

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC
April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

White

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....	Cindy Lovan
	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King! arr. Page</i>
THE OPENING SONG.....	Emmaus Road Quartet
THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP.....	Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....	No. 369
	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....	The Apostles' Creed.....No. 881
THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....	Brad Tarpley
SPECIAL MUSIC.....	Emmaus Road Quartet
THE SCRIPTURE READING.....	Dr. McPhail
	<i>Psalm 23</i>
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....	Dr. McPhail
THE OFFERTORY.....	Emaus Road Quartet
*THE DOXOLOGY.....	No. 95
	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
THE SERMON.....	Dr. McPhail
	<i>Fresh Start! Seeing Restoration</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC.....	Emmaus Road Quartet
THE MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER.....	Rev. Diane Shedd
*THE HYMN of INVITATION.....	No. 600
	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>
*THE BENECTION and BLESSING.....	Dr. McPhail
*THE POSTLUDE.....	Cindy Lovan
	<i>Make a Joyful Noise Ritter</i>

Hospitality: David & Jennifer Stump | Joseph & Mae Johnson

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Studies

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, April 28, 2021
 Fried catfish, Grits, Coleslaw, Hush puppies, Lemon pie.
 (Dine-in or take out)

Adult, youth and children's studies to follow the meal and starts at 6:15 PM.

- Reservations and payment online!
- Quick curbside pick up Wednesday's 5:30-6:00 PM
- \$7 per meal for adults
- \$4 per meal 5th grade and below
- \$25 Family Max
- Online reservations due Tuesday's at 12 noon

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An Account of Our Stewardship
4/18/2021

Total In Person Worship Attendance	211
Sunday School	127
Total Online Worship Attendance	200
YTD Income	\$250,111.05
YTD Expenses	\$278,878.33
2021 Budget	\$1,108,522.55

Follow us on social media @valdostafumc and use our hashtag #valdostafumc when sharing your FUMC moments! To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your FUMC photos to epreaves@valdostafirstumc.org. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!

Directory

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Diane Shedd.....	Associate Pastor
Emily Reaves.....	Director of Youth Ministries
Kenji Bolden.....	Director of Music Ministries
Brad Tarpley.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Mallory Thompson.....	Preschool Director
Cindy Lovan.....	Organist/Children's Music Director
Linda Downing.....	Pianist
Mary Clare Tarpley	Interim Nursery/Childcare Director
Laura Leonard.....	Congregational Care/Visitation
Lily Spittal.....	Financial Administrator
Cheri Fugate.....	Administrative Assistant
Matt Felts.....	Director of Audio Visual Production
Davis Nipper.....	Visual Tech Specialist
Wendy Hart.....	Audio Tech Specialist
James Siler.....	Custodian/Church Host
Carri Bedene.....	Custodian
Mary Ann Saliba.....	Church Hostess
Matt Mullis.....	Clergy Intern
Ross Tucker.....	Youth Ministry Assistant
Josh Holloway.....	Maintenance

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THE BULLETIN

April 25, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

Alive Together in Christ. Loving, Growing, & Serving.

What Do We Want this House to Be?

When I was in 3rd grade and then again in 9th grade, I got a front row seat to the process of building a house. My mom had a family friend of ours build both of those houses, and we used the first one as a steppingstone home to lead to the second one. Knowing the contractor personally meant we could stop by on a regular basis and keep track of how everything was progressing (I even got put to work!). As the concrete was poured for the front porch of each house, we took a stick and inscribed "Joshua 24:15" as a nod to Joshua's words to the Israelites, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This simple inscription into the drying concrete made clear what my mom wanted each of those houses to be: a place of serving the Lord.

Houses take on a character and that character can take on a purpose. Many people want their houses to be places of rest, places of fun, places of blessing, and so forth. In the same way "dwelling in the house of the Lord" is an experience where we feel (or at least should) a certain experience as the character of God's presence and the purpose of the presence are made known to us. This Sunday, we will explore the joy and restoration found in God's presence, as we wrap up our "Fresh Start" sermon series.

Our Sunday topic actually serves as a wonderful precursor to the happenings of Monday night. On Monday at 5:30pm, our Church Council plans to meet to handle the ordinary business of the church, but also to move forward with two important projects. Last year we began and then subsequently shutdown a capital campaign project designed to address roof repairs, improve ministry spaces, and other facility needs. At Monday's meeting we plan to review plans from our campaign team in hopes of relaunching and concluding the campaign this spring. We also intend to officially commission a Strategic Planning Team that will look at the long-term trajectory of our church and develop the framework and the strategy for where we feel like God is calling us to go as a congregation. Both projects link together, and if we had to sum it up in one purpose it would be to answer the question, "what do we want this house to be?" As we prepare to focus on the character of God's house on Sunday, may we also experience that purpose in our conversations Monday night as well.

