



The CONNECTION

Sundays

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Worship Service

Wednesdays

5:15pm Family Night Supper

6:00pm Bible Studies

OUR VISION

Living up to our heritage of reaching each new generation for Christ.

OUR MISSION

To Put Jesus F.I.R.S.T. In Our Lives, Our Church, and Our Community.



Reaching Each
New Generation

A Note From Pastor Stephanie



2018 has come faster than any year yet! Many things have been accomplished at Greystone during 2017.

God has been good to us. We have served out in the community and some have served abroad in mission trips with some going soon again this year. We have had awesome children and youth activities. We have lost some great saints in the church who have joined the church triumphant.

Life continues on and we continue to serve. There are many opportunities at Greystone to do the work of the Kingdom. Someone shared with me a story that is a great legacy for Greystone/Lafayette St. UMC. He said that his church had some former members from Lafayette

St. He went on to say these people have taught the people in our church what it means to serve. I shared with him that those I pastored were great servants of Jesus. The people here and those who have come here in the past know what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Our leadership retreat is on January 20. If the Lord lays something new on your heart while you meet with your teams to discuss next year's opportunities, please bring it up and let us all know where God is wanting to extend His love to others in the church, in our community, and out into the world.

Galatians 6:9 says "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

I am looking forward to what God will do in our midst as we serve him with our heart, hands and feet.

Have a Blessed Happy New Year!

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie and Jack

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

JANUARY 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM) WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) John & Glenda Sanders

(B) John & Glenda Sanders

(G) John & Glenda Sanders

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers

PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 5:30 PM

JANUARY 14

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM) WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Dave & Dell Oltmans

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(G) Dave & Dell Oltmans

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers

PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 5:30 PM

JANUARY 21

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM) WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Cornelia Cooper & Gayla Miskell

(B) Cornelia Cooper & Gayla Miskell

(G) Cornelia Cooper & Gayla Miskell

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers

PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 5:30 PM

JANUARY 28

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM) WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

(B) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

(G) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers

PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark


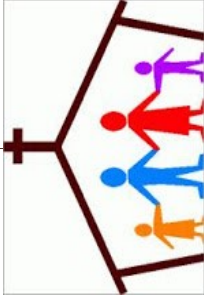

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 5:30 PM



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 Epiphany Sunday -9am Sunday School -10am Worship -4:30pm SPR Meeting -4:30pm Staff Meeting -5:30pm Worship	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 No Wednesday Night Activities	4 Love In Action 5pm	5 Office Closed	6 Epiphany
7 Epiphany Sunday -9am Sunday School -10am Worship -4:30pm SPR Meeting -4:30pm Staff Meeting -5:30pm Worship	8 "The Quest" Women's Bible Study at 9am	9 Faith Circle (Women's Group) at 9:30am	10 -5:15pm Family Night-Supper -6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 -9am Sunday School -10am Worship -5:30pm Worship	15 "The Quest" Women's Bible Study at 9am -Grace/Love Circle at 6pm at Mama Rosa's -Finance Meeting at 6pm	16 R.A.F.T.S. at 12pm at church	17 -5:15pm Family Night-Supper -6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	18	19 Office Closed	20 Leadership Retreat 9am-2pm at church (Lunch provided)
21 -9am Sunday School -10am Worship -5:30pm Missionary Davis Rhodes to share	22 "The Quest" Women's Bible Study at 9am	23	24 -5:15pm Family Night-Supper -6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 -9am Sunday School -10am Worship -2-4pm Super Sunday FUMC Enterprise -5:30pm Worship	29 "The Quest" Women's Bible Study at 9am	30	31 -5:15pm Family Night-Supper -6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities			



Putting Jesus F.I.R.S.T.
In Our Lives, Our Church, Our Community

F.ellowship
I.nstruct
R.each
S.erve
T.hanks

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Greystone United Methodist Church Leadership Retreat 2018



Mark your calendar for



Greystone's Leadership
Retreat on January
20th, 9am-2pm!

Jack and Pastor Stephanie will
provide lunch. What will
you do at Greystone in
2018?



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God



*Christian Women United
Circle Ministry Groups*

Donation for Love In Action is Soap

C.W.U.

