

History of Lillian United Methodist Church





Message from Rev. Daniel W. Randall

What a blessing it is to be a part of the beautiful story of Lillian United Methodist Church. We have a beautiful past and a glorious future as God continues to pour out His Holy Spirit on this sacred ground. As you read the following pages of our history you will see how God took those who were willing and used them for a great purpose. God not only used the ability of those with specific and special skills, but the availability of everyone who was open to what God wanted to do through them for His greater Glory!

In our brief thirty-three years our church has grown from sixty-five in worship in our first worship service in the Catholic Chapel, August 3, 1980, to an average of two-hundred and fifty currently in weekly worship. We have also seen an increase in membership from forty-seven charter members on December 15, 1980, to five-hundred and four current members. Many dear and precious souls have passed through the church fellowship and many on to the church triumphant! I praise God for all who have allowed the Lord to use them in the forming and building of His church here in Lillian, AL., and for everyone who has allowed the Lord to use them over the past thirty-three years.

I am grateful to Jane Harper and everyone who helped her developing this wonderful resource and who helped in putting our history book together. I pray this resource will bless you as you soak in each page and see the hand of God that has been at work since our inception and that guides us on today as we continue to "Reach Out With Gods' Love!



Grace & Peace,
Rev. Daniel W. Randall



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The First Decade: Charter & Construction

Our history begins in 1979 when Minnie Lee Pritchett came to Lillian to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Charlotte Donnenwirth. After finding that there was not a Methodist Church close by, she insisted Bob drive her to church every Sunday in Foley. Then one Sunday as they were leaving The First Methodist Church of Foley, Bob said to Rev. Robert Moore ... “Rev. Moore, this is a long way to drive, I wish we had a Methodist church in Lillian.” Rev. Moore shook hands, smiled and said nothing. The next day, Bob came home from work and to his surprise, there sat Minnie Lee and Rev. Moore. The first words she said to him were, “Bob, you are going to start a Methodist church here in Lillian!!!”



Minnie Lee Pritchett

A few days later, Rev. Moore called to say that he was mailing a list of all of the known Methodists who lived in the Lillian area. Bob called the fourteen people on the list to get together and talk about what to do in order to get a church in Lillian. Some folks had joined other churches and some were just not interested; however, several did respond very favorably and were willing to attend a meeting.

July 7, 1980: The very first get together to plan for a new church was held at the Spanish Cove Club House, with a second meeting held shortly thereafter. At the first meeting a new list was made up of people who might be interested in a local church; they were called, and between the two meetings, they were the Founders of the Lillian United Methodist Church. Those attending were: Minnie Lee Pritchett, Bob and Charlotte Donnenwirth, Geraldine Dunkerley, Margaret French, Cecil Wynn, Rufus Crosby, Grant and Laura Reinhardt, Donald and Ellen Sterrie. Attending from The First Methodist Church of Foley were Rev. Moore and Ed Hand, Director of Missions. It was decided to have a service once a month in Lillian with a goal of the first service being the first Sunday in August.

The next few weeks were a whirlwind of activities. Father Mark of St. Joseph Catholic Church assisted in loaning the “little green chapel.” It had only 2 or 3 old pews along the sides, a non-working furnace, no water, no air conditioning, no bathrooms and a swarm of bees in the entrance way pillar. Rev. Bob Mackey, a retired Methodist preacher was located in Gulf Shores,



The Catholic Chapel of Lillian where services were held until the Sanctuary could be built.

agreed to conduct the service. Cokesbury hymnals and altar cross were borrowed from Foley Methodist, folding metal chairs from the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, a toy electric organ from Azolene Pickens. The pulpit consisted of two wooded footstools stacked and covered with a white cloth. A table was covered with Minnie’s white linen tablecloth for the altar to hold a basket of flowers, a white bible and two candleholders from Charlotte Donnenwirth. A wicker basket was used for the offering plate. They were ready for the first service, but would anyone come????

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LILLIAN
First Sunday of Worship 3 August, 1980

OUR SERVICE

THE PRELUDE-----The Organist
THE CALL TO WORSHIP-----The Children's Choir
THE INVOCATION-----The Pastor
*A HYMN-----"Holy, Holy, Holy Vrs 1, 2, 4)-----6
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-----1
THE ANTHEM-----The Choir
THE RESPONSIVE READING-----304
*THE GLORIA PATRI-----3
*A HYMN-----"The Old Rugged Cross"-----30
THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES-----The Pastor
THE SILENT MEDITATION
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY-----The Organist
*A HYMN-----"The Church In The Wilderness"-----121
THE SERMON
*A HYMN-----"Open My Eyes That I May See"-----89
*THE BENEDICTION
*THE POSTLUDE-----The Organist

*Congregation Please Stand

Robert Mackey-----Guest Minister
Ed Hand-----Choir Director
Audrey Crosby-----Organist

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Usher/Greeter---Rufus Crosby
Usher/Greeter-----Cecil Wynn

Lillian United Methodist Service will be held the 1st
Sunday of each month at 11:00 A. M.

NOTES

The Lillian United Methodist Church is being formed as a mission church with the help and guidance of the United Methodist Church of Foley. Services will be held the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 A. M., hopefully at the Little Green Chapel of The Catholic Church, until we can purchase land and building for a permanent church (any suggestions).

Our church needs are simple!

A Cross
Candle Holders (2)
Podium/Altar
Christian Flag
American Flag
Offertory Plates (2)
Flower Vases (2 or 4)
Organ

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Mr. Bob Domenwirth (The Lillian Coordinator - 962-2495) or Mr. Ed Hand (The Mission Representative of The Foley United Methodist Church - 943-1449) or leave a message with the Secretary of the Foley United Methodist Church - 943-4393.

August 3, 1980: We were hoping for about 15-20 attendees. Then the folks started to arrive: first, our organizers, then Rev. Mackey, then well wishers from other local churches, then there came a full busload of Sunday school and well-wishers from the Foley United Methodist Church. In all 65 Christian folks attended our very first church service here in Lillian. Problem: not to mention our aforementioned lack of amenities, now there were not enough seats or even standing room in the little green chapel. Many had to stand in the entryway with the honey bees.

September 1980: A second service was held and conducted by Rev. Mackey. Not with as many attendees this time, but mainly the core group, new members and visitors. A couple of days later there was a phone call from Rev. Henry Eddins, Pensacola District Superintendent, requesting a meeting with our folks as soon as possible. We accommodated him with an evening meeting later that week at the Lillian Volunteer Fire Dept. Perhaps the first question he asked was, "What type of Methodist church did we desire to become?" After a short discussion and clarification, we elected to become affiliated and a part of the United Methodist Church organization. He then pointedly informed us that it was his job to start new churches, then he thanked us for doing his job. He informed us that it was also his job to fill the pulpit. A month later, Rev. Eddins was the guest minister and after service he held a business meeting. It was then decided the services would be held each Sunday. He declared us a mission church under the Foley UMC. jurisdiction. Following that edict, he then appointed Rev. Moore to be our mission preacher and to hold weekly services. Thus, Rev. Moore was tasked to conduct sunrise services on the beach at Gulf Shores, then an eight o'clock service at Lillian, and then a ten o'clock service at Foley! Rev. Moore never got relief from this hectic circuit until June 1981.



After the first service.



