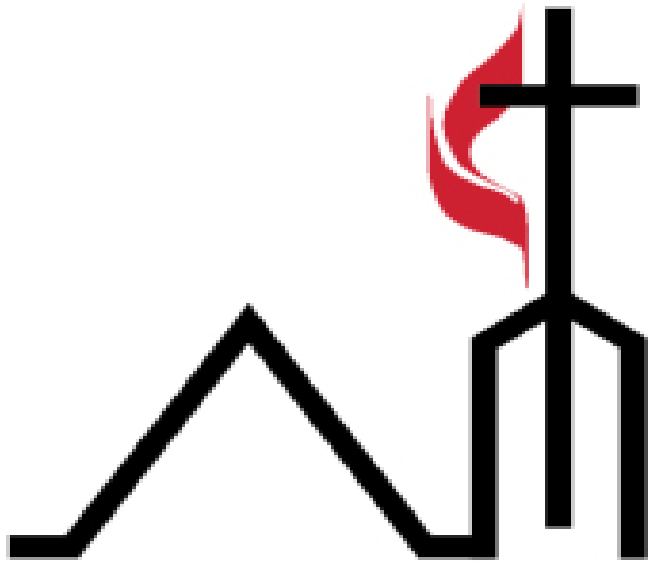


BEACON

week of
December 17, 2023



Shalimar United
Methodist Church

Shalimar UMC



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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.

Weekly Schedule

Week of December 17th

Sunday, 17th

Thiess Family Reception (FLC)

9 am

Adult Sunday School 9:30 am

Shalimar Students Sunday School 9:30 am

Special Buddies Sunday School 9:30 am

Shalimar Kids Worship 9:30 am

Thiess Family Reception (FLC)

10:30 am

Shalimar Kids in Freedom Worship 11:07 am

Special Buddies 5 pm

Shalimar Students Worship 5 pm

Monday, 18th

Bread House 9 am

Threads of Love 10 am

Connect Service Rehearsal 5:30 pm

Alanon 6 pm

Lighthouse Rehearsal 6 pm

AA 8 pm

Tuesday, 19th

Joyful Place 10 am

Shalimar Kids 3rd Grade Bible Study 3:45 pm

Men's Group 6 pm

Missions Meeting 6 pm

Prayer Group 6 pm

Freedom Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm



Wednesday, 20th

Bread House	9 am
Blessings for Children	10 am
Hope For The Holidays	4 Pm
Fellowship Dinner	5 Pm
Shalimar Kids Club	5:30 pm
Shalimar Students Small Groups	5:30 pm
Gloryland	6 pm
Old Testament Studies	6 pm
Pastor's Class	6 pm
Rejoice	6 pm
Young Adults	6 pm
Chancel Choir	7 pm
AA	8 pm

Thursday, 21st

Joyful Place	10 am
Shalimar Kids 4-5th Grade Bible Study	3:45 pm
Alzheimers Support Group	6 pm

Friday, 22nd

Bread House	9 am
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SHALIMAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES
10:00 & 11:07 AM
PASTOR ALAN MC BRIDE
ASSOC. PASTORS
DAN BRADFORD
JAN KIEL SOE



RECEPTION FOR THIESS FAMILY

Say goodbye to the Thiess Family
in the Family Life Center between
services on Sunday, December 17.

— This Week in Worship —

Sunday, December 17, 2023

TRADITIONS – SANCTUARY

8:00 a.m. – In-Person & Online

Message by Rev. John Kelsoe

Decision Time

Luke 1:46-55

Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford

Dr Alice Biggar and Tracy Mank – Sing We Now of
Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Gloryland – Birthday of a King and Calypso
Christmas

Joy Ringers – Fantasy on The Wexford Carol

CONNECT – SANCTUARY

9:30 a.m. – In-Person & Online

Message by Rev. Dr. Alan McBride

Make Room for Joy

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford

The Connect Worship Team

Holy Communion Celebrated by Rev. John Kelsoe

TRADITIONS – SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m. – In-Person & Online

