The Hope of the World

Imagine a Church that's...

Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference 2018

Guide to Annual Conference
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Imagine: A Church That’s the Hope of the World
Opening Worship - Frazer Memorial UMC, June 3 - 6:00 pm

Prelude  
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind/Hymn to Joy  
Travis

Opening Music  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Conference Mass Choir

*Processional Hymn  
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship  
The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us begin imagining tonight how to be a church that is the hope for the world.  
By faith we can move mountains.  
Let us begin imagining how we can change the world.  
By faith we can heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead.  
Let us begin imagining where Christ is leading us next.  
By faith we will go into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.  
As the people called Methodists in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, let us imagine together how to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.  
By faith we believe the best is yet to come! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Invocation  
God of Holy Imagination, illumine our hearts, prick our consciences, awaken our affections to your work around us that we, as an Annual Conference, may be the change you need us to be so that we may see the unseen, win people for Jesus, reach the lost, and testify to your kingdom on earth. With Christ as our guide, may it be so. Amen.

Welcome and Greetings  
Dr. Larry Bryars  
Lead Pastor, Frazer UMC

Opening Remarks & Prayer for Annual Conference  
Bishop David Graves  
Alabama-West Florida Episcopal Area

Anthem  
Behold Our God  
Arr. Joshua Spacht  
Conference Mass Choir

*Please stand in body or in spirit.
Imagine:
A Church That's the Hope of the World

Opening Worship - Frazer Memorial UMC, June 3 - 6:00 pm

This worship service was prepared by the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Worship Planning Committee

Presiding Bishop: Bishop David Graves
Preacher: Bishop James Swanson
Music Leadership: Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church

Communion servers include elders, deacons, lay members, licensed local pastors, associate members, seminarians, and persons in extension ministries from our conference.
Imagine: A Church That’s the Hope of the World
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOLY COMMUNION
FRAZER SANCTUARY        MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018        10:30 A.M.

Prelude                     He Leadeth Me                     arr. Young

*Processional Hymn       For All the Saints                   711

*Opening Prayer                        Bishop David Graves
                                      Alabama-West Florida Episcopal Area

Special Music                        Jarvis Wilson & Keith Wilson

Scripture Reading      1 Samuel 3:1-18                             Rev. Richard Williams
                                      Aldersgate UMC-Montgomery

*Hymn of Joy               Hymn of Promise                     707

Sermon                     Thankful for God’s Call                   Rev. June Jernigan
                                      AWF Assistant to the Bishop and
                                      Director of Ministerial Services

Preparation of the Elements                      Rev. Emily Kincaid
                                      Orange Beach UMC

Invitation to the Table and Call to Confession                  Bishop David Graves

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

Breaking the Bread and Taking the Cup

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

(At the direction of the ushers, the congregation will move to one of
the serving stations in the sanctuary.)

Communion Music

*Hymn of Celebration        Shall We Gather at the River          723

*Dismissal with Blessing                      Rev. Kathy Fisher
                                      Springhill/East Mt. Zion UMC

*Postlude                      Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow     Pachelbel

Organist - Kelley Garrett
Candle Lighters - Macie Pilgrim (Mt. Zion UMC-Smiths Station), Chase McKoon (Trinity UMC-Phenix City)

*Please stand in body or in spirit.
Following are those who have died between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018

Josie C. Alredge
Juanita P. Bottoms
Rev. Oscar W. Brooks
Rev. O.C. Brown
Rev. J. Edward Chandler
Rev. Dr. John K. Dickinson
Mary W. Dinkins
Rev. Floyd C. Enfinger
Kathleen C. Farrow
Timothy L. Freeman
Rev. W. Roy Gamblin
Rev. Dr. Langdon H. Garrison, Jr.
Barbara P. Haas
Rev. Joseph P. Hensel
Eleanor H. Jones

Rev. James W. “J.W.” Land
Rev. Charles M. Langford
Rev. Henry C. Moore
Opthelia H. Newton
Rev. Wayne Newton
Rev. Jack L. Reynolds
Mary Ann Ross
Rev. Ennis G. Sellers
Rev. Bruce W. Sheffield
Rev. Bobby H. Skipper
Rev. Ellie H. Stoudemire
Carolyn A. Vickers
Rev. Charles R. Walker
Carolyn K. Wilson
Rev. Floyd N. Wright

Those who have died following May 1, 2018, will be memorialized at the 2019 Annual Conference Service of Remembrance.