Congregation



September 28, 1980
 Jessica Farley baptized
 by Rev. Moore
 Parents: Mike & Cindy Farley



Choir

December 14, 1980: On this special day, our church, now consisting of forty-seven members, received its charter and was officially separated as a mission church under the Foley UMC jurisdiction at the Charge Conference on January 18, 1981.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LILLIAN
 Third Sunday in Advent December 14, 1980
 CHARTER SUNDAY

THE PRELUDE-----The Pianist
 THE CALL TO WORSHIP
 THE INVOCATION
 *A HYMN-----"Come, Thou Almighty King"-----9
 *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH---"Apostle's Creed"-----1
 THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 A HYMN-----"O Little Town of Bethlehem"-----214
 *THE RESPONSIVE READING---"The Church"-----325
 *THE GLORIA PATRI-----3
 THE SILENT MEDITATION
 THE PASTORAL PRAYER
 THE LORD'S PRAYER
 THE OFFERTORY
 *THE DOXOLOGY-----The Pianist
 *A HYMN-----"The Church's One Foundation"-----81
 THE SERMON-----by Rev. Henry Eddins
 *A HYMN-----"Jesus Calls Us"-----49
 THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS-----The Pastor
 THE CONSTITUTING CONFERENCE--led by: Rev. Henry Eddins
 *THE BENEDICTION
 Robert A. Moore, Jr.-----Minister
 Mrs. Vivian Moore-----Pianist
 Mr. Ed Hand-----Song Leader

THIS HISTORICAL EVENT

Today, by reason of God's blessings upon a cooperative effort, we are meeting to officially form the Lillian United Methodist Church. Our agenda calls for beginning with Worship at the usual time and a message from District Superintendent, Rev. Henry Eddins who has encouraged this project from the beginning. After the pastor has received all the Charter Members, the Superintendent will preside over the Conference. A nominating committee will be named and some members at large will be elected for a Charge Conference to exist.

The United Methodist Church welcomes all baptized Christians who seek membership. Those not already confirmed members of other communions are asked to assume all the following vows:

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do you here, in the presence of God and of his congregation renew the solemn promise and vow that you made, or that was made in your name, at your baptism?

ANSWER: I DO

2. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and pledge your allegiance to his kingdom?

ANSWER: I DO

3. Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?

ANSWER: I DO

4. Do you promise according to the grace given to you to live a Christian life and always remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church?

ANSWER: I DO

5. Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

ANSWER: I WILL*

*Those from other churches, and those renewing their loyalty, need to assume this fifth vow.

Charter Members

LILLIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHARTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1980

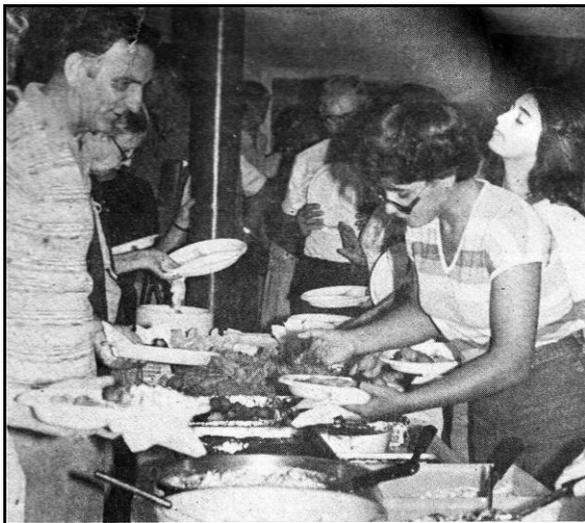
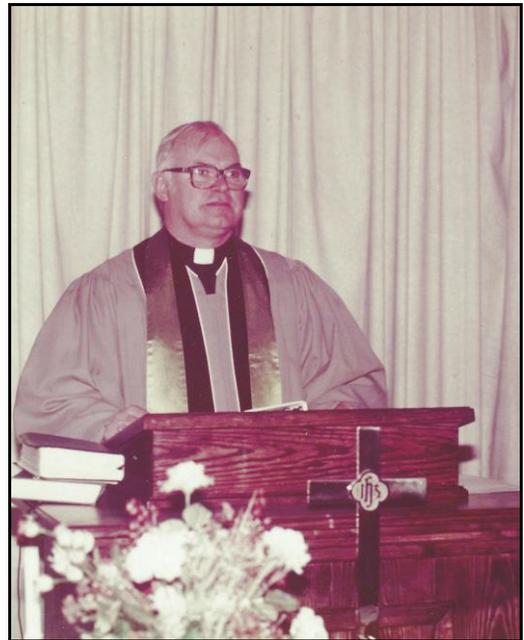
Margaret French
 Rufus O. Crosby
 Mauri J. + Gordon Dunbedley
 Mary Harrison
 Adam + Jane Tucker
 Robert O. Dorothy E. Keim
 Jerry Schoen
 Frances M. Schweinfuth
 Richard O. Schweinfuth
 Leonie Hummel
 Florence A. McLondon
 Sam McLondon
 Leonard L. Callie
 Dottie R. Callie
 John Andrew Donnemwirth
 Christina Donnemwirth
 Ellen Sterrie +
 Donald Sterrie
 Charlette Donnemwirth
 Robert H. Donnemwirth
 Herbert W. Mohr
 Ed Reinhardt

Cynthia Farley
 James M. Farley
 Betty L. Pritchett
 Minnie Lee Pritchett
 Azelene Pickens
 Laura W. Reinhardt
 Grand E. Reinhardt
 Donna K. Reinhardt
 Delores H. Pate
 James E. Pate
 Virginia M. Wynn
 Cecil T. Wynn
 Roy Harbison
 Roland Starke
 Christine Starke
 Jodie E. Shell
 Dorothy Shell
 Florence Thurston
 Inez Sims
 Rhonda Krehling
 Linda H. Harrison
 June E. Brunton

Rev. Claude Keenam: 06/15/1981 - 06/15/1994

June 7, 1981: The Alabama-West Florida Conference assigned a preacher, and we welcomed our first full time minister, Reverend Claude Keenam and his wife Nina from Andalusia, Alabama.

Retired from the army in 1967, Claude worked as registration supervisor for the Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN for over a year. He returned to his home state of Alabama and began teaching ROTC at Andalusia High School. He taught for 13 years, and it was during this time that he entered the ministry and served as a part-time Lay Pastor on the Opp Memorial Charge in the Andalusia District. He attended Candler School of Theology and Emory University in Atlanta and received his license to preach in 1974. He served Liberty UMC for five years and Macedonia UMC for four years. Lillian UMC was his first full time assignment.



September 13, 1981: Members of the year-old Lillian United Methodist Church don't have a building to meet in yet, so the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church have allowed them to meet in their little green chapel on Highway 98. To express their gratitude for this kindness, the Methodists held a fish fry on Sunday and invited their Catholic friends. The fish was caught and cooked by several men of the congregation with the help of a Baptist or two, and the ladies furnished the rest. Here, both Catholics and Methodists pass through the line, ready to enjoy both food and fellowship.

In addition to being Pastor at LUMC, Rev. Keenam lead an early Sunday service for a group of "Snowbirds" at the Spanish Cove Clubhouse. By 1982 many of them, including Kenneth & Alma Lohman, Gene & Lois Nida and LaVern & Velma Holtz became members of LUMC and were involved in the first years of the church.

September 20, 1981: The Sunday School services and Sunday evening services started.

September 23, 1981: The Wednesday evening services started.

January 4, 1982: Leadership Workshop attended by several LUMC members at Robertsedale Methodist Church.

January 15, 1982: Second Newsletter published.

February 14, 1982: First wedding for Lillian UMC. ►



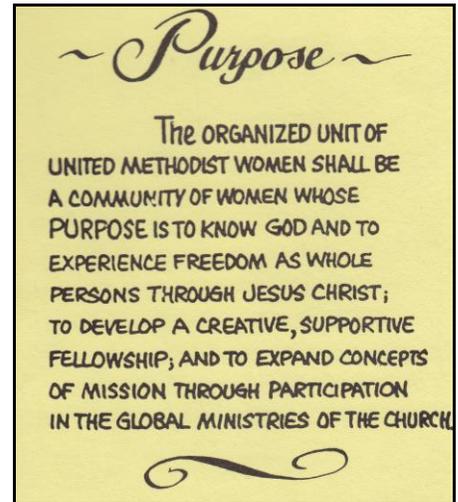
Florence Thurston & Ben Black married by Rev. Keenam.

