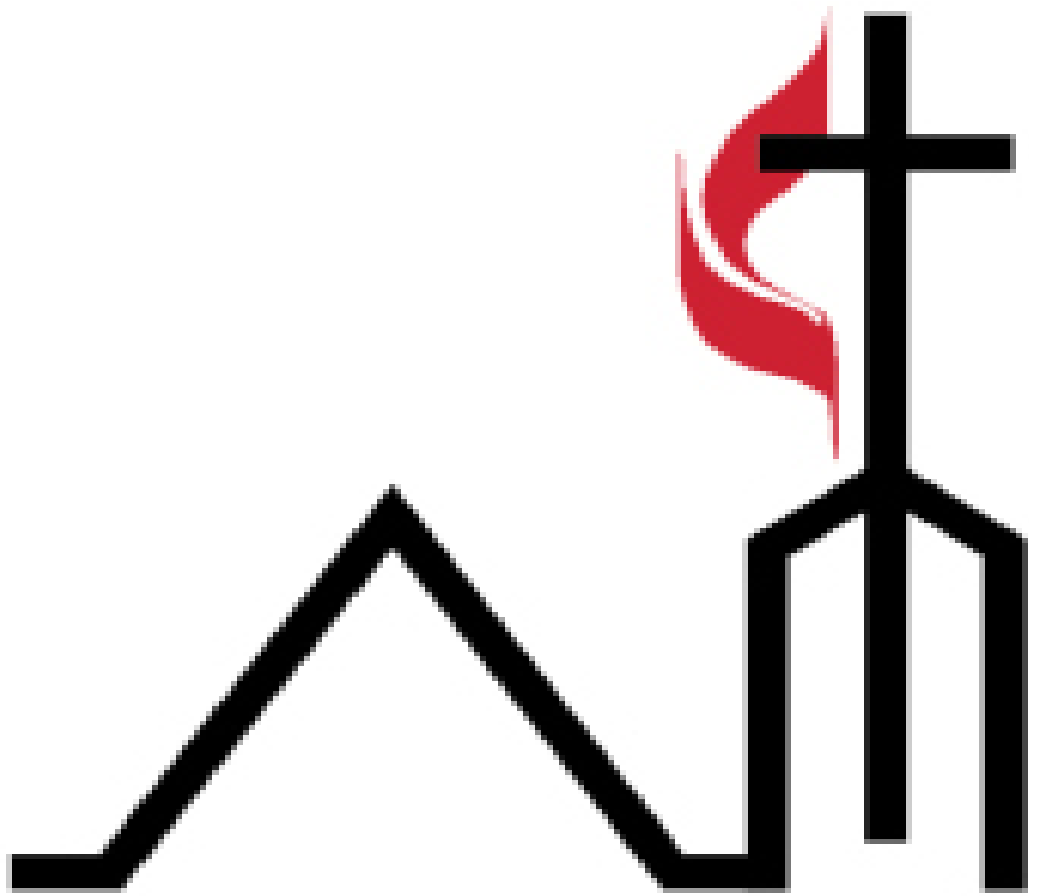


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# THE GOOD NEWS

# BREACON



Shalimar United  
Methodist Church

Week of  
September 3, 2023

# Shalimar UMC



## Lead Pastor Dr. Alan McBride

REACH | TEACH | SEND

Dr. Brad Bradford  
Rev. John Kelsoe  
Gerald Batton  
Chris Bennett  
Chris Bennett  
Pat Brantley  
Denise Heath  
Karen Jadin  
Tony Mallini  
Heyward McKenzie  
Amanda Marshall  
Sarah Hicks  
Sara Morrison  
Leigh J. Rice  
Dawn Rozofsky  
Ben Savage  
Jeremy Thiess

Worship Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Custodian  
Facility & Maintenance Manager  
Interim Youth Director  
Office Administrative Assistant  
Finance  
Preschool Director  
Interim Church Administrator  
Chef  
Nursery Coordinator  
Children's Director  
Financial Assistant  
Respite Director  
After School & Camp Director  
Worship Arts  
Ministries Assistant