The Alabama-West Florida Conference Commission on Archives and History and Worship Planning Team prepared this service. We remember those who are now a part of the “cloud of witnesses.”
Monday Morning Service (no communion), June 5, 8:30am
Frazer Wesley Hall
Preacher — Rev. German Gomez
Title: “Inheriting the Kingdom”
Text: James 2:5-10 (NKJV)

Ordination Service, Monday, June 5, 7pm
FUMC Montgomery Sanctuary
Preacher — Bishop David Graves
Title: “Let Them Know You Love Them”
Text: Isaiah 40:28-31, Romans 5:1-6

Tuesday Morning Service (communion), June 6, 8:30am
Frazer Wesley Hall
Preacher — Rev. Sheila Bates
Title: “The Tipping Point”
Text: Luke 13:10-17
Deacon — Rev. Chris Kelsey
Presiding Elder — Rev. Rudy Olivo

Wednesday Morning Service (communion), June 7, 8:30am
Frazer Wesley Hall
Preacher — Rev. Olivia Poole
Title: “Water with a Story”
Text: John 4
Deacon — Rev. Paula Roane
Presiding Elder — Rev. Elvyn Hamilton
Think outside the bowl...
and swim with your peers

An Energizing Event for Young Clergy Ages 25-39

**November 12-14, 2018**

**Save the Date!**

Visit the revitup! Facebook page and “Like” us!

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**Biometric Health Screenings**

Monday, June 4th - 7:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday, June 5th - 7:30am-12:30pm

This is offered as a part of our health and wellness initiative designed to help you maintain good health.

For clergy participating in the Conference Active Health Insurance Plan, one of the two requirements to avoid a $50.00 personal monthly financial surcharge is to complete a Biometric Health Screening by August 31, 2018.

Walk-ins welcome. Priority will be given to those with appointments
Spiritual Formation Luncheon

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Noon

**Guest Speaker**
Rev. Ashley Davis
*Incoming Director of Connectional Ministries*
Frazer UMC
Room 7207/09

Contact Elizabeth Whatley at (334)524-0080 or SacredSpaceSpiritualFormation@gmail.com or visit the Spiritual Formation booth in the lobby to register.

*There is a $5 fee payable at the luncheon.*

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The AWF Conference staff would like to thank the Frazer UMC staff for hosting annual conference. We appreciate you!
Has your church taken actions to improve accessibility? Do you have specific programs, ministries or accommodations for persons with disabilities at your church? Or, would you like to hear about what others have done and are doing?

The Division of Disability Concerns would like to connect with you! Please stop by our table or visit our website https://www.awfumc.org/disabilityministries

Need some help navigating the world of children's curriculum?

Want to help to shape future resources by sharing your experiences in children's ministry?

Come and visit Emily LaBranche Delikat, one of the Development Editors of Cokesbury's Deep Blue, in the Cokesbury store.
Bring assembled kits and bulk supplies to Annual Conference 2018!

All kits and bulk supplies are welcome. Visit www.awfumc.org/reliefkits for updates and instructions.

A truck in the parking lot at Frazer Memorial UMC will be open during these hours during annual conference to receive your kits:

   Monday - 7:30am to 12:30pm, Millbrook FUMC Youth
   Tuesday - 7:30am to 12:30pm, Capitol Heights UMC Youth
   Wednesday - 7:30am to 11:00am, Cain’s Chapel UMC Youth

UMCOR distributes kits around the world to the most vulnerable people during times of crisis.

Thank you to Coleman American for providing the truck again this year, and for transporting the supplies on to Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA.
**SACRED SPACE PRAYER ROOM**

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.’” - *Mark 6:31*

At Annual Conference this year, come by the Sacred Space Prayer Room for a while to rest in a quiet place when the hustle and bustle of conference gets to be too much, or if you want to experience prayer in quiet.

Come to the Prayer Room to rock or sit a while in the silence, or travel through eight prayer stations based on the stations of the cross from Jesus’ trial in Pilate’s presence to the death and placement of Jesus in the tomb. The brokenness of the world is the theme of these simple meditations and visual representations to remind us to see our world through the window of the cross and resurrection. Come, silently meditate, walk the labyrinth, and listen for God’s concern for our world.

Spiritual Directors will be present if you need someone to talk to.