June 23-25, 1982: Three day revival, Rev. Ford officiating.

August 25, 1982: An extensive search for available land that met the requirements set forth by the District Superintendent of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, the culmination the long search for land on which to build our permanent church. Mr. Creel, Joe Dusek, Bill Harris, Cecil Wynn and the Preacher met at Harris Realty. A check from the Conference in the amount of \$45,000 was passed and The Lillian United Methodist Church had 5.9 acres of land located at corner of Highway 98 and Perdido Street on which to build God's house.



September 15, 1982: United Methodist Women held first meeting.

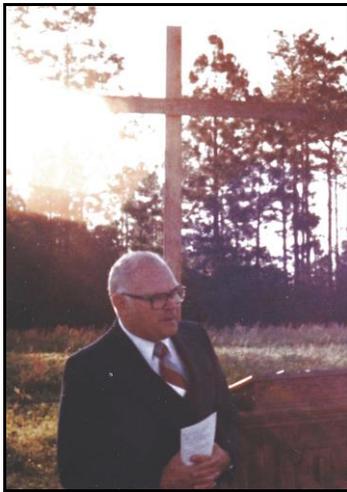


UMW receive charter in October: Mrs. Dorothy Jackson of Fairhope, left, president of the Pensacola District United Methodist Women, recently presented a charter to the newly organized UMW unit of Lillian UMC. Pictured with her are the new officers, from left, Mrs. Lorraine Standish, vice president, Mrs. Minnie Lee Pritchett, president and Mrs. Martha Gillespie, secretary-treasurer. The Lillian United Methodist Church is the newest church in the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

October 31 - November 4, 1982: Four day revival, Rev. Eddins officiating. The Rev. Henry Eddins of Montgomery, who served both the Robertsdale UMC and the Foley UMC and was the Pensacola District Superintendent for two years, returns to conduct a revival at the Lillian United Methodist Church. In 1980, it was Rev. Eddins who presented the charter to Lillian United Methodist Church.



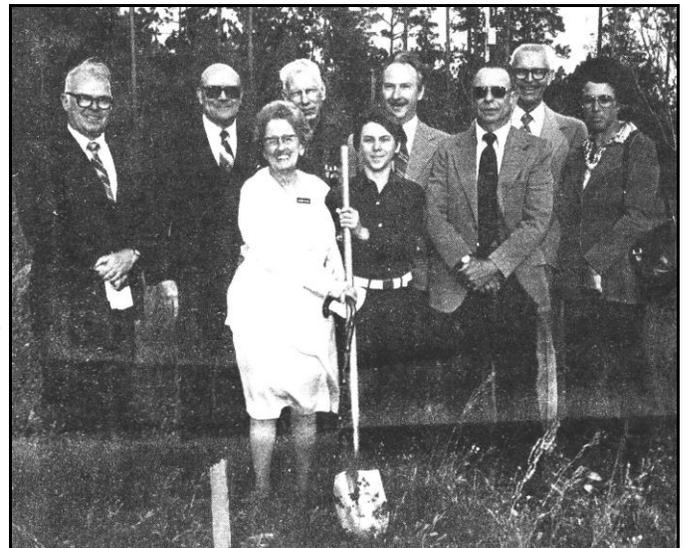
Easter, April 3, 1983: The Easter Service was held on the new property where the shape of the future church was staked out on the upper end of the property.



Every one was bundled up like Eskimos. It was indeed a cold and blustery day. The temperature was close to freezing and the wind was swirling all around us, and within those stakes we held our very first service on our own property. Agnes Mason, our organist, almost froze her hands trying to play the portable organ. We sang our songs and the preacher gave a heart-felt sermon; but all the time he was entertaining us with the white wispy vapors from his breath. It seemed a long, long, long hour.



April 24, 1983: Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building of Lillian UMC were held on the 5.9 acre lot purchased August 25, 1982. Pictured out front with the shovel are the oldest member, Mrs. Azolene Pickens, and the youngest, John Donnenwirth. In the back row are, from left, Rev. Claude W. Keenam, the minister; Rev. Clifford Abbott, Pensacola District Superintendent; Father Charles Reiner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Bob Donnenwirth, trustee; Leonard Collier, chairman of the board, Rev. Bill Bottoms of the district church building and locations committee and Mrs. Florence McLendon, building committee chairman. Thirty-two attended.



Not pictured: Don Waite: Volunteer Architect

Sam McLendon, Myles Standish, Laurence Suarez: Volunteer Engineers

Ray Wiggins: Contractor

Jodie Shell: Building Superintendent

From Reminiscences by Rev. Claude Keenam

May 5, 1983: dug footings

May 6, 1983: put steel in ditch

May 7, 1983: poured concrete in footing; put water in.

May 10, 1983: footing poured.

May 14, 1983: finished leveling, ready to pour slab.



May 26-June 2, 1983: put rafters together

June 6, 1983: put end rafters up.

June 8, 1983: decking

July 9, 1983: began roofing

July 13, 1983: began bricking





Stained Glass windows by Dick Schweinfurth



Carpet delivered January 11, 1984

July 31, 1983: Overheard leaving the chapel on the day of our final service there - "I almost hate to leave this chapel. We may never be this close again."

August 6, 1983: clean up day, getting ready for our first worship service in our own church.

August 7, 1983: first service in our own church. District Superintendent Clifford Abbott was here to bring the message. We had no air conditioning but several fans were set up. The attendance that day was 130. After worship service refreshments were served.

August 20, 1983: we cleaned out the little Chapel where God had blessed us so. We are in our new church building to stay.

From Reminiscences, Rev. Keenam

There was some hired help, but a number of people from the congregation pitched in to handle construction under the building supervisor Jodie Shell. By August of 1983, the third anniversary of the organization of the church, the congregation held services in the partially completed building and served refreshments to friends and neighbors following the service. Within two weeks, they left little catholic chapel which had been "their church" for almost 3 years and moved into the new building, although it was still not completed.



Constructing Pews



Ready for Service

It was March 1984 before the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department chairs were removed from the church and replaced with new pews which were placed on the carpet that had arrived several months before. Since church members gave of their time and money, costs were kept to a minimum: approximately \$110,000 had been spent on the building **without a mortgage**. It is valued at \$250,000. It houses a sanctuary, three classrooms, three restrooms and a pastor's office. There were many projects to help finance the building including successful rummage sales, which were held twice a year, the sale of men and women's caps, a chicken dinner and a spaghetti dinner. Members of churches all over the Alabama-West Florida Conference contributed close to \$5000 through the \$10 club and donations came from friends, neighbors, relatives, businesses and other churches. The Lillian community was very supportive of the church efforts, and many citizens expressed pride over the erection of a new church in the area.

On Easter Sunday (March 31, 1984) our church was formally dedicated with Rev. Clifford Abbott, Pensacola District Superintendent, as guest minister. "The Lord has blessed her church of people who have contributed their money, time and talents to provide a building where we can worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Rev. Keenam said. "During the special Easter services, we dedicated it to His glory."



Methodist Bicentennial
Lillian United Methodist Church - 4th Birthday



December 9, 1984
Methodist circuit rider visits.

The Rev. John Bryan, the official circuit rider for the Pensacola District United Methodists, paid a visit to the Lillian UMC. His visit heralded the Methodist Bicentennial and the Lillian congregation church's fourth birthday celebrations. The visit closed out a day of worship, a covered dish dinner, special singing, buggy rides for the children and reflecting on Methodism's beginnings and the Charter Day of the Lillian church. Rev. Bryan, on the horse, shakes hands with the minister, Rev. Claude W. Keenam, while several church members look on.



