



# The Americus FMC Bulletin

## September 21, 2025

### 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

*God is good!*

*All the time!*

Today, we celebrate 100 years where the sanctuary has provided a space for the people of First Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly. We are excited about the impact of this sanctuary, both past and present. To listen to memories being shared, to having conversations about events and precious moments spent inside this beautiful sanctuary, and to reflect on the impact God has had on His children, all make for a great day for us to enjoy.

I am thankful today for the many people who had the vision, the desire to prayerfully consider rebuilding the church following a devastating fire, and all who have been faithful in worship, fellowship and spiritual growth over the history of the church. May we never forget the sacrifice God made on our behalf, by sending Jesus Christ as a gift of salvation for all who would repent and follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

I look forward to a special day of worship and sharing memories as we celebrate 100 years in our sanctuary. Let's enjoy all of God's blessings for us as we gather in the name of our Lord! To God be the glory!

God bless,  
Daryl

To all the hands and hearts who helped bring this beautiful day together—thank you.

Whether you greeted at the door, arranged the flowers, prepared the music, set up the chairs, prayed behind the scenes, or simply showed up with love in your spirit—your contribution matters deeply. Today's service is a reflection of your dedication, your faith, and your willingness to serve.

You are the living body of Christ in action, and I am humbled and grateful to walk alongside you. May God bless each of you abundantly for the time, energy, and care you've poured into this gathering.

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# First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 10:00 am

September 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost

100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary Building

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Sam Morris

WORSHIP ..... Praise Band

Honey in the Rock (Ligertwood, Lake, Wong)

Come, Jesus Come (Fowler, Bentley, & McWhirter)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI #71 ..... Sam Morris

PRELUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

ACOLYTE PROCESSIONAL

CELEBRATIONS ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... Chancel Choir

ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir

Bless This House (arr. Joseph M. Martin)

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Sammy Bledsoe

OFFERTORY ..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95 ..... Sam Morris

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... Handbell Choir

Alleluia, Let Praises Ring (arr. Brian J. Heinlein)

CELEBRATION MEMORY ..... Bill & Ann Harris

Sherrell Bailey

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris

To God Be the Glory (#98 UMH)

CELEBRATION MEMORY ..... Sam Hunter

Jane Arnold

Alex Riccardi Turner

WORSHIP ..... Rebecca Ferguson & Praise Band

Friends (Michael W. Smith)

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

BLESSING & BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), Jim Bolin, John Fowler, Bob McNeill,  
Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy, Casper Speegle, Dylan Brown

# TREE OF LIFE

At First Methodist Church

In our Memorial Hall, you will find a wall with the beautiful Tree of Life that represents our church family. On this wall, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us, we celebrate new life and we honor those we love. If you would like to know more about how you can add a leaf to the Tree of Life with your own personal message, please contact our church office at [office@fmcamericus.org](mailto:office@fmcamericus.org) or call (229) 924-3169.

THANK YOU!



Join us in the parlor for  
fellowship  
Thursday, September 25th at  
6:00 PM  
or  
Monday, September 29th at  
10:00 AM  
Two opportunities to connect,  
grow, and serve together.  
All women are welcome!



## Operation Christmas Child

### Help Us Reach Our Operation Christmas Child Goal!

We need: tennis balls, marble sets, jacks, bouncy balls, small notebooks, tambourines, harmonicas, card games, and fidget balls. You can search "Operation Christmas Child" on Amazon for other ideas. We also accept donations. Let's gather everything before our November packing party!

Thank you from the Missions Committee

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Mike Bledsoe, Christina Brown, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, Lydia Ann Fowler, Vicki Oliver Gilbert, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Lyn Johnston, Nick Klein, Tyler Mazey, Floyd Martin, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Ted & Brenda McMillan, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gail Price, Chris Revell, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, Jim Stanfield, Susanne Stanfield, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Heather Voss, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Ben Williams, Karen Willis



Tomorrow marks the first day of Autumn, so we're celebrating all week long with our *Fall Fun* theme! We hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Casey Pitts, Director



## CONFIRMATION CLASS KICK OFF

We're excited to begin a new season of spiritual growth and discovery!