### **AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY PASTORAL ASSISTANCE**

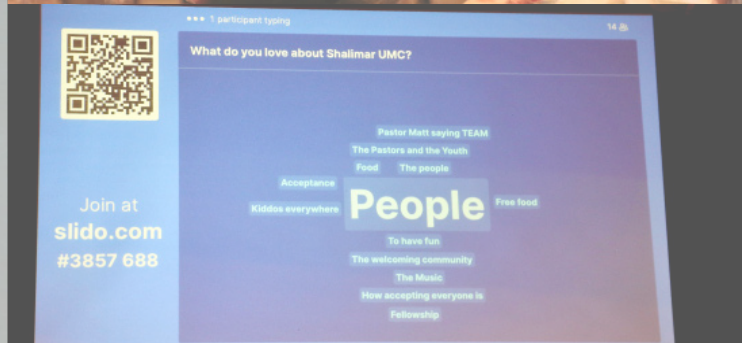
Dr. Alan McBride: (251) 747-3567

Dr. Brad Bradford: (850) 227-4328

Rev. John Kelsoe: (334) 464-1620

# OUR VISION

Christ-centered, multi-generational,  
family & community relevant ministries through  
worship, discipleship, and mission.



# OUR MISSION

We **REACH** our community with the good news of Jesus Christ.  
We **TEACH** how to love God and to love one another as ourselves.  
We **SEND** disciples into the world to share their experiences of Jesus.



**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**8AM | TRADITIONS | SANCTUARY**

In Person & Online  
Message by Rev. John Kelsoe  
Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford

**9:30AM | SANCTUARY**

In Person & Online  
Message by Rev. Dr. Alan McBride  
Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford  
and the Connect Team

**11AM | TRADITIONS | SANCTUARY**

In Person & Online  
Message by Rev. John Kelsoe  
Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford

**11:07AM | FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

In Person & Online  
Message by Rev. Dr. Alan McBride  
Worship Led by Ben Savage  
and the Freedom Team



# Week of September 3, 2023

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SS ADULTS	9:30 AM
SS YOUTH	9:30 AM
SS SPECIAL BUDDIES	9:30 AM
KIDZ WORSHIP	9:30 AM
KIDZ WORSHIP	11 AM
** PASTOR CHATS (POSTPONED)	3 PM
SPECIAL BUDDIES	5 PM
YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT @ TRINITY UMC	5 PM

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

OFFICE CLOSED

BREAD HOUSE	9 AM
THREADS OF LOVE	10 AM
LIGHTHOUSE REHEARSAL	6 PM
ALANON	6 PM
AA	8 PM

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

JOYFUL PLACE	10 AM
KIDZ 3RD GRADE BIBLE STUDY	3:45 PM
ADV. IN MARRIAGE LEADER TRAINING	5:30 PM
MEN'S GROUP	6 PM
PRAYER GROUP	6 PM

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BREAD HOUSE	9 AM
SPLASH OF JOY 1	9:30 AM
BLESSINGS FOR CHILDREN	10 AM
FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DINNER	5 PM
TRAUMA REBOOT	5 PM
KIDZ CLUB	5:30 PM
YOUTH SMALL GROUPS	5:30 PM
GLORYLAND	6 PM
OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES	6 PM
PASTORS CLASS	6 PM
REJOICE	6 PM
YOUNG ADULTS	6 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR	7 PM
AA	8 PM

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

JOYFUL PLACE	10 AM
KIDZ 4-5TH GRADE BIBLE STUDY	3:45 PM

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

BREAD HOUSE	9 AM
SCRAPBOOKING	10 AM
EMMAUS	5:30 PM

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SCRAPBOOKING	8 AM
PICKLEBALL	9 AM

\*\* PASTOR CHATS ARE POSTPONED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

September 6, 2023  
Spaghetti

# CHURCH LIFE



## ***FALL GROUPS STARTING SOON!***

*AVAILABLE GROUPS LISTED ONLINE & IN WORSHIP GUIDE  
CALL CHURCH OFFICE (850) 651-0721 FOR MORE DETAILS*

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Church Life page on our website!

## FIRST RESPONDER DINNER

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We love our First Responders! To show our appreciation, we will be providing first responders with a free dinner on Wednesday, September 6 from 5–6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The spaghetti dinner will also include a special prayer of blessing for them. Dinner available for dine in or grab it to go. First Responders can RSVP [HERE](#).