Rev. Claude & Nina Keenam

The Parsonage

May 30, 1987 Bulletin

The finance committee met on April 7. It is the recommendation of the finance committee that we have \$50,000 cash on hand before we break ground for the Parsonage. This is approximately half of the cost of the building, furnishing and equipping the Parsonage to the standards recommended by the Alabama-West Florida conference. A goal thermometer and a drawing of the proposed parsonage are posted on the bulletin board. As you can see, we are approximately 1/4 there at \$12,559.23. Personal donations and fundraisers will be appreciated.



Groundbreaking Ceremony
November 8, 1987

Rufus Crosby, the Building Committee Chair, said that the basic costs of the house was \$64,800. A loan was secured from the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Development Fund, Inc., a new fundraising organization to provide low-interest loans for new and developing churches. EB Williams Inc. of Pensacola began construction on November 17, 1987, and the minister is expected to move in by April 1. Fundraising dinners, bake and craft sales are sponsored monthly by the United Methodist Women.



View to church.



Foundation poured.

Christmas season 1987 Bulletin

Parsonage: The holidays and weather have slowed, but not stopped, progress of the Parsonage. A permanent roof, windows and doors are in place; basic wiring and plumbing have been completed; sheet rock has been delivered to be installed on the interior walls and ceilings; and the outside is ready for brick and painting. Now it looks like Valentine's Day before we see a Parsonage near completion. That is good, and we appreciate everyone's support and confidence. The contractor has done an excellent job so far, and we expect him to continue to do so. From the building committee.

March 13, 1988 Open House

Open house was held Sunday, March 13 at the new three bedroom brick Parsonage of the Lillian United Methodist Church. Refreshments were served by the United Methodist women. The 2206 square foot house, with another 755 square foot two-car garage and storage area, has a pastor study, paneled family room, living room, dining room, utility room, two full-size bathrooms and a half bath. It also has a concrete patio at the rear entrance and a porch with columns in the front. There is a paved walk in front and a paved driveway. It is carpeted with the exception of the bathrooms, kitchen and entrance hall. The United Methodist Women furnished the drapes and drapery hardware, and the United Methodist Men have been doing yard work and planting shrubbery.



Open House: March 13, 1988



Pastor Keenam at Open House



March 1988 Bulletin

Hooray!! It is with pride the building committee announces that as of March 21, 1988, the Lillian United Methodist Church has a pastor housed in its very own Parsonage, 137 paces from the pulpit. For all practical purposes, the Parsonage is complete with blinds and draperies in place. Only some work remains to be done on the grounds in the next week or so. Since this project began in November, there seems to be a renewed spirit, vitality, and unity in our church and that is so commendable. Working towards a goal has brought us closer together.



Newspaper Article: March 18, 1990

Lillian Methodists burn mortgage. Bishop CW Hancock puts a match to the mortgage of the Parsonage of the Lillian United Methodist Church Sunday while Rev. Claude Keenam pastor looks on. The Bishop and Pensacola District Superintendent Dickerson participated in the dedication service of the Parsonage. The Parsonage debt was retired over 26 month period.

The Steeple



From a Sunday Bulletin in 1989: The steeple was the result of a motion made by Minnie Lee Pritchett that the Sunday School class take on the responsibility of purchasing a steeple. This proposal was presented to the Administration Board and approval was received. After much discussion, a model was selected, a money raising project was decided on and low and behold, on March 10, 1989 at about 4:30 pm, the steeple was set in place. This event could not of taken place without the cooperation and generosity of this congregation. To all of you who donated \$10 for the coffee mugs and all the members of the Azolene Pickens Sunday School Class -- well done and God Bless You!!!

L. Collier



Nina's Notes: March 10, 1989

The truck had arrived, and soon telephone lines were buzzing. Within an hour or so, a small group of people had gathered on the grounds of the Lillian United Methodist Church. When I saw that only two men were to handle the job of raising and securing the steeple, I doubted whether they could do it. They had pulled up shortly after noon and said that the steeple would be in place around 5pm. After a short delay of mechanical problems, the steeple came to rest on the roof. There was still some work to be done, but we knew the goal had been met. Around 10:30 pm, the men had it secured and they pulled out of the church yard.

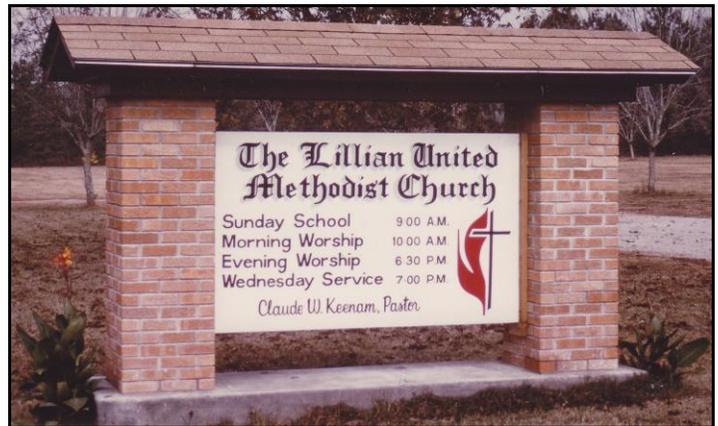
Nina Keenam



The Flagpole



A new flagpole was donated by Mildred Porter in memory of Cleveland Porter and installed by the United Methodist Men.



1987: Mrs. Jackie Kennerson loves children and enjoys working with them. Shown with her is a group of children she supervises in the nursery at LUMC every Sunday.



1990 Vacation Bible School

The Picnic Shelter and BBQ



Shed at construction: 1983



Prepared for Nursery: 1985
Being painted by Lorraine Standish



Then it becomes the Boy Scouts "Hut"



Leonard (Pappy) Collier and New Eagle Scout:
Troy Madden March 1991



Picnic Shelter and BBQ were added in 1987 by the United Methodist Men.



History of the Fellowship/Education Building



During the spring of 1989 the congregation of The Lillian United Methodist Church decided to act on the need for additional facilities to meet the needs of the growing congregation. It was obvious that the new parsonage would soon be paid for, but we needed Sunday school classrooms, we needed office space and we needed activity rooms. Our Youth Program was growing, and we needed space for our children and youth.

At a special board meeting on July 20, 1989, a Building Committee was approved to plan and oversee the construction of the new facility. Mr. Bob Donnenwirth was named Chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Don Waite, the architect for the Church building, served as a consultant to the committee and prepared the preliminary plans. Objectives: Meet needs of the congregation and keep the cost under \$150,000.

- February 15, 1990 the church dissolved the parsonage fund since the parsonage was paid for and established the Fellowship/Education Building Fund.
- August 28, 1990 the committee reviewed the preliminary plans, and instructed Mr. Waite to proceed with plans.
- March 23, 1991 the congregation approved the preliminary plans.
- April 3, 1991 the District Board of Church Locations approved the plans.

The final plans were developed and the cost was estimated at \$180,000. It was decided not to begin construction until the church had a minimum of \$75,000 in the construction fund and to delay the finishing inside the activity room. On December 31, 1991 the construction fund balance reached its' goal. The Board authorized the Trustees to borrow \$115,000 for this construction and on January 26, 1992 ground was broken. Builder selected: Ray Wiggins.



Left to right:
Ray Wiggins
Bob Donnenwirth
Rev. Claude Keenam
Don Waite



Groundbreaking January 26, 1992

Construction started in March 1992, and during November and December drapes were installed and furniture was purchased. On February 7, 1993 Bishop Morris consecrated the new building.



Foundation Poured



First wall up!



Framing almost complete.



Building enclosed.



Connection to Sanctuary



Brick work done, concrete poured.



September 1992: Great progress!



