

God *with Us*

The Beacon
December 22, 2019



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



The Week of Sunday, Dec 22nd

• Christmas Eve Services

- Service for children and their families will be at 3pm in the FLC
- A service of lessons and carols will be in the Sanctuary at 5pm led by the youth choir and 7pm led by the chancel choir
- The Freedom service will be at 11:07pm in the FLC
- All services will celebrate Holy Communion
- The 5pm, 7pm and 11:07pm services will include candle light

• **Annual UMC White Christmas** - At all of our Christmas Eve services, we will have the opportunity to give to a special offering which benefits the United Methodist Children's' Homes and Children in Crisis.

• **Pursuing - 21 Days of Worship, Prayer, and Fasting** - Our theme for our 21 days in 2020 is pursuing. The Holy Spirit pursues us from the moment of our birth. It is this preemptive work of the Holy Spirit that leads us to pursue God. As we study the Gospel of John, we will be looking at the passages through the book the Holy Spirit moved during Christ's ministry, how God pursued people, and where people pursued God. I challenge you to keep this idea in your mind as you fast, pray, and worship over these three weeks. Look for places that God is seeking you and be actively seeking God.

21 Days of Worship - Jan 6-Jan 26, 2020

- Sun - Normal Worship Times
- Mon-Fri - 6am Sanctuary
- Sat & MLK - 9am Sanctuary
- Devotionals available in Narthex, FLC, and online at sumc.io/pursuing

Traditions Worship Service

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Prelude

Joel Lane

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Church Life and Celebrations

*Rev. Faith Parry
**Dr. Brad Bradford

Advent Candle Lighting

*Buff and Alexis Tibbetts
**Joyce Kiser and Pat Loukota

Hymn of Praise

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Hymn No. 220

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn No. 881

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 70

Morning Prayer

*Rev. Brian Dale
**Dr. Philip McVay

Music Message

The First Noel
Peace, Peace
Laurel Tovrea and Tricia Morse, soloists

*Gloryland
**Chancel Choir

Offertory Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn No. 218

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Brad Bradford

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Calypso Carol

Gloryland

Doxology

Hymn No. 95

Sermon

Everlasting God!

Dr. Philip McVay

Hymn of Response

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn No. 251

Closing Prayer

Dr. Philip McVay

Closing Song

Joy to the World

Postlude

Joel Lane

*8:00 Service, **11:00 Service

Children's Church for the 11:00 and 11:07 am services meet in the upstairs FLC Rooms

4th Sunday of Advent
Purple Paraments





Loss of Spouse

Jan 12 | 3-4:30pm | #10 2nd Street

Join us for a one-day class to help cope with the loss of a spouse.

Scrapbooking

*Friday, January 3rd
Noon to midnight*

&

*Saturday, January 4th
7:00 am to 4:00 pm*

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

GROUPLink

Connect with Others to Grow in Your Faith

Visit sumc.io/joingroup
to find a group!

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FREE

MEN'S BARBECUE LUNCH

02 JAN | RM 106 | 12:00
THURSDAY | FLC | PM

- FREE BBQ LUNCH
- DEVOTION BY JIM ROSS
- BROWNIES BY MRS. BROOKS

COME ENJOY THIS TIME TOGETHER
SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS!

Membership Audit

In response to the congregation's request, we are updating the membership rolls. *The Book of Discipline* asks for the entire membership of the church to be engaged in contacting members. Please look over the names posted at sumc.io/membershipaudit and help us with this process.

Altar Flowers

Flower bouquet and rose reservation book located in
Narthex or contact the church office at 651-0721.
Bouquets \$40 each / Roses \$4 each



Dates available
December 29 & January 5

Next Steps



sumc.io/discover

Our next Discover Shalimar will be **Jan 12th** at 9:30 in room 211 and **Jan 19th** at 12:30 in room 106.

Come learn how to make Shalimar UMC your church home. Find a group, a place to serve, and learn the church's mission in the community. Text **DISCOVER** to 850-204-4545.

