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Dear Atlanta First Family,

This year has felt frozen in time. Most of what we planned did not happen or happened in ways that we could not have predicted. Most of us know at least one family that has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our calendars have taken a back seat to the day-to-day survival of our loved ones. We have endured lockdowns and adapted to face masks, hand sanitizer, and doing most things from our internet-connected homes.

The global pandemic and the crisis of race relations in our nation have changed us in one way or another. And it has undoubtedly changed the rhythm and the ministry of the Church. The big “C” Church, meaning the church universal, has found ways to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, lift and fight for the oppressed, house those who are under-housed, and worship in creative ways. The Atlanta First Leadership Team has made hard decisions to ensure that the Atlanta First worshiping, serving, growing, and engaging community will continue to impact and transform our community for Christ!

So much has changed, and much will continue to change. This is a painful reality to swallow because of the human nature to resist change. Human nature tends toward the safe, the comfortable, and the predictable. 2020 has been far from safe, comfortable, and predictable!

Everyone wants to know when we will return to “normal.” I’m inclined to believe that we will not return to what we have known as normal; instead, we will learn a new normal. This is a challenge for the Church and for our church. We know how to do what we’ve always done and we’ll fight to the end to live in our comfort zone. Yet, God is calling us to a higher place of worship, service, growth, and community engagement. If we stay in the same place, we miss out on the opportunity to encounter God and follow God in fresh and not-so-comfortable ways. In scripture, God tells us over and over again, do not be anxious and do not worry. This is the time to exercise our faith! What if, in this season of stretching and growing, God is trying to teach us a new way of being the church?

As we turn our attention to the Fall season of the year, we look forward with much anticipation of how God will continue to grow and sustain us. As a church, we will focus on growing together. God desires that we are all growing in our faith and our relationships. I am asking you to find a place to grow. My prayer and hope is that, eventually, every person connected to Atlanta First UMC is in a small group. This is important! Worship alone cannot stretch us and keep us accountable for our spiritual journeys the way that a small group does. Groups build strong and lasting relationships with God and with each other. If we are to truly grow together, we must be intentional about it. So, this August, we are starting to intentionally invite everyone to a small group. Groups will gather on Sundays at 9:30 am (Sunday School), Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, and Thursdays at 11:00 am. Please read more about these opportunities in this edition of The Messenger!

In September, we will start a virtual intentional time of prayer together on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. You can call in or login on your smartphone, tablet, or computer once a week to pray together. A congregation that prays together is a strong, fortified, and faithful congregation that can endure anything!

Finally, I know the question on everyone’s mind is, “When will be able to worship in-person in the Sanctuary?” Fulton County, Atlanta, and downtown Atlanta continue to be “hot spots” of the coronavirus. The complexity of our location and our commitment to be a church where ALL of God’s children are welcome make coming back to in-person worship more complicated than you can imagine. I, along with the Re-Opening Task Force and the Leadership Team, are working diligently to make that possible. However, it just is not safe yet. You’ll find our plan and benchmarks for moving toward in-person worship in this Messenger, on pages 8 and 9.

Please be prayerful. Please be open to trying something new and/or different. Ask God what we are supposed to be learning during this season.
For nearly 150 years, Wellroot Family Services (formerly The United Methodist Children’s Home) has nurtured the feeling of home for Georgia’s most vulnerable children, teens, young adults, and families. 100% of your gift provides children and families the power to realize their God-given potential. You may give online at www.AtlantaFirstUMC.org/give or CashApp ($AtlantaFirstUMC). Be sure to specify that your gift is for the Amazing Grace Offering.

We exist to worship God, serve people, grow together, and engage with the people of our city.

I miss you. I miss our time together. I can’t wait until we meet again in-person! I am praying with and for you daily. If you need me, I’m here. You can reach me via email (pastor@atlantafirstumc.org) or 404.524.6614 (when you choose the option for the pastor, it will ring me). Don’t hesitate to reach out!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

Upcoming Events in August & September

Sundays @ 9:30 am
Online Sunday School (see page 6)

Sundays @ 11:00 am
Online Worship (see pages 4 & 5)

Sunday, August 23rd
Wesley Woods Mother’s Day Offering

Tuesdays @ 7 pm (starting August 11th)
Disciple Fast Track Small Group (see page 7)

Thursdays @ 11 am (starting August 13th)
Disciple IV Small Group (see page 7)

