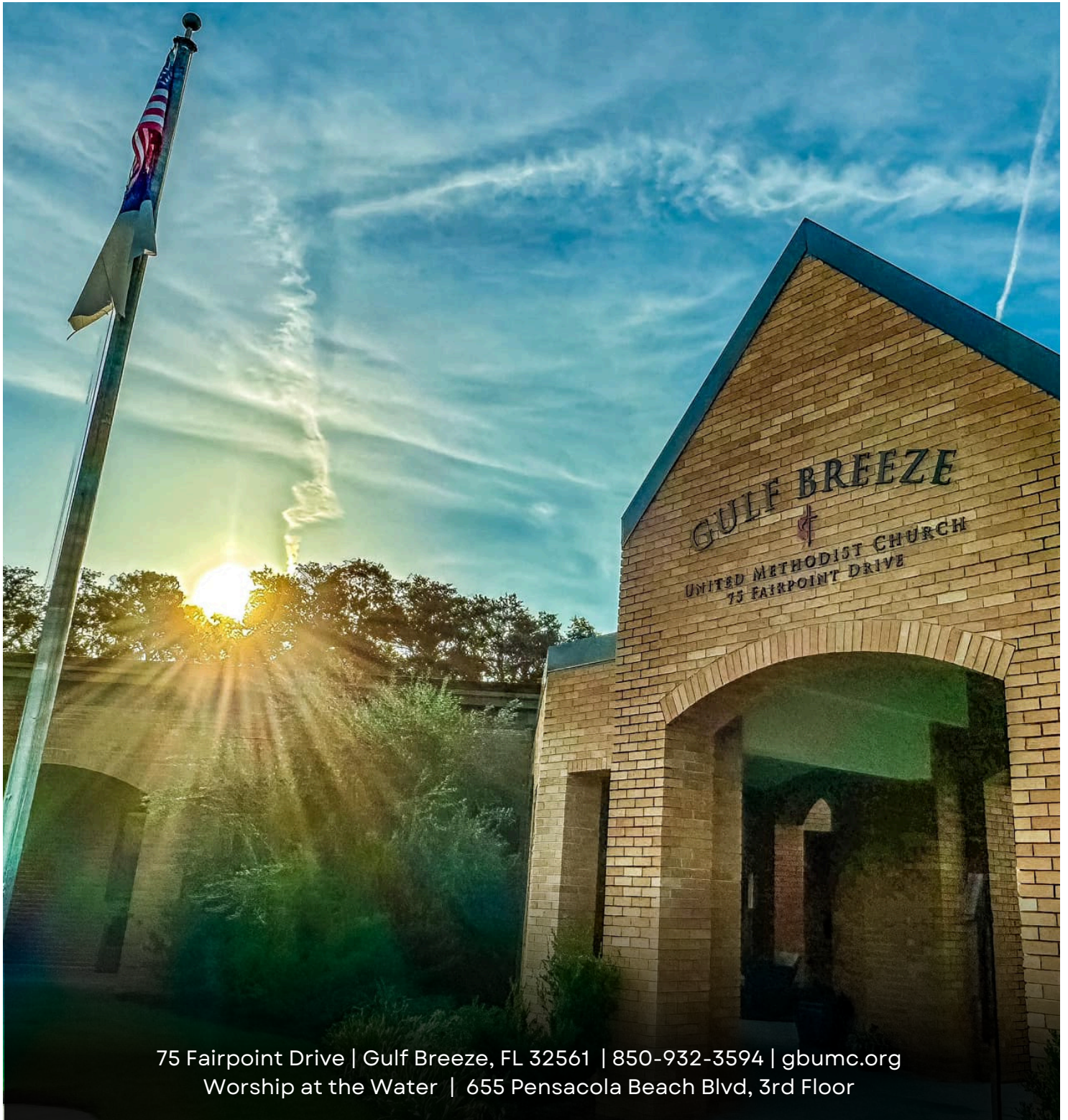




GULF BREEZE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# *The Wave*



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# A New Year, A Renewing God



The start of a new year always invites us to pause, reflect, and look ahead with hope. We mark time with calendars and resolutions, but long before we measure time, God was already at work—creating, calling, and continually renewing His people.

