



# BAINBRIDGE

## First United Methodist Church

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### CONFIRMATION

The month of September brings the start of fall and the start of a new confirmation class. I am super excited to be leading this class of young people with Lisa. In the United Methodist tradition, we baptize infants. Baptism has three participants: God, the individual, and the congregation. At the baptism of a baby, the parents promise to “nurture the child in Christ’s holy church, and that by their teaching and example they may be guided to accept God’s grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly and to live a Christian life.” Then we, the congregation, make the following vow: “With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this person with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”

Confirmation is that time in a young person’s life that “they accept God’s grace for themselves.” Over the next nine months, confirmands will ask the big questions of faith: What do I believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, forgiveness and grace? They will study church history and polity and learn how to use spiritual practices in their daily lives as followers of Jesus. Each confirmand also has a mentor to walk beside them in this process. Confirmands will also lead in worship on communion Sundays. Confirmation Youth are Annlee Boyett, Marissa Brantley, Emslee Cantley, Margaret Chastain, Asher Flowers, Grayson Griffis, Hunter Hall, AnnaClaire Moore, Jacey Murray, Abby Rentz, Harper Trawick, and Ruth Yarbrough. Because confirmation is the fulfillment of the congregation’s promise, the related expenses are born by the church not the youths’ families. Our participation has grown rapidly in recent weeks, and we have had to expand our housing and other items for the retreat. Congregation members who would like to participate in confirmation can do so by making gifts to the church to support this important experience for our young people. Please be in prayer for our confirmands, mentors and their families during this exciting and important time in their faith journey.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Melissa



**The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, September 5,  
in observance of the  
Labor Day holiday.**

## September

### 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

*September 4*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

*September 11*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

*September 18*

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

*September 25*

Rev. Rick Lanford

### Ushers

4-Wheat Kirbo  
Brown Mosley  
Al Collins  
Johnny Reynolds

11-Charles Bowles  
Greg Burch  
Mike Kraft  
Charles Wayne Griffin

18-Jason Murray  
Wendell hall  
Tyler Dalton  
Paul Johnson

25-Eddie Hight  
Paxton Poitevint  
Brent Loeffler  
Jackie Fleetwood

## Calendar

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

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—September 4*

- 4 SUNDAY 10:00 AM Sunday School, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN  
NO Children & Youth activities
- 5 TUESDAY LABOR DAY  
Church Office closed
- 6 TUESDAY 9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
6:00 PM Nominations Committee Meeting, LIB
- 7 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC Staff Meeting & Prep, SB  
12:00 PM Keenagers, JOS  
5:30 PM-5:50 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00 PM-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30 PM Pottery Presentation, JOS  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Children's Choir, SB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Seamless Bible Study, ASSB  
7:30 PM-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 8 THURSDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study, ASSB  
6:30 PM Education Committee Meeting, SP

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—September 11*

- 11 SUNDAY 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, SAN  
10:00 AM Sunday School, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN  
12:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting, SP  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, HR  
5:00 PM-5:30 PM Children & Youth Snack Supper, JOS  
5:30-7:00 PM Children's Fellowship, SB  
5:30-7:00 PM Youth Fellowship-MYF, YB
- 12 MONDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, JOS
- 13 TUESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Church Staff Meeting, SP
- 14 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
6:00 PM-6:15 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00 PM-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Children's Choir, SB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Seamless Bible Study, ASSB  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM Security Session, JOS  
7:30 PM-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 15 THURSDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study, ASSB  
6:00 PM-7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting, SP

### *WEEKLY SCHEDULE—September 18*

- 18 SUNDAY 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, ASSB  
10:00 AM Sunday School, ASSB-SB  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SAN  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM Bishop's Gathering, TIFTON UMC

**Acolytes**

- 4-Ruth Yarbrough & AnnaClaire Moore
- 11-Ellie Scruggs
- 18-Sam Moyer
- 25-Eastin Rogers

**Liturgists**

- 4-Marissa Brantley
- 11-Ginger Johnson
- 18-Beth Yarbrough
- 25-Kevin Lewis

**Video Technician**

- 4-Curtis Robinson
- 11-Beau Hatcher
- 18-Curtis Robinson
- 25-Philip Moore

**Children & Youth  
Snack Supper**

- 11-Kelly Rogers
- 18-Stephanie Poitevint
- 25-Nicole Dempsey

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, HR  
 5:00 PM-5:30 PM Children & Youth Snack Supper, JOS  
 5:30-7:00 PM Children’s Fellowship, SB  
 5:30-7:00 PM Youth Fellowship-MYF, YB

