus in your vehicle. Our official start time will be at 9am. THIS IS A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE service.

Things you need to do to receive food: You must have your ID. Know how many people in the household is 0-18 years old and how many people are over 60 years old.

For everyone's safety, please remain in your vehicle with the windows up!



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Drive-by Goodbye

for the Dales

Join us June 7th to drive-by the Dale's and give them a huge SUMC send off. Get creative with signs and car decorations.

The car parade will meet at the Shalimar Ball Field at 2:30pm.





FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

We are in our 6th week of the SUMC Food Drive, and what a joy it has been! Thanks to the caring members of our congregation we have been able to help feed over 200 families in the Shalimar community.

We have some of the best “Cheerful Givers” and humble “Tearful Receivers.” It’s amazing to see these folks who are struggling but who come in very humble and considerate of others. They will make comments if offered an item, “save that for someone who needs it,” knowing full well they need it themselves. Pictured right is Luis (in the blue shirt) who came needing some food but wanted to earn his way and asked to help. He has been coming every day since the first week!



There are stories upon stories about how your donations effect lives in our community. Thank you so very much for supporting this mission, and I know some of you can’t bring food yourselves but have sent money that allows us to buy vegetables, fruit, milk, eggs, bread, plus give out gift cards!

Thank you all so very much!
Pete Peters, Chair, Missions and Outreach

For additional Information
Pete Peters
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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>

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

Attendance, May 17, 2020

New attendance method
Visit **sumc.io/covidnumbers** to learn more

Children's' Church: 15
Worship and Technical Volunteers: 62
Livestream: 684

Total: 761

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

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

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.



A banner for Children's Church on Zoom. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored gradient (purple, blue, green) overlaid on a photo of a smiling woman and a young girl. The text 'Children's Church' is written in a white, elegant cursive font. Below it, 'ON ZOOM' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font with wide letter spacing.

Children's Church

ON ZOOM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: SUNDAYS AT 1PM
sumc.io/children

A banner for the Family Matters Parent Emotional Support group. The background is a photograph of a wall with several framed family photos. The text 'Family Matters' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'Parent Emotional Support group' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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



Virtual VBS June 22-26
Register now at 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. 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

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, May 24th
through
Saturday May 31st**

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

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**Ways to
give .**



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