The Prayer Room will be located in the Surge (Building 6000).
INVESTING IN
CHURCH LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

The Stegall Seminary Scholarship Endowment Foundation joins the 2018 Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference in imagining a church that’s the HOPE of the WORLD.

www.stegallscholarship.com
stegallscholarship@gmail.com

Providing a minimum $10,000 annual scholarship to full-time, on-campus seminary students from the AWF Conference.
Whether it is one of these schools or somewhere else…There are great Wesley Foundations and UM Campus Ministries all over the nation for students to plug-in, grow, connect, & serve!

Disciples making disciples for the transformation of the world… One campus at a time
AWF UMC CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Grow in Christ. Connect with other students. Serve your campus & the world with the love of Christ.

HUNTINGDON CAMPUS MINISTRY
Huntingdon.edu/student-life/campus-ministries/

AUBURN WESLEY
AUWesley.org

TROY WESLEY
FB: Troy University Wesley Foundation

TUSKEGEE WESLEY
TUWesley.org

SOUTH ALABAMA WESLEY
USAWesley.com

WEST FL / PENSACOLA STATE WESLEY
FB: UWF/PSC Wesley Fellowship

WEST ALABAMA WESLEY
FB: West Alabama Wesley

ALABAMA STATE WESLEY
ASUWesley.org
This three year Spiritual Direction Training, hosted by Sacred Space Spiritual Formation, is suited to those who hunger to experience deeper intimacy with God, to grow in attentiveness to God’s movement, are drawn to compassionate listening, feel a call to companion others on the spiritual journey, and seek spiritual community with others.

This program equips the participant for the art of holy listening. A selection of readings prior to each forum lays a critical foundation for the lectures, discussion and experiential learning.

First year forums include introduction to contemplative prayer, practice of contemplative prayer, and opportunity for discernment concerning spiritual direction. During the second year, faculty presentations will include understanding of spiritual direction, the history of the church and its spiritual masters. The third year’s focus is on the practice of spiritual direction – the art of Holy Listening. Each forum will be an experiential as well as an academic experience with at home reading and work required.

LOCATION
Blue Lake Camp, 8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia, Al 36420

ENROLLMENT
Enrollment Fee // $50.00
Each Forum // $390.00 (Includes instruction, meals, & private room/bath)

Forms and $50.00 non-refundable enrollment fee are due by June 30.

For more information visit awfumc.org/spiritualdirectiontraining20172020 for enrollment form.

Find us on Facebook by visiting; facebook.com/SacredSpaceSpiritualFormation
Communities of Transformation is an entirely new way of doing church – a new wineskin to contain new wine that the Spirit is pressing out in this season. No buildings, no pastors, no politics. It is a lay-led movement growing in local soil, connecting diverse neighbors, building relationships that have lasting and redemptive impact. The movement takes seriously, and quite literally, the Great Command to love God and love neighbor, including neighbors on the sidelines of society. As meals are shared, personal stories presented, prayers and resources exchanged, trust deepens and community happens. Is this not an authentic expression of the Shalom God intended for his earthly family?

- Robert Lupton, author of *Toxic Charity*

Helping People Afford Life

Savings/Investment Accounts
• Regular Share/Savings and Special Savings Accounts
• Share Certificates of Deposit, Money Market Accounts and IRA Accounts

Checking
Spend smarter and enjoy exclusive savings with Protection Plus Checking*.
• Dividends paid quarterly
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• Free remote deposit with SPRIG
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At UMC FCU, lending is not only fast and easy but we offer some of the best loan rates available anywhere!
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• First Mortgage loans
• Home Equity loans
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• Church loans

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Call us today at 866-687-2136 (Florida Office) or 800-282-9368 (Georgia Office) or visit us online at www.unitedmethodistcu.com.
“Spiritual Formation is the process of being shaped and formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others.”
Rev. Bob Mulholland

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES**

Centering Prayer
Companions-in-Christ
Sacred Space Prayer Room
Labyrinth
Prayer Beads
Prayer Shawl
Spiritual Direction
Two-year Academy
Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

For more information regarding Spiritual Formation Ministries, please visit [www.awfumc.org/spiritualformation](http://www.awfumc.org/spiritualformation)
Methodist Homes of Alabama & Northwest Florida (Methodist Home for the Aging) offers care communities for older adults who want to be close to licensed or specialized care as well as retirement apartments for low-income seniors. No matter the choice of community, our Wesleyan Heritage is evident. Faith-based communities staffed by caring people offer older adults and their families comfort, compassion, and peace of mind. We are home to the Fountain of Love fund, a financial assistance program for residents in a Methodist Homes care community who have exhausted their own resources. In fact, no resident of a Methodist Home has ever been asked to leave due to their inability to pay.

