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Notes from the Grove

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Senior Pastor’s Note

Mother’s Day Encouragement
“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.”
– Proverbs 31:25

Dear Church Family,
As spring fills the air with new life and blooming beauty, we pause to honor one of God’s greatest blessings—mothers. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, spiritual mother, or a woman who nurtures others with Christ-like love, you are a blessing beyond words.

On this Mother’s Day, we celebrate the love, strength, and unwavering hope that mothers bring into our lives. Whether biological, adoptive, spiritual, or mother figures, these incredible women reflect God's nurturing heart and steadfast care.

We give thanks for the women who have shaped our faith, wiped our tears, prayed over our lives, and cheered us on when we did not believe in ourselves. Your strength, sacrifice, and unwavering love echo the heart of our Savior.

We recognize that for some, this day brings mixed emotions—joy, gratitude, but also grief or longing. We hold space for every story and every heart, trusting that God’s love meets us exactly where we are.

Let us be reminded that hope grows in every season, often quietly, through the sacrifices, prayers, and faith of our mothers. As a church, let us lift them up in prayer, speak life and encouragement into their lives, and honor them with the love of Christ.

This Mother’s Day, we encourage everyone to reach out to the special women in your life. A kind word, a prayer, a handwritten note—small gestures often carry the greatest impact.

To all the women of our church: thank you. Your presence, your prayers, and your passion help build the Kingdom of God in quiet, powerful ways.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Riley

May Birthdays

- 1 - Don Birtsch
- 4 - Bonnie Smith
- 7 - Ron Small
- 10 - Kevin Saighman
- 14 - Judy Cannon
- 16 - Yvonne Parsons
- 17 - Suzie Leitman

Our Vision Statement:
“Every member a good neighbor.”

Our Purpose Statement:
“Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing.”

Some Words from the Education Director

Mark your Calendars:

Thursday, May 1 9:30 am Ladies Small Group

Sunday, May 4 Communion Sunday

Friendship Sunday in Children & Youth Sunday School

National Day of Prayer

Native American Ministries Sunday

4:00 pm Prayer Team

Monday, May 5 5:00 pm TOPS

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, May 7 1:00 pm Classes

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes, Youth & Choir

Friday, May 9 6:00 pm Acolyte Dinner

Sunday, May 11 Mother’s Day

Christian Family Week

Teacher Appreciation Week

4:00 pm Prayer Team

Monday, May 12 10:00 am Guild Circle

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

5:00 pm TOPS

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, May 14 1:00 pm Classes

1:00 pm Gardening Class “Propigation”

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Classes, Youth & Choir

Children year end and 5th Grade Graduation Party

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Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am

Worship 10:00 am

Handbells 11:30 am

Prayer Team 4:00 pm

Worship Service Opportunities

Wednesday Activities

1:00pm Daytime Classes

6:00pm Evening Classes

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths

Baptisms:

Isabella Diane Dunlap

Gabriella GraceAnn Dunlap

Baptized 4-20-2025

1 Linda St.

Pensacola, FL 32506

(Children of Aaron Dunlap & Willow Flowers)

If you move, please let the office know your new address. Also, if your phone number has changed, please let the office know.

Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts

We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian’s closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.

May Prayer List

May 1-3

Chad Few

Connie Few

Devon & Chasity Few, Adalyn, Breylin, Brenden Baggett

Dee Flues

Dorothy Ford

Bruce Fortner

Marianne Fuller

May 4-10

Patricia Gamwell

George & Sally Garner

Larry & Theresa Gillespie, Lacey

Thomas & Rachel Goodloe, Thomas

Bubba & Susanna Gordon

Elrena Greeney

Chris Harris, John Johnson, Chris Harris, Jr, Ashleigh, Haleigh, Aleigh, Chance

May 11-17

Cody Harvison

Kenny Henderson

Paul & Barbara Henderson

Beth Herndon

Sharon Hogan

Tracey Holliday

Kloe Howard

May 18-24

Ronnie Marie Ingram

Cheryl Johnson

David & Donna Johnson

Heather Johnson

Robert & Donna Johnson

Carol Laguens

May 25-31

Dannie Law

Grady Lea

Susan Leitman, Chloe

Kay Lemons

Eunice Lewis

Joyce Lewis

Mothers Morning Out

What a wonderful year it has been at the Mother’s Morning Out! As we look back on the past year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, joy, laughter, and learning that have blossomed within our preschool. Each day has been a beautiful journey, filled with precious moments. Each child's growth and development has been a testament to the love and dedication of our teachers, and families.

