



Keep Christ in
CHRISTMAS



The Beacon December 16 & 17, 2017

Welcome to Shalimar UMC

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us this week! Hearing assistance devices are available for the Sanctuary. Please see an usher to obtain these aids.

Enjoy fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Family Life Center Gym between worship services.

Our Vision

Christ-centered, multigenerational, family and community relevant ministries through worship, discipleship, and mission.

Our Mission

REACH, TEACH, and SEND

We **REACH** out to our congregation, community, and the world to **TEACH** the word of God as provided in the Holy Scripture, and **SEND** our members and missionaries to be witnesses to God's grace and His promise of eternal life to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Worship Services

Break Free

Our Saturday evening service begins at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center opening with a gathering and fellowship time at 5:30 pm. This transformational service involves modern music, multimedia, and a style of preaching that is practical and participatory.

Traditions

At 8:00 and 11:00 am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we celebrate through the rich traditions of our faith such as hymns led by organ and piano, seasonal vestments, and traditional Methodist liturgy. Our Chancel Choir leads the 11:00 service.

Connect

At 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we engage in a four-fold service of gathering praise, service of the Word, Holy Communion with candle stations for prayer, and sending forth. The music is a blend of contemporary praise songs and upbeat hymns.

Freedom

At 11:07 Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center Gym we worship through modern music, multimedia, and a teaching style message in a non-traditional atmosphere. We come to God as we are to experience the freedom of not having to stay that way.



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Our Cuba Hurricane Relief Brings Support Where Others Cannot

As the year draws to a close, one thing we can say is that 2017 was a historic year for hurricanes. Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, and other populated areas saw massive damage in a relatively short period of time. Relief efforts are underway in each area, and we can be proud that UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) continues to do great work wherever disaster strikes. One notable exception, however, is Cuba. When Hurricane Irma hit Cuba last September, it caused massive damage to the island. But political realities make disaster relief difficult.

Our normal channels for bringing resources to disastrous situations simply do not work for Cuba. Since Cuba has no banking relationship with the US, we could not simply send a check. We are also limited in the amount of food, material, and supplies we could bring into the country. The Methodist bishop in Cuba was busy planning and executing relief efforts, but his plan was hampered by a lack of funds. How could we help?

As our mission chairman, Pete Peters, assessed the situation, he realized that the long term relationships we have with people in Cuba, and our Methodist structure already in place there, made it possible to bring relief. Shalimar UMC, together with several other churches in the US, makes regular visits to Cuba, and always brings a lot of cash to accomplish our objectives. We could simply bring extra cash with each trip and turn it over to the bishop for his use in hurricane relief. The checks and balances were already in place to make sure money is properly handled and accounted for. The money each church collects goes to whichever church has the next mission team to Cuba. And best of all, the money goes directly to the field where it is needed most, with oversight by people who have the local population's interest at heart. In this way, we can provide relief that is simply not possible through normal channels.

Our Poinsettia Project is supporting five local and international missions, Cuba hurricane relief being one. Your support will help us to continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in that distressed area. Thank you for your generous giving.



Traditions Worship Service

Prelude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane
	<i>Christmas Medleys</i>	
Advent Meditation		Joy Ringers
	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	
Community Life and Celebrations		Rev. Faith Parry
Advent Candle Lighting		*The Perry Family **The Tovrea Family
Hymn of Praise	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Hymn No. 234
Affirmation of Faith		Hymn No., 881
Gloria Patri		Hymn No. 70
Morning Prayer		Rev. Brian Dale
Music Message	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel The Way He Came</i> Katie Schenck, soloist	*Gloryland **Chancel Choir
Offertory Hymn	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Hymn No. 218
Offertory Prayer		Dr. Brad Bradford
Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Gloryland
Doxology		Hymn No. 95
**Children's Sermon		Alicia Franklin
Sermon		Dr. Philip McVay
Hymn of Response	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Hymn No. 196
Closing Prayer		Dr. Philip McVay
Closing Song	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Hymn No. 246
Postlude		Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane

*8:00 Service, **11:00 Service

*Children's Church for the 11:00 and 11:07 am services, meets in these FLC Rooms:
PreK-104, Kinder-105, 1st & 2nd Gr-211, 3rd/4th/5th Gr-207*

3rd Sunday of Advent Parament Color–Purple



Altar Flowers

Flower bouquet and rose reservation book located in Narthex
or contact the church office at 651-0721.