- 19 MONDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB
- 20 TUESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB
- 21 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
6:00 PM-6:15 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00 PM-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Children’s Choir, SB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Seamless Bible Study, ASSB  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM Security Session, JOS  
7:30 PM-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 22 THURSDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study, ASSB
- 23 FRIDAY Youth Confirmation Retreat, SAVANNAH
- 24 SATURDAY Youth Confirmation Retreat, SAVANNAH

*WEEKLY SCHEDULE—September 25*

- 25 SUNDAY 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, ASSB  
10:00 AM Sunday School, ASSB-SB  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM Friendship House Concert, SAN  
5:00 PM-5:30 PM Children’s Snack Supper, JOS  
5:30-7:00 PM Children’s Fellowship, SB  
5:30 PM Youth Leadership Interviews, YB
- 26 MONDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB
- 37 TUESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
9:00-10:00 AM Food Bank, ASSB  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Church Staff Meeting, SP
- 28 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
6:00 PM-6:15 PM CFD-WNS Pick Up, JOS  
6:00 PM-6:30 PM CFD-WNS Eat In, JOS  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Children’s Choir, SB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Youth Cell Groups, YB  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM Seamless Bible Study, ASSB  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM Security Session, JOS  
7:30 PM-9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR
- 29 THURSDAY 9:00 AM-12:00 PM MMO-TLC, SB  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study, ASSB
- 30 FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CPR Training (staff & volunteers), JOS

**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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Nominations Committee Meeting**—September 6, at 6:00 PM in the Library  
**Education Committee Meeting**—September 8, at 6:30 PM in Simmons’ Parlor  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**—September 11, at 12:15 PM in the Library  
**Church Council**—September 12, at 6:00 PM in the J.O. Smith Building  
**Worship Committee Meeting**—September 15, at 6:00 PM in Simmons’ Parlor  
**Congregational Care Meeting**—October 24, at 4:00 PM in the ASSB

## **Christian Fellowship Dinners**

### **September Menus**

#### **September 7**

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Glazed Carrots  
Salad & Rolls  
Dessert & Drink

#### **September 14**

Baked Chicken  
Mac & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Cornbread  
Dessert & Drink

#### **September 21**

Ham  
Hashbrown Casserole  
Coleslaw  
Biscuits  
Dessert & Drink

#### **September 28**

Mexican Night Tacos  
Cheese & Chips  
Beans  
Salad, Fruit  
Dessert & Drink

#### **MEAL COST**

##### **\*New Price\***

Adults (≥ 11-64) **\$8.00**  
Seniors (≥65) **\$6.00**  
Children (4-10) **\$6.00**

#### **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 5:30-5:45 pm in the lane behind the J.O. Smith building.

**Beginning September 14, meal pick-up will change to 6:00-6:15 pm**

## **BFUMC News & Announcements**

### **KEENAGERS**

Keenagers meets on Wednesday, September 7, for lunch and a program. Pastor Melissa and Lisa Enfinger will present a program on the Holy Land trip this past summer. Come enjoy the food and see where Christ has walked. Reservations are made through the Church Office.

### **POTTERY DEMONSTRATION**

As part of our exploration of the book of Jeremiah in worship, Rebecca Cole will demonstrate the pottery making process on a pottery wheel. Jeremiah tells us to go to the Potter's house. We understand this word from God better when we've watched pottery be made. Join us on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the J. O. Smith building. Make a reservation and join us for dinner.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, 6 PM**

Church Council will meet in the J. O. Smith building on Monday, September 12, 2022. The agenda of the Church Council is: approval of charge conference items, 200th Anniversary events and participation, security plan, church bus, denominational issues information and update, and reports from Finance, Trustees, and Staff. All Church Council members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Church Council meetings are open to all church members to attend.

### **SEPTEMBER GATHERINGS WITH BISHOP GRAVES**

Join Bishop David Graves this September as he travels across the South Georgia Conference to meet with clergy and laity in various settings. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide necessary and accurate information around current denominational matters. While the three Sunday regional gatherings are geared toward laity, all are welcome to attend. Clergy will have an opportunity to meet with the bishop while he is in each district for clergy specific meetings.

"I look forward to visiting, talking with, and listening to clergy and laity from each district as we seek to bring clarity around where we are as a denomination and a conference," said Bishop Graves. "I hope you will make plans now to be a part of a gathering near you."

The closest gathering to Bainbridge is Sunday, September 18, 4-6 pm at Tifton First United Methodist Church. Contact Pastor Melissa to reserve your spot on the church van.

