



The Messenger

August 27, 2017

We are glad to have you worship with us.

There's no place like HOME!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the overwhelming love and support we've received as we returned to once again serve at FUMC. So many people have reached out to us to make us feel welcomed. Several families helped us both pack and unload. Jerry, PPR, the church staff, the youth, children and parents have all accepted us with open arms. Lou Riccardi and Sallie Minick even cut our grass as well others who were gracious enough to bring us meals! We are so thankful that the Lord opened these doors allowing us to return "home"!

We are ready to serve with as much excitement and enthusiasm as one could possibly have! It's an honor to be trusted with the spiritual growth of our youth and children. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we seek His guidance in every decision we make. We believe there are great things in store for our church and its ministries! We feel blessed to be here, blessed to be a part of all of it and there's no where else we'd rather be!

With much love and appreciation.

The Updike's

Americus First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.	Senior Minister	Kim Hale	Preschool Director
Rev. Noel C. Perez	Associate Minister	Doug Gatian	Church Administrator
Rev. T. David Warlick	Minister of Worship Arts	Elaine Smith	Finance Secretary
Stephanie Updike	Director of Children's Ministries	Lyn Dozier	Secretary
Johnny Updike	Director of Youth Ministries	Connie Brodess	Assistant Secretary
Alwen Yeung	Pianist	Sylvia Roland	Church Hostess
Mark Watford	Organist	Thomas Collins	Custodian

200 South Lee Street • Americus, Georgia 31709 • 229-924-3169
www.americusfirstunitedmethodistchurch.org • facebook.com/AFUMCBrightBeginnings
facebook.com/fumcamericus • facebook.com/AFUMCKids • facebook.com/AFUMCYouth

Americus First United Methodist Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 27, 2017 — 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Rev. David Warlick

GREETING AND WELCOME CHORUS — *Surely the Presence*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Warlick

(Please fill out your communication card and place it in the offering plate later in worship.)

PRELUDE — *To God Be the Glory*

(Mark Hayes, arr.)

Mark Watford and Alwen Yeung, Pianists

***HYMN OF PRAISE** — *The Lily of the Valley*

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER #895

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

CHORAL RESPONSE — *Fourfold Amen*

(John Worst)

ANTHEM — *Take Time to Be Holy*

(Jay Althouse, arr.)

John Teate, Mandolin; Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Rebecca Fitts Pryor

BAPTISM SONG — *God Claims You*

TITHES, OFFERINGS and COMMUNICATION CARDS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

OFFERTORY — *Peace! Be Still!/Awakening Chorus*

(Palmer/Gabriel)

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY #95**

*3K to 2nd Grade Children dismissed to Children's Church
with Mary Elizabeth Easterlin and Stephanie Updike.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** — *Jesus Saves*

***SCRIPTURE** — John 19:14-20

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

THE MESSAGE — *And Can It Be?*

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

Sermon Series: *The Gospel of John*, Part Nine

***CLOSING HYMN** — *I Am Praying for You*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

***POSTLUDE**

Mark Watford, Organist

Ricky Arnold, Audio Tech

Casper Speegle, Visual Tech

*Congregation stands.

Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!

We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.

We invite you to join our congregation.

If you are interested in membership, call Pastor Jerry at 924-3169.

Americus First United Methodist Church

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 27, 2017 8:55 a.m.

And Can It Be?

Sermon Series: **The Gospel of John**, Part Nine

John 19:14-20

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

Worship Leader

John Teate, guitar and vocals
Hannah Mitchell, guitar and vocals
Beverly Huffman, vocals

Lee Wright, Audio Tech
Travis Warlick, Visual Tech

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to Children's Church with
Kellie Starlin and **Karin Owens** immediately before the Message.

Pre-Worship Refreshments are prepared by **Debra & Mike Donnelly**.



**God's work.
Our hands.
September 9, 2017
Gather at 8:45 AM in the
Social Hall**



Chapel Open for Prayer

During church office hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.- Noon

FINANCIAL *PEACE* UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

September 6-November 8 (Epworth Classroom)

Facilitator: Herschel Smith

\$100 per couple for all resources ~ Class limited to 10 couples.

REGISTER NOW!

Sign up on your communication card or contact the church office.

TeamKID

Wednesday nights, 6-7 p.m.



This past week:

The 4k-2nd grade group learned about how God cared for Noah and the animals in the Ark, and how God cares for us today! Genesis 8:1

The 3-5th grade group learned how God always keeps his promises! Genesis 15:5

KidzQuest 2017
September 22-24

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6



Attention all 3rd thru 5th graders!!

