



# BAINBRIDGE

## First United Methodist Church

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### **Pilgrimage**

A pilgrimage is a journey that has religious or spiritual significance. Pilgrimage is one of five pillars of faith for our Muslim friends. All faithful Muslims are encouraged to make one pilgrimage to Mecca in their lifetime as an expression of their faithfulness. Many Jewish people feel that a trip to Israel is a vital part of forming and claiming identity for Jewish young people. Therefore, many non-profit organizations provide funding for Jewish young people all around the world to visit Israel in their late teenage years. In the Christian world, spiritual pilgrimage is practiced particularly by Catholic and Celtic Christians. These Christians often visit holy sites related to various saints all around the world.

Some of us make important pilgrimages in our lives, but we might not call them that. Some people make special trips to a place where their family once lived, a church where grandparents were married, or a retreat center like Epworth By the Sea that are particularly meaningful. Pilgrimages are different from vacations. Vacations are often about rest, a pilgrimage is about growth and transformation. Vacations are to get away from the bustle of daily life. Pilgrimage creates a space away from other things to be filled by God.

After multiple hurdles, thirteen people from First UMC will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in just two weeks. In worship on May 15, we will pray over this group as a congregation. You are invited to please pray for these pilgrims throughout the trip. Pray for each one to have a new experience of God that is needed for them. As technology permits, follow along with our trip on the church's Facebook page. On Sunday, June 5, the group will share their experiences at a covered dish lunch immediately following worship.

Journey with us. Yet also consider what pilgrimages you can make in your life. What places are holy to you? Where do you go to spend time with God?

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Melissa

## May

### Services of Worship

11:00 am—Live  
Streamed Worship  
available on-line at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/bainbridgefirstunitedmethodistchurch>

11:00 AM—In person  
Worship, Sanctuary

### Scripture

*May 1*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

*May 8*

Mother's Day  
Graduation Sunday

*May 15*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*May 22*

Children's Home

*May 29*

Hortencia Guzman

### Ushers

Eddie Hight  
Paul Johnson  
Keith Kerper  
Clint Hilburn

## Calendar

*NOTE: Calendar Schedule may be affected by unexpected changes*

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—May 1*

- 1 SUNDAY - 10:00 am Sunday School-all classes, ASSB-SB  
11:00 am Worship Service with Steel Pans, SAN  
12:00 pm Covered Dish Fellowship Meal, JOS  
1:15 pm SPRC Meeting, LIB  
4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, HR  
5:00 pm Children's Snack Supper & Fellowship, JOS-SB  
5:30 pm Youth Snack Supper & Fellowship, JOS-YB
- 2 MONDAY - 9:00-12:00 am MMO-TLC, SB  
12:00-5:00 pm Blood Drive, PARKING LOT  
2:00 pm Church Staff Meeting, SP  
6:00 pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting, YB
- 3 TUESDAY - 9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
9:00-12:00 am MMO-TLC, SB
- 4 WEDNESDAY - 9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB  
12:00-1:00 PM Keenagers, JOS  
5:30-5:50 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30-7:30 PM Children's Worship Arts, SB  
6:30-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
7:30-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 5 THURSDAY - 10:00-11:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study, ASSB  
6:00-7:00 PM Cub Scouts, JOS/SH

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—May 8*

- 8 SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY  
8:45 am UMM H.S. Senior Breakfast, JOS  
10:00 AM Sunday School-all classes, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service-Graduate Recognition, SAN
- 9 MONDAY - 9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB
- 10 TUESDAY - 9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB
- 11 WEDNESDAY - 9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB  
5:30-5:50 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30-7:30 PM Children's Worship Arts, SB  
6:30-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
7:30-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 12 THURSDAY - 9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00-11:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study, ASSB  
6:00-7:00 PM Cub Scouts, JOS/SH

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—May 15*

- 15 SUNDAY - 10:00 AM Sunday School-all classes, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN  
4:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal, HR  
5:00 PM Children's Snack Supper & Fellowship, JOS-SB  
5:30 PM Youth Pool Party, POITEVINT'S

**Acolytes**

- 1-Grayson Griffis
- 8-Anna Claire Moore
- 15-Thomas Hufstetler
- 22-Ana Bell Dempsey
- 29-Liam Bramlett

**Liturgists**

- 1-Chris Griffis
- 8-Senior Sunday
- 15-Marissa Brantley
- 22-Ginger Johnson
- 29-Jacob Moore

**Video Technician**

- 1-Philip Moore
- 8-Curtis Robinson
- 15-Beau Hatcher
- 22-Beau Hatcher
- 29-Curtis Robinson