### **SECURITY TRAINING**

On three Wednesdays in September, we will have a series of security related information sessions and training opportunities. On Wednesday, September 14, Brent Loeffler will share a security presentation he shares with many congregations around the state of Georgia. On Wednesday, September 21, representatives of the Decatur County Sheriff's office will come and share important security information for churches. These two presentations are for all members interested in security concerns who would like to learn to be proactive and know how to respond in emergencies. On Wednesday, September 28, Brent Loeffler will offer training for individuals willing to be part of FUMC's security team. This training is designed for a smaller number of individuals who will then become important volunteers in our customized security plan. All security related sessions will be from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm in the J. O. Smith building. You are encouraged to make reservations for dinner and join us at 6 pm for a fabulous meal.

## **CPR TRAINING**

The MMO/TLC and FUMC staff are participating in CPR Training led by Tyler Dalton on Friday, September 30 from 8 am -noon. Training is also available for all interested church members for \$40/person. If you are a volunteer with youth, children, or older adults you are encouraged to come get trained. Our Safe Sanctuaries policy recommends training for Church Council members and other church leaders. Advanced registration is required. Please contact the church office.

## **A BUS FOR US!**

On our mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center, our youth saw several other churches whose group came to the retreat center in a bus. They got very excited that they needed “A BUS FOR US.” Our youth group has grown and increased in activity in the last few years. Currently, when we travel, the van must be accompanied by a truck and trailer to store luggage. Passenger vans are also a high roll over risk. Many years ago, the UMC advised churches to move from vans to buses. A 15 passenger bus allows for luggage and more comfortable seating. A bus is much easier to get on and off which would benefit our older adults. The youth are spearheading an effort to raise money for a bus. The fundraising goal is \$50,000. Watch for fundraising opportunities coming soon. You may also make donations to the bus fund. Thank you for your support.

## **BAINBRIDGE FUMC HOSTS CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE**

On Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 3 pm, Bainbridge FUMC is pleased to host the Cluster Charge Conference for SOWEGA Flint River and Kolomoki Clusters. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Doreen Smalls will be presiding and preaching. This is the first in-person charge conference held since COVID 19. We will welcome pastors and lay people from churches in our surrounding area. Volunteers are needed to help everyone feel welcome. Charge Conference is the annual meeting where important business of the church is officially approved. Cluster charge conference is a time when we can meet with others from churches in our area.

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Charge Conference is the time in the church where certain official business must be affirmed by the congregation. The business of the church that is approved consists of the report of the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee, the Pastor’s Compensation, and the approval and continuation of Lay Speakers. The Charge Conference also has other duties that do not apply to every church or every year such as the approval of candidates for ordained ministry and the purchase or sale of property. The report of the Nominations Committee and Lay Leadership lists all those who have agreed to serve in leadership in the church for the coming year. Approval at charge conference means that we all affirm and give thanks for their service. A Charge Conference book is compiled each year which includes various reports about the life of the church and this important list. Because charge conference is now held with multiple churches, these reports are carefully considered by the Church Council prior to the official Charge Conference. Charge Conference books are free to all church members and will be available on October 2 and by request from the Church Office.

## **UKRAINIAN FAMILY ASSISTANCE**

Yuliia Billa, our Music Director, has a friend who has arrived to the U.S. from Ukraine. They arrived in Tallahassee on August 15th. Olga came with her two boys, but her husband is still in Ukraine. They arrived with nothing. We are looking to help them out as best we can. They are in special need of clothing (summer and winter). Olga is a size S-M, and the boys are 8 and 11 years old, sizes M (8) and L (10/12). If you have anything in their sizes (used or new) please bring it to the church office. The boys are also in need of school supplies. Your help and support is very appreciated.

## **MISSIONS—LIFELINE MINISTRIES**

The Mission Committee has set a goal to support the shoebox outreach with Lifeline Ministries for the Navajo Reservation children. FUMC has supported this ministry 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 September we will collect brushes, combs and shampoo sets.* To contribute, place the items in the container outside the church office. In October and November, we will be collecting games, toys, dolls, and candy. You can still catch up on the collection from previous months. We have already been collecting blankets, gloves, socks, bath soap bars, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and school supplies.

## Members

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following members who joined our congregation on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Philip Moore, Amber Moore, Griffin Perkins, Keena Hardin, Cathy Fisher, Renee Fisher, Marilyn Whitley, and Diane Davis.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary Burch and Greg Burch on the birth of their great-granddaughter/granddaughter, Harper Elaine White, born to Sarah and Chad White of Athens, GA on Sunday, August 28.