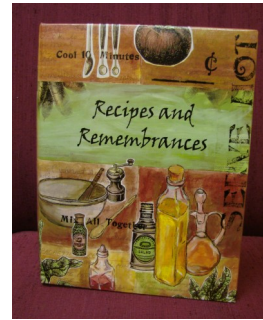
C.W.U. on March 6th at 12pm at church

FAITH CIRCLE

January 9th at Shirley Brackin's

Grace-Love Circle

January 15th at Mama Rosa's



GreyStone's Cookbook

*Our church cookbook has
a lot of great recipes!*

***These make great gifts
for any occasion!***

*Proceeds from the cookbook sales help
support our church ministries.
Cookbooks are located in the lobby.*

Cost: \$10 each

Recreation

**January 16th at Noon
here at the Church.**

And

Bring a dish to share.

Fun

**Come join us for a time of
Friendship, Laughter and
Fellowship.**

Together

**Please Remember to bring a
friend!!**

Serving

*Contact Shirley Brackin or Jennifer
Hamilton for more information.*

Hostess & Host:



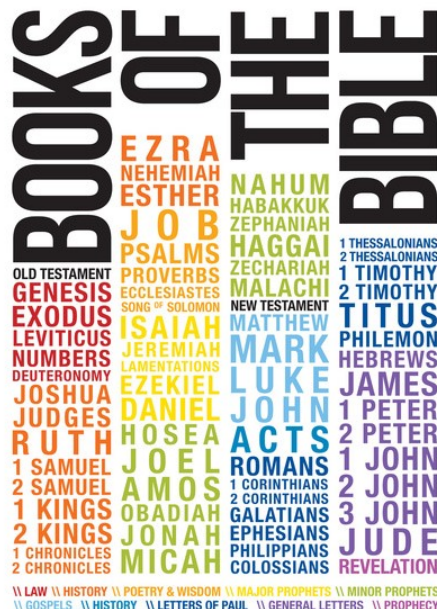
SUNday MORningS

Sunday School—9:00am
Worship Service—10:00am

SUNday EveNingS

U.T.H. Join our teens—5:30pm
Bible Study—6pm

Greystone UMC Children's Ministry



What a wonderful year we have had with the children and youth here at Greystone! Thank you to each and every one of them for filling our hearts with love. The Sticks Ministry routines this year were amazing! We look forward to what He will do for us through them in 2018!

Join us Sundays

9am Sunday School; 10am Children's Church
Children and U.T.H. Activities — Sunday nights 5:30pm

Join us Wednesday evenings

Bible Drills 6-7pm • Kidz First (2 yr-Kindergarten) 6-7pm

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God

Wednesday Night Bible Study



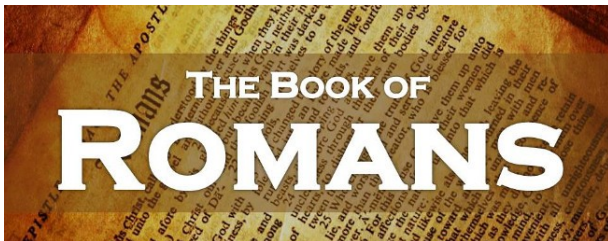
Dave Oltmans is leading a Bible Study at 6pm on Wednesdays. This Bible Study will be a topical study of the resurrection and the Bible will be the textbook.

Women's Bible Study



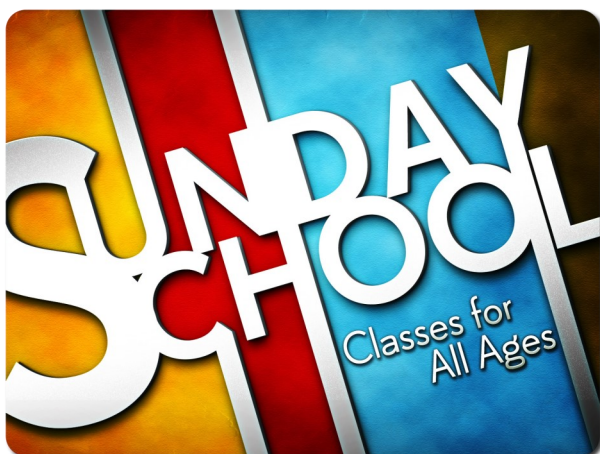
Robyn Robbins will be leading a Women's Bible Study at 9am on Mondays beginning January 8th. "The Quest" by Beth Moore. In this 6-session Bible study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