Spring 1993

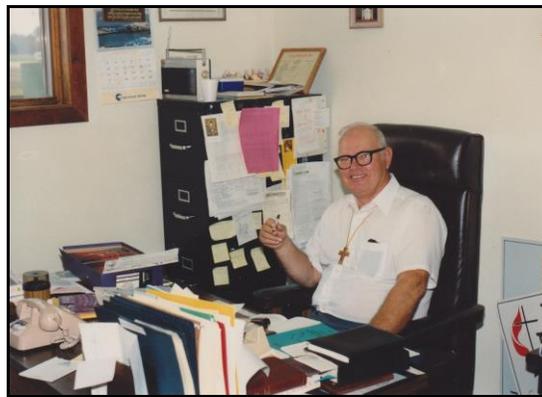
The completed Fellowship/Education Building included 3 Sunday school classrooms, 2 nurseries, 3 offices, a choir room and a parlor. The activities room and kitchen still need to be completed.



Fellowship/Education Building
 Consecration Service: February 7, 1993
 Bishop Morris (center) officiating
 Rev. Garrison (left) - Rev. Keenam (right)

Left: Pastor Keenam's office - 1991

Right: Pastor Keenam showing his hobby of carving miniature crosses and constructing dulcimers.



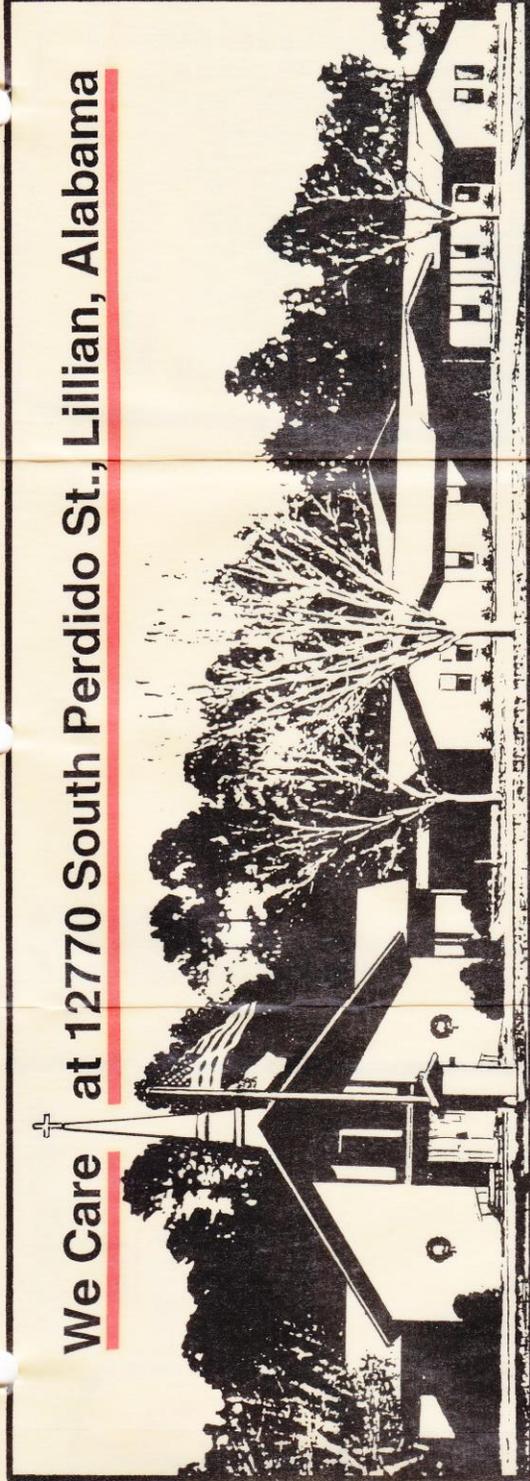
1994 Rev. Keenam retires



The invitations went out and hundreds showed up on May 29, 1994 to honor Rev. Claude Keenam and his wife Nina for 13 years of service. They will be returning to Andalusia.

From the Pastor: Nina and I have been overwhelmed with the many expressions of love extended to us during the past few weeks. For the past 13 years, this church has been so loving and so generous, not only to us, but to everyone. We have been so privileged and honored to be a part of the Lillian United Methodist Church.

We Care at 12770 South Perdido St., Lillian, Alabama



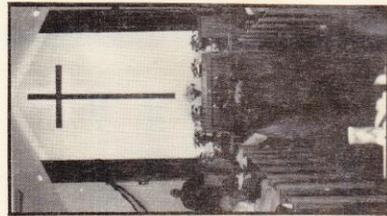
We invite you to...

Join us for the greatest adventure in your life, a new beginning. Through worship at The Lillian United Methodist Church, you can fulfill unfulfilled dreams with God.

A United Methodist is

someone who has...

Acknowledged Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and pledged allegiance to his kingdom; Professed the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; *Promised* to live a Christian life and remain a faithful member of the church; *Pledged* to be loyal to The United Methodist Church and support it with prayers, presence, gifts and service.



We offer...

- Sunday School for all ages
 - Nursery • Youth Program
 - Bible Study • Adult Choir
 - United Methodist Women
 - United Methodist Men
 - Special Holiday Services
- Plus ...**
- Ecumenical activities and Missions
 - Sponsorships of Scouting and Youth Sports



We welcome you...

Members of the Lillian United Methodist Church are warm, friendly people who are eager to have you join us for our worship services and activities. Chartered in 1980, the first church building was dedicated in 1984 and the parsonage was dedicated in 1989. On Feb. 7, 1993, the newest structure, an 8,000 sq. ft. educational building with ten classrooms and a fellowship hall was consecrated. It is located on a beautiful 5.9 acre plot on South Perdido St. in Lillian.



DISCOVER...



**The
Lillian
United
Methodist
Church**

**For the
most
Refreshing
Time
of your
week!**

The Lillian United Methodist Church
12270 S. Perdido St., P.O. Box 508
Lillian, AL 36549

From the pastor...

I invite you to worship, share and rejoice with us at The Lillian United Methodist Church. Here you will find friends with dreams similar to your own and a desire to fill the world with God's love. You will become a part of a church family that will stand beside you in difficult times and rejoice with you in happy times.

The Kingdom of Heaven is found in the church and the church is the only place on the face of the earth that offers eternal life through Christ.

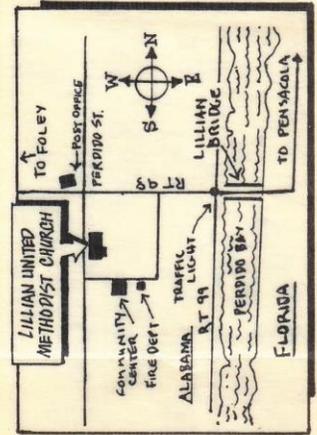
We assure you a warm welcome in His name.



Claude W. Keenam
Pastor
The Lillian United
Methodist Church
(205)-962-4336

Services

- Sunday School 8:45 A.M.
- Worship Service 10 A.M.
- Youth Meeting 5:30 P.M.
- Wed. Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



The Second Decade: Change & Growth

Rev. Cathy Allen: 06/15/1994 - 10/31/1997



Rev. Cathy Allen was appointed by the Alabama/West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as pastor in Lillian beginning June 15, 1994. Prior to her appointment to Lillian, Allen pastored two small congregations in the Milton, FL area. She made the move to Lillian with her husband, Ron and two children, Jason, 10, and Tiffany, 8. A native of Muncie, IN who grew up in Gulf Breeze, FL, Allen said her interest in the ministry began with her activity in student ministries like puppet shows and camps while attending Troy State University. At the time, there were only a few female Methodist ministers. With the encouragement of her father, she pursued the ministry. After graduation from Troy she enrolled in seminary at Emory University in Atlanta. Allen said the lack of female role models in the ministry frees her to be herself:

"Being myself seems to work with people. I go in and love them, care for them and teach them God's word. That's what they want."