Bouquets \$40 each / Roses \$4 each.



NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20 & 27 SEE YOU WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

We are in need of 10 helpers beginning in January. You
would help once a month and this includes free dinner.

Missions Meeting Cancelled

The Missions meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19th has been cancelled.

After Hours Emergency

Pastoral Assistance:

Dr. Philip McVay (850) 607-1133

Rev. Brian Dale (404) 597-6242

Rev. Faith Parry (850) 420-9888

Text to Give
850-203-3057

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Philip McVay - Lead Pastor

Rev. Brian Dale	Executive Pastor
Rev. Faith Parry	Connection Pastor
Dr. Brad Bradford	Worship Pastor
Ben Savage	Worship Ministries Associate
Karen Jadin	Preschool Director
Susan McLain	Children's Director
Kim Margold	Program Director
Jonathan Lefler	Youth Director

Philip's Focus

Christmas Is Coming...Are You Ready?

The question usually is a frequent one this time of year. Are you ready for Christmas? Usually, when I am asked I ponder the expectations of the person asking the question. In asking do they mean shopping? Decorating? Socials?

The answer to the question, "Are you ready for Christmas?", can be one we overthink. The best answer has little to do with the trappings of the season but rather the state of our hearts. The most important question it seems to me, "Is my heart ready for Christmas?" And the simplest answer to the question is, "Yes, I am getting my heart ready to worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus this year." Hopefully, the series on Advent Conspiracy has helped focus on the more Biblical meaning of Christmas and preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

When the birth of Christ is our focus our attitudes change and we see the world in a different way. The way we view others is different. Our relationships become the focus. In addition, our World and Nation will be more peaceful and loving if we focus on the birth of Jesus. The word says, "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory of the one and the only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14-15) The good news of God's love for the world in sending His Son is needed as much now as ever.

We sure could use the real message of Christmas this year. We live in a time of quick judgement, insults, and negativity. Getting ready for Christmas is just what our Nation and World needs right now. Can we get ready for, "peace and goodwill to all people?" Imagine all of us ready for Christmas, at the same time, with the real focus being the birth of Jesus in our hearts...let it be so!

Shalom,
Philip



Dr. Philip McVay, Lead Pastor
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Christmas Eve Services

Regular Services

Sat | Dec 23 | 6 pm

Sun | Dec 24 | 8, 9:30, 11 & 11:07 am

Christmas Eve Services

Sun | Dec 24 | All include Holy Communion

3:00 pm | Led by Kidz Ministry

5:00 pm | Featuring Youth Choir

7:00 pm | Featuring Chancel Choir

11:07 pm | Freedom Candlelight Service

NEXT STEPS

Sunday, Dec. 17th | 12:30 pm | FLC Rm 106

Lunch is our treat!

Join us for an informal gathering for those who want to see who they are, what we believe, and what your Next Step might be. Whether you're new to Shalimar UMC or you've been attending awhile.

PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

CONFIRMATION

THE NEXT STEP ON THE JOURNEY

Parent Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

12:15 PM

FLC ROOM 106

ALL SERVICES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



ADVENT CONSPIRACY

CAN CHRISTMAS STILL CHANGE THE WORLD?

TODAY'S SERMON NOTES:

Not in a group or class? Check these out!
shalimar-umc.org/groups
or pick up a Places to Grow flyer at the Connection Table in the FLC.

This Week's Guide for Groups & Individuals

What was the most memorable, most impactful Christmas present you ever received? I got stopped by someone in our congregation who told me that her son was born on Christmas. She never received a gift as wonderful as her son. He only lived to be five years old, but she was so happy to have spent those five precious years with him.

This week, we are thinking about how we can give to others so that we reflect the greatest gift God could have ever given us, Jesus. Think about it. "The Father gave his one and only Son. God's answer for the world's problems has never been material things. God did not give us more stuff – even good stuff like work, food, or health. He gave us himself," (Advent Conspiracy, pp. 65-66).