**Snack Supper**  
**May**

- 1-Michelle Hufstetler
- 15-Mycla Palmer

MAY CALENDAR CONTINUED

- 16 MONDAY - 9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB
- 17 TUESDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP DEPART  
9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
9:00-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB
- 18 WEDNESDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB  
5:30-5:50 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30-7:30 PM Children’s Worship Arts, SB  
6:30-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
7:30-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 19 THURSDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
9:00-12:00 AM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00-11:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study, ASSB  
6:00-7:00 PM Cub Scouts, JOS/SH
- 20 FRIDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP
- 21 SATURDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP

*WEEKLY SCHEDULE—May 22*

- 22 SUNDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
10:00 AM Sunday School-all classes, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN
- 23 MONDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP
- 24 TUESDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB
- 25 WEDNESDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
7:30-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 26 THURSDAY - PRAY FOR HOLY LAND TRIP  
10:00-11:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study, ASSB

*WEEKLY SCHEDULE—May 29*

- 29 SUNDAY - 10:00 AM Sunday School-all classes, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN
- 30 MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 TUESDAY - 9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB

**Locations Key:** ASSB=Adult S. S. Building, CFR=Children’s Fellowship Room, CIR=Circle Room, CR=Choir Room, EBS=Ester Bible Study Room, HR=Handbell Room, JOS=J O Smith Building, LIB=Library, MR=Movie Room, PAR=Parsonage, PL=Parking Lot, RC=Reynolds Chapel, SAN=Sanctuary, SB=Sharp Building, SH=Scout Hut, SP=Simmons Parlor, YB=Youth Basement

**MAY MISSION FOCUS - WESLEY GLEN MINISTRIES**

## **Christian Fellowship Dinners**

### ***May Menus***

#### **May 4**

Baked Chicken  
Rice  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
Dessert

#### **May 11**

Ham  
Butter Peas  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Biscuits  
Dessert

#### **May 18**

Fried Chicken  
Mac & Cheese  
Mixed Vegetables  
Rolls  
Dessert

#### **MEAL COST**

Adults (≥ 11-64) \$7.00  
Seniors (≥65) \$5.00  
Children (4-10) \$5.00

#### **MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

When making reservations, state if they are eat-in or pick-up. Make your reservations by Monday. Reservations can be made on-line or by calling the Church Office. Prepay your meals through our website or bring exact change.

EAT-IN for will be in the J. O. Smith Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.

PICK-UP Meals from 5:30-5:50 pm in the lane behind the J.O. Smith building. Enter from the Shotwell Street entrance, stop at the covered walkway and a volunteer will bring your meals. If making payment during pick-up, turn in checks or exact change to the volunteer.

## **BFUMC News & Announcements**

### **STAFF TRAVEL**

In the months of May, June, and July multiple staff members are participating in both educational, church, and personal travel. Some of this travel overlaps and some is extended. We are working together to be sure things continue to run smoothly during this time. You can help by making any requests of staff ahead of time, being patient as we work things out, being understanding if things are a little different or slower, and pitching in to help fill any gaps. A more specific staff schedule will be printed in the Tuesday emails each week.

### **NO COMMITMENT CHOIR**

Have you ever thought, “I’d like to sing in the choir, but I’m not sure I can commit to rehearsals or being here each Sunday?” Do you like to sing along in the car to music? Do you sing in the shower? Do you love the old hymns? During the month of June, you are invited to be a part of the No Commitment Choir. Think of it as a free trial period for choir. You are invited to come on Wednesday Night at 7:30 pm to sing familiar hymns and see how much fun choir is. The songs you practice on Wednesday will be sung the following Sunday in worship. No further commitment is required. Come for one week or all four weeks, it is us to you. All are invited to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

### **SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The South Georgia Annual Conference will meet June 5-8 in Columbus, GA. The theme for the conference is “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” This conference is the first in-person conference since 2019. This conference is also the first one to be led by Bishop David Graves, who became our bishop last September. Every church sends a pastor and lay delegate to the Annual Conference. Ginger Johnson is BFUMC’s delegate for 2022. Bainbridge FUMC is well represented at annual conference because Karen Forrester and Meredyth Earnest are also delegates. Karen is the District Lay Leader for the Southwest district. Meredyth Earnest serves as conference secretary (a REALLY big and complex job). Some of the most meaningful things that happen at Annual Conference is the ordination of new clergy and the recognition of pastors and their spouses who have died in the last year. Both of these milestones are marked at worship services during the conference which are available by live stream. Please be in prayer for the annual conference gathering in this complex time in our life together as the church of Jesus Christ.