Following 13 years with the same pastor, it is inevitable there is a sense of change with a new pastor. Pastor Cathy started a time of growth and beginning October 1, 1995 LUMC started offering two services; an informal service of singing and spiritual message at 8 am or attend our traditional service with choir and sermon at 11 am.

in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

October 1994

by REV. CATHY ALLEN

CATHY'S CORNER
Dear Friends In Christ,
In September, I had the privilege of participating in our church's nursing home ministry and feel certain that, instead of being a blessing to the nursing home residents, I was blessed by them. Two men in our congregation, Bill Farrow and Bob Geib, spearhead this fine service in the name of Christ and are featured in a new section of our Newsletter as volunteers of the month (see "Jonah Award: A Whale of a Job!")

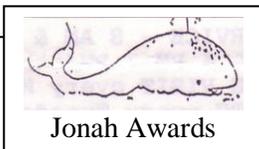
It is already October and we are beginning to look ahead to 1995. As we make plans for upcoming years of ministry, please think about the following poem and prayerfully consider how and where you might contribute to the ministry of The Lillian United Methodist Church.

THE GHOST OF MIGHT-HAVE-BEEN

"Mr. Meant-To" has a comrade and his name is "Didn't Do";
Have you ever chanced to meet them: Did they ever call on you?
These two fellows live together In the house of "Never-Win",
And I'm told that it is haunted By the ghost of "Might-Have-Been".
-Author Unknown-

Think about it. . .

Yours in Christ,
Cathy



Jonah Awards

**From a Pastor's Desk: Rev. Cathy Allen, LUMC
October 22, 1995**

As of this writing, two hurricanes have already struck our community and we are keeping a close eye on a third. Since coming to serve as pastor of LUMC in June of 1994 I have experienced (in addition to the hurricanes) two Mullet Festivals, two Watermelon Festivals, a Christmas parade, Costal Cleanup, food drives, Lock-up for Literacy and countless church dinners at the Community Club. I have learned to honk my horn and/or wave when I drive by someone on the street or in their yard - even if I don't personally know them . . . I have been the recipient of care, compassion and prayers during illness from people I did not even know. What a joy, what a blessing, to live in a community where people know and care for one another, where people work together and where churches are considered an essential asset to daily living! (*Hurricane Erin struck August 2nd and Hurricane Opal struck October 4th with no major damage to the church property.*)



On Sunday December 10, 1995 the church celebrated the 15th anniversary of ministry with the following special guests.

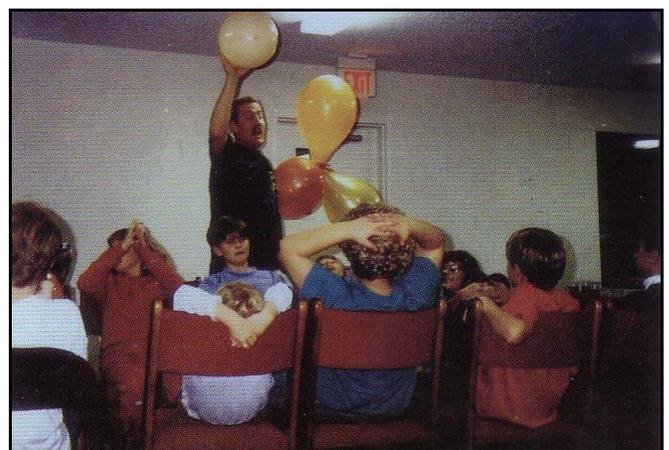
- Dr. Landon Garrison, District Superintendent
- Rev. Claude Keenam, First Pastor of LUMC
- Bishop William Morris: Alabama/West Florida Conference giving the message for the day.



In June 1996, the role of Jim Batchelor as Youth Director was expanded to that of Assistant to the Minister. "Yutes", a very active youth group was then split into two groups, with a new program "Pathfinders" added for ages five through twelve.

As Yutes, we hang together, discuss Jesus and have fun. Our goal is to become more involved with mission work and helping others.

Following pictures show the Yutes and Pathfinders participating in the Lillian Christmas Parade, presenting a Youth Day, trips, and other activities.





Youth Day: August 25, 1996



Trash and Treasure sale during construction.



Activities Room complete: July 1997

Interim Pastoral Charge: Rev. Landon Garrison: 09/01/1997 - 12/31/1997

During this short period with an interim pastor, the mortgage on the fellowship building was paid and burned on Dec. 7, 1997. The celebration included special guests, Rev. Cathy Allen, who had left on medical leave and Rev. Gene May who would not be available until January.



Pastor Langdon Garrison
Gene Nida
District Superintendent Charles Avery



Congregation



Rev. Cathy Allen & Rev. Gene May

Rev. Cathy Allen: Final Days

Rev. Cathy gave her last sermon on Oct. 23, 1997 and went on disability leave. In a newspaper interview she said, *“Something like cancer gives us a chance to talk with one another and share.”* She told members of LUMC she wasn’t afraid to die and described her idea of heaven as a place where she would find family members and old friends - but not suffering and pain. She said her final bout with cancer helped her to pray with meaning. *“You can feel that presence and know that that presence is with you. With this understanding of heaven and God, you realize that death isn’t something to be feared.”*

Rev. Gene A. May: 01/01/1998 - 06/15/2001

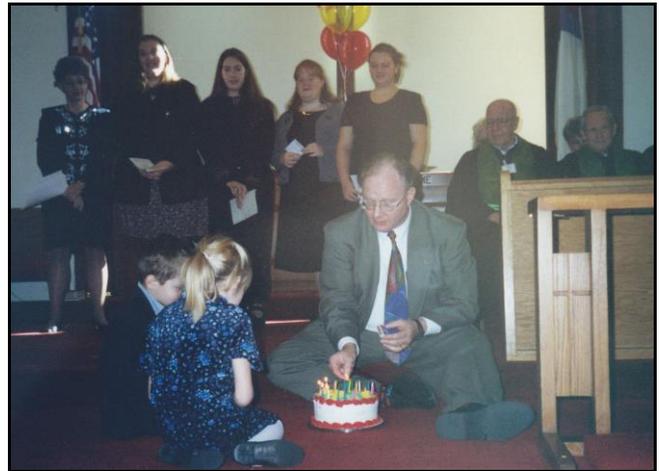


Rev. Gene A. May was born in Carmi, IL and raised in Clifton. He has a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education from Western Illinois University; Master of Science in Business Management from Troy State University, Alabama; and Master of Divinity, Candler School of Theology, Emory Univ., Atlanta, GA.

Rev. Gene is married to the former Charlene Pennell, a native of Pensacola, FL. They have a son, Cameron and a daughter, Meredith Caitlin. Prior to entering the ministry he was owner/operator of Act Rents, a general equipment rental center and Parties Plus, a wedding and party goods rental center. Both located in Pensacola, FL.



United Methodist Men meeting



Children's Time with Pastor Gene

After a failed attempt to establish a website for the church, Clarice Passmore stepped up and created a working, informative website during the year 2000. Across the top of the website was our name, Lillian United Methodist Church, address, and phone number. A picture of Church came up on the first page of the website, with the words 'Welcome to our family!' scrolling across the screen. Down the left hand side of the screen was a column of available pages. The weekly schedule of worship services, children and youth activities. There was a short biography for the pastor on a page. There was a 'Welcome page' written by Gene May. There was a map and driving directions to find us. Pictures of VBS and Youth activities each had a page. There were pages of information for the UM Women, Our Mission Statement, Community Dinners, how to contact us by email and When is Easter? So that the website would change every day it had a link to the Daily Christian Cartoon website. My favorite was a page called 'God's Yellow Pages.' This page had links to various verses by topic. The page was meant to connect people to God's word and be a direct help to their lives. In my mind the church needs to be active. So, I created the 'Action page. There were fourteen 'Action Opportunities' listed on the page. The scrolling message on the page was, 'We can use your talents!' Some of the opportunities were directly related to church like: if play the piano or play a musical instrument or if you sing or want to sing a solo. Donate money to missions through the United Methodist Church. 100% of the money goes where you designate. The church picks up the administrative costs. Some opportunities were community orientated. Donate food or clothing to church or volunteer at food bank or clothing store or nursing home. Some were just clicking a button to donate to the Hunger site, or Wateraid or volunteer with Habit for Humanity. *Submitted by Clarice Passmore.*

The LUMC Logo evolves and new logo shows up on November 19, 2000.