All students preparing for confirmation—and their families—are warmly invited to join us for our Confirmation Class Kickoff Breakfast.

Come meet your classmates, learn what's ahead, and enjoy some fun, fellowship, as we launch this meaningful season together.

Let's grow in faith, ask big questions, and build lasting connections.

Please join us—we'd love to see you there!

Breakfast on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
in the Youth Foundry



## ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS



**Awakening Collegiate Fellowship (ACF)**  
**Every Tuesday at 5:45 PM in the FMC Foundry—**  
Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship and Biblical learning. Gatherings are such a meaningful way to connect, reflect, and grow spiritually with others who are navigating college life.

**Women's Small Group Meeting**  
Every Wednesday— 4:15 PM in the FMC Foundry  
Come join in!



Internationally Renowned Pianist  
**TERESA WALTERS**



**Dr. Teresa Walters**

"Teresa Walters is that rare musical phenomenon – a pianist born to the instrument," announces Austrian National Television. "One of the world's most significant pianists, she creates magic with the music." Described as "The International First Lady of Piano" by The New York Times, Teresa Walters has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist on 6 continents

and 50 United States at venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, Wigmore Hall in London, the Salle Cortot in Paris, Moscow's Great Hall, Jerusalem's Concert Hall, Australia's International Conservatorium and Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing. She is at home in the world's major concert halls or campus and community settings where her famous "Keynote Comments" inspire audiences worldwide.

**Free to the Community**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2025 AT 3:00PM**

### **Flowers on the Altar**



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the life of Eugenia Smith in remembrance of her birthday. A cherished and devoted member of First Methodist Church for many years, Eugenia's faith, kindness, and unwavering spirit touched countless lives within our congregation and beyond.

The flowers on the pedestals are given to the glory of God by Leon Holloway and Gatewood Florist.

*"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." — Matthew 6:28–29*

### **Gifts in Memory of**

**Mary Davis**

From

Janice Clgett



### **Family Night Supper**

**BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Potato Salad, Dessert**

**Please make your reservations by**

***Monday at Noon***

**to the office or on Communication Cards**

**September 24th**

**5:15 pm in the Social Hall**

***Come Enjoy the Food and Fellowship!***

# Events This Week

## Sunday, September 21st

10:00 am -12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building  
 10:00 am 100th Anniversary Celebration in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 am Lunch in the Social Hall

## Tuesday, September 23rd

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the  
 Coffee Café  
 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite  
 5:45 pm ACF Meeting in the Youth Foundry

## Wednesday, September 24th

4:00 pm Stitches Meeting in the Parlor  
 4:15 pm ACF Women's Small Group in the Youth  
 Foundry  
 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café  
 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall  
 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Social Hall  
 6:00 pm Youth Worship in the Foundry  
 6:00 pm Children's Activities in God's Playhouse  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

## Thursday, September 25th

6:00 pm WSC Meeting in the Parlor

## Friday, September 26th

Office Closed

## Upcoming Events

October 5th 3:00 pm Steinway Piano Concert in Sanctuary  
 October 5th 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals  
 October 13th 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café  
 October 15th 5:00 pm Fall Festival Event  
 October 18th 10:00 -1:00 pm Bread Making Class in the  
 Social Hall  
 October 27th 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the  
 Social Hall  
 November 9th 3:00 pm Duo Fuerza– Piano Concert

## OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

**Total Sunday Worship Attendance for September 14th: 286**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship ..... 60    11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ..... 142  
 Sunday School..... 84    Wednesday Night Activities..... 76

## **Giving as of September 14th:**

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 10,520.83  
 YTD Budget Giving ..... \$ 511,879.69  
 YTD Budget Expenditures ..... \$ 548,996.76