## UPCOMING FALL GROUPS

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You're invited to jump into the many small groups that are kicking off this month. There's something for the whole family!

### KIDZ BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesdays (3rd Grade) & Thursdays (4–5th Grade) beginning September 5 | 3:45–4:45 p.m. | McDonalds (Shalimar) | POC: Sarah Hicks – [sarah@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:sarah@shalimar-umc.org)

### TRAUMA REBOOT

Trauma Reboot is a faith-based, peer-led course that empowers everyday people to find healing from trauma. This 12-week course begins Wednesday, September 6 at 5 p.m. in Cross Corner. Contact Jeanne Racquier (210–389–3918) for more information.

### MOPS: MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Every second Thursday beginning September 14 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | FLC Gym  
POC: Jessica Allen at 850-797-1134.

### BEST MARRIAGE EVER

Wednesdays beginning September 27 | 5:30–7 p.m.  
POC: Jeremy Thiess – [jeremy@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:jeremy@shalimar-umc.org)

## YOUTH CHOIR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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Shalimar's Youth Choir is hosting a pancake breakfast and carwash on Saturday, September 23 from 7–11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$7 per person. Purchase tickets from a Youth Choir member, parent, or Worship Pastor Brad Bradford in the FLC Lobby on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning September 6.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & ARTICLES



## FIRST RESPONDERS DINNER

**SEPTEMBER 6 | 5-6 PM | FLC**

**FREE DINNER FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS  
AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!**

**FIRST RESPONDERS TO  
RSVP USING QR CODE**



## PASTOR CHAT UPDATE

The previously scheduled Pastor Chats sessions on Sunday, September 3 with Dr. Alan McBride will unfortunately be postponed. Pastor Chats will continue each Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Conference Room beginning Thursday, September 7.

## PASTOR CHATS

**Rev. Dr. Alan McBride**

**THURSDAYS AT 10AM**

**In the Chapel**







# Best Marriage Ever

EIGHT WEEK COURSE  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27  
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30–7:00 PM

EMAIL [JEREMY@SHALIMAR-UMC.ORG](mailto:JEREMY@SHALIMAR-UMC.ORG) TO REGISTER

Welcome to your “Best Marriage Ever”! This eight-week course is hosted by Live The Life in partnership with Shalimar United Methodist Church from 5:30–7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 27. The course is designed for married couples and provided at no cost. Nursery, childrens, and youth programming are provided during this time. Contact Jeremy Thiess ([jeremy@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:jeremy@shalimar-umc.org)) for more info or to register.

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## CUBA MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

September 28  
6:00 p.m.  
Cross Corner

Contact Pete Peters  
(703) 395-2437

Interested in serving God on an overseas mission trip in 2024? Join Pete Peters for an informational meeting regarding the Cuba Mission Trip in Cross Corner at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28. Contact Pete at (703) 395-2437 with questions or for more information.



★ HAPPY *Labor* DAY ★

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

## DID YOU KNOW?

Are you or someone you know going through a difficult time? We have trained Stephen Ministers who will provide one on one, confidential Christian care as they walk alongside you. Please don't hesitate to contact Sara Michaelson at 850-865-3343.



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## KIDZ CORNER REMODEL

*Thank  
you!*



# LOSS OF SPOUSE SEMINAR

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one. GriefShare's Loss of Spouse seminar provides ways to cope and heal in a loving and caring environment. The event is hosted from 6–8 p.m. on October 12 via Zoom.

Cost is \$5 which includes the participant's guide.