Parsonage Small Group



Pastor Stephanie is leading Small Group at the Parsonage that will meet every 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm. They are studying Romans in the Bible. If you are interested, contact Pastor Stephanie at 334.794.6725

Sunday School at Greystone



Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am for Sunday School! We have 3 adult Sunday Schools, a young adult Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, Children's Sunday School, and Pre-K Sunday School! Our nursery is also available for your little one's. See you this Sunday at Greystone!

REACH MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

Come get your sign!

Do you have a Greystone yard sign in your yard? Help us spread the word about how wonderful God is. You can pick up your Greystone yard sign in the church office. Thanks so much for your support and love for God and Greystone!



LOCAL FOOD MINISTRY

LOVE IN ACTION

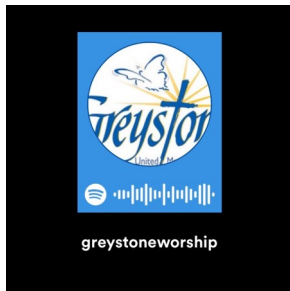
Please remember the food drive: Canned goods and non-perishables will be collected for **Love in Action** the **1st Sunday** of each month. Volunteers serve food on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Contact Jan Willis at 796-4022

Items for **Wiregrass Animal Shelter** will be collected the **1st Sunday** of each month.



“Being Social at Greystone”



Now you can Listen to Greystone on Spotify! You can scan the code to the left or follow the URL below. Are you watching us, liking us, and following us on Social Media? Like, Follow, Watch, & NOW LISTEN TO Greystone on Spotify!



Listen to us on Spotify

<https://open.spotify.com/user/greystoneworship>



Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GreystoneUnitedMethodistChurch/>



Follow us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/GreystoneUMC>



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Instagram

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<https://www.instagram.com/greystonedothan/>

Watch us on



Watch us on You Tube

Channel: Greystone United Methodist Church

REACH MINISTRY

Lost and Disconnected People Matter to God

Good Neighbors at Greystone



We are still collecting food for the Honeysuckle Middle School students. This food is given to the students for them to have something to eat over the weekends. The items donated need to be individually wrapped to make it easy to divide among the bags given out to the students. There is a need for breakfast foods like grits, cereal, pop tarts, etc. Please continue to pray for Honeysuckle Middle School, the students and the faculty. Thank you so much for spreading God's word!



THANKS MINISTRY

God Inhabits the Praises of His People



Interested in joining the Praise band? For information contact Chris Adkins at 334.794.6725
Have a request? Let us know!
We would love to play your favorite song!




No Choir Practice during the month of December.
Interested in joining the choir?
For information contact Betsy Kingsbury at 334.794.6725

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

Cheerful Hearts

 The Cheerful Hearts Ministry has been wonderful during 2017. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this ministry possible! Without your love and support the Cheerful Hearts Ministry would not mean as much to the participants. The adults from the 4 group homes at Spectra Care look forward to coming to Greystone every other month. The smiles and laughter fill the Worship Center with God's love of these amazing special needs adults. Please pray for this ministry to be fruitful during 2018, and for the participants that get to come. God bless you for all you do!

"Do all the good you can,... at all the times you can,... for as long as you ever can." J. Wesley



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



Join us the First Thursday of every month. We share food donated by Greystone members. And share the Love of Christ with them through Prayer.

Ask Jan Willis for dates and location

Love In Action International Ministries spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of compassion in our hometown of Dothan, Ala., inner cities throughout the US, and other parts of the world. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:35-40 that we are to take care of the neediest among us. In verse 40 He says, "I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."

They also believe in carrying out the Great Commission Jesus gives all of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore, we go to the nations reaching the lost and unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and make disciples.