### **LOVE OFFERING FOR ROSALIE RENTZ**

BFUMC has supported Rev. John Rentz with Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Zealand for many years. John's wife, Rosalie, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is now home under hospice care. BFUMC is gathering a love offering to send to them during this difficult time. If you would care to participate, all donations must be received by May 15. Please make your payments payable to the church and note in the memo section for Rentz Love Offering.

## **BFUMC News & Announcements**

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

We will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, May 2, from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm in the church parking lot. Come and give the gift of life. Donors receive a \$20 eGift Card, a T-shirt and have a Wellness Checkup done. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are accepted. To make an appointment, visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](https://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code 17689.

### **KEENAGERS**

Keenagers will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 12 noon in the J. O. Smith Building. The Bainbridge High School Choral Department will be presenting the program. The meal will have an Asian flair and include fried rice, noodles, and salad. Be sure to make your reservation if you are not on the standing reservations list.

### **VASHTI CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

Vashti will be having an Open House at their Bainbridge location on Monday, May 9 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The Bainbridge Vashti Center is located at 719 E. Shotwell Street. There will be door prizes, snacks and refreshments, and you can take a tour while meeting the staff. This will be a great time to learn more about the programs and services they offer to children and families.

### **OLDER ADULT RETREAT AT EPWORTH BY THE SEA**

Register now for a wonderful time at Epworth By The Sea! EBTS is hosting "Living Life to the Fullest: An Older Adult Retreat", May 16-19, 2022. There will be a speaker, entertainment, workshops, and free time to do excursions and local activities. Go to [EpworthByTheSea.org/events](https://EpworthByTheSea.org/events) to register or for more information.

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFERING**

Over the past two years, South Georgia has helped the North Katanga Annual Conference build and reconstruct several local churches, host empowerment training events and leadership training conferences, and train local farmers. The mission partnership that began three years ago when a team of six South Georgia United Methodists traveled to the North Katanga Annual Conference, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), continues to develop. During the 2022 Annual Conference session, South Georgia United Methodists will have the opportunity to partner with North Katanga United Methodists to support two of their ministries, Kamina Orphanage and Wings of the Morning Aviation. The Congregations of the SGA Annual Conference are encouraged to participate. We will be presenting our offering for this worthy effort during our Annual Conference's opening worship service on June 5. Please have all donations going toward this offering into the church office by May 31. Please make payments payable to the church and put African Special Offering in the memo section so we are sure to direct the funds correctly.

### **FROM TEMPLE BETH-EL**

With the closing and sale of our Building, we are reaching into our community to share Legacy gifts to groups and organizations who serve the community's needs. We hope this gift to the Food Bank will help you fill shelves! Your friends at Temple Beth-El (1916-2022)

### **MISSIONS—LIFELINE MINISTRIES**

The Mission Committee has set a goal this year to make 400 shoeboxes for the Lifeline Ministries for Navajo Reservation children. This is a ministry that FUMC has supported for many years. This organization is headed by a local Methodist, Gene Trulock. We would like to spread out the collection of items throughout the year rather than just collect in November and December. During the month of May, we will collect: toothbrushes and toothpaste. To contribute, place the items in the container outside the church office.



## Children's Upcoming Events

### **May**

- 15 - Last Children's Fellowship Night until Fall
- 18 - Last Children's Worship Arts until Fall

### **June**

- 6-10 - Vacation Bible School

## Youth Upcoming Events

### **May**

- 8 - Graduation Sunday

### **June**

- 12-17 - Music Camp
- 13-17 - High School Camp Connect
- 20-24 - Middle School Camp Connect

### **July**

- 10-14 - Mission Trip

## Children's Chat

Wow! School is almost out for summer. It's time for some summer fun! We will start with Vacation Bible School June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and continue through the rest of the summer with some Rest And Road Trips for those in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Terrific Tuesdays for those 3 years old through Kindergarten. Full schedule will be coming soon!



## Youth News

Mark your calendars for May 8, 2022! The youth will lead the worship service and honor our graduating High School Seniors. The youth will be led by Josh Fillingame in singing "Reckless Love". We look forward to all our youth taking part in the service to support our High School Seniors during Graduation Sunday on May 8.

Don't forget! Those going on the mission trip, there is VERY IMPORTANT meeting for participants and parents on Monday, May 2 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the basement. The staff from Hinton will meet with us via Zoom. We will have this set up at church and would like for you to be with us in person, but if you cannot, please plan to join the Zoom call from home. The meeting should last no more than 30-45 mins, but an hour has been allotted just in case. Please come prepared with any questions you have.