**Mathison**
3637 West Hwy 390, Panama City, FL 32405
Independent living, assisted living, memory care assisted living for persons age 62+

**Wesley Gardens**
1555 Taylor Road, Montgomery, AL 36117
Assisted living, specialty care assisted living (memory care) for persons age 62+

**Wesley Haven Villa**
111 E. Wright Street, Pensacola, FL 32501
Independent living, assisted living, income assistance program, participates in the Florida Medicaid Waiver / Diversion Program, for persons age 62+

**Wesley Place on Honeysuckle**
718 Honeysuckle Road, Dothan, AL 36305  www.WesleyPlaceDothan.org
Assisted living, specialty care assisted living (memory care), long-term care, Alzheimer’s/dementia care for persons age 62+, and short-term rehabilitation and therapy is available for persons age 55+

**The Epworth House (Selma)**
2500 Franklin Street / AL / 334-875-6450
Affordable Housing Community
48 HUD-assisted independent living apartments, age 62+ and the disabled

**Wesley Scott Place (Pensacola)**
3300 West Scott St. / FL / 850-437-1400
Affordable Housing Community
40 rent-restricted independent living apartments low-income elders age 55+

**Other Care Community: Fair Haven (Birmingham)**
**Other Affordable Housing: Wesley Apartments (Anniston)**
Wesley Acres & Wesley Acres II (Decatur) / Wesley Park (Anniston) / Wesley Glen (Decatur)

OUR MISSION: To enrich the lives of older adults and all those who serve them in faith-based communities, where life is celebrated, relationships are valued, teamwork is embraced, service excellence is expected and the touch of God’s love is ever-present and ageless.
A MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

CHURCH ESTATE & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMS
Estate and planned giving programs help facilitate planned giving that provides assistance for the future financial needs of the church.

DEVELOPMENT FUND LOANS
The Development Fund makes loans, up to $1 million, to churches and agencies in our conference for new church construction, purchasing property, and major renovation projects. The current loan rate is 3.5%.

DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENTS
The Development Fund accepts investments from individuals, churches, and organizations across the AWF Conference. The Fund pays these investors a rate of interest set each quarter and makes loans to churches, agencies, and missions in the conference. The current deposit rate is 1.0%.

INVESTMENT SERVICES
Our investment services are uniquely created for managing church and agency funds. The Foundation staff assists in developing a custom investment plan for each participating organization or donor.

FREE RESOURCES
We offer free resources such as bulletin inserts, social media posts, holiday resources, news, events, and stories on churches through our email list and Facebook page. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/alwfumf and ask to be added to our email list at foundation@alwfumf.org.

FREE GENEROSITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
We offer generosity development through educational programs that foster a better understanding of generosity and stewardship as both an act of worship and discipleship. Contact us at foundation@alwfumf.org or 334-793-6820 to schedule a workshop in Estate and Planned Giving, Christian Financial Planning, or Endowment Programs.

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Looking for quality programs for older adults in your church...

Then we should 'talk'!

Older Adult Task Force

Alabama-West Florida UMC Conference

Chairperson: Barbara Wilder
214 Partin Dr S, Niceville, FL 32578
bwilder@yourcrosspoint.org, 850-678-4411, ext 123

We are a group of lay and clergy volunteers who plan quality conference-wide events for older adults to augment the ministry by and to older adults in our local churches. We would love to see your church represented in our next event. Our greatest difficulty in this is getting the word out. We appreciate so much any help you can give us in spreading the word to your church and district. If you are not receiving our emails (2 emails a year only!), please sign up for our email list at our booth during Annual Conference or contact Barbara Wilder. If you know anyone who would like to serve on this Task Force, we would welcome their joining us! And we also welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you!

Upcoming events:

One Day - Saturday, September 15, 2018 - Rev. Lisa Ausley is our keynote speaker for this event. The day will also include lots of music (Gloryland Quartet and a Songfest featuring old beloved hymns) and lunch. Cost: $20. Held in Wesley Chapel, Blue Lake Camp, check in is at 9:30, event 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Inspirit Retreat - April 4-6, 2019 - Program is now in the planning stages, but this retreat, held at Blue Lake Assembly, will include dynamic speakers, break-out sessions on various topics, outdoor activities, lots of music, and laughter. If you are not sure if you are on our email list, please sign up at our booth today to receive information by email.

PLEASE Contact Barbara Wilder for more information or brochures/flyers to distribute. THANK YOU!
The Alabama - West Florida Conference would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Coleman World Group for transporting relief supplies.