Anthony<><

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **Mike Robertson**: Pairs & Spares Sunday school class
In memory of **Walter Paul McNeal**: Mark & Cathy Buescher

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Norman E. McGowan on his birthday.
By: Mary Ann Saliba and Leigh Broomberg

MISSION DONATION CENTER:

Our Mission Donation Center is located as you enter the church office/education building. It's a way for us to respond to needs in our church, community, and world. There are things you can pick up as you shop or already have in your home which can bless others. Do you have unused eye glasses stuck in a drawer? How about pop tops from drink cans in your trash? Hotel soaps and shampoos you think you'll use, but never do? Still wrapped toothbrushes? Canned and dry goods to go in the Blessing Box for our downtown neighbors? Bring them with you when you come to church and put them in the boxes. Someone needy will be grateful!

FUMC Monthly Spotlight: The FUMC staff would like to extend a "BIG" thank you to **Mrs. Nell Ricketts** for her love and encouraging notes throughout the pandemic. We love and appreciate all your support! Thank you Mrs. Nell!

*Drop in for a "Fill My Cup" Ladies Tea!
Thursday, May 6th from 10:00 - 12 noon*

Valdosta FUMC Fellowship Hall

R.S.V.P. by: Friday, April 30th @ 229-242-4050



Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

This Sunday, April 25

Regular Sunday Night Youth & Worship!

TIME | 5:00PM-7:00PM

*Parents meeting will start at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

DROP OFF | 108 W Central Ave

SNACK SUPPER | Cheeseburgers!

PICK UP | Fellowship Hall Parking Lot

***PARENTS MEETING TONIGHT: 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall**

Mission Trip Parent's Meeting is for parent's of youth already signed up AND for parents/youth that are thinking about signing up!



**Week of April 25 - May 2, 2021
Looking Ahead**

Sunday, April 25

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft*
9:45 AM Sunday School*
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary*
Children's Church
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship & Worship (Youth Room)

Monday, April 26

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
9:30 AM Preschool Music
10:00 AM Alignment Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 AM Staff Fish Fry (Ocean Pond)
5:30 PM Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 27

7:00 AM Men's Group
8:30 AM Financial Counseling with Danny Jones (Library)
9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
10:00 AM Precept Bible Study (Wesleyan)

Wednesday, April 28

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
5:30- 6 PM Church Night Supper take out
5:45 PM Church Night Supper dine in
6:15 PM Adult and Youth Bible studies
6:15 PM Mission Possible for Children
7:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 29

7:00 AM Men's Group (Watt)
9:00 AM Preschool
12:30 PM Staff Lunch Club (Wesleyan)
4:00 PM Staff Bible Study (Parlor)
6:15 PM Loft Rehearsal

Friday, April 30

9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, May 2

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft * (Communion)
9:45 AM Sunday school
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary * (Communion)
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community | Country | Church leaders | Capital Campaign

Teresa Steinberg | Sarah Moon Rathel | Joanne Harrison | Kathryn Connell

Dennis Fenstermaker | Aliene Nazzaro | Nursing home members

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 25, 2021 9:00 AM

**Fresh Start! Seeing Restoration
Psalm 23**

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Kenji Bolden

Worship leader

Guest Vocalists: Emmaus Road Quartet

Hospitality: Lake & Leigh Jordan

**Preschool/MMO Ministry
2-4 year olds/8 weeks old - 2 year olds**

Fall registration continues. Limited spots are available.

For more information email mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org or visit the church website at valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo

Upcoming Events:

May 5th: Teacher Appreciation breakfast

May 7th: Muffins with Mom at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, April 25, 2021

9:00 AM Children's Moment in the Loft Service

9:45 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. We are going to have a work day this Sunday during Sunday school. Feel free to wear comfortable clothes!! Our Fruit lesson will be during Children's Church.

11:00 AM Children's Church in Sanctuary Service (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

5:45 PM Church Night Supper

6:15 PM MISSION POSSIBLE in the Loft Youth Room!

Children are invited to participate in mission projects and games.

Music Ministry

Exciting News!! Our Choir is resuming on Sunday, May 2nd.

To sign up or for more information please email

kbolden@valdostafirstumc.org.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING:

Has this past year been difficult on your finances? Would you like assistance in building a plan to get out of debt, building a budget, learning to save, or general questions about money? Financial Counseling will be available at the church Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 by appointment.

For more information or to set an appointment call Danny Jones at (229) 563-3761 or to set an appointment call the church office at (229) 242-4050.