Contact Nancy Kahrs at (850) 226–3097 for further details and register online at:

<https://www.griefshare.org/loss/events/7574>

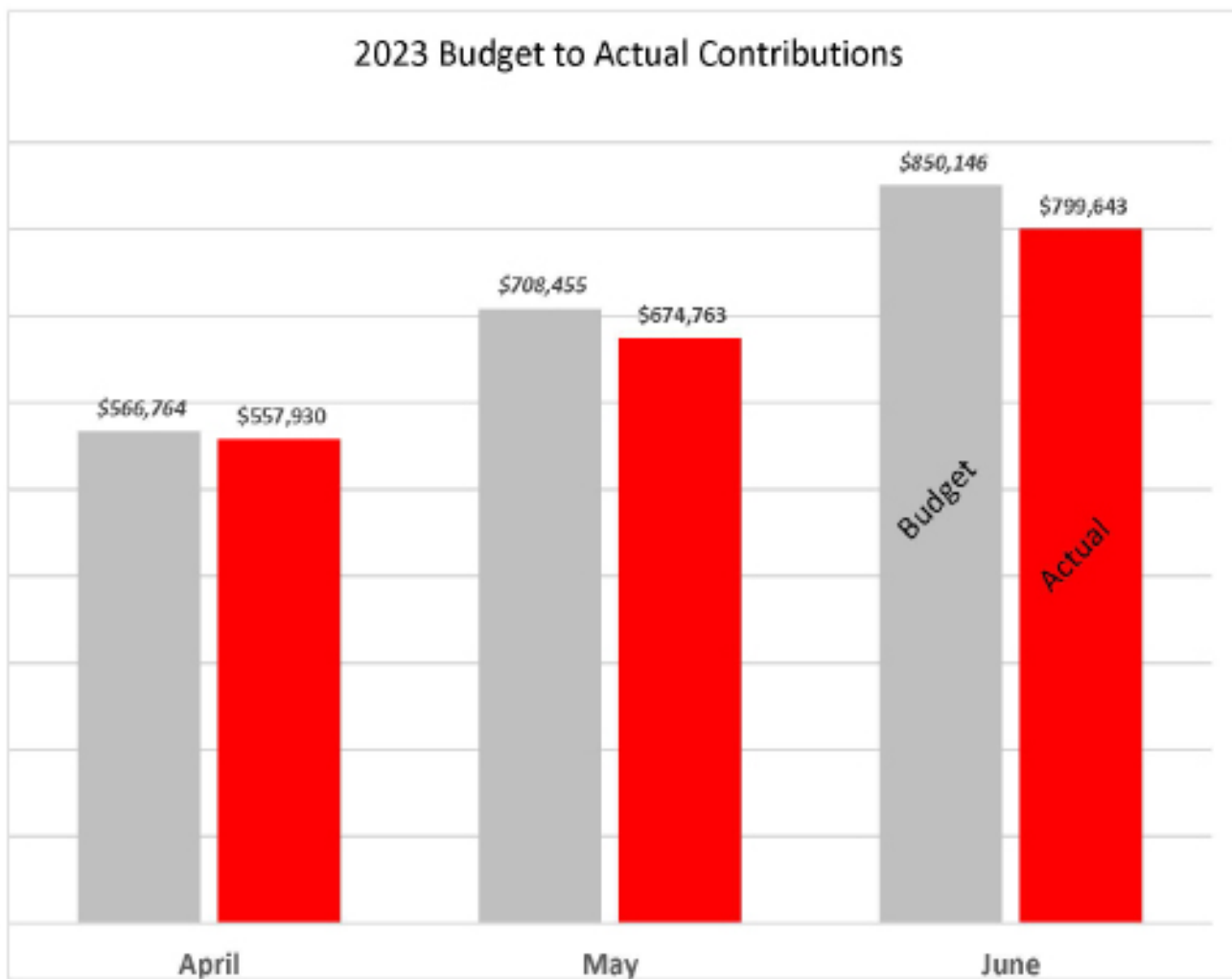


## ATTENDANCE 08.27.23

8:	111
930:	59
11:	150
1107:	125
LIVESTREAM:	158
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>626</b>

# MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
TOTAL INCOME:	\$133,146	\$1,015,488
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$138,511	\$1,082,689
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):	(\$5,366)	(\$67,201)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DESIGNATED:	\$14,587	\$210,989





# Trauma REBOOT



## TRAUMA HEALING FOR **EVERYONE**

**Trauma REBOOT** is a 12-week, faith-based, peer-led course empowering everyday people to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future.

Too many never really heal from trauma, and trauma ends up controlling their lives. Maybe that's you.