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm (starting September 1st)
Virtual Intentional Time of Prayer

First Sunday each Month @ 2 pm (starts Sep. 6th)
1st Sunday at First Music Series (see page 10)

Sunday, September 6th @ 2:00 pm
Friends at the Front Door

Sunday, September 20th
Amazing Grace Offering

Free COVID-19 Testing
Visit https://atlstrong.org/testing/ for up-to-date COVID-19 testing locations and schedules. Mobile testing locations change weekly. Let’s do our part to help end this pandemic by social distancing and wearing masks!
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT LAST TIME YOU RECEIVED A NEW LEADER? MAYBE A NEW BOSS, A NEW PASTOR, A NEW COMMUNITY LEADER? HOW DO WE ACT AS LEADERS?

When we receive new leaders, we must choose whether to conform to our way of doings things or to transform to their new way of doing things. Join us as we explore the road from conforming to transforming leadership.

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST AT 11 AM.
“All you have is your name.”

So how do you keep you name honorable? Everyone seems to have a different definition about the "RIGHT thing" to do. Join us as we explore God's RIGHT thing for us - individually and in community. What is honorable living in 2020? How will we know when we see it and when we live?

**Sundays in September at 11 AM.**
- August Sunday School: *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* -
He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That’s one way to describe Peter. Here’s another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn’t even sound like the same man. And that’s the point of Simon Peter, a six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God’s extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

You can purchase a copy of the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* at Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Simon-Peter-Flawed-Faithful-Disciple/dp/1501845985

The book is also available at Cokesbury: https://www.cokesbury.com/Simon-Peter-1

- September Sunday School: *Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It* -
In Revival, author Adam Hamilton uses his captivating, storytelling talent to take you on a six-week journey through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Wesley’s message and his faith continue to speak to twenty-first-century Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. His story is our story. It’s our heritage, it defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.


The book is also available at Cokesbury: https://www.cokesbury.com/Revival-1

**Calling All Youth! Come Join Our Life Group!**
All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join our small group for youth. We’ll be meeting on ZOOM to explore what it means to live out God’s message, and have fun doing it! If you have youth that are interested, please send us your youth’s name and contact information. Contact Dixie for more information at dixie@atlantafirstumc.org.

AtlantaFirstUMC.org/grow
The next opportunities to participate in the Disciple Bible Study Series begin in August! There will be two courses, one for those who are new to Disciple, and one that is a continuation of the previous Disciple III course. Both classes will meet online in ZOOM.

**Disciple Fast-Track** is ideal for busy people who want to fit an in-depth Bible study into their schedule. This 12-week study will immerse you in the books of Genesis and Exodus. Pastor Jasmine will lead this class.
- Classes will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
- Orientation is Tuesday, August 11th, and classes begin Tuesday, August 18th.

**Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life** is the continuing study for those who have been in the Disciple study series for Disciple I thru III. Rev. Dr. Jacqui Rose Tucker will lead the class.
- Classes will meet on Thursday mornings, from 11 am to 1 pm.
- Orientation is Thursday, August 13th, and classes begin Thursday, August 20th.

To register for the classes, please send an e-mail grow@atlantafirstumc.org. You may also register through our *Realm* online church directory service. Please see page 12 for details.

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**Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2020!**

This year we had a great class of three fantastic confirmands! Their energy, creativity, and desire to dig deeper into their faith made every day an adventure. Along with class in person, and eventually on ZOOM, we had the opportunity to go to the confirmation retreat at Camp Glisson. They had a great time learning about their faith and what it means to be confirmed in the Methodist Church. This year we learned about our Christian faith, Methodist beliefs, spiritual practices, ways to be involved in the Church, and Atlanta First’s history. We had a great time all the way up to the last Sunday of class, which was bittersweet, but still a blast!

**Bailey**

What I learned in confirmation:
“Over the last few months during confirmation class, we learned the following: The three general rules and what they mean. We learned about the Bible and how it helps us stay on God’s path. We also learned how to recite the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle’s Creed. And we got into deeper meaning of the Ten Commandments and it’s history.”

**Bryce**

What I learned in confirmation:
“In confirmation class we learned a lot of things here are some examples. For example we learned the Ten Commandments are. Also we learned all the general rules and how we can follow them. Don’t forget the lord prayer and affirmation of faith because we learned those too. Last but not least we learned the different levels of a pastor or church leader. In conclusion this is just a summary of the many things that we learned. This was a great experience I will never forget.”

