

The Beacon December 23 & 24, 2017

# **IQUE**

Came Down at Christmas



### 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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### Poinsettia Project-Meals on Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels Team Delivers Hot Nutritious Meals

Around twenty years ago, Jeanne Purdy brought Meals on Wheels into our church as an outreach ministry. Ever since then, there has been a dedicated group of people who work each week to provide hot, nutritious meals to people who are homebound or otherwise nutritionally challenged.

Preparation and packaging of the meals is done at the Okaloosa County Council on Aging. Then volunteers go to the homes of those who need the meals and deliver them hot and fresh. There are no federal funds to support this program; it is all locally supported and operated through volunteers. The cost of the meals is \$4.50, but no one is turned away for lack of ability to pay. We are happy to support this program through this year's Poinsettia Project.

Nancy O'Brien and Kathy (Casey) Brennan lead this ministry for Shalimar UMC. If you would like to help in this vital outreach to the community, please contact Casey, kcltcol@cox.net.









### Traditions Worship Service

Prelude The Birthday of a King Joel Lane

Community Life and Celebrations \*Rev. Faith Parry

\*\*Rev. Brian Dale

Advent Candle Lighting \*The Franklin Family

\*\*The Cardinez and Hall Families

**Hymn of Praise** Angels We Have Heard on High Hymn No. 238

Affirmation of Faith Hymn No. 881

Gloria Patri Hymn No. 70

Morning Prayer Rev. Brian Dale

We All Have a Story Lee Orr

Offertory Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymn No. 240

Offertory Prayer Dr. Brad Bradford

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings Dr. Brad Bradford

This Little Child

Doxology Hymn No. 95

Sermon Dr. Philip McVay

**Hymn of Response** The First Noel Hymn No. 245

Closing Prayer Dr. Philip McVay

Closing Song Joy to the World Hymn No. 246

Postlude Joel Lane

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

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY

4th 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. 27 SEE YOU WEDNESDAY, IANUARY 3RD

We are in need of 5 helpers beginning in January. You would help once a month and this includes free dinner.

### PARKING REMINDER

As a courtesy, Havertys allows us to use the parking lot which they have leased with the exception of 10 spaces, clearly marked "Employee Parking Only." Their employees typically arrive on Sunday Mornings around 11:45 needing these spaces. We are asking all SUMC worshipers to please honor the "Employee Parking Only" spaces and never park in these spaces unless you are a Havertys employee. Thanks for helping us maintain our excellent lessor/lessee relationship.

### 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
Dawn Rozofsky, Jen Leibold	Interim Children's Co-Directors
Kim Margold	Program Director
	Youth Director

### Philip's Focus

### Abundant Worship for Christmas Eve and Into the New Year

What a great time for worship! We have abundant worship opportunities at Shalimar UMC! We hope you will be present and invite others for these worship services. Worship is going to be great as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Awakening into the New Year!

Christmas Eve is here! We have nine worship services this weekend. The Saturday Night and morning services will focus on the fourth Sunday of Advent. The evening services will prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ. Please note the morning services and evening services are not duplications at all. We hope everyone will attend a service for both the morning and the evening.

As we gather this weekend the movement will be fast. On Sunday, we will move from the fourth Sunday of Advent to Christmas Eve on the same day. This means in the morning we will light the fourth candle of the Advent Wreath and we will light the Christ Candle that evening for Christmas Eve. What a day! Shalimar UMC will be offering worship throughout the day.

Also, just into the New Year 2018, we will be offering worship for the first twenty-one days. On New Year's Day we begin with Awakening at 9:00 am. We hope you will secure a book, *Awakening*, by Stovall Weems and follow the twenty-one day devotional plan. (copies of the book are available) We hope you will take one. If you prefer Kindle, you can find the book on amazon.com. Our worship times for the twenty-one days will be weekdays at 6:00 am, Saturdays at 9:00 am, and Sunday at normal worship times.

On another note, we will welcome Hunter Bethea to preach on New Year's Eve. Hunter grew up in our congregation and has begun seminary at Asbury this year. He will be preaching on December 30th for Saturday Night worship. Hunter will also be preaching at 9:30 and 11:07 am for December 31st worship. We are so thrilled Hunter in progressing in ministry and look forward to his preaching this upcoming weekend.