Through practical teaching and a supportive community, Trauma REBOOT can help you begin to break free from the pain of your past and find renewed purpose and strength. It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

More than **10,000** people have graduated from REBOOT courses and overcome trauma. *Are you next?*



REBOOT courses meet once a week for 12 weeks.



REBOOT courses are led by people like you. No judgment, total privacy.



REBOOT is open to anyone, no matter what you've been through.



REBOOT is faith-based but not preachy. All are welcome, all can heal.

**REBOOT**  
RECOVERY



Local course starting soon! Register to join:

**REBOOTRECOVERY.COM/JOIN**

For More Information, Contact: Jeanne Racquier  
Phone Number - 210-389-3918

Starting on Wednesday Sept 6th- December 6th at 5pm





# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF EMERALD COAST, FL



## First Responder Appreciation Dinner And Blessing Ceremony



**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Starts at 5:00 pm**

**Shalimar United Methodist Church**

**1 Old Ferry Road Shalimar, FL 32579**



**Scan the QR Code or  
RSVP with your designated  
first responder POC**

We are getting geared up for our **FALL ARTS & CRAFTS** and are asking for your support in gathering items for our creations.



We gladly welcome second - hand items. Canning rings can be rusted, we are going to paint them. 2 x 4's can be cut to lengths ranging from 5" to 12", and 4 x 4's can be cut to lengths from 12" up to 24". Please bring wood pre-cut as we have no way to cut items here. Clean out the shed and bring us your old, salvaged, and reclaimed wood. We will turn it into a work of art!

**Items can be dropped off at the Cross Corner Fellowship Hall during respite hours, or contact Leigh, respite director to coordinate.**

As always, if you'd like to Joy in on the joy as a volunteer and come create with us, we would love to have you.

**Be JOYFUL always!**

**-Leigh Rice  
Respite Director  
[joyful@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:joyful@shalimar-umc.org)**



**Dr. Alan McBride**  
*Lead Pastor*

**Rev. John Kelsoe**  
*Associate Pastor*



**Dr. Brad Bradford**  
*Worship Pastor*

August 17, 2023

Dear Church Family,

I want to first tell you that Karen and I are so thankful, excited, and thrilled to be in this wonderful church! As I write this letter, I am starting my eighth week as Lead Pastor at Shalimar UMC. I am very much in a learning mode as I seek to discern where God is at work among us, where He is leading us, and what's next for our mission and ministry as a church for Christ in this community.

As I have been learning about Shalimar, I have had many conversations across the congregation. Along with many exciting things I'm learning, I am also picking up expressions of confusion about "where we are" in regards to the Disaffiliation Process with the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. In this letter, I wish to give a brief update to as many people as possible and am certainly willing to come and talk with anyone about these matters – just contact me so I can help you better understand.

January 30, 2023, the Church Council of Shalimar UMC voted to enter the Discernment/Disaffiliation Process which had been created by our Annual Conference leadership, Bishop, and Conference Board of Trustees. This process had been in place since March of 2022. The rationale and our process was based upon a particular paragraph in the UM Book of Discipline, ¶2553, which was adopted and placed in the Discipline in 2019. This paragraph was written and accepted with a "sunset clause" – its authority allowing churches to leave the denomination for a specific reason will end December 31, 2023.

This paragraph in the Discipline stated that for "reasons of conscience" related to the Discipline's language regarding same-sex unions, ordination of homosexual pastors, and other matters related to human sexuality, local churches could vote to disaffiliate from the larger denomination. However, ¶2553 did not give guidance on how Annual Conferences should carry out disaffiliation. This meant that different Annual Conference Bishops, leaders, and Conference Boards of Trustees across the denomination could set different standards, procedures, applicable to the churches within the bounds of their Conferences.

Bishop David Graves, his Cabinet of District Superintendents, and our Conference Board of Trustees established a process that set requirements for local churches to meet in order to be considered for Disaffiliation. From March 2022 until June 5, 2023, Churches in our Annual Conference were not required to state and certify the actual "reason of conscience" about human sexuality language written in our Book of Discipline as the churches followed the process.

In our Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, following special Called Annual Conference meetings in May 2022, November 2022 and more recently in May 2023, 241 churches have disaffiliated from the UM Church in the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference. This means that our Annual Conference has lost nearly 48% of its churches in a little over 12 months.

