



Dear Family & Friends of Jubilee Shores UMC,

I am inspired this week by an overwhelming sense of God's Spirit leading and directing the saints of this congregation and community. There is an exciting and growing groundswell of support towards the vision of an emergency homeless shelter in Fairhope called "The Family Village Project."

A building has recently become available and Fairhope UMC is spearheading a community effort to purchase it and create a safe space where mothers and their children can live and learn and be offered the tools for success to be on their own. The Family Village Project will be partnering with the very successful and well established Dumas Wesley Community Center in Mobile, offering a blueprint and years of experience to help ensure the project's long term success.

Click [here](#) to watch a short video offering an account of the present need for this facility, a conceptual plan for moving forward, and interviews with two women currently enrolled in the Dumas Wesley Center, one of which hails from Fairhope.

So, here is the ask: given the current real estate market and the desirability of this property, we need to move quickly, but expeditiously, which means money. What I'm asking us all to consider, in support of our 'neighbors in need', is to go to the FUMC webpage and pledge your monetary support. Whether it be \$5 or \$50,000 it all matters...deeply. Worry not, currently this is only a pledge, so no money will be exchanged until the deal comes to fruition. At that time, FUMC will then reach out and ask for your pledge. They/we are hoping and praying to make an offer on the desired property soon, so as to give our entire community the chance to work together in developing this plan for the future.

I appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this mission! If you have any additional questions, comments, or ideas, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to either me or FUMC directly.

Hear the good news family! At the time of this writing, this project has received pledges of \$426,000 toward its purchase.

Blessed are the poor...(Matt. 5:3).

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