What an exciting time at Shalimar UMC! Let us prepare our hearts to worship Christ the new born King!

Shalom, Philip

Dr. Philip McVay, Lead Pastor philip@shalimar-umc.org

### FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

# Merry Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PHILIP, KAREN,
MALLORY, BRIAN,
LUKE, HALEY,
BROOKE & MATT



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Brian, Sue, David & Hilda



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

AJ, FAITH

& ABIGAIL



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Brad, Rhonda,
Matt, Caroline,
Griffin,
Chandler (coming in Jan!!
Joseph, Allison,
Wynton & Emmy

# 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 reboot on our spiritual life.

### **BOOK**

The book *Awaken*ing 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.



Stay Connected! Facebook: Shalimar UMC





7:00 pm | Featuring Chancel Choir 11:07 pm | Freedom Candlelight Service

Visit us online: shalimar-umc.org

### Serving Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017

Altar Care	Sandy Kocanowski
	rs9:30 Denice Bowen, Casey Brennan
	Tod Jacks, Cheri Penas
Connection Table	9:00 Sharon Patterson
	10:30 Tammy Morgan
Greeters	8:00 Kathy Sheperd, Martha Gorecki
	11:00 Ann Moore, Stan Menees
Pew Care	Angie Goodpaster
Prayer Room	8:00 Nancy Johnson
	9:30 & 11:00 James Brantley
	8:00 J.D. Peacock, Tom Alexander
	9:30 Becky McMillin, 11:00 Beth Russell, Bruce Smith
	11:07 Lloyd Moon, Ron Garriga
	8:00 Bill Byerley, John Matyac, J.D. Peacock, Trimble Perry
	9:30 Ray & Diane Huckabone, Mike & Josie Kiser
	O Michael Qualls, Elaine Richardson, Duke Pope, Jerry Trommater
Westwood Van Dri	verKeith Latimer



### Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is always available for your use. The code to enter is 4125. On Sunday mornings, after every service, someone will be in the Prayer Room to pray with you, if you would like. They will not bother you if you would like time to yourself. There are prayer shawls available for your use as well. A Prayer Box and Prayer Cards are available for you to leave a prayer request for the Pastors and/or Prayer Team to pray for you or a situation you would like lifted up. There have been great reports of use for this special place.

The Prayer Room will be available during and after the 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm services on Christmas Eve.





## 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

### "The Savior has been born today in Bethlehem." -Luke 2:11

Those words are some of the most well-known words of the Christmas story, the announcement of Christ's birth to the shepherds. Christ was born in a manger, yet he was still wrapped in the strips of cloth that babies were traditionally wrapped in, protecting him from catching his arms and legs on something. He was the king of the world, God made flesh, yet Mary, Joseph, and probably Mary's midwife, although she's not mentioned, brought him into the world in that animal stable.

This is the most significant love story of all time. The God of creation, the son who was there from the beginning, and whom all of creation was created, was born in such a humble spot. Maybe being among his creation was the most comforting. We can only speculate. What's clear though is that Jesus was born out of God's love and born through Mary's love. The proclamation to the shepherds proved that his birth was one of all people, of all time, in all places.

This Christmas, how have you showed others how much God loves them? That's the most important question for us to ask at Christmas. We are supposed to help Christ be brought into the world again every year through our actions of kindness. We are to show people, no matter who they are that God loves them.

### Merry Christmas!

### Things to Consider:

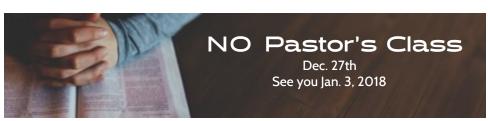
- 1. Have you ever thought about how the world hears Christian views? Why do you think they respond that way?
- 2. How are we all in some way "the poor" to whom Jesus brings his good news?
- 3. What's a way you can show love to someone else during the rest of the holiday season?

Advent Conspiracy, Rick McKinley & Chris Seay, p. 139: Love All Discussion Questions.

Visit <u>faithparry.com</u> for more thoughts for the week.

Faith Parry, Associate Pastor faith@shalimar-umc.org





### 2018 New and Changing Classes

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

For contact information and child care details, visit Shalimar-umc.org/groups. You'll also find a full group listing. Most classes have child care available upon request. Questions, contact Pastor Faith, faith@shalimar-umc.org or 420-9888.