Cost is \$135 per child. Please see Stephanie to sign up.

Come learn how to be a Game Changer in this world!

YOUTH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

7 AM Prayer Breakfast

4:00 PM Foundry open to hang out

5:30-6:15 PM Supper in the Social Hall

6:30-7:20 PM Worship and Lesson in the Foundry

7:20- 9:00 PM Foundry is Open

ROCKRIDGE: November 2017

More information soon!

**UMYF
2ND
SUNDAY
EACH
MONTH
LOCATION
TBA**

Dear Friends,

What a blessing it was to receive the lovely prayer shawl provided by the ladies at your church. William was deeply touched to be honored in this way. He is also so appreciative for every prayer that was made for him. He said that as he became conscious after being in the hospital many days that he could feel God's presence and knew that people had been praying for him. This was one of the many blessings received throughout this journey.

We can't express enough what strength it gave us to learn that William was on prayer lists in many area churches. It is our hope that God will continue to bless your church as you seek ways to serve him.

Please continue to pray that Williams's healing will be complete and God will receive the Glory.

William Jordan and Family

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FUNDRAISER

Bright Beginnings will be selling hand painted, wooden door hangers. They will be \$35.00 each, and Bright Beginnings will receive 57% of each hanger sold. Choices will include a mason jar, a football (colors & wording can be changed to team of choice), a pumpkin, a turkey, a Christmas cross, and a snowman. Sample pictures will be available.

The sale will begin on Monday, August 28, and end on Friday, September 15. Hangers should be ready in about three weeks (weather permitting). Contact Kim Hale for more information.



Our Love and Sympathy

To the family of Mervin Hamilton Harpe, who died August 20, 2017. Her FUMC family includes Chevin and Madison Ellis, and Kendall, Parker and Chandler Dragoin.



Flowers Today

are placed in honor of
Rebecca Fitts Pryor's baptism
by her parents,
Charles and Becky Pryor.

Ready to Have a Good Time Helping Others?

Then join us **September 9** for
Our 6th Annual Meal Packing event
For **Rise Against Hunger**
9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall
All ages are welcome!



Last year we packed 30,024 meals at a cost of \$8,700 (most of which came from the church budget). This year, due to budget cuts, we are \$3,900 short of our goal of 30,024 meals. As a result, we need your help! Did you know that \$29 will pay for 100 meals?

We will need 120 people to pack 30,000 meals. Please sign up in your Sunday School class or at 8:55 and 11:00 worship today or at Wednesday Fellowship Supper or contact the church office.

Thank you!

Joe Castongia, Coordinator, Rise Against Hunger



The Nimble Fingers Strike Again!

Sylvia Roland was
the recipient of this
quilt at last
Wednesday's Fellowship
Supper. Some of the
members of the Nimble
Fingers quilters are
pictured with Sylvia
at left.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Sue Bailes, Beth Carroll, Roy Cobb, Keith Daniel, Mary Davis,
Freddie Dudley, Margie Easterlin, Betty Ellis, Sharon Dutton,
Gertrude Forehand, Marion Franklin, Bonnie Grier, Amy Hamrick,
Candice Hancock, Debbie Hill, John Hollingsworth, Steve Hudson,
Leyton Johnson, Clair Jones, William Jordan, Cooper Kurth, Pam Law,
Bob Lashley, Imogene McLendon, Kim Mullis, Julia Owens, Floyd Martin,
Vicki Partain, Rachel Price, Frank Purvis, Jerry Quillian, Curt Rhodes,
Anncarolyn Roe, David Rugar, Charlene Sanders, Jim
Liz and Bill Turpin, Rodney Vance, Kathy Vickers, Evelyn Wages,
David Warlick, Julian Webb, Ginny Whaley

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 8:55 a.m. Worship in the Social Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School—Promotion Sunday
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Arca del Fuego Worship in the Social Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection in the Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Pastor Jerry's Bible Study on Acts in the Social Hall

Monday, August 28, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Roland Growth Group in the Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in the Parlor
- 5:15 p.m. Bell Quintet in the Bell Room

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Epworth Classroom

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

- 4:00 p.m. Foundry open for Youth to Hang Out
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 p.m. TeamKID in Campsite 1 and 2
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
- 6:00 p.m. Growth Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice in Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Arca del Fuego Worship in the Social Hall

Thursday, August 31, 2017

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletin Crew in the Epworth Classroom

Monday, September 4, 2017

Office and Bright Beginnings CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5:30 PM—SOCIAL HALL

MENU: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese
Sauce, Salad, Rolls and Dessert



