

THE LINK

TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH LOVE, WORSHIP, SERVICE, AND EVANGELISM

Christianity is surrounded by links. I've met people who have met you, and I know that some of you have met people that know me. It's always fun to discover those links, and to remember that the world is smaller than we often make it. I love the idea that this newsletter is called, "The Link."

Church Street UMC has done a tremendous job of helping me link up with you. I'm reminded as I write this, of one of the greatest ways to start the link is with an act of kindness. All of the food (cakes, pies, tomatoes, cucumbers, bread, chicken swirls, invitations to lunch, etc.), as well as the offers of help, and the general friendliness of the congregation have been overwhelming in the best possible way! I feel so incredibly blessed to be here, and that's because of you. Thank you!

We live in a world that is increasingly polarized. You stand for one political party or

another, one football team over another, the sheer number of choices that we have to make a stand on can be overwhelming! That's why I take comfort in documents like the Apostle's Creed.

The Apostle's Creed is not a document that seeks to do anything other than declare what we believe. I don't know if you have ever stopped, and listened to the church as we say this, but I love to listen to the church as they do what some pastors call the "holy murmur." Not because we are ashamed, but because it has become rote. But, in those lines we find a number of things that remind us that no matter what we may believe in so many categories, we are linked together by these. Take some time to read the Apostle's Creed (UMH 881). Think about the ways we think about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. These are the core things. These are unbreakable links that bind us to one another.

It reminds me of Colossians 3:12-14 which says, "12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

In this increasingly polarized world, let's keep the main thing (those heavenly things) the main thing. We are united by more than what divides us. Praise God!

Grace and Peace,
Lance

Church Street Staff

Rev. Lance J. Eiland

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Reminder:

If you aren't able to attend Sunday morning, be sure to listen to our prior weeks sermon on Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1 Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Music Ministry Notes from Gordon

The summer is half over. And so is the singing of the "good ol' favorite hymns." Thank you for singing these favorites with enthusiasm, joy, and excitement. I love these hymn medleys!

We were blessed as Sara and John McWilliams presented two beautiful vocal selections in July. Our final summer guest soloist is Christine We-

erts, who will share her vocal talent with us on Sunday morning, August 20. I know you will give her a warm Church Street welcome! By the way, she is the wife of our former Facilities Director, Luke Weerts.

It's not too early to ask for Chancel Choir members! Our fall schedule will begin soon so consider being a part of this wonderful choral group. Contact me if you have any questions.

Gordon



Meals-on-Wheels For the week of July 31st

Monday:

John Sherrer

Tuesday:

Anita Williams

Wednesday:

Joy Beers

Thursday:

Pat Deavor

Friday:

Jim Sims

Please pick up your meals between 9:30 and 10:00 am. If you are unable to deliver on your assigned day, please find someone to take your place and notify the Church Office of the change.

Youth Ministry Fall Dates

August 16 - Fear Factor Food School Kickoff at Meadowview Christian School

6:15 - 8:00 pm

September 10 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 1

September 17 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 2

September 24 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 4 - 5

Promotion Sunday and presentation of Bible to Rising Third Grader will be Sunday, August 13th, during Morning Worship.

Congratulations to Edward Moore Hain Beers, Jr.!

Hain will graduate from Auburn University on August 5, 2017. He accepted a job in Mobile working at JubileeScape and began in June.

Casual Dress for Worship

continues through
Labor Day
weekend,
September 3rd.

Children's Church Volunteers Needed - There are currently 4-6 couples that volunteer in this area. We'd love to have at least 2 more so you only have to serve every other month. Please contact the Church Office.

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, August 27th, at 8:00 am in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.

**Emmaus will meet
Tuesday, August 1st, at
6:30 pm, in Windham Hall.**

Bible Study Groups

The TUESDAY Bible Study Group led by Martha Jackson will resume in the fall.

The WEDNESDAY Bible Study Group continues to meet for lunch at 11:00 am, at a designated location. Contact Suzanne Stringer for more information.

Leika's News

Leika's Parents will meet Friday, August 11th, at 9:00 am, in Windham Hall.

Leika's School will start Monday, August 14th.

Memorials

Lucy Bright
By: Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill
Seeker's Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Anderson

Bruce Burson
By: Mrs. Monette Walker

Charles Cammack
By: Mr. and Mrs. George Register
Mrs. Monette Walker

Billy Faile
By: Mrs. Monette Walker
Mr. and Mrs. David Pearce
Mrs. Sharon Hardy

Mary Ann Patterson
By: Mrs. Monette Walker
Mr. and Mrs. David Pearce
Mrs. Sharon Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. George Register
Mrs. Judy Spivey

Bill Sellier
By: Mrs. Sharon Hardy
Mrs. Monette Walker

Evelyn Smith
By: Mrs. Monette Walker

Rev. Charles Walker
By: Mrs. Monette Walker

Leika's Lambs News

Leika's Lambs Staff Development will be Monday, July 31st.