Our job at Christmas is to reflect this joy of receiving Christ from God 2,000 years ago in every gift that we give to others. This can be done through physical gifts, through kind words, through the sacrifice of time, or even through anonymous giving. The goal is to reflect our relationship with Christ and our relationship with the person through love.

Things to Think About:

1. What's something you can do that communicates love?
2. What's the most personal gift you've received in the recent years?
3. How can you give the gift of God's presence to others?
4. What is the biggest risk of relational giving?

Advent Conspiracy, Rick McKinley & Chris Seay, p. 131: Give More Discussion Questions.

For more thoughts, or relational gift suggestions, visit faithparry.com.

Faith Parry, Associate Pastor
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NO Pastor's Class

Dec. 20 & 27

See you Jan. 3, 2018

NORESOLUTIONS.org **AWAKEN TO GOD** 2018

21 DAYS OF WORSHIP AND FASTING

How many times have you made a list of New Year's Resolutions, just to get to January 15th and have already thrown the list out? This year, we are ditching the resolutions and making room for God to Awaken our souls. When we take time to focus on God over the span of days or weeks, we reconnect with him in a new way and get a re-boot on our spiritual life.

BOOK

The book *Awakening* is our way to invest in your spiritual life for 2018. Please read it and join us for worship. If you'd prefer not to have it in print form, you can also find it as an eBook or Audio book for your convenience.



CHECK IT OUT !!!

Christmas spirit is all around, especially in the church Library where Christmas reading can begin for you and your families. And, truly, there's no better place to start than on our children's shelves. We offer whole collections of tried and true traditional Christmas tales to read aloud...tender little books of Christmas love...books that tell the Jesus Christmas story easily and some that just make us giggle! All are arranged together on the two shelves adorned with Christmas holly and in baskets on the floor in the children's area of the library. It is true that sometimes the simplest and most honest truths come between pages of a good child's book!

Check out Christmas in the Library --and bring a child!!!

Thank you!

Congratulations to the Encourager's Adult Sunday School Class for generously donating the most wrapping paper/wrapping items to the Santa's Workshop mission. Thank you to all Sunday School classes that participated in this fun challenge. A very special thank you to the numerous volunteers who helped make Santa's Workshop a tremendous success and blessing to our community. Shalimar UMC members are a generous and loving community. Merry Christmas!

Warmest regards, Lisa M. Burkett

Serving Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

Altar Care.....	Sandy Kocanowski
Children's Church.....	PRE-K Stephanie Parham, KINDER Amanda Negron
.....	3rd/4th/5th Alicia Franklin
Communion Servers.....	9:30 Rhonda Bradford, Barbara Zipfel
.....	Rod & Becky McMillin
Connection Table.....	9:00 Marjorie Robinson
.....	10:30 Becky Carter
Flower Delivery.....	Martha Gorecki
Greeters.....	8:00 Ed & Jodelle Lippincott
.....	11:00 Al & Cathy Ondic
Pew Care.....	Angie Goodpaster
Prayer Room.....	8:00 Bev Bain
.....	9:30 James Brantley, 11:00 Frank & Jeanne Purdy
Sorters.....	8:00 J.D. Peacock, Tom Alexander
.....	9:30 Becky McMillin, 11:00 Beth Russell, Bruce Smith
.....	11:07 Lloyd Moon, Ron Garriga
Ushers.....	8:00 Bill Byerley, John Matyac, J.D. Peacock, Trimble Perry
.....	9:30 Casey Brennan, Cheri Penas
.....	11:00 Michael Qualls, Elaine Richardson, Duke Pope, Jerry Trommater
Westwood Van Driver.....	Josh Kiser

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 am FLC, Room 106

No guest speaker as we will be disbursing funds. Come join us if you would like to know whom we donate to. **All are invited**
Please contact Keith Latimer for more information.



Contribution Statements

Dear Valued Contributors,

Contribution statements have been emailed via secured PDFs. Instructions on how to open the secured PDF are included in the email. If you do not wish to receive your giving record via email or if you're not receiving your statement electronically and would like to, please let us know by calling Denise in the Finance Department at 651-0721 ext. 103.