**Emma**

What I learned in confirmation:
“1. Grace is God’s love.
2. The Bible is about the teaching of God and can help you make decisions about what is right and what is wrong.
3. The Bible was written by many different people because it’s good to know God from different perspectives.
4. You can only be baptized once because God loves you and He doesn’t make mistakes
5. The Wesleyan quadrilateral and the General Rules are things that can also help you make decisions.”
Atlanta First United Methodist Church is committed to the health and safety of our entire community—especially during the current global health pandemic. Through the guidance of our public health experts, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), state and local governments, United Methodist leaders, the Atlanta First UMC Re-Opening Task Force and Leadership Team, we have developed a plan to return to in-person worship when it is safe and faithful to do so. We have developed a phased approach which mirrors the phases of our public health guidance.

The church building may be closed. The church remains open and deployed for ministry!
When can we return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary?
We wish we could give you a specific date. We will follow the guidance of our public health experts, state and local governments, and our denominational and conference leadership to determine the date. We miss you and we can’t wait to welcome you back on campus.

Are children welcome in worship?
Absolutely. As United Methodists, we believe that children are to be welcomed and taught to worship and follow Jesus. Children over 10 must wear masks.
There will be no nursery or Children's Church in Phases 0-2. Limited nursery availability and Children's Church will resume in Phase 3.

Who is making decisions on behalf of our worshipping community?
All decisions are informed and subject to the direction and recommendation of the following:
• CDC and Public Health Officials; State and Local Government Leadership
• UMC and North Georgia Conference Leadership
• Atlanta First UMC Re-Opening Task Force & Leadership Team
• Congregational Polls

How can we help and remain or become connected to Atlanta First & all of its ministries right now?
• PRAY!! & Worship Online: www.AtlantaFirstUMC.org/live; Facebook and YouTube Live
• Sunday School: Currently led by Pastor Jasmine; meets virtually at 9:30am; email: grow@atlantafirstumc.org for more information or to join the class
• GROW Groups: Weekly Small Groups begin in mid-August; email: grow@atlantafirstumc.org for more information or to register
• Midtown Assistance Center: Currently in need of monetary donations and cloth masks. Visit www.midtownassistancectr.org or give online; AtlantaFirstUMC.org/give
• SERVE Ministries: Participate in outreach and mission ministries by donating. Learn more at AtlantaFirstUMC.org/serve
• Thursday Thoughts: Subscribe to Atlanta First’s Weekly E-Newsletter & Bi-monthly Newsletter by emailing: info@atlantafirstumc.org
• Donate: Cloth Masks & Hand Sanitizer (engage@atlantafirstumc.org); Toiletry Kits (serve@atlantafirstumc.org); Financial Generosity (atlantafirstumc.org/give; CashApp: $AtlantaFirstUMC; by mail: Atlanta First UMC, 360 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308
• Join the Movement!: Join the Atlanta First UMC community in its mission to Worship God. Serve People. Grow Together. Engage Atlanta. by joining the ministries, inquiring about Baptisms, and/or becoming a member of Atlanta First United Methodist Church.
Call or email Pastor Jasmine: 404.524.6614 or pastor@atlantafirstumc.org
Let’s serve Together!

While we are currently unable to gather in the sanctuary, there are still ways to be the hands and feet of Christ in the city. Your mission donations will allow us to continue our commitment to provide food, toiletries, and face masks to our under-housed community. Please visit www.atlantafirstumc.org/giving for details on how to give online, by CashApp, Text-to-Give, and by Mail.

One way to directly serve others from home is the engage Team’s Face Mask & Hand Sanitizer Ministry, described below. For more information and ideas on how you can support the Atlanta First serve ministries during the current crisis, please contact Mary Jackson, our serve Team Lead, at serve@atlantafirstumc.org.

Face Mask & Hand Sanitizer Ministry

The engage Team invites you to get involved in the fight against COVID-19 in Atlanta: making reusable face masks and collecting hand sanitizer! We are seeking volunteers who want to donate their sewing skills, time, or monetary contributions to this effort. To sign up, please fill out this interest form: https://forms.gle/4dknc7v1ge8EnbkYA
Or you may send an email to: engage@atlantafirstumc.org.

Help Serve Our Community, One Mask at a Time!