Message by Rev. John Kelsoe

Decision Time

Luke 1:46-55

Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Brad Bradford

Dr Alice Biggar and Tracy Mank – Sing We Now of
Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Gloryland – Birthday of a King and Calypso Carol

Chancel Choir – Shout! Sing Hallelujah

Joy Ringers – Fantasy on The Wexford Carol

FREEDOM SERVICE– FAMILY LIFE CENTER

11:07 a.m. – In-Person & Online

Message by Rev. Dr. Alan McBride

Make Room for Joy

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Worship Led by Ben Savage

The Freedom Worship Team

December 20

Wednesday *Fellowship* Dinner

ENTREE: CHRISTMAS HAM

KIDS: PIZZA

\$7 ADULTS | \$3 KIDS (3-10)

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HOPE

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CUBA MISSION TRIP

GRAB A LIST OF NEEDED
ITEMS & DROP OFF TO
FLC LOBBY BY JAN. 15

MISSION TRIP
JAN. 19-29, 2024

Christmas Eve

Traditions service | 9 a.m. | Sanctuary
Brunch | 10 a.m. | FLC

Contemporary service | 11:07 a.m. | FLC

Children's Christmas Eve | 3 p.m. | FLC

Service of Lessons & Carols | 5 & 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

Contemporary Christmas Eve | 11:07 p.m. | FLC

Church Life

Cuba Mission Trip Items Needed

Grab a flyer from the FLC Lobby and consider donating the items listed for the 2024 Cuba Mission Team to bring to Methodist churches and a Retirement Center in Cuba. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the FLC Lobby through Monday, January 15. We also request your prayers for our team's safety and for your financial support. To make a financial gift, please note "Cuba Mission" in the memo line however you usually give.

Hope For The Holidays Service

The holidays can be a difficult time for those who have recently lost loved ones. That's why we are hosting a special Christmas service on Wednesday, December 20, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The "Hope for the Holidays" service will offer scripture and words of comfort to help you walk through your grief; you will have an opportunity to light a candle at the altar in memory of your loved one. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer with our pastors before and after the service. We pray the presence of Emmanuel (God with us) will give you comfort and hope in your time of loss.

Christmas Eve Services

Invite a friend to worship with you at our Christmas Eve services this year! Advent week four begins with morning worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:07 a.m. These services will fill our hearts with anticipation for the peace that Christ will bring at his arrival. There will also be a fellowship brunch in the Family Life Center beginning at 10 a.m.

Then, we have four unique evening services to attend – each service intentionally designed to center our hearts and minds on the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All services include Holy Communion, with candle lighting at the 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11:07 p.m. services.

9 AM | Brunch | 11:07 AM | 3 PM | 5 PM | 7PM | 11:07 PM

Good of the Church

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Over 300 kids and parents joined us last Saturday for a special breakfast, crafts, and photos with Santa!



Offering Moment

ADVENT OFFERING

This time each year, we intentionally set aside the desire to receive what we want and find ways to give to the needs of others in our community. One way we do that is through the Advent Offerings. This year, we are giving to local non-profits:

CHILDREN IN CRISIS, EMBRACE FLORIDA KIDS, DESTIN HARVEST, & SHELTER HOUSE. You can find more information about these programs in the Beacon. Designate your gift to the Advent Offerings by giving your usual way and including "ADVENT OFFERING" in the memo line.

Attendance 12.10.23

8:	145
930:	159
11:	240
1107:	53
Kids:	17
Bay Port Chapel:	18
Livestream:	194
TOTAL:	826



ADVENT OFFERING

**CHILDREN IN CRISIS
EMBRACE FLORIDA KIDS**

**DESTIN HARVEST
SHELTER HOUSE**

Children in Crisis

CIC is committed to "Providing Homes...Keeping Brothers and Sisters Together." Since 2008, they have given a safe home to abused, neglected, and abandoned children in our community. For more information about CIC, visit childrenincrisisfl.org.

Embrace Florida Kids

Formerly the United Methodist Children's Home, Embrace Florida Kids strengthens biological and foster families by providing resources, and a safe, stable environment for children. Learn more about their story and their work advocating for vulnerable children and families at embraceflkids.org.