As a direct consequence of the number of churches who left, our Conference Board of Trustees elected to clarify the guidelines for the process of disaffiliation. These clarifications were submitted accepted at our most recent Annual Conference gathering in Mobile, AL, June 11–14, 2023. So, on June 13, 2023, a New Process came into effect which requires churches such as Shalimar UMC to provide and certify the church's "reason of conscience" for the need to disaffiliate and provide additional information.

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Shalimar UMC was already engaged in the process of discernment preparing for the possibility of voting to disaffiliate, following the previous guidelines established in March 2022. The New Process from the Conference Board of Trustees does not contain a "grandfather clause" which recognizes the efforts of churches already in the original process. Therefore, new requirements were added to our church's work as it continues in this New Process.

Between June 15 and July 27, our Church Council met and fulfilled the additional requirements called for in the New Policy. However, the New Process added or changed four elements over which our church has no control:

- One element is a Missional Assessment conducted by a trained team from the Pensacola District, United Methodist Church, which studies and reports on Shalimar UMC's effectiveness and place in it's community as we carry out the mission of the United Methodist Church. This assessment seeks to determine if the mission of the UMC will be helped or harmed if Shalimar UMC ceases to be a United Methodist Church. The parameters of this assessment are found in ¶1213 of the UM Book of Discipline.
- The second element in the New Process relates to three windows of time, or timelines.
  1. Shalimar UMC had to rapidly collate minutes of meetings, reports, and membership contact information to be submitted by a certain date. This was accomplished.
  2. There is a 30-day window during which the Missional Assessment Team is to conduct their study and issue a report to the Conference Board of Trustees. I have been informed that this assessment has been scheduled, but was given no detail about when it would do it's study. Shalimar UMC does not know when this 30-day window begins or ends.
  3. Once the Conference Board of Trustees receives the required information from Shalimar UMC, it must also receive the Missional Assessment. At the time that these items are both collected by the Trustees, they have a 30-day window of time to study the information and issue direction to our District Superintendent, Rev. Jean Tippit, about whether she may or may not schedule a required Church Conference where all Professing Members are asked to be in attendance to vote about disaffiliation. Since I do not have any information about the timing of the Missional Assessment, I don't know when the Trustees' time window begins and ends.
- The third element is after our District Superintendent receives instruction from the Conference Board of Trustees, Rev. Tippit will then need to coordinate with our Leadership and me about scheduling a Church Conference in order to hold a disaffiliation vote.
- The final element is crucial – a firm deadline. All the above information must be reviewed, formatted, and prepared for presentation to Lay and Clergy delegates to the Called Annual Conference which will take place on November 12, 2023. This deadline is October 15, 2023.

As you may discern, the clarifications which were amended at Annual Conference in June have actually served to cause our Church Family to feel "frozen in time." Many of us wonder what is next. According to my understanding of the New Process, Shalimar UMC is simply waiting to hear ultimately if the District Superintendent will have instructions to schedule our Church Conference. Due to Rev. Tippit's schedule, I believe that our Leadership and I will hear about scheduling a vote in a Church Conference during the first week of September.

Please feel free, as I said earlier in this update, to contact me if I can help you understand further any of the issues surrounding the process in which we are engaged. I'm not waiting for anything, myself. I am pushing forward and asking you to join me as we continue to be the Church, carry out our mission, and tell and show others the immense love of God in Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Alan W. McBride



# MOPS

First Meeting Thursday, September 14 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | FLC

- ✓ Mothers of Preschoolers meet in the Family Life Center on the second & fourth Thursday mornings with holiday exceptions
- ✓ Scheduled Playdates & Moms Night Outs
- ✓ Nursery Provided



MOPS Contact  
Jessica Allen  
(850) 797–1134



DID YOU  
KNOW?

## MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Are you a mother of a preschooler looking for a fun-filled community while your little ones are in school? Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets every second and fourth Thursday mornings (with holiday exceptions) in the Family Life Center from 9:30–11:30 a.m. with nursery provided. Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 14, and you're invited! We also host regular playdates and Mom's Night Outs.

For more information, contact Jessica Allen at (850) 797–1134.