Sunday Bulletins include "Church Mouse", a church newsletter and cartoons drawn by Bud Morris and others.



Completed Activities Room: September 1997



October 1999



Christmas 1999



Bay Strummers



Charter Members: Charter Sunday 20th Anniversary, December 10, 2000

The Third Decade: Stability & Service

Rev. James Belcher: 06/01/2001 - 06/21/2011

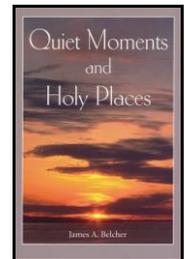


The Rev. Dr. James A. Belcher was born and reared in Brundidge, Alabama. He graduated with honors from Pike County High School in 1967. Jim earned the Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy State University in 1971, the Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1975, and the Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1990.

Rev. Belcher was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1975. He is certified as a Pastoral Care Specialist by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. When not working in ministry, Jim enjoys writing and hiking mountain trails. He has written two books:

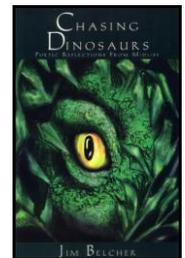
Book One: Quiet Moments and Holy Places

In a world where we all seem to be so busy, it is refreshing to be inspired by someone who takes the time to be aware of what God is doing. This refreshing volume of devotionals draws from classical categories of spiritual formation which Belcher enriches by heart-warming person experiences. He has a splendid capacity to see eternal overtones in ordinary events, and he captures the spiritual realities often hidden in the material dimension of our daily existence.



Book Two: Chasing Dinosaurs

Midlife is that elusive time when both past and future seem beyond our grasp. Cherished memories of youth grow dim and career ambitions vanish before our eyes. Maneuvering through the middle years often proves as futile as chasing dinosaurs. Jim Belcher, philosopher, poet and pastor, believes the middle years can be a time of healing and growth when we come to grips with the agendas that confront us.



Following seven years of change, Rev. Belcher was appointed by the Alabama/West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as pastor in Lillian UMC. Pastor Jim brought a sense of stability to the church with his ten years of service and dedication.



2001 Lillian Christmas Parade



2001 Christmas Pageant



2002 Potluck Dinner: Terry & Herb Wanzer



2003 Easter Puppets: Deborah Born, Director

Flyer from December 2004

LUMC Fund-Raiser Dinners - Do they Live or Die?

The LUMC dinners started approximately 17 years ago when this church decided to have our own parsonage instead of renting a house for our pastor to live in. Apparently, the powers-that-be thought that the parsonage would pay for itself since we wouldn't be paying rent to someone else. Mr. and the first Mrs. Replogle (Betty) initiated the idea and organized our dinners to raise money to pay down our debt as quickly as possible, especially since Betty Replogle had enough faith in LUMC and our community to sign her name on the mortgage herself!



Betty & Floyd Replogle

The fund-raiser dinner proceeds were used to pay additional monies each month on the mortgage principle and we were able to pay off a \$40,000 mortgage in 2 ½ years. Even though the parsonage was free of debt, we continued with our monthly dinners and set aside enough money so that when our education/fellowship hall was built, we only had a mortgage of \$135,000 which was paid off in under 5 years. Of course, there were monetary gifts from the congregation that also helped.

So how important are these dinners? We have a good history of providing a delicious dinner at a reasonable cost and we have faithful members of our community that support. So WHERE is that ONE special MEMBER of the LUMC congregation that can LEAD a TEAM of faithful workers to RAISE \$2000. on one Sunday morning each month October through April?



Pastor Jim awarding 1st place trophy.

In March 2005, the first Car Show was held at Lillian United Methodist Church. Previously sponsored by the Lillian Fire Department, Ken and Diane Robinson coordinated the event. Custom, classic and antique cars are shown with thirty trophies given according to best overall score by the judges and ten special trophies: best paint, best interior, best truck, best interior etc. One of the top ten has always been "Pastors Choice"....selected and awarded by our pastor. A BBQ sale was before the car show and music was by a DJ who was also the announcer.

Do You Remember?

Pastor Jim's Birthday Party with all the "smiley faces."

Name Tag Sundays: Once a month, between services, we met, had breakfast, fellowship with members from both services, and met new members.

Northern Exposure Sermons: Pastor Jim often used the characters from the TV show to make a spiritual point in his sermons.



2006 Easter Cantata: Director Carol Burke



Doris Compton's Tea Party for UMW



2006 Teens



Joyce Ellison, Director



VBS 2008



Children's Time with Pastor Jim



2009 Trash and Treasure Sale

The Fourth Decade: Renewal & Revival

Rev. Daniel Randall: 07/01/2011 - present



The Rev. Daniel Randall was born in Eight Mile, Alabama. At sixteen years of age and a sophomore in high school, Daniel surrendered to the call of ministry the Lord had placed on his life. He graduated from Vigor High school where he played football. Daniel earned the Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Religion, from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL. In 1995 he was appointed to his first charge, the Lee Circuit in Lee County, AL. 1998 he received his Master of Divinity from Emory Universities Candler School of Theology. Rev. Randall was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2000. He has served the Lee Circuit, Ashford UMC and First UMC of Grand Bay.

Rev. Randall is married to Tay Granger Randall. Tay grew up on Lake Martin, AL and they met while attending college at Huntingdon. They were married following his first year in seminary. Tay received her B.A. from Huntingdon in Education and her Master in education from Troy State University, Montgomery. She received her certification in Library media science and has served most of her teaching years as a librarian. They have one son, Dan Granger, born in 1999.

Following the 10 years with Pastor Jim Belcher, Rev. Daniel Randall was appointed by the Alabama/West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as pastor in Lillian UMC. During his first two years, Pastor Daniel has led the church through a time of revival, a period of renewed religious interest. From the Staff/Parish Relation Committee, "He has by his own love, dedication and devotion, clearly demonstrated our mission of "Reaching Out With God's Love." He makes himself available to our congregation 24 hours a day, conducts a vigorous visitation program, and extols care for others in his sermons and personal actions. He is active in Youth and Children programs. In the community he demonstrates Christ's love by extensive participation and membership in local service clubs and community activities. He strongly supports worldwide church efforts and promotes fiscal support through apportionment. He leads us by his personal example of loving and serving others."

► New Administrative Council positions added:

Missions/Outreach

Operation Christmas Child was added in 2012 as a church mission.

AA, Weight Watchers and Zumba were added to the Outreach programs.

Communication and Publicity

April 2012 the monthly newsletter was restarted and printed in color including features highlighting our history, church leaders, ministries and missions.

Disaster Response

A Disaster Response Team was formed in 2012 to provide the church and community support in a hurricane or other natural disaster with emergency preparedness plans, supplies and assistance in the aftermath.

Safe Sanctuary

Although the church has had a Safe Sanctuary policy, a team was added in 2012.

► The United Methodist Men, active in our church since its inception, were re-chartered by President Bill Duncan on April 16, 2012. In 2013, Car Show Coordinators Ken and Diane Robinson turned the task over to the UMM.

► LUMC participated in the AWF Conference 90 Days of Prayer Initiative during September-November 2012 with weekly prayer meetings lead by Pastor Daniel. The focus was to pray about how God can develop new communities of faith through them. This can take many forms- new churches, second campuses, new discipling group, and so on.