As we begin 2026 together, our church is stepping into a year-long journey with a simple but powerful theme: Renewed. Refined. Restored.

These words describe not only what God does, but who God is. God renews us with grace, refines us through love and truth, and restores us to wholeness for the sake of the world.

We begin this new year in worship with a sermon series titled “Renewed: Living the Call of Christ.” Rooted in the Gospel of Matthew and the season of Epiphany, this series will explore what it means to start fresh—not by trying harder, but by remembering who we are and whose we are.

Over the coming weeks, we will reflect on what it means to be:

- Renewed in vision as we follow the light of Christ
- Renewed in identity as God calls us “beloved.”
- Renewed in purpose, community, mercy, and mission
- Renewed in hope as we glimpse God’s glory and are sent into the world.

This series will carry us through Epiphany and into Transfiguration Sunday, preparing our hearts for the season of Lent, where we will be refined through a church-wide study of the Apostles’ Creed. From there, we will celebrate Easter as people who are being restored by the power of the resurrection.

My prayer is that this year will be more than busy—it will be meaningful. That it will be a year where faith is deepened, relationships are strengthened, and God’s transforming grace is made visible in our lives and in our community.

As we step into this new year together, may we trust that the God who has been faithful in the past is already at work in the days ahead, renewing us, refining us, and restoring us for His purposes.

I look forward to walking this journey with you.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Erik".

Dr. Erik  
Senior Pastor



# RENEWED

## LIVING THE CALL OF CHRIST

### New Year's Series: "Renewed: Living the Call of Christ"

Sundays January 4 – February 15

A new year invites us to rediscover who we are in Christ – renewed by grace, re-centered in God's Word, and recommitted to the call of discipleship. Each week explores what it means to live as renewed people in God's kingdom – through identity, purpose, community, mercy, mission, and transformation.

#### **JANUARY 4**

##### RENEWED VISION

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matt 2:1-12

#### **JANUARY 11**

##### RENEWED IDENTITY

Isaiah 42:1-9; Matt 3:13-17

##### LEADERSHIP

##### CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Join us as we bless and commission  
our 2026 church leaders.

#### **JANUARY 18**

##### RENEWED PURPOSE

Isaiah 49:1-9; John 1:29-42

#### **JANUARY 25**

##### RENEWED COMMUNITY

Isaiah 9:1-4; Matt 4:12-23

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

##### RENEWED MERCY

Micah 6:1-8; Matt 5:1-12

#### **FEBRUARY 8**

##### RENEWED MISSION

Isaiah 58:1-12; Matt 5:3-20

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

##### RENEWED GLORY

Exodus 24:12-18; Matt 17:1-9

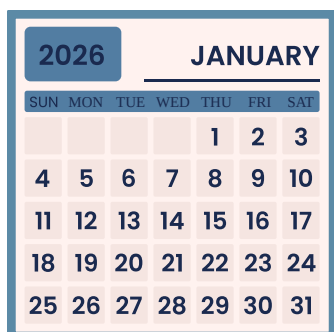
# ALL NEW for The New Year



## Socks for the Homeless

Collection Dates Jan 4-25

Socks are among the most requested, but least donated items at homeless shelters. Last year we collected 772 pairs of socks for REAP (Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola.) Let's sock it to them this year with 1000 pairs of WHITE TUBE SOCKS (men & women).



## Every Day with Jesus

Wed. Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 4pm

As we begin a new year, Rev. Ruth Knights will inspire us to walk with Jesus each and every day.



## New Testament Fast Track

Begins Jan 15. 9am

Disciple Fast Track is a comprehensive 12-week course covering the New Testament. Participants read 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily to prepare for the weekly meetings with last a little over an hour. Led by Ralph Peterson & Pastor Josh.



## Men's Retreat "Holy Ruckus"

January 23-24. Hilton Hotel Pensacola Beach

*Shake Off What Numbs You. Disrupt What Holds You Back. Unleash the Power of Deeper Male Friendships.*

The retreat led by Matthew Lyda, author of *Defeated by Great Waters* and *Recover the Wild* will begin with dinner on Friday evening and continue through late Saturday afternoon. Cost of \$95 includes meals and materials.