Christmas Week Office Hours

Monday Dec 23 8-4
Tuesday Dec 24 8-12
Wednesday Dec 25 Closed
Thursday Dec 26 Closed
Friday December 27 Closed



Serving Sunday, December 22, 2019

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| Altar Care | Pat Brantley |
| Communion Servers | Denice Bowen, Mike & Josie Kiser, Casey Brennan |
| Greeters | 8:00 Lee & Nancy Jackson |
| | 11:00 Joseph Joliet, Carolyn Scott |
| Pew Care | Angie Goodpaster |
| Prayer Room | 8:00 Nancy Johnson |
| | 9:30 Don & Carol Garrison |
| Sorters | 8:00 Patricia Payne, Jeanne Rief |
| | 9:30 Mike McMMain, Sue Langdon |
| | 11:00 Carl Archer, Becky Carter |
| | 11:07 Larry Wood, Debbie Epstein |
| Ushers | 8:00 Bill Byerly, John Matyac, JD Peacock, Trimble Perry |
| | 9:30 Kim Brown, Terri Wilkins |
| | 11:00 Lana Roberts, Jerry Trommater, Al Weston, Tom Giovanini |
| Welcome Center | 9:30 Sharon Patterson |
| | 10:30 Tammy Morgan |

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..... Connection 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



JESUS

THE ONE AND ONLY
BETH MOORE



SPLASH OF JOY I WANTS YOU!!! Yes, please come be a part of our study as we begin Jan 8, 2020 the Beth Moore study, *JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY*. This study will allow us to think about walking where Jesus left footprints, hear Him actually speak and enjoy the opportunity for a life-changing journey through the hills of Galilee and finally, on the road with the Savior with His face set towards the cross. The scriptures can come alive for us and prepare us to face Easter with new insight on what Jesus did for us and the joy of knowing HIM. This is an 11-week study ending in March. We will meet in room 106 at 9:30 for our video session and then break into small groups for discussion. Fellowship time will enable you to meet new friends and find opportunities to serve in the body of Christ as you learn!!! Nursery care is available. You may contact Sara Michaelson if you have questions, 865-3343.



crazy love

OVERWHELMED
BY A RELENTLESS
GOD

SPLASH OF JOY II

BEGINS JAN 8TH | 9:30AM-11:30 | RM 207

JOIN US JAN 8TH AS WE BEGIN OUR NEXT STUDY, *CRAZY LOVE, OVERWHELMED BY A RELENTLESS GOD*, AN 11-WEEK STUDY BY FRANCIS CHAN. AS WE WATCH THE VIDEOS AND GO THROUGH THE WORKBOOK, WE WILL HOPEFULLY BE OVERWHELMED BY HOW MUCH OUR GOD LOVES US - YOU AND ME. IT MAY BE HARD TO IMAGINE HOW MUCH THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING, HAS BEEN OR EVER WILL BE, LOVES YOU UNCONDITIONALLY, PASSIONATELY, SACRIFICIALLY. JOIN US AND BE AMAZED, THEN INSPIRED, THEN TRANSFORMED BY THE LIFE-ALTERING LOVE OF GOD. WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9:30 - 11:30 AM IN ROOM 207. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER WOMEN WHILE GROWING IN YOUR FAITH. FREE NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT. THE COST OF THE BOOK IS \$15. TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CATHIE BUCKMAN AT 613-6414 OR CATHIEBUCKMAN@GMAIL.COM.

HEALING *service*

2nd Sunday | 12:30pm | Chapel

Philip's Focus

The Wonder of the Manger

Karen bought me a special early Christmas present this year. It is a small outdoor manger with Joseph and Mary holding Baby Jesus. At night the solar light illuminates the manger's wooden images of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. They really stand out in the darkness. My favorite part is that the light casts a shadow of the manger on the side of our house. The shadow cast by the light of the Joseph, Mary, and Jesus is much larger than small wooden figures in the yard. Through the light, the image of the manger has an enlarged impression cast on the house. I love to stand and ponder the meaning of the manger as I look at the shadow on the house.

The Gospel of Luke tells us simply about the manger. "While they were there (Bethlehem), the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger; because there was no guest room available for them" (Luke 2:6-7; NIV). As I read this passage, I ponder the wonders of the manger.