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## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Entree & Kids: Spaghetti

\$7 - adults

\$3 - children (ages 3-10)

RSVP: email [office@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:office@shalimar-umc.org) or call (850) 651-0721

by noon on Tuesdays.



## SHALIMAR UMC YOUNG ADULTS

# 2023 FALL FUN!

<b>Boat/Beach Day</b>	<b>Sept</b>
<b>Escape Room</b>	<b>Oct</b>
<b>Friendsgiving</b>	<b>Nov</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Nov</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Dec</b>

**STAY UP-TO-DATE!**  
**Download GroupMe App:**

SEE YOU  
WEDNESDAY!  
REV. JOHN  
KELSOE



Shalimar UMC Young Adults



 Join on GroupMe



# **Shalimar Student Ministry Fall Calendar 2023**

## **WORSHIP & WORD**

Sunday Nights | 5-7 | FLC

August 13, 20, & 27  
September 10, 17, & 24  
October 1, 15, 22, & 29  
November 5, 12, 26  
December 3, 10

## **SMALL GROUPS**

Wednesday Nights | 5-7 | YOUTH ROOMS

August 23 & 30  
September 6, 13, 20, & 27  
October 4, 11, 18, & 25  
November 1, 8, 15, & 29  
December 6 & 13

SMALL GROUP PARTIES: December 20

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

CHS Shalimar UMC Sponsorship Game: September 1

Worship Night at Trinity UMC: September 3

The Challenge Weekend: September 29/30

Pumpkin Event: October 8

Friendsgiving: November 19

Christmas Party: December 17

**Interim Youth Director, Chris Bennett**  
**youth@shalimar-umc.org | (850) 598-3966**  
**Church Office: (850) 651-0721**



# **SHALIMAR KIDZ**

# **FALL 23**

## **K – 2ND GRADE**

**BIBLE PRESENTATION: AUG 20 | 9:30 | SANCTUARY**

**STORYBOOK BIBLE CHALLENGE: AUG 21–SEPT 25**

**STORYBOOK BIBLE CELEBRATION: SEPT 29 | 5–7 | FLC**

## **3RD GRADE**

**BIBLE PRESENTATION: AUG 27 | 11:07 | FLC**

**BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAYS BEGINNING SEPT 5**

**3:30–4:30 | MCDONALD'S (SHALIMAR)**

## **4TH & 5TH GRADE**

**BIBLE STUDY: THURSDAYS BEGINNING SEPT 7**

**3:30–4:30 | MCDONALD'S (SHALIMAR)**

## **ALL KIDZ EVENTS**

**FRIDAY FUNDAYS: SEPT 1, OCT 6, & NOV 3 | 5–7 | FLC**

**FALL FESTIVAL: OCT 29 | 5–7 | FLC**

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: DEC 3 | 6–7 | FLC**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: DEC 9 | 8–10 | FLC**

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: DEC 15 | 5–9 | FLC**

**CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR, SARAH HICKS**

**sarah@shalimar-umc.org | (850) 651–0721 x116**

**shalimar-umc.org/children**





The annual youth Challenge Weekend runs September 29–30 at various locations in Okaloosa County. The Challenge Weekend is a joint partnership with Trinity UMC, Mary Ester UMC, First UMC of FWB, and Beachside to show the students what it means to love like Jesus did.

Registration forms and \$60 trip cost are due by Wednesday, September 13. Sign up in person during Sunday or Wednesday youth programming, or email completed registration form to [youth@shalimar-umc.org](mailto:youth@shalimar-umc.org). Payments can be made in person or online/kiosk. Simply put “youth challenge weekend” in memo/notes section.

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## MISSIONS DID YOU KNOW?

The Teenager Gift Card Ministry is now a year-round ministry at Shalimar UMC. Recently, teenagers in high school and college were taken back to school shopping for clothing, school supplies, and other basic needs. Contributions may be made to this ministry at any time of the year to the designated fund for Teenager Gift Card Ministry on your check or internet contribution. The number of homeless teenagers and teenagers in foster care in Okaloosa County and the surrounding area is rising. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Contact Ron Garriga, [r.garriga@cox.net](mailto:r.garriga@cox.net) for more information.

# CONTACT US

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## APP STORES

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