Destin Harvest

Destin Harvest provides weekly food deliveries to programs in Okaloosa and Walton County who are battling food insecurity—including our very own Bread House! They receive daily overages from local grocery stores and deliver directly to faith-based feeding outreach programs, food pantries, soup kitchens, backpack programs, homeless shelters, low-income afterschool programs, meals-on-wheels, and even subsidized mental health clinics. Learn more at destinharvest.org.

Shelter House

Shelter House provides free and confidential services to sexual assault and domestic violence victims in Okaloosa and Walton County.

– Articles & Announcements –

DID YOU KNOW?

The SUMC Missions & Outreach Committee connects with many agencies in our local community. One of those agencies is One Hopeful Place. This is a ministry for our homeless to go during those cold freezing nights to be warm, fed, and given the opportunity to wash clothes and bathe.

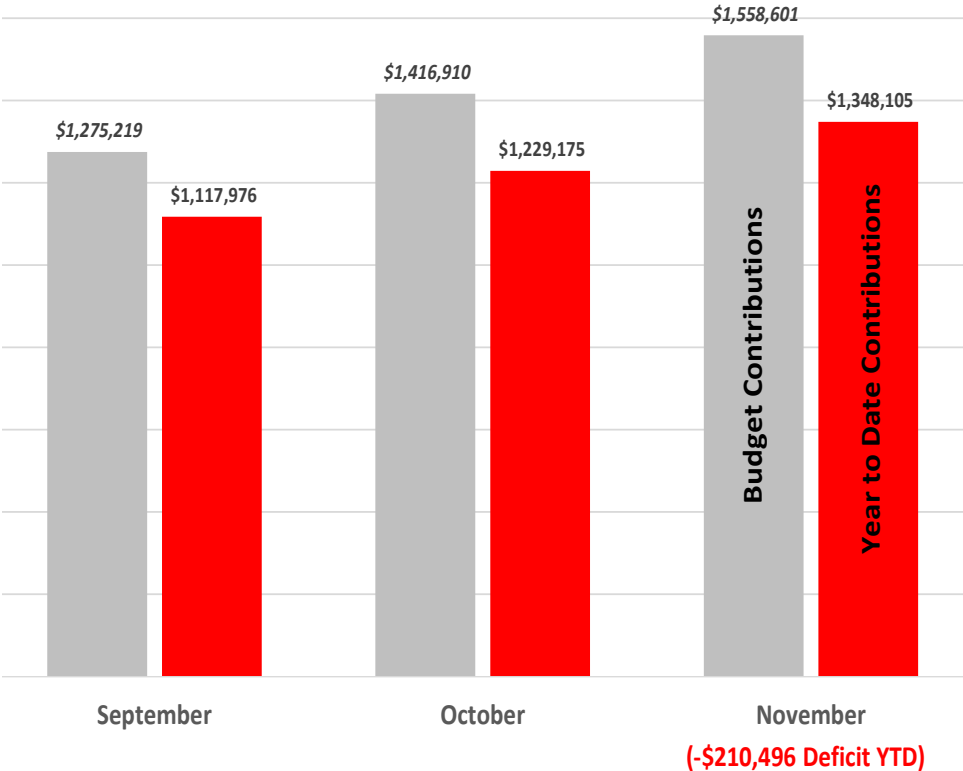
One Hopeful Place currently has a need for can goods, rice, and paper products. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please reach out to Ms. Sherry Jones, Community and Public Relations Director at 850-376-3509.



YEAR END GIVING

GIVING MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31
TO BE INCLUDED IN 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2023 Budget to Actual Contributions





Are you passionate about helping people feel welcome and enjoy themselves over a delicious meal? If so, consider serving on the Hospitality Team during the weekly fellowship time at Wednesday night dinner and Sunday morning brunch. Contact Chef Heyward McKenzie during the fellowship times for more information.

The church office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26. The office will reopen with limited hours on Wednesday, December 27. We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

So You're in the Know... [a Shalimar UMC podcast] will not be recording new episodes over the holiday season. Look for special things coming Lent 2024!