Are you a mask maker? Our ministry partner, Midtown Assistance Center (MAC), is in need of masks! For more information, please send an email to our serve team at serve@atlantafirstumc.org.

AtlantaFirstUMC.org/serve

Let’s engage Together!

1ST SUNDAYS AT FIRST MUSIC SERIES

The first Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm, beginning September 6th, guest musicians will perform an online concert, live-streamed from the Atlanta First Sanctuary! More details to be announced soon!

Retirement Farewell Parade for Pastor Walter

Happy 95th Birthday, Virginia!

AtlantaFirstUMC.org/engage
We, your Bishop, Extended Cabinet, and Conference Chancellor, call the North Georgia Annual Conference, and The United Methodist Church, to a repentance that bears fruit. We have grown weary of statements and ritual actions that do not lead to change. Intent without impact is impotent. We therefore pledge to take the following actions:

- Knowing that only God can change a human heart through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will lead the Church in prayer and in practicing the spiritual disciplines that make time and space for the Spirit’s work. We will call our churches to greater spiritual maturity trusting that, as the Holy Spirit perfects us in love, it will banish racist attitudes and make us more like Christ. It will also spur us to action, compelling us to work together to abolish institutional and systemic racism.

- We will refuse to allow the Church to dismiss abolishing racism and racist policies as “too political” in order to avoid taking action. We call upon the Church to better balance personal piety and social holiness. The Early Methodists invested their blood, sweat, and tears in a relentless movement to abolish slavery in the British Empire. We, their spiritual descendants, act squarely in the Methodist tradition by working relentlessly to dismantle and eradicate the insidious evils in our culture born of the enslavement they so detested.

- We pledge to lead the clergy and laity in North Georgia in educating ourselves regarding racism, white privilege, and the history of systemic racist policies in United States history. We must help everyone understand that being kind to everyone and seeking to love everyone does not mean that one is not a participant in a racist system or has not received benefits from this system.

- We will allocate Conference funds to support anti-racism efforts and address the inequalities inherent in our system. We will designate funding for the Conference Commission on Religion and Race and work in partnership with it to fulfill our goals.

- We will lead, in partnership with the Conference Commission on Religion and Race, advocacy efforts to support legislative policy and work in the public sphere to root out and address institutional racism in every aspect of our society.

- We will require all clergy coming into our Conference to participate in anti-racism training and demonstrate how they are implementing what they have learned.

- We will require clergy and laity serving in any Conference position to participate in anti-racism training.

It is our fervent prayer that we can live into the perfect unity Jesus prayed for in John 17, and that we will abide by Jesus’s new commandment in John 13:34-35: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Bishop Sue Haupert Johnson, Resident Bishop; June 9, 2020

View the full statement at: www.ngumc.org/newsdetail/statement-and-pledge-14020488
Let’s connect & engage Together!

Connect with Your Atlanta First Family Through Realm

We’re adding more ways to communicate and connect as a church during this pandemic. We use a secure, cloud-based member directory service known as Realm, and you can use it to connect with your Atlanta First family. Access to your Realm profile is by invitation only to ensure that privacy. To get an invitation to access your Realm profile, please send an email to Jennifer Graham at jennifer@atlantafirstumc.org.

The personal profile page lets you enter your contact information and set your mailing preferences. *You will need to enter your entire birthdate but only your day and month will show to others.*

You can change privacy settings, controlling who can see your personal information in the directory.

The news tab will keep you up to date on upcoming opportunities to worship, serve, grow and engage!

Within Realm, you will have access to the member directory. Your contact information is only shown with your permission.

Registration for grow groups, such as Disciple IV and Disciple Fast-Track, is easy!

You will be able to see and print your current giving statement. This information is kept confidential to you.

The easiest way to access Realm is with your mobile device. We encourage you to stay connected wherever you are by downloading the free Realm Connect - For Our Church app for iPhone and Android devices from iTunes and Google Play. It makes it easier for us to connect throughout the week and know what’s happening.

Click Here to access the iPhone version of the Connect - Our Church Community app from iTunes.