## Skin Care 2.0

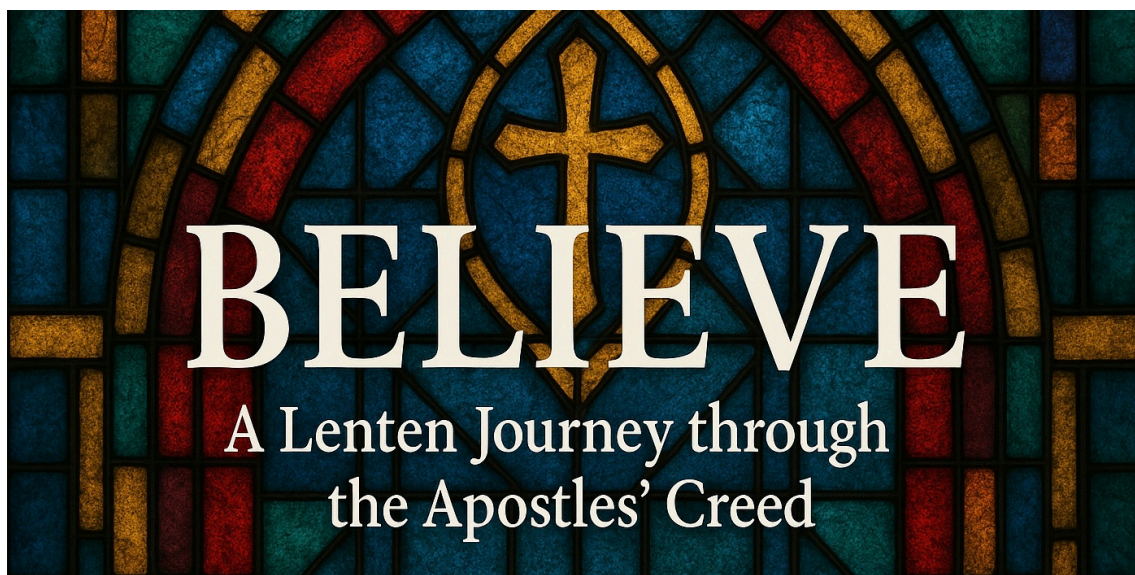
Sat. Jan 31 | 9:30am-Noon

Michele Keese will be here to show us how to care for our skin during the winter months.



FEBRUARY  
*begins the season of Lent.*

Ash Wednesday Service    Wednesday, February 18. 6pm



Sundays - Feb 22 - April 5

The ancient confession of faith shared by Christians across centuries and cultures is not merely words we recite, but truths that shape how we live. From trusting God the Creator, to following Jesus Christ as Lord, to being renewed by the Holy Spirit and formed as the Church, this series

invites us to deepen our faith during the reflective season of Lent. As the journey culminates on Easter, we celebrate the hope at the heart of the Creed: the resurrection of the body and the promise of life everlasting—the faith we confess and the life we are called to live.

## Exploring the Apostles' Creed

Led by Dr. Erik

This Lent, join Dr. Erik for a meaningful 7-week Bible study centered on the Apostles' Creed – the ancient confession of faith that has shaped Christians for centuries.

Together, we'll explore what these words mean, why they still matter, and how they shape the way we live today.

Using Scripture and insights from Adam Hamilton's Creed, this study invites honest conversation, deeper understanding, and spiritual growth.

Whether you're new to the faith, returning after some time away, or looking to grow deeper, you are welcome.

# WHAT'S Cooking?

## Soup Ministry



### Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday | 5-6pm

#### JANUARY 7

BBQ-Glazed Chicken Breast  
Baked Beans  
Broccoli Salad  
Salad Bar  
Dessert

#### JANUARY 14

Beef Pot Roast  
Cream Cheese Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans & Petit Carrots  
Caesar Salad  
Dessert

#### JANUARY 21

Greek Herb Chicken  
Lemon Orzo Pasta  
Roasted Zucchini & Squash  
Greek Salad  
Dessert

#### JANUARY 28

Sweet & Sour Pulled Pork  
White Rice  
Roasted Vegetables  
Salad Bar  
Dessert

Whether you are gifting a meal to a friend in need, taking the night off from cooking, or feeding an ailing neighbor, every penny of profit from our chef-crafted soups goes back into the community. These recipes are fit for a fine-dining restaurant and require no more effort than to thaw and heat. Purchase a quart and enjoy knowing that you are contributing to putting food on someone else's table too!