NEW WOMEN'S STUDIES COMING TO SPLASH I and II - JANUARY 10

Start off your New Year in the Bible!!!! Both studies meet 9:30-11:30 am in the FLC and childcare is provided. We provide a video format with opportunity to be in small groups for fellowship and further sharing of what you are learning.

Splash I invites all women to join us as we start the 7-week study by Angela Thomas-Pharr called *REDEEMED*. In this study we will explore the practical side of redemption and what it means to experience the grace to live EVERY DAY better than before. If your life is like most, you might be thinking, "I just can't do this study right now." But it's time to take an honest inventory of our lives and our hearts. Are there places where your life needs to be changed by God's power? Will you trust the One who loves you for the grace to be changed? EVERY TIME WE SAY, I CAN'T, THE BIBLE HAS ALREADY DECLARED, GOD CAN!! For questions or more information contact leader Sara Michaelson at mike2mike23@gmail.com.

Splash of Joy II invites you to join us as we study *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. If you have a busy life and find it challenging to find time to sit at the feet of Jesus, this ten-week study is for you; discover the best of both the Mary and Martha parts of your life. We have small group time to discuss the previous week's work and then join as a large group to watch a video. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other Christian women and for growing in intimacy with Jesus. Cost of the book is \$14. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please contact Cathie Buckman at cathiebuckman@gmail.com or 613-6414.

Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement
after the death of a
spouse, child, family
member, or friend

Sundays @ 3:00PM
January 14, 2018

#10 2nd Street House

Please call the church office
for reservations 651-0721

The logo for GRIEF SHARE features the words "GRIEF" and "SHARE" in a serif font, with a stylized graphic of a hand holding a heart between them. The entire logo is set against a white background within a dark border.

GRIEF SHARE

The book cover features a silhouette of a person walking through a field of tall grass towards a bright, hazy horizon. The text "YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY" is printed at the bottom in a serif font.

YOUR
JOURNEY
FROM MOURNING
TO JOY

Merge Young Adults

Michelle Carmical - Lead Facilitator | 850-217-0391

 Shalimar UMC Merge



Merge 1 College & Career (ages 18-23)

Merge 2 Young Adult group (age 23-30 and beyond)

Thursdays | 6:30-8:00 pm

BOTH MERGE GROUPS and all **BIG** events meet together at #10 2nd St (behind the church in the house with a UMC flame on the garage).



It's likely you have a giant in your life that is holding you captive, intimidating you, and stealing your joy. Adversaries like fear, rejection, comfort, anger, and addiction stake a claim and gain a foothold in your heart. In this seven-day reading plan, Louie Giglio examines the David and Goliath story to show how those giants can fall: by focusing on the size of our God, not the height of your giants, and by walking in the victory Jesus has already won.

Attendance, Dec. 9 & 10

6:00 pm service	29	11:07 am service	151
8:00 am service	283	Livestream	87
9:30 am service	241		
11:00 am service	336	TOTAL	1127



MILITARY FAMILY GROUP

Begins January 10, 2018

Wednesdays | 6:00 PM

- New 9-week series begins January 10th
Heroes at Home by Ellie Kay
- For all who are connected to someone in the military
- Children's programs available & nursery

For more info call Jeanne Racquier @ 850-362-7271
or Deb Hutto @ 850-240-2564



Jonathan Lefler - Youth Director
307-689-6545 | youth@shalimar-umc.org



FUSION Shalimar UMC Youth

NEW PARENT TEXTING LINE

Text @fusionsumc to #81010

SUNDAY SCHOOL Dec. 17th
Youth Rooms

FUSION-TONIGHT, Dec. 17th | 6:00-8:00
CHRISTMAS PARTY | Feliz Navidad

Wednesday- Small Group will resume Jan. 10th

Blacklight Night Sun. Jan. 14th

MELTDOWN - Jan. 26-28, 2018
COST - \$150

\$80K



HELP US REACH OUR
GOAL

PLAYGROUND OFFERING



Please mark "Playground" on your contribution.



