



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 24 , 2025



Church family,

Well...that was a surprise! By the time it stopped, Marcia and I had seven inches of snow and drifts up to a foot around the house. I've got to admit, I was skeptical of the forecast...surely snow at the beach was impossible. As we celebrate our second anniversary as a congregation on Sunday, we are witness that...with God...nothing is impossible.

Magnolia United Methodist Church was established to be witness to the grace of God, a place of welcome for everyone searching for the love of God, and a vibrant community of faith to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Impossible? Not with God! We are on our way!

Come and celebrate with us on Sunday as we thank God for our two years together and look ahead to what God can do in and through us in the future. Join us for worship and the potluck lunch to follow. It will be a great day!

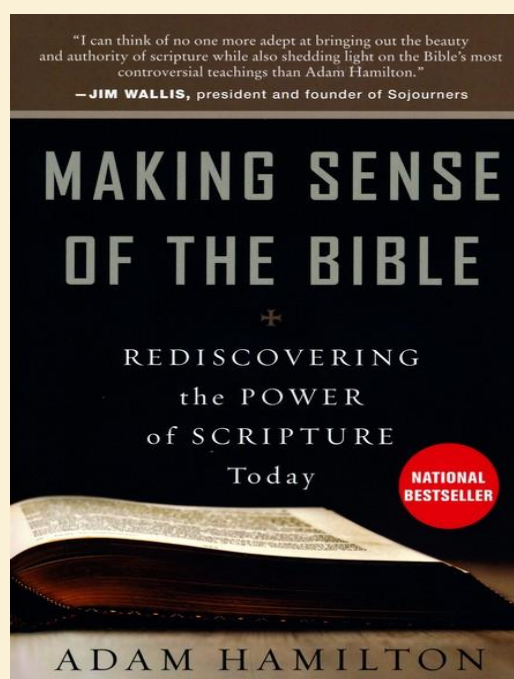
Grace and Peace,

Todd

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



- We look forward to seeing everyone at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores (FPC) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; and Luke 4:14-21. District Superintendent, Reverend Sheila Bates will preach. The title of her sermon is “A Mission to Light Our Way.”
- Reverend Dr. David McLean is teaching a class featuring Adam Hamilton’s study of the Gospel of Luke. The sessions meet in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- Dr. Stan Rittgers is leading a workshop entitled “Caring Enough to Confront” utilizing Andy Stanley’s “Not In It To Win It” as a guide. The sessions meet in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall each Thursday at 10:00 a.m.



During Sunday School, Reverend Brian Dale is teaching Adam Hamilton’s “Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today”.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Each week, we collect food and take it to the *Blessing Boxes*. Please be in prayer about how you want to support this ministry. You can bring food, help distribute food, give funds so food can be bought, and everyone can pray for those receiving support through the *Blessing Boxes*. We will have a container to collect canned goods and dry goods in the Narthex every week.

THE SCHEDULE – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Anniversary Potluck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 28

11:30 a.m. – Ladies' Luncheon (Luna's – Orange Beach)

Wednesday, January 29

10:30 a.m. - Adam Hamilton's study on the Gospel of Luke.

6:00 p.m. – Magnolia Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

10:00 a.m. - "Caring Enough to Confront" utilizing Andy Stanley's "Not In It To Win It" as a guide.

Snow Day!







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If there is something you need or if you have a question or comment, please reach out to Pastor Todd Dowdy at pastor@magnolia-umc.org or call the church office at 251-522-3936.

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*You are welcome here. No matter where you have been.
No matter what you have done or left undone.
You are welcome in love and grace.
May you find rest and renewal.
May you find hope and love and peace.
This is what God offers to us all.*