Soups are available...

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY 9 am-12:15 pm  
Reception Hall

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 -11:30AM  
Kitchen

**\$10 EACH**

**This month's soups are**

15 Bean Soup  
Unstuffed Pepper Soup

### Interfaith Food Pantry Needs

Chili  
Chili Seasonings  
Tomato Sauce  
Diced Tomatoes  
Dry Milk Packets  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper





# Children's Place

## We are pleased to share a leadership update for The Children's Place.

Beginning the week of January 19, 2026, Allison Carroll will join the ministry as Director, bringing more than 25 years of experience in early childhood education and leadership. Allison will be relocating from Ohio.

In addition, Taylor Creech will step into the role of Curriculum Specialist when school resumes after Christmas break, while continuing as a Lead VPK teacher. Taylor has been a valued member of The Children's Place staff since August 2022 and brings strong instructional expertise and dedication to this expanded role.

We are grateful for God's guidance during this season and for the faithful work of our Children's Place team. Please keep Allison, Taylor, and our children, families, and staff in your prayers as we move forward together.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sing and Ring

MON | 2:30-4:30PM  
MUSIC SUITE

1st -5th graders sing and learn to play handbells, chimes, and percussion.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### The CrossWalk

WED | 1:30-5:00PM  
YOUTH BLDG

6th -8th graders meet for snacks, games and a time to grow in their relationship with Christ and one another.

## SENIOR ADULTS

### Sharing & Caring Luncheon

2<sup>ND</sup> MON | 11AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come enjoy a scrumptious meal prepared by Chef Ian alongside great company.

### Lunch Bunch

1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> WED | 11AM  
GATHERING AREA

Travel with the bunch to local area eateries.

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Messiah Class

SUN | 9:30AM  
LECTURE HALL

Weekly study and discussion of scriptures. Led by class member

SUN | 4:30PM

Join Pastor Pam for a study of the Old Testament via Zoom. Email [pavery@gbumc.org](mailto:pavery@gbumc.org) for link.

### Verse by Verse Look at the Bible

TUES | 9AM | ROOM 2

This month our study of the book of Isaiah will come to a close and we will delve into the book of Matthew with Rev. Pam Avery.

### Men's Bible Class

WED | 9AM | ROOM 1

Join this weekly study taught by Dr. Erik Mays.

### Growing Wiser Bible Study

WED | 10AM | ROOM 2

Senior adult study led by Rev. Dawn Bond.

## JOY CLASS

SUN | 11AM | ROOM 1

A special ministry that serves our special-needs adults offering a place to grow in the love and knowledge of God.

## CARING MINISTRY

### Card Ministry

Volunteers send cards to those who need comfort or sympathy.

### Flower Delivery

MON | 10AM

Volunteers deliver flowers to the those recovering from illness or injury or needing a pick-me-up.

### Memorial Receptions

Teams of volunteers host a light reception following a memorial service.

### Prayer Shawls

WED | 10AM-NOON

Shawls are knitted with prayers in every stitch so the recipient is blanketed in prayer.



## CHOIR & WORSHIP

### Sing and Ring

MON | 2:30-4:30PM  
MUSIC SUITE

Choir for 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grade

### The Breeze Bells Rehearsal

MON | 5:45PM  
SANCTUARY

Handbell choir.

### The Silvertones Rehearsal

TUES | 10:30AM  
MUSIC SUITE

Senior Adult Choir

### Dulcimer Instrument Class

WED | 3:00PM  
MUSIC SUITE

Group for all skill levels.

### Choir Rehearsal

WED 6:00PM  
MUSIC SUITE

Adult Choir

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Centering Prayer

SUN 9:15AM  
WED 9AM & 5PM

Method of contemplative prayer that involves sitting in silence and using a sacred word to help focus on God.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Qigong

MON | 9:30AM  
RECEPTION HALL

Gentle mindful movement, centered on breathing.