Susan McLain - Children's Director
Church 651-0721 | Cell 850-598-6683
children@shalimar-umc.org

Church Family, as of January, 2018, we will no longer have Choir and Fish Factory on Sunday evenings. We have decided to move that program to Wednesday nights. Please have your child (kinder-5th grade) join us on Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30 pm for Choir, 6:15 pm for free play, and 6:30 pm for Fish Factory. See more Information below.

I pray you will all have a wonderful Christmas. Wrapped in His warmth, touched with wonder and filled with His love. Merry Christmas!

KIDZ NITE OUT: Friday, Dec. 15th 6:00-10:00 pm. For kids kinder-5th grade only. Makes a great night of shopping for parents or date nite! Cost: \$20 per child, sibling discounts available. Register by noon Friday, Dec. 15th. Email, call, text, or use REMIND app to Miss Susan.

All monies collected will go to the new playground here at SUMC!

BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT: 3rd-5th grades only. Dates: Fri., Feb. 2,-Sun., Feb. 4, 2018. Register online at bluelakecamp.com, get a registration packet from KIDZ CHECK IN STATION, or see Miss Susan. Cost: \$115 per child before Dec. 15, after cost is \$125 per child. Deadline: Jan. 10, 2018.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES: 6:00-8:00 pm for Kinder-5th grade. We will not have any classes on Dec. 20th, 27th, or Jan. 3rd. Classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 10th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30-10:30 am for 4 year olds-5th grade in courtyard rooms. We will not have Sunday School on Dec. 24th

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 4 year olds-5th grade in the courtyard. We will not have Children's Church on Dec. 24th

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: kinder-5th grade. We will begin on Wednesday, January 10th, 5:30-6:15 pm. Please walk your child over and sign them in and meet us in the Sanctuary.

FISH FACTORY: Kids kinder-5th grade meet in the courtyard. We will begin on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:15 pm for free play and 6:30-8:00 pm for Fish Factory. Parents, please walk your child over and sign them in. Kinder/1st grades meet in room 11, 2nd/3rd grades meet in room 6, and 4th/5th grades meet in room 9. All classes will go to the FLC Gym at 6:30 pm for a Big Group Bible Video story, then back to courtyard for Big Group Games, then into classrooms for small group discussions, crafts, and games.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 17th

Worship Times

Traditions Worship..... 8 & 11 am
 Connect Service 9:30 am
 Freedom Service..... 11:07 am

UMM Men's Breakfast7:00 am
 Freedom Band Rehearsal 8:00 am
 Brk/Free Life Group 9:30 am
 Sunday School for all ages..... 9:30 am
 MERGE Young Adults.....10:00 am
 Little Buddies10:45 am
 Children's Church11/11:07 am
 Next Steps Lunch.....12:00 pm
 Special Buddies..... 3:00 pm
 Military Family Group 4:30 pm
 FUSION Christmas Party 6:00 pm

After School Care
 Mon. 2:00-5:30 pm
 Tues. 1:00-5:30 pm
 Wed.-Fri. 7:30 am-5:30 pm

Monday, Dec. 18th

Threads of Love 2:00 pm
 Boy Scout Court of Honor 5:30 pm
 Connect Team Rehearsal..... 5:30 pm
 Alanon II 6:00 pm
 Lighthouse Rehearsal 6:00 pm
 One + ONE Singles..... 6:00 pm
 Emerald Coast Pops..... 7:15 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 19th

Joy Ringers Bell Choir 5:30 pm
 Journeymen Workshop 6:00 pm
 Prayer Group..... 6:00 pm
 Finance Meeting..... 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

Disciple 4 6:00 pm
 Gloryland Ensamble 6:00 pm
 Rejoice 6:00 pm
 Alanon 7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 21st

Freedom/Break Free Groups 6:00 pm
 Alzheimer Support Group 6:00 pm
 Merge Young Adults..... 6:30 pm
 Emerald Coast Barbershop 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 22nd

NO ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Dec. 23rd

Worship Time

Break Free Service 6:00 pm
 Break Free Band Rehearsal 4:00 pm



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