If you have not turned in your "Mission Outreach Volunteer Registration Information Form" or "Individual Medical Liability Form", please do so ASAP. Summer Activities information will be coming soon! Be looking for it.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 1- Steel Pans/Covered dish luncheon; Youth Mission Activity 5:30 pm
- May 4- Youth Cell Groups and dinner; starts at 6:00 pm
- May 8- Graduation Sunday- All youth will sing in worship to assist Josh. SR breakfast; no youth group- Mother's Day
- May 11- Youth Cell Groups and dinner; starts at 6:00 pm
- May 15- End of Year Swimming Party at the Poitevint's 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- May 18- Last night before summer for Youth Cell Groups and dinner; starts at 6:00 pm

## Memorials

### General Fund

#### In Memory of:

Hazel Burgess  
 Jack Routon  
 Bobbie Jean Hazelwood  
 Pam Burch  
 Lanier Lane  
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 Mary Ann Griffin  
 JoAnn Daughtry  
 Pam Burch  
 Lanier Lane  
 Lanier Lane  
 Pam Burch  
 Jack Routon  
 Lanier Lane  
 Lanier Lane  
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 Pam Burch  
 Lanier Lane  
 Lanier Lane  
 Edna Lou Parker  
 Lanier Lane  
 Bobbie Jean Hazelwood  
 Pam Burch  
 Pam Burch  
 Pam Burch  
 Pam Burch  
 Laura Stewart  
 Edna Lou Parker  
 Pam Burch  
 Lanier Lane  
 Pam Burch  
 Nita Holt  
 Lanier Lane  
 Lanier Lane

#### By:

Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Phyllis D. Burke  
 Nicholas & Kristen Floyd  
 Stephen & Christy Poitevint  
 Steven & Glennie Bench  
 Chris & Randi New  
 Bert & Linda Parker  
 Joann Laslie Livingston Memorial Fund  
 George & Lynn P. Lee  
 Wes & Genia Mayfield  
 Sarah's Faith Sunday School-FBC  
 Keith & Carolyn Newberry  
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 David & Dabney Schneider  
 Martha Fluegel  
 Kim Rentz  
 Cathy Cox & Mark Dehler  
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 Tom & Mary Conway  
 Greg & Maggie Smith  
 Claudia Brown  
 David & Mel Lovering  
 David & Mel Lovering  
 James & Frances Campbell  
 Bo & Jan Hatfield  
 Jimmy & Hilda Hines  
 Elon Gossett  
 Dr. Daniel White & Staff  
 Nancy G. Musser  
 Rose G. Culverson  
 John & Joan Beers  
 Fields & Kathy Varner  
 Foyed & Laura Rabon  
 Tom & Gloria Reeves  
 Tom & Gloria Reeves  
 Mary T. Burch  
 Mary T. Burch  
 Sally Bates  
 Kevin & Kim Ford  
 Fields & Kathy Varner  
 Lauren Turner  
 Edward & Tonya Reynolds  
 Ramsay & Elizabeth Simmons  
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 John & Marian Monk  
 John & Marian Monk  
 Dollar Farm Staff  
 Mr. & Mrs. B. Thomas Conger

### Food Bank

#### In Memory of:

Hazel Burgess  
 Lanier Lane

#### By:

Jackie & Terri Fleetwood  
 Charles W. Griffin

### Roof Fund

#### In Memory of:

Lanier Lane  
 Pam Burch  
 Nita Holt  
 Hazel Burgess  
 Pam Burch  
 Lanier Lane  
 David Brannen  
 Jack Routon  
 Hazel Burgess  
 Jack Routon  
 Jack Routon  
 Lanier Lane  
 Bobbie Jean Hazelwood

#### By:

Anna R. Cook  
 Jane M. Powell  
 Jane M. Powell  
 Sally Bates  
 Jack & Joyce Leverett  
 Jack & Joyce Leverett  
 Jack & Joyce Leverett  
 Jack & Joyce Leverett  
 Jack & Joyce Leverett  
 Jay & Ashley Leverett  
 Sally Bates  
 Sally Bates  
 Jay & Ashley Leverett

### In Honor of:

Melissa Traver  
 Deborah Jones

#### By:

Jane M. Powell  
 Jane M. Powell

### Building Fund

#### In Memory of:

Lanier Lane

#### By:

Bert & Linda Parker

### Van Fund

#### In Memory of:

Lanier Lane

#### By:

Flora Humphrey

### Music Fund

#### In Memory of:

Pam Burch  
 Nita Holt  
 Edna Lou Parker  
 Lanier Lane  
 Pam Burch  
 Laura Stewart

#### By:

Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Frank & Suzy Loeffler  
 Elon Gossett  
 Elon Gossett

### A/C Fund

#### In Memory of:

Pam Burch

#### By:

Jackie & Terri Fleetwood