### Faithfully Fit

MON | 10:00AM  
RECEPTION HALL

Class focused on core strengthening, stretching, and muscle retention.

### Al-Anon

TUES | 10:00AM  
ROOM 5

Group for those impacted by another person's alcoholism.

### Overeaters Anonymous

TUES | 12:00PM  
ROOM 3

Support for those recovering from compulsive eating and food behaviors.

### Weight Watchers

TUES | 12:30  
ROOM 1

The #1 doctor-recommended weight-loss program promoting healthy eating.

## OUTREACH

### Methodist Meals

MON-FRI

Drivers carry hot noon-time meals to the elderly and home-bound.

### Bright Bridge Ministry

2ND TUES | 8:30-NOON

Volunteers prepare and serve food to the homeless.

### Interfaith Ministries

Offers food, clothing and financial support for those in need in our community.

### Good Samaritan Clinic

Provides limited health care to Santa Rosa County residents without health insurance.

### Family Promise

Connects struggling families with local and government programs that can provide assistance, guidance and support with the goal of combating homelessness.

### Embrace Florida Kids

A faith-based agency focused on providing homes, healing and hope to vulnerable children who come from families in crisis, placed in foster care at no fault of their own.

# Wesley Heritage Tour with Dr. Erik and Lindsey Mays



Join Dr. Erik and Lindsey Mays  
*Wesley Heritage*  
**Tour**  
September 9 - 17, 2026



Join Dr. Erik and Lindsey Mays on a Wesley Heritage Tour, starting at \$4,946\* from Pensacola, departing on September 9, 2026. You will see Coventry Cathedral, Epworth, Memorial Church, St. Andrews Church, Cotswolds, Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Bath, City Road Chapel, Aldersgate Street, Buckingham Palace, and much more!

**September 9** – Depart from the USA

**September 10** – Arrival in England and Coventry

**September 11** – Epworth

**September 12** – Cotswolds & Stratford

**September 13** – Oxford

**September 14** – Bristol & Bath

**September 15** – Wesley's London

**September 16** – Free Day in London

**September 17** – Return to the USA or enjoy an extension in Ireland.



# Leadership Consecration Sunday

January 11, 2026

## **Blessing of Leaders** All Services

Each service will include a special moment of prayer and commissioning for those serving in leadership this year.

## **Leadership Luncheon & Orientation** 12:00 p.m.

All leaders are invited to lunch and a brief orientation following the 11:00 a.m. service.

## **Church Council Meeting** 1:00 p.m.

Council members will remain after lunch for the first meeting of 2026.

*We are grateful for every person who has stepped forward to serve. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to GBUMC!*



SENIOR PASTOR  
Rev. Dr. Erik Mays



SENIOR ASSOCIATE  
PASTOR  
Rev. Pam Avery



ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
Rev. Josh McLamb

## OUR TEAM

SARAH BENNETT	Book Place and Communications
MADELYN BOTT	Children's Ministry Assistant
JONATHAN CLARK	Contemporary Music Director
VIRGINIA CLARK	Director of Student Ministries and Communications Assistant
LISA CONWAY	Finance Assistant
CLARENCE FRONTZ	Maintenance Manager
BETTE HARRIMAN	Hospitality Director
TAMMY MACDONALD	Administrative Assistant
LINDSEY MAYS	Nursery Coordinator
RHONDA MERRILL	Church Administrator
KAREN MIZE	Community Health Coordinator
JIM MURDY	Maintenance Assistant
JAHLEEEL ORDONEZ	Youth Ministry Assistant
DON SNOWDEN	Traditional Music Director
IAN WHITCOMB	Chef and Kitchen Manager

TO EMAIL A STAFF MEMBER: ENTER FIRST INITIAL  
AND LAST NAME @gbumc.org



REV. JOSH MCLAMB

JONATHAN CLARK

Sundays at 8:30 AM

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*Give*

Click [here](#) to give online.

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*Become A Member* Click [here](#) to become a member.

*Volunteer*

Service in the church and community helps us grow closer to Christ and to one another.

[GBUMC.org/volunteer](http://GBUMC.org/volunteer)

*Connect With Us*



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