**Monday Evening Bible Study**: This group, led by Ralph Johnson, will start again in January.

**Tuesday Evening Men's Study:** The Journeymen guys are continuing the Men's Fraternity Study *33 The Series*. They will start Vol. 6 *A Man and His Fatherhood,* January 9th. This regular group gathers at 6:00 pm and is always open to new members.

### Morning Women's Studies:

<u>Splash of Joy #1</u> resumes Wednesday, January 10th with *Redeemed* by Angela Thomas-Pharr from 9:30-11:30 am. All women are welcome for this 7-week study led by Sara Michaelson.

<u>Splash of Joy #2</u> resumes Wednesday, January 10th with the study *Having a Mary Heart In a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver from 9:30-11:30 am. Everyone is welcome for this 10-week study led by Cathie Buckman.

**Pastor's Class on Wednesday Nights:** Pastors Philip, Faith, and Brian will continue to lead on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Family Life Center after fellowship dinner. They will start with the book *Awakening*.

**Military Family Group:** Beginning Wednesday, January 10th. Jeanne Racquier & Deb Hutto will lead a study of *Heroes At Home* by Ellie Kay starting at 6:00 pm. All military family and friends are welcome to this 9-week series.

**Dancing With Words:** Learn how to tell your story of faith with Lee Orr during this 6-week series beginning on Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the FLC,

**MERGE Young Adults Thursday Evening Groups:** These groups: MERGE 1 (ages 18 -23) and MERGE 2 (ages 23-30+) are studying *Goliath Must Fall* by Louie Giglio and meet 6:30-8:30 pm with Michelle Carmical as Facilitator.

**GriefShare Grief Support Group**: A new session of GriefShare begins Sunday, January 14th. They meet from 3:00-4:30 pm for 13-weeks. All are welcome. Let us know you are coming.

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**Financial Peace University:** Another chance to invest in the future will begin in February. David Schmidt will lead this 9-week study. Materials cost is \$100 per family for the complete study kit. Please register in advance or purchase your own kit at www.daveramsey.com.

**Bible 101–Getting to Know the Word:** Join Pastor Brian for this quarterly workshop for anyone wanting to learn more about Bible basics. All are welcome on Saturday, January 27th, 8:30–Noon in the FLC.





The first Sunday of each month is food collection time for Sharing & Caring and monetary collection for our discretionary fund through the Communion Rail Offering.

Collection boxes are in the Narthex and FLC. Thank you for donating!



Please send your answered prayers by email to prayer@shalimar-umc.org. They will be sent by email to those signed up to receive the Prayer chain email. Please include your name and email address in case you need to be contacted for clarity.

# BREAK FREE SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE @ 6PM Every Saturday Night 6 pm | Family Life Center

A transformational worship service



Sunday, Jan. 21st | 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.



### CHECK IT OUT !!

NOW APPEARING in our church library: an entire shelf of books specifically written for military families. The demands of military life can be challenging, often,

staggering. Written by folks "who've been there," each book offers wisdom, coping skills, and practical guidance for all in a military family. Military kids, spouses, and warriors themselves can find help in this carefully chosen selection of books offering help and spiritual wisdom. All are available in the library, and may we ask that those interested consider participating in the upcoming start of a group poised and ready to re-start in January? Contact office or your Beacon for details! SUMC proudly supports our military!!!

And in case you've been "wondering," the library DOES have a copy of the rich and wonderful book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio! Having seen the movie or not, this read is in the category of "doing yourself a big favor!" Advertised as a kids' book, I dare anyone of any age NOT to fall in love with Auggie Pullman!!

We who try to provide you and your families with solid, really good reading and DVD watching, wish each of you a most blessed and Merry CHRISTmas!

### Places to Serve Online Volunteer Form

Go to Shalimar-umc.org, click on Get Connected tab, then on Place to Serve

### Friendship Club

Join US!



January, 2018 Monthly Meeting

Friendship Club will meet Tuesday, January 9, 11:30 am in the Family Life Center, for their monthly luncheon meeting. Our own J.D. Peacock, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, First Judicial Circuit, Okaloosa County, will be the featured speaker. J.D. is also Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee of SUMC. His wife, Laura, will accompany him. Devotional will be presented by Jerry Hollis. Chef Heyward will provide lunch at a cost of \$6.50. Please call the church office, 651-0721, to make reservations by noon Monday, January 8th.

