

Connecting Our Community To Christ

Dear Guests and Church Family,

Thank you for taking the time to visit our website! We hope you will spend some time looking over the information that is found here, and then come and discover where you can be a part of this wonderful fellowship! I am excited and thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community of faith. I received my first appointment in the United Methodist Church when I was 20 years old in 1976. I have truly been blessed in every church I have served. I have never been more excited about the future ministry of a church than I am about Alexander City. Alexander City First United Methodist Church has a powerful and wonderful mission statement, "Connecting Our Community to Christ." Here is how we are seeking to connect our community to Christ.

INVITE

Come worship with us! We have three different styles of worship to meet the spiritual needs of all people. 8:30 is an informal traditional Wesleyan service held in the Sanctuary. The 9:00 a.m. Arbor service is a causal contemporary worship service held in the building across the street from the Sanctuary named *the Arbor*. The 11:00 is a more liturgical and traditional United Methodist service held in the Sanctuary. All are invited to come and worship with us wherever they feel most connected. We look forward to worshipping our Great God with you this Sunday!

INCLUDE

Everyone is WELCOME into the fellowship of Christ! This is the ministry of hospitality. Every individual who walks through the doors of our church to join us in worship and fellowship should know by our actions they are welcomed and loved by Christ. This is God's house, and every member of our church is involved in the ministry of hospitality. This is both our privilege and a responsibility. Come and experience how welcoming our family is to yours!

INVOLVE

I believe in "*Every Member in Ministry*." We hope once you have visited with us and become familiar with us you will join with us. When we joined the church we made a commitment "to be *loyal* and to *uphold* " the church with our SERVICE. We are called to be servants. As a servant we need to be willing to make ourselves available to the spirit of Christ. We offer our time and talents to serve Christ and his church. We all should be seeking the places we can serve and work for Christ. I want to encourage you to find your place in the ministry of Christ. The church needs you! Please let us know if we can assist you in finding your place of service and involvement.

Again, thank you for visiting us on the web. Now please consider this your personal invitation to come and visit with us in person! We would love to help "connect" you to Christ through the ministries and family of First Methodist Church!

In Christ,
Dr. Bill Etheridge