



### **An Ark to Carry Us Through the Storms**

Since the early days of the Church, Christians have invoked of the image of Noah's Ark to describe the body of believers. This association was so prevalent, when Christians began building permanent buildings to use as churches, the imagery of the ark was the primary guide for church architecture. The earliest permanent church buildings were designed to look something like ships.

This held true throughout much of Christian history. The vaulted ceilings of gothic cathedrals were meant to imitate an inverted ship. This tradition continues to hold true in many Christian churches today, including our own sanctuary! If you walk into the sanctuary and look up, imagine that you are in Noah's Ark and looking down to the bottom of the ship. Do you see it?

This imagery is meant to tell us something about the Church. The Church is the Ark of God that carries us through the stormy seas of life. Just as Noah and his family were spared from judgment in the flood, God carries the family of God to safety by means of the Church. The Church sustains us in difficult times and delivers us to fair weather and beautiful shores.

We have had many storms to endure over the last few years. We have faced the storms of a pandemic, political unrest, and a shifting culture. Now that some of these storms seems to be settling down, we now face new storms heading our way. Namely, the war in Ukraine and all the consequences of such a war. There is also the storm of the coming changes in the United Methodist Church that we must face as a denomination.

I take comfort in knowing that whatever storms we may face ahead, we will face them from within the Ark of God, his Holy Church, and that we will face them together. No matter how bad the storms get, the Ark will stay afloat.



**All Church Potluck**

**Sunday, April 24**

**4:30-6:30 pm**

**Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship.**

**Then stay to play Bingo for fun prizes!**



## ***Kidzone News***

We hope you all had a great Spring break. Plan to be with us on Sunday, March 27th as we get Easter baskets ready for Sand Springs Community Services. Kids from Youth will help us out too. On April 3rd, we will be making Easter cards to send to some of our church friends. Be sure to be with us on Sunday, April 10th for Palm Sunday as we begin the start of Holy Week. Join us on

Sunday, April 17th at 9:45 for our annual Kidzone Easter breakfast for our kids, parents and grandparents. We will have breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice and milk. Please join us as we celebrate Easter together!

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Susie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Marty



### **Silent Auction for the Retaining Wall**

Marybeth Arnold has made and donated a beautiful quilt to be auctioned off with all proceeds going to the retaining wall. She has generously put together a bid sheet and the quilt will be displayed over the next month (on Sundays) in the Narthex. The highest bidder on April 10th, Palm Sunday, will walk away with the quilt!!!

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **All Church Picnic**

**Sunday, June 12  
4-7pm**

**Chandler Park Shelter #2**

**The church will provide the meat.  
Bring your lawn chairs and a side/dessert to share!  
Yard games are welcomed, too!**



It's less than a month until the annual Herbal Affair and if you can help, the UMW will certainly appreciate it. We need goodies to sell, help in packaging those goodies, as well as help to sell them. Packaging will be Friday morning, April 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. so if all the goodies could be at the church by then, that will be great. And if you have a kitchen

scale, we can always use those to weigh what we package. If you are trying something new and exciting this year, please let Tracey know so she can make labels for us. I am sending a sign-up sheet to each circle for Saturday sales. Set-up starts at 7:00 a.m. April 16 and clean-up is 4:00 or earlier, depending on sales. The shifts are two hours. As far as I know, we will be in the same location as last year -- on 2nd street about a half block east of Main. Thanks in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please let me know. Karen (918-241-3259)



## SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Nursery/Children's Church

March 27

9 & 11 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

10:00 a.m.—Sara & Lacey

Children's Church-Jami & Debbie

April 3

9 & 10 a.m.—Hallye & Jami

11 a.m.—Katherine & Jami

Children's Church-Jami & Marty

April 10

9 a.m.—Gerri & Sophie

10 a.m.—Sara & Sophie

11 a.m.—Sara & Frankie

Children's Church-Jami & Susie

April 17

9 & 10 a.m.—Lacey & Haylee

11 a.m.—Debbie & Marty

Children's Church-Jami & Katherine

### Youth Dinners

March 23—Faith Circle

March 30—Noah Class

April 6—CIA/Pathfinders Class

April 13—Priscilla Circle

### Counters

March 27—Janie & Jami

April 3—Betty & Karen

April 10—Sondra & Trena

April 17—Jack & Kent

Please arrange a replacement from the list if you are unable to attend.



**Fourth Monday**  
**COMMUNITY MEAL**  
4th Monday of the Month  
Fellowship Hall • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**The next 4th Monday  
Community Meal  
at SSUMC is  
Monday, March 28, 2022**

### Community Meals

**1st Monday—Lake UMC—7750 W. 14th St.**

**2nd Monday—Olivet Baptist Church—155 N. 65th W. Ave.**

**3rd Monday—Grace UMC—514 So. 49th W. Ave.**

**4th Monday—SSUMC—4th & Main Street**

### Prayer Box

All those affected by Covid

Harry Alford

Betty & Howard Smith

Bill Schwartz

Bruce Warren

David Allen

Dick Ford

Marsha Riffe

Cynthia Alex

Donna McLain-Hope

Elsie & Roger Jones

Faye Lee Posey

Gordonna Fisher

Joe & Donna Woodruff

June Wilborn

Leonard Brehm

Louise Read

Betty & Linda Lund

Mary Lea Forsythe

Max Schuermann

Montie Box

Ralph Rand

Ruth Weaver

Suzanne & Valerie Jones

Vi McAllister

*And Prayer Chains*

*And Unspoken Requests*



**Sand Springs United Methodist Church Sunday Schedule**  
319 N. Main—918-245-5955—[www.sandspringsumc.org](http://www.sandspringsumc.org)

**The Well—Family Life Center**  
101 W. 38th Street, Prattville

**Sand Springs United Methodist Church Sunday Schedule**  
9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship  
(Also streamed live online and uploaded to YouTube)  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship



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