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Maddox Bridges and Katie (Szakal) who were married on Saturday, August 27 in Athens, GA. Maddox is the son of John & Cathy Bridges of Brinson, and Katie is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Tom & Tracey Szakal of Warner Robbins.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Dr. Eddie Hight and his family in the death of his wife, Carol Jean Hight who passed away on Sunday, August 14.

## Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

Marcia Barber	1633 Wesleyan Drive, Unit 122, Macon, GA 31210
Elon Gossett	1804 Lake Circle Drive, Bainbridge, GA 39819
Steele Malone	1808 Woodridge Drive, Bainbridge, GA 39819 229-246-1381
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### September

Handbell Choir  
4—NO rehearsal  
11—4:00 pm rehearsal  
18—4:00 pm rehearsal  
25—NO rehearsal

Children's Choir  
7—6:30 pm rehearsal  
14—6:30 pm rehearsal  
21—6:30 pm rehearsal  
28—6:30 pm rehearsal

Chancel Choir  
7—7:30 pm rehearsal  
14—7:30 pm rehearsal  
21—7:30 pm rehearsal  
28—7:30 pm rehearsal

## Music Notes

### WELCOME MICHAEL INLOW

We would like to welcome Michael Inlow as our pianist and accompanist for our Chancel Choir. Mr. Inlow has taught choral music for 30 years in Grady and Decatur Co schools! He has also been a church musician for 36 years in Presbyterian and Methodist churches! He is a wonderful organist, pianist, conductor, and singer, and is also very excited about returning to his Methodist roots and working with our choirs! Please welcome him!

### FRIENDSHIP HOUSE FREE CONCERT

Bainbridge FUMC will be hosting the Friendship House Ministries Free Concert on Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the music from the Pianist and Violinist couple from the Venezuela Symphony Orchestra.

## Youth Upcoming Events

### September

4—NO Youth Activities  
11—MYF- New Time  
25—Youth Leadership  
Team Interviews  
26—Salvation Army

### WEDNESDAYS

#### CELL GROUPS

6:00-6:30 PM. Christian  
Fellowship Dinner  
6:30-7:30 PM. Youth  
Cell Group

Beginning September 11

### SUNDAYS

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

5:00-5:30 PM. Snack  
Supper  
5:30-7:00 PM. Youth  
Fellowship

## Children's Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAYS

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00-6:30 PM. Christian  
Fellowship Dinner  
6:30-7:30 PM. Children's  
Choir

### SUNDAYS

#### CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

5:00-5:30 PM. Snack  
Supper  
5:30-7:00 PM. Children's  
Fellowship

## Youth News

Come join us for cell groups each Wednesday night. Dinner is at 6:00 and cell groups from 6:30-7:30. Youth dinner costs \$6.00 (ages 6-14) Adults (15-64) \$8.00

We will not have MYF this Sunday night (September 4) due to the holiday.

I still have applications for FUMC Youth Leadership Team. If anyone has questions, I will be here at 7:30 after youth to answer any questions. I have lots of copies of the recommendation page. Each student needs 2 if they did not get those. There will be an application process and a team will be chosen. We are excited to see our youth take roles in leadership at church.

Also, I told the youth about a musical/play the youth will be putting on for Christmas. There are only 10 spots available so if your child wants to participate, please let me know asap. First come, first serve.

Starting September 11, we will begin having Sunday youth activities-MYF from 5:00-7:00, rather than starting at 5:30. We will eat at 5:00.

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sept. 4- No youth Labor Day weekend
- Sept 7-Cell Groups
- Sept 11- MYF NEW TIME 5-7pm
- Sept 14- Cell Groups
- Sept 18- MYF 5-7pm
- Sept 21- Cell Groups
- Sept. 25- Youth Leadership Team Interviews  
(no MYF- This is confirmation retreat weekend)
- Sept. 26- Serve for Salvation Army at 4pm.
- Sept. 28- Notification of Youth Leadership Team(YLT) Members

## Children's Chat

It's September! The summer seems to have flown by. School is underway and the Holidays will be here before we know it.

Here are a few important dates to get on your calendars. Sunday, October 16, is Children's Sabbath. The 11:00 am service will be lead by our children this Sunday. They are already working on some very special offerings for this service. Sunday, November 13, is our Fall Festival! Sunday, December 18, is our Children's Christmas play. More information on these events will be available as they get nearer. More dates will also be announced as we approach them. Please put these dates on your calendars!

Children's Fellowship is back to our regular meetings. Please join me in welcoming Pauncho and Michelle Hufstetler as our assistant leaders this year. Thank you for joining us!! For the month of September, Children's Fellowship will be doing a four week Bible study on what "idols" we face everyday and why we need to keep God first in our lives.