Leika's Lambs first day of the Fall Session will be Tuesday, August 1st.

Stewardship June - Month End

Year to Date

Pledge Offering	36,112.06	Total Revenue received	
Non-pledged Contributions	6,625.00	Jan. - June 2017	244,537.00
Loose Collection	156.00	Total Expenses	
Sunday School	24.00	Jan. - June 2017	<u>267,487.00</u>
Breakfast	238.00	Excess of Expense	
Capital/Sanctuary Funds	0.00	Over Income	
Windham Hall	0.00	Jan. - June 2017	(22,950.00)
Total Receipts	43,155.06		
Worship Attendance	112		
Sunday School	91		

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SOCIAL
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Check our website
churchstreetumselma.org,
and our Facebook Page,
profile name - Church
Street United Methodist
Church, Selma.

**In Christ's Service this Week
July 30, 2017**

Acolytes: Maryanna Turner & Walter Gilmore

Nursery Workers: Rand & Kayla Smith

Children's Time: Dawn Wendland

Children's Church: Randy & Gail Lovelady

Breakfast Cooks: Allen Williams & Kenny Green

Greeters: Pairs and Spares

Lay Leader: Frank Speed

Ushers: Bill Porter, Captain, Randy Lovelady, Tom Boyd, David Ousley, Andy Arrington, Les Smith, Andy Wendland, Brad Utsey, James McNeill, Claude Anderson, and Buc Shaw

Worship Steward: Cora Smith

Collection Counters: Amy Sims & Julie Ford

Sunday School Superintendent: Leonard Ingram

Sound Technician: Rand Smith

In Our Prayers

CURRENT NEEDS:

Bill Lightfoot
HOMEBOUND:
Barry Blanton
Mary Blanton
June Calame
Jean Johnson
Lucille Sellier
James Charles Utsey
Alma Moore
Nell Woodward

ONGOING:

Joyce Vaughan -
Elna Scales' sister
George Register
Russell Foster
Anne Porter
Frances Smith
Dot Lovelady
Jeanne Green
Suzanne Ingram
Quintilla Wood
June McLaughlin
Kay Friday
Alice Gray Butler
Steve Campbell

Mary Elizabeth Chatman
Sharon Craig
Reita Sample Davis
Michelle Dorough
Virginia Guarino
Edith Hughes
Anthony Mims
Emme Nichols
Diane Rainer
Arthur (Deedle)
Sullivan
Jean Walker
Samantha Wilson
Hermine Cohen
Faith Lendner
James Morgan
Tim & Barbara Young
Marilyn Zeigler
Sara Elam
Ed Greene
Charles & Martha
Maurer
Mary Nell Mayo
Ken Chance
Shannon Miller Cook
Bill Gardner
Kevin and Connie Parr
Gayle Barton

Ed Sanderson
Ted Waterman
Marsha Powe
Henry Pitts
Dan and Yvonne Mielke
John Young (Gwen & Buc Shaw's friend)
Barbara Eiland (Lances's Mom)
Dawn Simmons (Gale Bedgood's sister)
Nan Barronton
Lesia Canty
Peggy Cross
Helen Edwards
Lori Goodson & family
Lynda Johnson
Jeni Saylor
Joyce Vaughan
Rex Waldrop
**OUR MILITARY
OUR NATION**