► Logo update

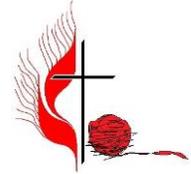


2000 2012



► Prayer Team updates include printing Prayer Concerns in the Sunday bulletin. National Day of Prayer was observed with a service in May 2012. World Day of Prayer was observed in March 2013 with guest speaker Pastor Joe Aldrete from Foley.

► The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started in September 2012. The group knit or crochet shawls which are then blessed by the pastor and congregation. Presented to those in need of comfort, a prayer shawl can cover a person in peace, prayer, healing and grace.



▲ Prayer Shawls on altar for blessing. January 2012

Pastor Appreciation Day - October 2012 ►



2012 Youth Meeting



2012 Lunch Bunch Gathering

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music." Psalm 98:4



Music is one of the means by which we lift up our hearts and spirits to the Lord! It is the universal language that speaks to the soul. It sets the tone and creates a familiar part of the worship service.

The Music Ministry, under the direction of Blake Riley, strives to create passionate, Christ-centered music as an integral part of the worship service through music ranging from classical to contemporary.

The Chancel Choir sings for the 10:00 am Worship Service every Sunday and normally meets for regular practice on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. In addition, they present a special program for Christmas and Easter.

Like to sing? Join us! There are no try-outs or tests, and the ability to read music is not required. Practice is a learning time. Blake teaches diction, enunciation and dynamics, and posture, breathing and voice projection.

Through our 30 year history the choir has changed directors and accompanists, singers have come and gone, but the enthusiasm and dedication of the group has remained constant.



▲ Choir Practice



◀ 2012 United Methodist Men



▼ 2012 United Methodist Women



United Methodist Men

Mission: To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.

UMM is working at a global level to implement a new model and vision of men’s ministry. We believe that the result will be men involved in four areas of focus and will reach the world for Christ. The areas are: Leadership Development - Church Renewal
Ministry with the Poor - Global Health

Although the men of LUMC have been active since the beginning of LUMC, it is unknown if they were chartered. Formal papers were filed by President Bill Duncan and the LUMC charter was received on April 16, 2012.

LUMC Vision:

- Alignment with mission and ministry of LUMC
- Focus outward to all men, not inward to a group
- Attitude of invitation, not expectation or obligation
- Leadership by empowerment, not control
- Development of mentoring relationships
- Build positive relationships with women

LUMC projects include:

- Annual Car Show with BBQ
- Trash and Treasure support of UMW
- Pumpkin Patch



As “Fishers of Men” we support the needs of our membership, plan outreach and community projects and work with the Lillian Optimists. 2013 President: Jayke Pell



United Methodist Women

Purpose: The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Chartered in October 1982 LUMC fundraising projects include:

- Bi-annual Trash and Treasure Sale
- Mrs. Santa’s Sweetshop
- Bakeless Bake Sale



The UMW of LUMC support many missions including UMCOR, Lighthouse Shelter, Methodist Children’s Home, Family Promise, Boy’s Ranch, Red Bird Mission, and others. Two new missions added for 2013 are the Backpack Project, Elberta Middle School and Repogle Scholarship for LUMC students. 2013 President: Barbara Parks



Children's Ministry - 2013

"Direct your children onto the right path and when they are older, they will not leave it." Prov. 22:6



The Children's Ministry, under the direction of Joyce Ellison, includes children ages 5-12 and provides guidance through a variety of programs and events.



King's Kids meets monthly at 3:33pm, generally on the 3rd Sunday, for fun and games, food, friendship and a Bible Lesson. Special events include a Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat.

Vacation Bible School is a big event at LUMC, involving many volunteers to prepare and lead the children of the church and community in learning about Jesus.

Other seasonal activities are planned. Last December the children experienced a *Walk Through Bethlehem* at the Bethel Church on Hwy 90. They were greeted by a shepherd who lead them through the town looking for Baby Jesus. An amazing and memorable experience.

During the summer there was a *Back to School Water Party*, with a giant water slide. A zoo trip is now in the planning for this spring.



Easter 2012

Youth Ministry - 2013

"And word got out that Jesus was in The House..." Mark 2:1

The Youth Ministry, under the direction of Tom Short, is an evolving ministry. Tom joined us at LUMC in May 2012 and is transforming the program. The House is an extension of a youth program developed many years ago in Jacksonville, Florida. The scripture behind it is Mark 2:1 "and word got out Jesus was in the house..". Taken from the story of the sick man

being lowered into a house Jesus was in to be healed. The House, in our case, is "where Jesus is" and where else can you feel at home? Your house!! We want every youth to feel at home here and feel compelled to invite their friends to "meet Jesus" at The House.



The youth group includes grades 6-12 and meets Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm for a snack supper, program and activities. Monthly missions are chosen by the group to support the church and community. In 2012 the youth have been involved in many activities VBS, Mullet Toss volunteers, Trash to Treasure volunteers, BBQ fundraiser, Lillian Christmas Parade, lock ins, movie nights, Revive Camps at Camp Blue Lake, Ecumenical Ministries Food Drive (They collected over a ton this year!), and Shoeboxes for soldiers

Some of our current and future activities include: LUMC car show volunteers, Cardboard City - a fundraiser for Family Promise, visitation to our church shut ins, lock ins, movie nights as an outreach for community youth, and again the Summer Revive Camp Blue Lake.

In 2013, the last Sunday in April was designated as Heritage Day to celebrate our Founders, Charter Sunday and a Day of Homecoming. 2013 marks the 30th Anniversary and the presentation of this history publication. The UMM provided and served the meal. UMW were involved with the invitations, table settings and name tags. 2013 Coordinator: Jane Harper



Lillian United Methodist Church

HERITAGE DAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

Please join us for our 30 year celebration!

Both services (8 & 10 am) will include

- a medley of hymns from the first LUMC service on August 3, 1980
- a reading of Membership Vows from LUMC Charter Sunday, December 14, 1980.

11:30 am Heritage Day Program will include:

- Founders Day - Charter Sunday - Homecoming
- History Presentation - Gospel Singing - Fellowship
- Lunch and Children's activities



Pastors of the Lillian United Methodist Church

Daniel W. Randall	07/01/2011 - present
James A. Belcher	06/01/2001 - 06/21/2011
Gene Armon May	01/01/1998 - 06/15/2001
Langdon Howard Garrison, Jr. (Interim Pastor)	09/01/1997 - 12/31/1997
Cathy Adkins Allen	06/15/1994 - 10/31/1997
Claude Wilson Keenam	06/15/1981 - 06/15/1994
Robert A. Moore, Jr. - Foley UMC Mission	09/28/1980 - 06/15/1981

Membership Records

First Decade		
Chartered 1980	47 members	Rev. Moore
New Sanctuary 1984	104 members	Rev. Keenam
Pastors last year 1994	269 members	
Second Decade		
1994-1997	302 members	Rev. Allen
1997	302 members	Rev. Garrison
1998-2001	328 members	Rev. May
Third Decade		
2001-2011	462 members	Rev. James Belcher
Fourth Decade		
2011-April 2013	504 members	Rev. Daniel Randall

In putting together this history, every attempt has been made to present true and accurate information. Most is copied from Sunday bulletins, newsletters, newspaper articles and committee/council reports. Recollections differ, personal stories are abundant and 30 years is a lot to cover in a few pages, therefore I followed the timeline through our pastors and in pictures. I believe our past is an integral part of who we are today and what we choose to do today leads to our future.
 Jane A Harper: 2013 Historian

“The true past departs not; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but all is still here, and, recognized or not, lives and works through endless changes.”

Thomas Carlyle, Scottish Philosopher, 1795-1881

Worship Center 2012



Multi-Purpose

Choir Loft



Altar

Choir Room



Restrooms	Storage
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Sanctuary



Cry Room



Entry Stained Glass



Extra Seating

Restroom



United Methodist Church

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