- There was no room in the inn. Is there room in my heart for Jesus?
- If God's Son can be born in such a humble way should I not simply be humble?
- The King of Kings and Lord of Lord's was born in an unexpected place. Can I look for God in unexpected places and places of wonder around me?
- The manger is enveloped in the dark but the star sheds light on the manger. Can I see the light of Jesus in all the dark places?
- Christ is born in Bethlehem. Can I allow Him to be born in my life?
- Joseph and Mary had to trust God through an unknown and unpredictable season leading to an unlikely place of the manger. Can I trust God with the unpredictable, unknown, and unlikely places in my life?
- Jesus is born through the miracle of the virgin birth. Can I have faith to witness the mighty and even miraculous deeds of God?
- Can I live with the good news in all times, Immanuel "God with us."

Finally, when I see the manger and remember the birth of Jesus, I ask, "Can this impression of God's love be enlarged in my heart?" May the manger and presence of the Christ child inspire your hearts this year! Karen and I wish to extend to all members and friends of Shalimar United Methodist Church a Merry Christmas and God's Blessings into the New Year.

Shalom,
Philip

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



One + one

Please join us each Monday evening at 6:00 pm in the #10 2nd street house for good fun, fellowship, and a variety of activities. If you are single, 50+, and looking for a Christian environment, join our group and bring a friend. All are welcome from SUMC and the community!



2-5th Graders

Jan 10th

5:30-8:30pm

*Family Life
Center Gym*

**ROCK
ATHON**



All 2019 gifts
need to be
turned into the
church office by
Dec 31st.
sumc.io/give

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A study of the Book of Revelation led by Bill & Linda McBroom will begin Jan 29th. Class will be in room 207 every Wednesday for 12-weeks from 6-8pm. If you have any questions call Bill or Linda at 651-2080.

No Fellowship
Dinner
Dec 25 or Jan 1
See you on
Wednesday, Jan 8



Grief Support Group

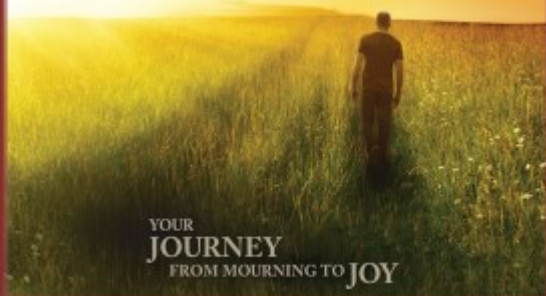
Help and encouragement
after the death of a
spouse, child, family
member, or friend.

Sundays @ 3:00 pm
Begins Jan 19th
#10 2nd Street House
Books are \$15.

sumc.io/Griefshare

Please call the church office
for reservations 651-0721 or
visit griefshare.org

GRIEF SHARE®



YOUR
JOURNEY
FROM MOURNING TO JOY

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Christmas Eve Services

All services include

Holy Communion

3:00 pm | Kidz Ministry (F)

5:00 pm | Youth Choir (S) †

7:00 pm | Chancel Choir (S) †

11:07 pm | Freedom Team (F) †

(S) - Sanctuary (F) - Family Life Center (†) - Candlelight Service

Shalimar UMC | 1 Old Ferry Road | 651-0721

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 January 2020 - 11:30. For the first meeting of the new year, we will have a presentation by Ed Crosby who will talk about bees; their life cycle and how they produce honey. Lunch will be provided by Chef Heyward, cost \$7.

Monday, 20 January 2020 - 9:00. Our January trip is changed to Foley, Alabama. We will depart at 9:00 for a two hour drive to Foley where we will eat at Lambert's Café, the "Home of Throed Rolls." After eating at Lambert's, there will be an option for either the Foley Railroad Museum or the Tanger Outlet Mall. Expect to be back by 5:00 pm. Bus seating is limited to first 28 people to call the office.

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

For additional information

Ollie Fay Flint: 651-2360

Jon & Kathie Sheperd: 651-8008

Betty Stewart: 613-4228

Thank You Christian Friends Sunday School Class!

Thank you to the Christian Friends Sunday School class for their workday at the #8 2nd Street parsonage, on Saturday Dec 7th.

They planned and replaced the 25 year old 50 foot rear fence and pressure washed the house and driveway.