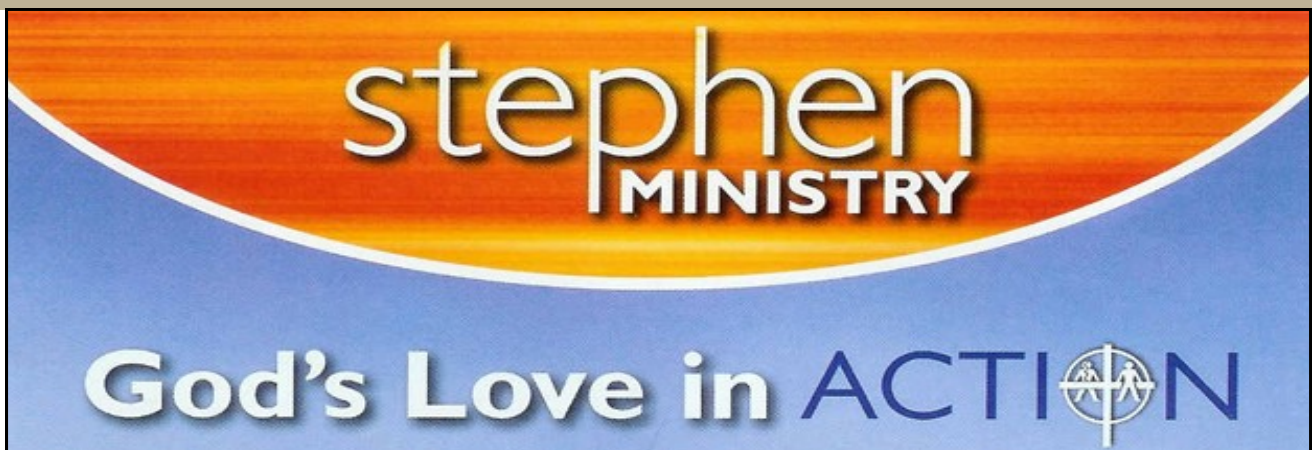


A.R.M.E.D., Men's Club, meets 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary for a meal, fellowship, and planning.

-No Meeting in January

The United Methodist Church is a connectional denomination. That means all UMC's are connected to one another through annual conferences. Keep up with what's happening and learn more about your Alabama-West Florida Conference from their website:

awfumc.org



Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. If you, or someone you know, are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. The care is confidential and helpful. For more information on receiving care contact Rev. Stephanie Cox at 334.794.6725.

District UMC News



More about the Dothan District UMC...

The Dothan District is nestled in the Wiregrass region spanning six counties. Within these six counties one can find a variety of opportunities. Families have discovered the great schools that serve our children, the hospitals are well equipped and serve our area well. While there are several urban areas there is also a multitude of glorious country where one can see cotton and peanuts growing, cows and horses grazing and chicken farms producing. Within the bounds of the district the Army base, Fort Rucker, is busy training helicopter pilots and the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine is busy training Doctors of Osteopathic medicine.

The best part about the Dothan district, however, is the friendly and compassionate people that live within its bounds. You will find them at one of the 94 United Methodist churches.



Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

December 2017

Income: \$27,722.40

Expense: \$19,310.06



ATTENDANCE

December 3

Sunday School: 41

Worship: 75

December 10

Sunday School:

Worship: 77

December 17

Sunday School: 32

Worship: 110

December 24

Sunday School: 43

Worship: 84

December 31

Sunday School: 47

Worship: 85



January Birthdays

<u>Jack Tompkins</u>	<u>1/01</u>
<u>Lenora McAllister</u>	<u>1/02</u>
<u>Joan De Loach</u>	<u>1/04</u>
<u>Michelle Godwin</u>	<u>1/09</u>
<u>Sherry Dean</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>Larry Easterwood</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>Suzanne Harden</u>	<u>1/16</u>
<u>Terry Bauldree</u>	<u>1/21</u>
<u>Timothy Carnley</u>	<u>1/31</u>
<u>Jan Willis</u>	<u>1/31</u>



Happy Anniversary

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Allen & Mary Beth Brackin 1/21

Happy 29 years Allen & Mary Beth!!!

Do you have something that you would like to go into the monthly Connection?

Or a suggestion for our newsletter?