We have been blessed to be able to plant seeds of God’s love in these children’s hearts, and guiding them in their early understanding of faith and kindness. We are especially excited to announce our "Moving On Up" ceremony, which will take place on May 19th @10:00a.m. This special event will celebrate our children as they prepare to take their next steps in their educational journeys. We can't wait to celebrate the bright futures of our little ones!

Kind Regards,
Carrie Disouryavong

Wesleyan Women

The Wesleyan Women of Myrtle Grove will be meeting at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday, May 6th, in the fellowship hall. Our speaker will be from the UMC Children’s Home in Milton. Guild Circle will be providing a salad lunch following the program. Please come join us. Afterwards, if you can stay, please join Guild Circle as we craft enough pipe-cleaner and paper flowers to send bouquets to our shut-ins for Mother’s Day.



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- Thursday, May 15 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study/Small Group
10:00 am Arbeiter/Joy Circle
6:00 pm Children & Youth Department Sunday School
planning meeting for Summer
- Saturday, May 17 9:00 am Ladies Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday, May 18 Heritage Sunday with mini drama (horse will be here during
Sunday School)
Armed Forces Sunday with Flag Ceremony
Cub Scout Pack 2 will be selling Camp Cards
4:00 pm Prayer team
- Monday, May 19 5:00 pm TOPS
6:30 pm Scouts
- Wednesday, May 21 No Classes/Dinner/Youth
6:00 pm Chancel Choir practice
- Thursday, May 22 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study/Small Group
11:00 am Lunch Bunch
6:00 pm Sisters in Service
- Friday, May 23 Last Day of School
- Sunday, May 25 Memorial Sunday with Flag Ceremony
Flag Retirement Ceremony
Cub Scout Pack 2 selling Beef Sticks
- Monday, May 26 No School/No Scouts
Office Closed
- Wednesday, May 28 No Classes/Dinner/Youth
6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, May 11 is **Teacher Appreciation Sunday**. We encourage you to honor your teacher/leader on that Sunday or the day of your group meeting the week prior. The church will certainly be honoring them!

If you or someone in your family is **active duty military or a deceased veteran**, please send the following information to Janet. Picture (preferably in uniform), branch of service, rank and any other information such as awards, medals, etc. We certainly want to be sure that we include everyone in our annual slide shows and acknowledgements.

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We will be starting a **Young Adult/Couples class** soon in Sunday School. If you are interested or have someone in your family that may be interested, let me know.

Information for the **Gardening enthusiast** in our church: I have been approached about allowing a “Community Garden” at the church. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

We will have one designated day of the month for a “**Senior’s Activity**”, the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am, every month. What we do on that day will change each month in a cyclical fashion. Once a quarter we will have “Lunch Bunch”, once a quarter we will have “Young at Heart” and once a quarter we will have “Games & Puzzles”. I will send out reminders and you only have to remember one day and time: fourth Thursday at 11:00 am! **May 22 will be Lunch Bunch. Watch upcoming bulletins for a location!** (You do not have to attend this church to participate.)

The next Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, May 17 at 9 am. Bring breakfast food to share. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church.

We are still building a group of volunteers in our church who are willing to help **clean Sunday School rooms** once a week and help **wipe down tables in the Fellowship Hall**. I would like to know who would like to participate in a **phone ministry**? We would like to call our Silver Patrol list at least once a month and perhaps others who may need a loving touch from their church family. Also if anyone would like to be a part of a **hospital visitation team**. We have a few volunteers already-is God asking you to help? Let me know.

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look **at present and potential programs**. We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a “cradle to the grave” church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interests you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for any other upcoming dates and events.

My new cell number is: (850) 384-6963
Janet Boston (850) 456-7463 x5 jlbpensmgumc@gmail.com
[Facebook Messenger as well](#)

Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 11, 2025



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Memorial Day
Monday, May 26, 2025



The Church office will be closed and there will be no activities.