**Please make reservations on your Communication Card
Sunday or call the church office on Monday. Let Sylvia know if you
want to be on the permanent list.**

***People WITHOUT RESERVATIONS will be asked to wait until all
the people with reservations have been fed.***

GREETERS and USHERS for August 27

8:55 Inside Greeter: Sally Lanier
11:00 Inside Greeters at Front Door: Julie Vanderwilt
11:00 Inside Greeters at South Door: Leslie and Matt Stewart
11:00 Ushers: Ginger Starlin, Captain; Karen Austin, Sherrell Bailey,
Jan Bird, Mara Durham, SuSu Eskedor, Cyd Fennelly, Lydia Ann Fowler,
Anne Hunter, Nancy Jones, Sara Kate Shorter, Catey Simmons,
Judy Tott, MaryLen Walker, Janis Webb

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership: 1002	
Total Worship Attendance August 20: 362	
8:55 Worship Attendance..... 79	Arca del Fuego Attendance.....98
11:00 Worship Attendance 185	Arca del Fuego Offering\$722
Sunday School Total 135	Arca del Fuego Offering YTD..\$17,891
Budget Giving..... \$8,438	
Budget Giving YTD..... \$557,138	
YTD Expenditures \$519,082	
Benevolence YTD..... \$3,164	

Reminder:

***You can make donations to the
church by automatic draft.
Just call Elaine in the finance office.***



Growth Group Questions

August 27, 2017

Sermon: **The Gospel of John, Part 9**

Scripture: John 14-17

1. The Farewell Discourse, sometimes called the *Last Supper Discourse*, comprises 25% of the Gospel of John (John Chapters 14-17). Because of this it bears further discussion and reflection. This week all the questions will come from these four chapters. To begin, please read John 14-17 carefully and discuss these questions with your group members:
 - A. List the major things that Jesus is trying to communicate to the disciples in the Farewell Discourse.
 - B. Of these points that Jesus is emphasizing, which ones deeply resonate with you. If you care to, share them with your group members.
 - C. Why does Jesus emphasize unity amongst the disciples? With His church?
 - D. Heaven is expressed a bit differently in The Revelation to John and in the synoptic Gospels. When you read about the “place” that Jesus prepares for us, how does that make you feel and what does it say about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?
 - E. State your understanding of the Holy Spirit as described in the Farewell Discourse.
 - F. If you knew that you were going to die in twenty-four hours what would you say to your loved ones? What things would you most want them to remember? Where would you meet and what would be your ideal surroundings?

Calendar Dates

2017

Sundays

8:55 a.m. Worship
in the Social Hall
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 Worship
in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection
In the Parlor

Monday

Roland Growth Group
10:00 a.m. in Parlor

Tuesdays

Nimble Fingers Quilters
10:00 a.m. in Epworth Classroom

Wednesdays

Youth Prayer Breakfast
7:00 a.m. in the Foundry
Fellowship Supper
5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
TeamKID
6:00 p.m. in the CAMPSites
Youth Bible Study
6:00 p.m. in the Foundry
Growth Groups
6:00 p.m. in Assigned Rooms
Arca del Fuego Bible Study
7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Saturday, September 9

Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packaging Event
Social Hall

Friday – Sunday,
September 22–24

KIDZQuest
Epworth by the Sea

Sunday–Thursday
September 24–28

Dooly Camp Meeting
Dooly Campground

Saturday, October 21

Wedding in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 29

Deck the Halls
All rooms

Sunday, December 10

Chancel Choir Musical
“Sing Gloria”
10:15 AM Sanctuary

Monday, December 11

Chancel Choir Musical
“Sing Gloria”
7:00 PM Sanctuary

Church

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon

Friday is Jerry's, David's, and
Stephanie's day off.

Finance Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9:00a -3:00p



Bright Beginnings Spiritual Covenant

A Vision for Children

**We desire to show Christian hospitality to God's children.
We desire for Christ's love to be real in their lives,
not just a part of their lives.**

**It is our desire to continue and expand current ministries
and serve children who are un-churched
regardless of racial or cultural differences.**

In the spirit of God's love and teachings, I / we
covenant with Bright Beginnings Preschool,
a Ministry of Americus First United Methodist Church,
to support the students in the

_____ class

for the August 2016 – May 2017 school term.

In supporting these children, I / we pledge to:
pray daily for these children,
their parents and the staff of Bright Beginnings Preschool;
support the programs and activities of Bright Beginnings Preschool;
donate a total of \$100 during this school term
for use by Bright Beginnings Preschool
in developing curriculum
and providing a special student keepsake
to symbolize our Christian love for these children.

Sponsor

Date