You can put it in the basket in the Common Ground, or you can email it to me at

office@greystonedothan.org

Newsletter



"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

PRAYER LIST

Mike Hartzog—Infection in lungs
Mark Robbins—Upcoming tonsillectomy
Josh & Caitlin Parker—Keep in your prayers
Richard White—Keep in your prayers
Shirley Belcher—Answers for tremors she is having
Ryder Wilhelm—Recovering from brain tumor
Lawanna Dykes—A kidney donor-type A or O, and her knees
Todd Watson—Liver Cancer
Courtney Carter—Job & Unspoken
Mark Freeman—Prostate cancer
Bernie Hartfield—Parkinson's Disease (Rhonda Rankin's father)
Margrette Joiner—Keep in your prayers
Nelda Kelley—(Robyn Robbins' mother)
Chris Carnley—Unspoken
Vernon Sears—Keep in your prayers
Lindy Sears—Pray for her knee to get better
Lenora McAllister—Keep in your prayers
Tom Walsh—Pray for foot to heal completely
Justin Foster—Recovering from brain surgery
Pastor Stephanie & her family—Keep in your prayers
Susan Miller's parents—Pray for their health
Patti Walker—Strength in her knees and no pain
Edward Harden—Back pain
Cody Carletti—School
Polly Fortson—Recovering from a stroke
Frances Foster—Heart to stay in rhythm
Gerald McAllister—Prostate Cancer
Nora Joyce McNair—Keep in your prayers
Marge Wood—Recovering from a fall
Wanda Schamp—Keep in your prayers for no pain
Mr. & Mrs. Shellie Hanks—Keep in your prayers
Debbie Batchelor—Keep in your prayers
Maggie Evans—Keep in your prayers
Christina (Mike & Robbie's niece)—Pray for her pain & for her to be able to walk

Our Church, Our Community, and Our Country



***Please update the church office
on the status of these
prayer requests.***

HOMEBOUND

Janie Arnold (404 Montezuma Avenue, 36303)
Shirley Belcher (Baptist Village #107, 4426 W. Main Street, 36303)
Lois Christensen (5913 Granger Road, Marianna, FL 32446)
Clyde & Billie Cunningham (102 Pearce Street, 36301)
Evelyn McMoy (1504 Dakota Street, 36303)
Richard White (105 Boardwalk, 36303)
Nora Joyce McNair (2416 W. Main St., 36301)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Somerset

Myra Shewmake(#102)

Wesley Place

Lenora McAllister

Troy Health & Rehab Center

Jerrie Hollis

Extencicare

Vernon Sears

Margrette Joiner

Sara Williams

Terrace at Grove Park

Billie Rabon

Westside Terrace

Jeanette McCollum

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.....

SFC Matthew Kingsbury (Alabama)
(husband of Betsy Kingsbury)

GunnySgt Michael Monday - USMC (California)
(son of Allen & Mary Beth Brackin)

Sgt. Chris Moore - USMC (Japan)
(nephew of Mary Beth Brackin)

Cpt. Justin Shaw (Georgia)
(grandson of Buford & Polly Fortson)

Caleb Thomas
(son of Troy & Virginia Thomas)

LCPL Dakota (Cody) Justice (North Carolina)
(son of Chris & Connie Justice)

SR Robert Williams (Great Lakes)
(grandson of Bob & Wanda Schamp)

Memorials

*A donation was made to
The Greystone UMC*

**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Lavania Herrington*

*A donation was made to
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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Ronald & Deborah Bacon*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Chuck & Barbara Ritchey*

Church Staff

Stephanie Cox

Senior Pastor

Betsy Kingsbury

Choir Director

Mike Johnson

Director of Youth Ministries

Kim Clark

Nursery

Mark Robbins

Sound Tech

Jennifer Hamilton

Church Administration/IT Tech

John Sanders

Visitation Pastor

Chris Adkins

Worship Leader

Patty Johnson

Director of Children's Ministry

Mary Bullard

Pre-K Teacher

Betsy Kingsbury

Pianist

Heather Adkins

Custodian

F.I.R.S.T. Team Leaders

Fellowship

Charm Russler

Instruct

Jim Kinney

Reach

Susan Loftin

Serve

Barbara Haymon

Thanksgiving

Carolyn Johnson

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