**Please help us update
the prayer list by
calling the church Office
with additions or
deletions**

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Return Service
Requested

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

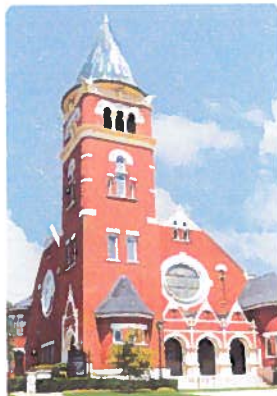
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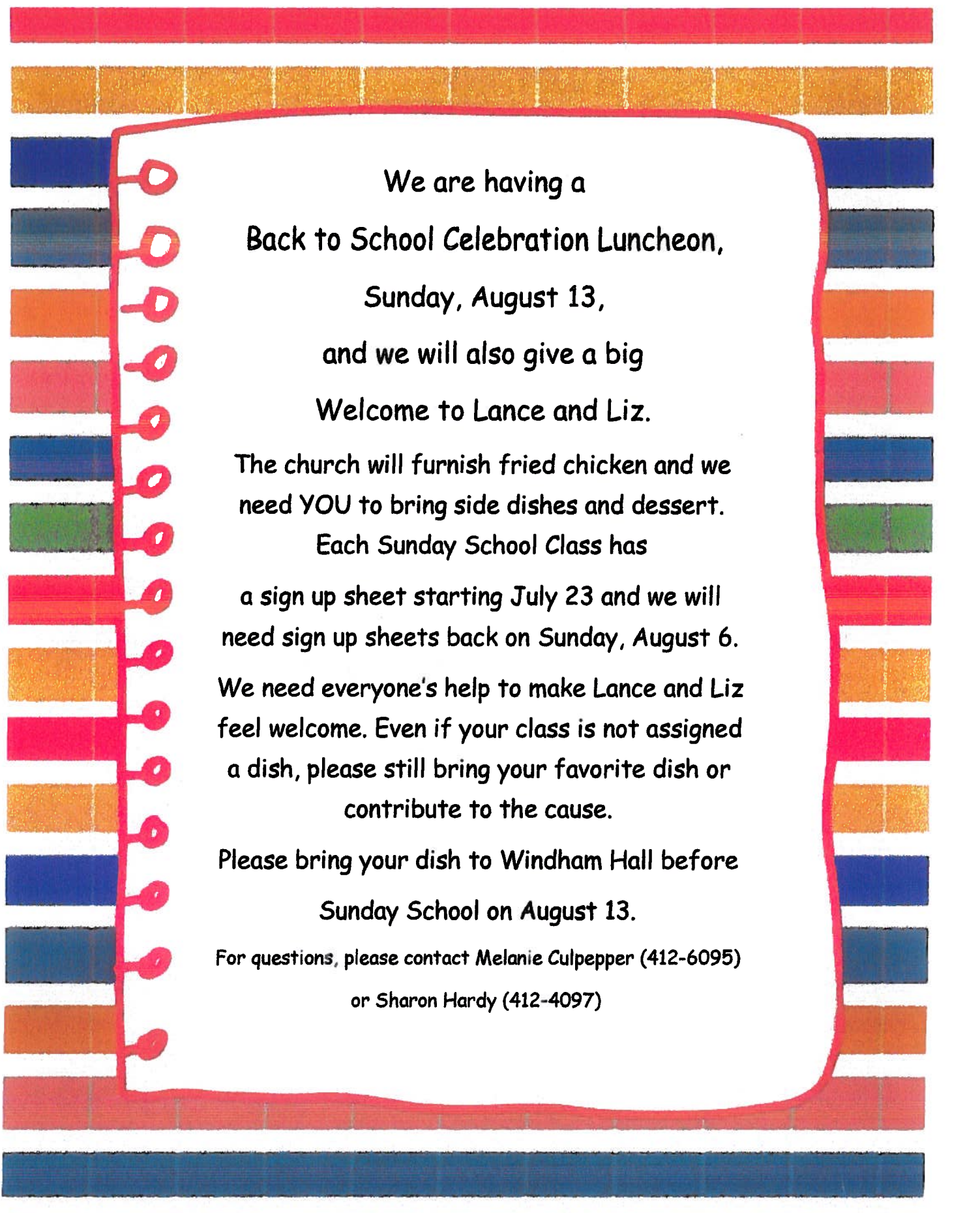
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SELMA, AL



Serving God and God's People Since 1835



We are having a
Back to School Celebration Luncheon,
Sunday, August 13,
and we will also give a big
Welcome to Lance and Liz.

The church will furnish fried chicken and we
need YOU to bring side dishes and dessert.

Each Sunday School Class has

a sign up sheet starting July 23 and we will
need sign up sheets back on Sunday, August 6.

We need everyone's help to make Lance and Liz
feel welcome. Even if your class is not assigned
a dish, please still bring your favorite dish or
contribute to the cause.

Please bring your dish to Windham Hall before
Sunday School on August 13.

For questions, please contact Melanie Culpepper (412-6095)
or Sharon Hardy (412-4097)

**HUMANE
SOCIETY**



**of Central
Alabama**

Helping animals to help people

Please Help us Help others in our community!!

HSCA

has partnered with

Christian Outreach Alliance Food Pantry

TO supply people who are in need with dog or
cat food for their pets.

Please donate

bags under 10 pounds

of dog food or cat food for this program!!

Humane Society of Central Alabama Inc.
P.O. Box 511
Selma AL, 36702

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