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Tips for Using ZOOM

During the ongoing covid-19 crisis, in abidance with shelter-in-place guidelines, our Sunday School and small group studies will meet online using ZOOM (www.zoom.us). ZOOM is an online cloud-meeting platform that allows for multiple people to seamlessly communicate in real-time with each other using different devices and methods. For instance, you can use a computer, smart phone or tablet to use video-chat, or you can call in with your cell phone or land-line phone and just use audio. When using a computer, smart-phone or tablet to connect, use of video is optional; you can keep your camera off and still be able to see the other participants and the host of the meeting. Below are some diagrams showing how to log in using the information from a ZOOM invitation e-mail, which would be sent to you by the host of the class.

In order to connect to ZOOM on a computer, you must download and install the ZOOM client; this is easily done by clicking the link under “Join Zoom Meeting” in the invitation e-mail and following the directions of the automatic download.

To connect to ZOOM on a tablet or smart-phone, you must install the “ZOOM Cloud Meetings” app, which is free to download and use from the appropriate app store for your device.

How to Connect by Phone Call:
Connecting by phone call takes three easy steps.

1. Dial the phone number listed in the email. There may be multiple numbers listed, so choose the one closest to your location (for instance New York is usually the closest choice for calling from Atlanta).
2. When prompted by ZOOM, type in the meeting ID number, then press the # key.
3. When prompted by ZOOM, type in the password number, then # key.

*NOTE* the password for phone calls may be different from the password for the video-conference mode. The phone password only has numbers.

Sample Invitation e-Mail:
AFUMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Small Group Study
Time: 2:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/123456789
Meeting ID: 123 456 789
Password: afumc123
Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 123 456 789
Password: 123456

The easiest way to join, on computer, is to click this link. It automatically enters the meeting ID and password.

Otherwise, click “Join Meeting” in the app homescreen, and you will see screens similar to these. Enter the meeting ID, your name, and click “Join”. On the next screen, enter the meeting password and click “Join Meeting.”

How to Connect by Computer, Tablet, or Smart-Phone:

The ZOOM Interface Control Bar

Below is an image of the control bar within the ZOOM program. It appears when you mouse over the zoom window on a computer or touch the screen of a tablet or smartphone. The first four buttons control the audio and video settings; if you are having trouble hearing others, or others can’t see or hear you, the solution will be with one of these four buttons.

1. Mute Button - toggles your microphone on and off. If it has a red line across it, you are muted and cannot be heard by others, though you can still hear them.
2. Audio Options Button - clicking this brings up your choices of audio input (microphones, line-in, etc) and audio output (sound card, speakers, etc). If you cannot hear others or they cannot hear you, and you are not muted, check in here to make sure you have the right microphone and/or speakers selected.
3. Video On/Off Button - toggles your video camera on and off, if your device has one. If it has a red line across it, your camera is not on, and you cannot be seen.
4. Video Options Button - lets you choose which camera to use. Check here if you have more than one camera in your system to choose the correct one.
5. Participants Button - brings up a list of who else is in the meeting.
6. Chat Button - brings up the text chat room that all participants can see (except those connected through an audio-only phone call).
7. Share Screen Button - an advanced feature used to share computer window screens, such as a document or video. This will usually be disabled in our ZOOM classes.
8. Record Button - allows you to record a video of the meeting and save it on your device for later review.
9. Reactions Button - lets you display emojis on your video picture.
10. Leave Meeting Button - click here to exit the meeting.
First Step Staffing is a nonprofit staffing agency dedicated to securing sustainable income for individuals transitioning from homelessness. We also serve individuals with criminal backgrounds, veterans, and those with other barriers to employment.

We offer paid, entry-level jobs in light-industrial settings around metro Atlanta.

Additional Support

At First Step we recognize that keeping a job can sometimes be even harder than landing a job in the first place. To ensure the success of our employees, we provide transportation assistance to and from work. We’ll get you there, literally!

We also connect every employee to a job coach, so that you have a friendly face helping you achieve your employment goals along the way.

First Step Staffing is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against applicants due to race, ethnicity, gender, veteran status, or on the basis of disability or any other federal, state or local protected class.
Prayer List

We would like to pray with you and for you. Please share your prayer needs with us at prayer@atlantafirstumc.org.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy and Resurrection hope to the family and friends of Margaret Medicus, who died on May 8, 2020.

We extend our Christian sympathy and Resurrection hope to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Robert Ozment, who died on May 27, 2020.