If you wish to include your gifts in the 2023 financial statements, please ensure they are postmarked by Sunday, December 31.





Hello everyone!

We are blessed to have wonderful friends, volunteers, families and community partners. This respite ministry is only possible because of the support and dedication of others.

Love you ALL!

- Leigh Rice





Through the years, one of the foundational pleas of the Prayer Team has been that "Our church would forever be a House of Prayer." With that as our inspiration, we would like to present our **Congregational Prayer Focus Plan** for November. The November and December Prayer Focus will be available in the Sanctuary Narthex and in the FLC. They can also be downloaded from the church webpage.

This week we are praying for:

This week we are praying for the Christmas Eve morning and evening worship services, Pastors and worship teams.

Jim Brantley, Shalimar UMC Prayer Team Coordinator



As Shalimar UMC has done for many years, we will be sending a mission team of nine members on this January 19–29 to serve Christ and love our Cuban brothers and sisters. This trip will focus on serving three Cuban Methodist churches and a Retirement Center with whom we have special relationship.

Please consider donating the following items for the team to bring to the churches of Cuba:

- **Medicines and vitamins of any kind**
- **Personal hygiene products (male and female)**
 - **Perfume or cologne**
- **Musical instruments (keyboards, guitars, brass instruments, etc)**
 - **Tools of any kind**
 - **Reading glasses**
 - **Sporting equipment**
- **Craft items (for children's Vacation Bible School)**
 - **Spanish Bibles**

Donated items can be placed in the designated box located in the FLC Lobby through Monday, January 15.

In addition to the items listed above, we also request your prayers for the safety of our team, and your financial gift support would be very welcome as well. To make a financial gift, please note "Cuba Mission" in the memo line; however you usually give to Shalimar UMC.

Please contact Mr. Pete Peters at (703) 395–2437 or Pastor Alan McBride at (251) 747–3567 with any questions or special ideas to offer this mission experience.





RECEPTION FOR THIESS FAMILY

Say goodbye to the Thiess Family
in the Family Life Center between
services on Sunday, December 17.

Join us at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, December 17 for a farewell reception for the Thiess family in the FLC. Jeremy has served on staff since October 2022 and will be moving to a new ministry role with another church beginning in January 2024. Come to say goodbye to Jeremy, Shelley and the kids before his last day on Sunday, December 31.

New Year's Eve *Services*

9 traditions
10 brunch
11:07 contemporary

You're invited to our special New Year's Eve worship services on
Sunday, December 31!



This new five-week series dives into the story of the wise men in Matthew 2, and how their example teaches us to steward what we have been given to serve God. During this series, we'll take the next step in our discipleship journey as we offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Join us on Sunday, January 7, for the beginning of The Gifts of the Wise!



Last Sunday, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra performed their annual Christmas musical, which this year was called "The Silence and the Sound." You can see it online at shalimar-umc.org/livestream

DID YOU KNOW? For those individuals over 70 ½, there are two ways you can give from your IRA and avoid paying federal income tax on the withdrawal.

1. You can make a qualified charitable distribution tax-free from your IRA. You must request the distribution from your brokerage firm or financial advisor, and the check will be sent directly to the church.
2. For those receiving a required minimum distribution from their IRA, you can direct your brokerage firm or financial advisor to direct the distribution as a qualified charitable distribution and avoid any tax. The distribution will be sent directly to the church.

For more information on this excellent method of giving, contact your brokerage firm, financial advisor, or our Church Administrator, Tony Mallini at administrator@shalimar-umc.org.