Then, they raked leaves at the #10 house and the neighbor's house at #12 2nd Street. Their loving gift saved the church \$900 in labor cost. We also gained new friends who were so happy with their newly raked yard, they will donate to the Faith Backpack Program!

Thank you Christian Friends Sunday School Class! You are the best!

SUMC Trustees



Jennifer Guidoni
Children's Director
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children@shalimar-umc.org



December

Dec. 22 Jesus' Birthday Party! During Sunday School & Children's Church

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Children's Service 3:00 pm in the FLC

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 Bridge Group New Year's Sleepover

January

Jan. 3 FCA Shalimar Elementary 7:00 am

Jan. 8 Wednesday Night Kidz Club

Jan. 10 Rockathon 5:30 - 9:30 pm Elementary school aged children are welcome and must bring their own rocking chairs
Movie, pizza, crafts Cost \$30.00

Jan. 25 Rise Against Hunger details to follow

Contact Jennifer for additional information and donation sign-up sheets





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



FusionSUMC



FUSION

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

STUDENT SMALL GROUPS

No Activities-Merry Christmas!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

GET INFORMED

Text "@FusionSUMC" to #81010 for weekly updates



Threads of Love

Help us create Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets.
Join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the
#10 2nd Street house behind the church from
2-3:30 pm. If you can work from home, design details and
yarn are available.

Additional information:
Marilyn Canon: (501) 658-4352

Attendance, December 15, 2019

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| 8:00 am service | 227 | 11:00 am service | 273 |
| 9:30 am service | 213 | 11:07 am service | 71 |
| Live Stream | 229 | | |

TOTAL 1036



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.

Registration Is Open!

M-F 2:00-5:30 pm

\$40 - Annual one time registration

\$30 Registration fee for Summer Camp attendees

Weekly rates:

\$55 weekly - 4/5 days

\$35 weekly 3 days or less

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/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.





An Invitation From Blessings For Children

As we head into the new year, we'd like to thank our SUMC family and Missions committee for their ongoing support of this children-focused mission ministry. Your prayers, donated items, and financial gifts this past year have allowed us to serve over 50 families and children in need (ages newborn through 5th grades) with new people coming to us each month. We would not be able to offer God's love through these needed items, prayers and fellowship this ministry provides without you.

Please accept our invitation to stop by and see your love in action any Wednesday, from noon to 3:30 p.m., in the #10 2nd St. house located behind the church. Volunteers to serve with us on Wednesday afternoons are so needed and a weekly commitment is not necessary. Serving even just once a month or so would bless us, our families, and you!

We celebrate the impact this ministry has had during our first year and sincerely ask for your continued support in any of the following ways:

- Pray for this ministry and all who participate
- Volunteer once a month (no computers, just helping people!)
- 3rd Sunday of each month, donate any of the items we distribute. Diapers, wipes, socks, underwear, toothpaste, toilet paper are always needed and a complete list of items we distribute can be found on our webpage (below). Bins are located in the sanctuary narthex or the Family Life Center lobby. Donations can also be brought to the #10 2nd St. house on Wednesday afternoons between 11:30 - 3:30 pm
- Consider a financial contribution designated for Blessings for Children.

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





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

Traditions Worship8 & 11 am
Connect Worship.....9:30 am
Freedom Worship..... 11:07 am

Sunday, December 22nd

Freedom Rehearsal7:30 am
S/S All Ages9:30 am
Children's Church..... 11:00 am
FUSION Band.....4:00 pm
Special Buddies Snack Prep ..5:00 pm
FUSION6:00 pm

After School Care
No Care This Week

Monday, December 23rd

One + one5:00 pm
Connect Team Rehearsal5:30 pm
Alanon II6:00 pm
Lighthouse Ensemble.....6:00 pm
Monday Night Bible Study6:00 pm
Boy Scouts 529/Scout Hut ...7:00 pm
Emerald Coast Pops7:15 pm

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Children Led Service3:00 pm
Youth Led Service5:00 pm
Chancel Choir Service7:00 pm
Freedom Service..... 11:07 pm



Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day
Offices Closed

Thursday, December 26th
Offices Closed

Freedom AVL5:30 pm

Friday, December 27th
Offices Closed
No Activities

Saturday, December 28th
No Activities

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