Church Family

Pastor Jasmine & Family
Atlanta First
Atlanta First Staff
Atlanta First Shut-Ins
Jacquelyn Banks
Mattie & Gerald Brock
Beverly Bush
Virginia Cathcart
Hubert Davis
Marlee Franklin
Dot Fraser
Barbara Fruit
Claudia Harris
Lisa Peterson
Bonnie & Ross Lane
Rev. Dr. Jacqui Rose-Tucker
Les Scarborough
Gerald Stacy
Dorothy Ann Turnipseed
Rev. Hulda Wilson

Extended Church Family and Friends

All who are affected by the COVID19 Pandemic
Edward Bean
Grandson of Dallas Terrell
Mary Jim Black
Mother of Miriam Smith
Pamela Datcher
Sister of Dr. Jacqui Rose-Tucker
Joyce Essein
Friend of Dr. Jacqui Rose-Tucker
Carl B. Fairchild
Friend of Jeanne Spencer
Barry Fraser
Son of Dot Fraser
Tonia Freeman
Rosa Freeman’s Sister
Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson
Resident Bishop
Ruth Jackson
Mother of Sandra Jackson
Family of Lance Kelly
& Gainesville High School
Friends of Natalie Smith
Dr. Michael T. McQueen
District Superintendent
Tommye & Keith Miller
Friends of Jeanne Spencer
Anthony Smallwood
Brother-In-Law of Alisa Smallwood
The Stotler Family
Missionaries
Meredith Tarantino
Friend of Jeanne Spencer
Robert Witcher
Brother of Carol Colly

Active Duty Military & First Responders

MSgt. Logan Cathcart
Grandson of Virginia Cathcart
MSgt. Scott Cathcart
Son of Virginia Cathcart
Officer Frannie Spencer
Daughter of Jeanne Spencer

All active-duty military who are currently deployed, and their families.

Happy Birthday in August!

| 1  | Jana Telfer          | 14 | Gwendolyn Smith   |
| 2  | Jim Richardson      | 15 | Ruby Darku        |
| 8  | Dorothy Ann Turnipseed | 19  | Natalie Smith    |
| 9  | Erin Martin         | 23 | Aaron Moody       |
| 16 | Roby-Hadley Telfer  | 25 | Clarence Tillett  |
| 26 | Betty Ann Tolbert   | 28 | Barbara Fruit     |
| 30 |                              | 31 | Emily Kelly       |

Happy Birthday in September!

| 5  | Deontez Wimbley     | 16 | Charles Rice      |
| 6  | Lochlan O’Toole     | 21 | Alisa Smallwood   |
| 7  | Wayne Pierce        | 26 | Antonio Curtis    |
| 16 |                          |
Media & Online Worship

Live-Stream - AtlantaFirstUMC.org/live
If you are unable to join us in person for worship, please join us online through the link above! All of our worship services are live-streamed through our YouTube channel and Facebook page. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to see all of our latest videos and to be alerted when our streams start! Our YouTube channel is found at: YouTube.com/AtlantaFirstUMC

Video Archive - AtlantaFirstUMC.org/videos
Visit here to see the archive of all of our worship and sermon videos, as well as videos of concerts and other special events.

Sermon Archive - AtlantaFirstUMC.org/sermons
Did you miss a Sunday during the “Life Matters” worship series or do you want to hear Pastor Jasmine’s sermons from “The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers” again? Here you will find previously recorded sermons in videos, .mp3 audio downloads, and podcast audio streams.

Podcasts - AtlantaFirstUMC.org/podcasts
Audio podcasts of our Pastors’ sermons and other recordings are available here. There you will also find links to subscribe to our podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and through an RRS feed. Also, check out: Bishop Sue’s Podcast - https://pod.link/1485744526

Giving - AtlantaFirstUMC.org/give
We are a church that makes a difference and gives ourselves away. We do not have to do this. We get to do this because of the people like you who generously invest financially to this incredible mission. We want to thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Atlanta First! Your gifts help make worship, serve, grow, engage at Atlanta First a reality!

Your giving directly changes lives of those in this city whom God has entrusted to our care. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a huge difference! Please scan the QR code to the left or visit our website at AtlantaFirstUMC.org/give.
You can also give through CashApp, at $AtlantaFirstUMC, or by scanning the CashApp code. You can also Text-to-Give by texting “1” to 833-675-0154.

Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Atlanta First. To choose Atlanta First as your donation recipient, go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0600848
You can also directly support Atlanta First Missions by purchasing needed supplies from our Amazon Smile donation list: smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2VLKWYPS8Z5HS

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