SHALIMAR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
**ADVENT
CALENDAR**
FOR THE YEAR 2023

“Make Room” Sermon Series

Sundays, December 3–24

Youth Choir Musical

December 3 | 9:30/11:07 a.m. services | FLC

Children’s Musical

December 3 | 6 p.m. | FLC

Breakfast with Santa

December 9 | 8–10 a.m. | FLC

Chancel Choir Musical

December 10 | 8/9:30/11 a.m. services | Sanctuary

Hope for the Holidays

December 20 | 4 p.m. | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

Traditions | 9 a.m. | Sanctuary

Brunch | 10 a.m. | FLC

Contemporary | 11:07 a.m. | FLC

Children’s Service | 3 p.m. | FLC

Lessons & Carols | 5/7 p.m. | Sanctuary *

Contemporary | 11:07 p.m. | FLC *

Holy Communion served in all evening services

*candlelight services only

New Year’s Eve Services

Traditions | 9am | Sanctuary

Brunch | 10am | FLC

Contemporary | 11:07am | FLC

WEDNESDAY

Dinner Menu

adult entrée*: \$7

kids meal (ages 3-10): \$3

family: \$25

NOVEMBER

- 1 Meatloaf
Kids: Hot Dogs
- 8 Baked Chicken
Kids: Chicken Fingers
- 15 Thanksgiving Meal
- 29 Lasagna

DECEMBER

- Chicken Penne Alfredo 6
Kids: Corn Dogs
- Hamburgers 13
- Christmas Ham 20
Kids: Pizza
- No Dinner 27

RSVP

TUESDAYS AT NOON
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* gluten-free salad option available upon request



Advent



JOY
to the world

1 CEREAL	2 PEANUT BUTTER	3 JELLY	4 PACKAGE OATMEAL	5 CAN/CUP FRUIT
6 PACKAGE PASTA	7 SPAGHETTI SAUCE	8 CAN TUNA	9 PACKAGE RICE	10 CAN GREEN BEANS
11 CAN CORN	12 Mac & Cheese	13 CAN/BAG PINTO BEANS	14 CAN/BAG WHITE BEANS	15 CAN/BAG BLACK BEANS
16 CAN CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	17 CAN MUSHROOM SOUP	18 CAN TOMATO SOUP	19 CAN CHICKEN	20 PACKAGE DIAPERS ANY SIZE
21 PACKAGE BABY WIPES	22 CHILDREN'S SOCKS	23 WASHABLE MARKERS	24 CHILDREN'S LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS sm-lg	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



This activity will help you to gift those families and individuals served by the SUMC Bread House and Blessings for Children ministries. Here's what you do:

- Get a box. Decorate it if you want – maybe attach the December calendar we've provided here!
- Please return the box to the Bread House on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Thanks!

Missions & Outreach Committee

Keep an eye out for the **Advent Mission Box flyers** in the Sanctuary Narthex and FLC Lobby this Sunday. This annual activity organized by the SUMC Missions & Outreach Committee provides us the opportunity to gift those families and individuals served by the Bread House and Blessings for Children ministries.

Here's what you do:

- Get a box and decorate it if you want. Then, attach the Advent Calendar we've provided here.
- Everyday add one of the items listed on the Advent Calendar and check it off. Whatever amount you can donate is appreciated!
- When your box is complete, return it to the Bread House on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

Pray with us

FIND THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS AT
SHALIMAR-UMC.ORG/PRAYER-MINISTRY



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Student Ministry
Sun Dec 17
5-7 pm
FLC gym

Small Groups
Wed Dec 20
5-7 pm
???



Week 188 – Dec 8th

Food Distribution Numbers

This Week

582 bags collected
 408 bags given out
 0 card given out
 424 members served

Total

67,984
 52,684 (197.6 tons)
 239 (\$8735)
 51,564

22 New Families visited this week, representing 93 individuals.

Thanks to Barbara Zipfel for her donations of Grits and Oatmeal! Much appreciated!



Items always needed!

1. Toilet paper and Paper Towels a must need each week!
2. Canned Meat; Tuna, Chicken, Spam!
3. Canned Vegetables: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed!
4. Dried goods, beans and rice!
5. Fruit, potatoes, onions

If you don't have time to shop, you can donate money to The Bread House by sending a check to SUMC, MEMO line put "Bread House."

Questions or want to become a volunteer, contact Pete Peters, 703.395.2437, fpeters1@cox.net, or Robin Hays @ 850-621-7014. We'd love to have you!

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