

## Our Prayers

Ginny & Bob Howard, Kenneth Grantham, Carolyn Stokes

**Greg Brunson** (Tim Johnson's friend)

Agnes Grantham (Kenneth Grantham's mother)

Allyson Morgan (Patricia Nicholson's cousin)

Miles Hamilton Ferguson (Cyndi Smart's friend)

Sue Ellen Vecsey (Kathy Smith's cousin)

Jerome Ward (friend of EUMC)

Carolyn Shively (former EUMC member)

Jim Schmidt (Peepsy Bullard's brother-in-law)

Brenda Masuch (Melinda Vaughan's friend)

Sandy Black (Carol Jackson's friend)

Denese Smith (Lucia Grantham's friend)

Angela Lott (Carol Jackson's friend)

Sue Mauldin (Jean Helms' friend)

Kay Walker (Chris Head's sister)

Ed Sells (former Elba U.M.C. minister)

Breanna Sanders & Family

The People of Ukraine

George & Tina Thomas (Kathy Smith's family)

Audrey Payne (Robbie Curran's friend)

Michael Smith (Linda & John Robert Smith's son)

Cole Young (Sue Boggan's great nephew)

Vonda Marler Khaler (Jimmy Clay's friend)

Todd Grantham (June Grantham's Son)

Clyde Laney (Carol Laney's husband)

All our first responders and military personnel

### Elba Nursing

Sylvia King

Jean Vaughan

### Enterprise Nursing

Annie Helms

### Angels for the Elderly

Lois Holt

### Opp Nursing

Sally Stone

### Taylor Mill Oaks

Ginny & Bob Howard

## How Do I Get Connected? Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1) Fill out a Connect Card and give it to Pastor Steve.

2) Join us at our weekly events:

### Sundays

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Education Building

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship & Bible Study  
in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesdays

3:30 p.m.—Children's Fellowship

5:30 p.m.—Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship

7:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir Practice

3) Subscribe to our Newsletter and Follow us on Facebook



### This Sunday's Volunteers | February 5th

- Ushers: Charles Pearce, Andy Smith, Max Bozeman
- Communion Servers: Bailey Brunson, Kathy Smith, Eddie Kelley
- Greeters: Jean & J.R. Helms
- Reader: Carol Jackson
- Nursery Helper: Anna Spence
- Counters: Gary Allen

### Next Sunday's Volunteers | February 12th

- Greeters: Tim & Lisa Johnson
- Reader: Lisa Johnson
- Nursery Helper: Julie Holley
- Counters: Wayne Sutley

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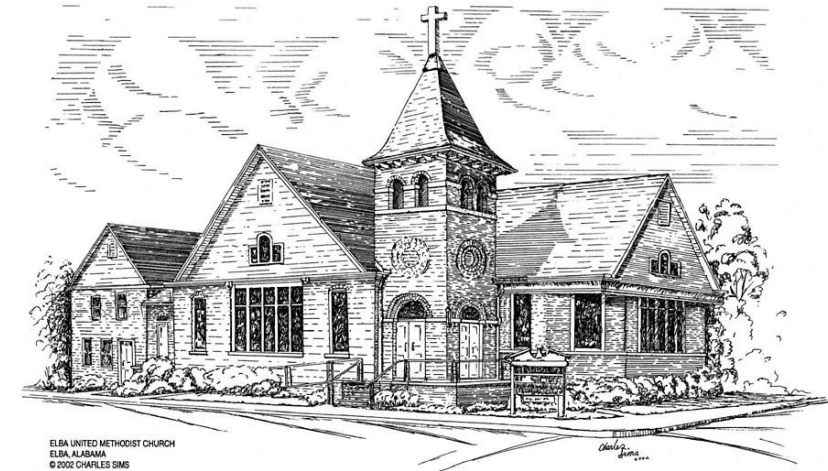
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# Elba United Methodist Church

Serving Elba since 1853 | 170 Years of Ministry



### Greetings from our Pastor

Welcome to Elba United Methodist Church! We are so happy to have you as part of our community today. At each seat are songbooks or hymnals and a Bible to help you join in worship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask our greeters. There are signs around our sanctuary to help you find restrooms, a family restroom with changing table, and our Nursery. After worship you will find me in the Bell Tower with a special gift for all visitors and guests! If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider Elba UMC where our mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Grace and Peace,

Rev. R. Steven Reneau

# Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | February 5th, 2023

†*Please rise in body or spirit* 🕊️ *Ask a greeter for an amplification device*

## Chiming of the Hour

**Prelude** More About Jesus | Smith **Pam Baker**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer** **Steve Reneau**

†**Hymn** Dwelling in Beulah Land **Cokesbury 95**

†**The Apostles' Creed** **pg. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and in life everlasting. Amen. *\*universal church*

†**Glory be to the Father** **pg. 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†**Hymn** Bringing in the Sheaves **Cokesbury 165**

**Offering Prayer** **Steve Reneau**

*You may use the alms box, offering plates, or visit [www.elbaumc.com](http://www.elbaumc.com) / give*

†**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** **pg. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all  
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Matthew 5:1-4** **Carol Jackson**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Pursuit of Happiness **Steve Reneau**

**Anthem** I Will Be Christ **Karen Davis**

**Invitation & Prayer of Confession** **pg. 12**

**The Great Thanksgiving** **pg. 13**

**The Lord's Prayer** **pg. 895**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Holy Communion** **Congregation**

*All are invited to come to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion.*

*Any contributions given at the altar rail will be used  
to help those in Elba who are in need.*

**Prayer after Holy Communion** **pg. 11**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery In which  
you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the  
world In the strength of your Spirit, To give ourselves for others,  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†**Hymn** His Eye is On the Sparrow **Cokesbury 231**

*During the final hymn, all are invited to come to the altar for prayer. If  
you would like to make a profession of faith, transfer your membership, or  
have our pastor, Steve, pray with you, please join him at the altar.*

†**Dismissal with Blessing** **Steve Reneau**

†**Choral Response** **Chancel Choir**

**Postlude** Spirit of Praise | Broughton **Pam Baker**

## Don't Forget!

- Nola has returned to the office in excellent health and is working the same schedule as previously (8:00a.m.—12:00 p.m.. Monday thru Thursday). Many thanks for all of your prayers and well wishes.
- There will be a Finance Committee meeting after Morning Worship. The committee members are: Conni Moseley, Max Bozeman, Eddie Kelley, Tim Johnson, Ferrin Cox, and Jean Helms.
- The Board of Trustees will meet Sunday, February 12th at 5:00 p.m. The Board includes: Charles Pearce, Robbie Curran, DeAnn Grantham, Greg Spence, J.R. Helms, Carol Jackson, Bailey Brunson, Mark Vaughan, and Jenny Allen.
- Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, February 19th at 7:30 a.m.
- There will be a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper in the Community Life Center on Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00 p.m.

## Town Hall Meeting with D.S.

On Tuesday, January 24th, the Church Council voted to begin the discernment process for Elba United Methodist Church to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The next step in this process is a town hall meeting with the District Superintendent on Sunday, February 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Life Center. All are encouraged to attend.

## Sermon Notes

## Our Giving

January Giving: \$18,610.00 | January Goal: \$20,000.00