Upcoming programs and trips will be presented at this meeting. For additional information, contact Pastor Brian Dale, 651-0721; Ollie Fay Flint, 651-2360; Betty Stewart, 243-5551; or Jon & Kathie Sheperd, 651-8008.

Reminder: Friendship Club is open to all who desire to join us for any meeting. Goals are to strive to enrich the lives of participants by providing opportunities for fellowship, inspiration, and information through social gatherings, travel, and community projects.





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### **Cookies for Hope**

The Cookies for Hope event was a huge success! We had 5000+cookies donated and raised \$1410 for One Hopeful Place. Thanks to SUMC: as usual you all contributed to this mission and on very short notice. SUMC had 35 individuals who donated multiple



dozens of cookies. I believe Cookies for Hope will become a tradition in our community. Families not only baked for the event, but they 'cookie shopped' as well. We heard comments of what a 'blessing' the event was for them and for the community and One Hopeful Place. Thanks to the Missions team for all the prayers and support to make this such a successful and heart warming event.

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Dear SUMC family,

Thank you SO much for all you have done for the Northwest Florida Blue Star Mothers and for our troops! Words can not express our gratitude for your outpouring of blessings. From your donations at the concession stand at the Christmas musical, the dedication of the offering at the musical to the Blue Star Moms, the donation of snacks and supplies for troop care packages, volunteers to help pack, and even taking some of our Sailors and Marines into your homes for the holidays, you have truly blessed us beyond all we could have hoped!

Thanks to you all, 175 (!!) troop care packages went out to help our deployed have a merrier Christmas. Twelve young Sailors and Marines, many of whom were away from home for the first time, were welcomed to a home for the holidays. And we have just begun to put your donations to work. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

### Merge Young Adults

Michelle Carmical - Lead Facilitator | 850-217-0391







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).

### one + ONE Singles

Please come join us every Monday night at 6:00 pm, at #10 Second St. for a lot of good fun, fellowship, and different activities. A monthly calendar with detailed activities is available at the FLC Connection Table. If you are 50+, single, and looking for a Christian environment, please come and join our group. Bring a friend. All are welcome from SUMC and the community.

### Attendance, Dec. 16 & 17

6:00 pm service	30	11:07 am service	177
8:00 am service	161	Livestream	57
9:30 am service	115		
11:00 am service	194	TOTAL	734

### 2017 Year End Contributions

For tax purposes, the IRS requires your contributions to be recorded in the year given. In order for you to receive credit for all of your 2017 contributions, they must be received by the Shalimar UMC Finance Department no later than December 31st, utilizing one of the following methods:

- Dropped off at the church office
- Completed online or on the kiosk
- Mailed with a postmark of December 31st

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department, 651-0721.





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





**FUSION Shalimar UMC Youth** 

### **NEW PARENT TEXTING LINE**

Text @fusionsumc to #81010

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Dec. 24th

NO FUSION TONIGHT-Dec. 24th

Wednesday - Small Group will resume Jan. 10th

Blacklight Night Sun. Jan. 14th

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





### Dawn Rozofsky, cell 294-2384 | Jen Liebold, cell 582-4985 Church 651-0721 | 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!

**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. 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. 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. 24th

Worship Times	
Traditions Worship	8 & 11 am
Connect Service	9:30 am
Freedom Service	11:07 am
Children's Christmas Eve	3:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	11:07 pm
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

Monday, Dec. 25th OFFICE CLOSED

Little Buddies ......10:45 am

Tuesday, Dec. 26th OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 27th		
Gloryland Ensamble6:00 pm		
Rejoice6:00 pm		
Alanon7:00 pm		
Thursday, Dec. 28th		
Overnight Scrapbooking 2:00 pm		
Freedom/Break Free Groups 6:00 pm		
Merge Young Adults6:30 pm		
Emerald Coast Barbershop 7:00 pm		
Friday, Dec. 29th Overnight Scrapbooking 8:00 am		
Saturday, Dec. 30th Worship Time		
Break Free Service6:00 pm		
Overnight Scrapbooking8:00 am Break Free Band Rehearsal4:00 pm		



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