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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (1867-2023)  
*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

**318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717**

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE REVISITED**

How was your New Year's Eve? If you're under 50 and you can't remember, that means 1 of 2 things:

- 1. You didn't have much fun! or 2. You had way too much fun!**

My New Year's Eve was great until about 9:30 pm when the DAWGS kept falling further and further behind Ohio State. I think I threatened to give up watching College Football a dozen times in the 4th quarter alone. When the game was nearing its conclusion, I thought to myself "win or lose, I'm too jacked up to go to sleep anytime soon so since I have tomorrow off anyway, I might just sleep in." That's when my Holy Spirit hippocrisy alarm went off in my head since I've made a big deal about going to Church while you're on vacation or during the Holidays.

Boy am I glad I obeyed God last Sunday morning, got up early on very little sleep, cleaned up and got ready for Church. Celeste and I worshiped at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Tallahassee and it was AWESOME! Can't wait to share it with you this Sunday, January 8, in the sermon.

And just in case you don't believe in Miracles, how about watching the 4th quarter of the Georgia-Ohio State game again and then try to explain to me how Georgia won without using the word "miracle." (HA!)

**Happy New Year!  
Go DAWGS!  
Go Cairo First United Methodist!**

In Christ,  
*Sam*

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. David Elkins and family in the death of her aunt, **MRS. HAZEL WILLIAMS WESTBROOKS**; to Dr. Don Mobley and family in the death of his sister, **MRS. CAROLYN MOBLEY NEWELL**.

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## **MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

### **MR. MARK CARROUTH**

By: Mr. Wade Hunziker  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lehman

### **MRS. CAROLYN CHASON**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Harrison  
Montine Herring  
Douglas and Mary Beth Kirkland  
Hal, Tom, Tim Ragan  
Mrs. Anne Richter  
Ridley Law Firm  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford  
Rebecca & Danny Steinberg  
Nancy H. Stingley  
Ms. Peg Thomas  
Barbara H. Thompson  
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

### **MRS. BETTY CLARK**

By: James & Joann Carter

### **MRS. KAYE HELMS**

By: Linda Swope

### **MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL**

By: James & Joann Carter  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Harrison  
Truman and Rosalind Lastinger  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lehman  
Brian & Victoria Webster

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## **IN HONOR GIFTS:**

A gift has been given to the Church in honor of

### **RUTH SIMS**

By: Mrs. Edna Horne

## **LEADERSHIP RETREAT:**

(Sat, Jan. 28) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will be sending our 2023 leaders a letter with more details.

## **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:**

On Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Day.

## **JANUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION**

**1. TOWN HALL** (Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:00 pm in fellowship hall. All church members are welcome. There will be 3 15 minutes (or less) presentations:

1. Pros & Cons of Staying United Methodist
2. Pros & Cons of Disaffiliation
3. Options for our Church if we vote to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Denomination.

After the 3 presentations, the Pastor will have about 15 minutes of remarks. Then any church member can have 3 minutes or less to ask a question and/or share their thoughts on the Disaffiliation Discernment process. There will be multiple hand outs available on all things relating to Disaffiliation. Anyone is welcome to take the hand-outs home and reproduce them if necessary.

There will not be any votes taken at the Town Hall. However, it is our strong feeling that the Town Hall is only for our folks. So please don't invite your friends from the community or other churches. The Town Hall will not be available on Live Stream either. Thank you for your understanding!

**2. Rev. Vernon's Presentation on the Issue of Homosexuality (Sunday, Jan. 22, 5:30 pm)**

This is not a worship service. Rev. Vernon will present (with handouts) the Biblical Position on Homosexuality. It is about a 45-minute presentation. Afterwards, Rev. Vernon will take questions on the Presentation or the issue of Homosexuality. This will not be a time for discussing the Disaffiliation process. Just like the Jan. 12 Town Hall, this presentation is for our folks only. There will not be Live Stream for this event either.

**3. District Superintendent Presentation (Thurs, Jan. 26, 6:00 pm)**

Doreen Smalls will come and do a 30-45 minute presentation on: "Why We Should Stay in the United Methodist Church." After her presentation, she will take questions for 15-20 minutes. Just like the Town Hall, this is for our folks only. No Live Stream. No Votes will be taken.



**WEEK OF  
JANUARY 8-14, 2023**

**Sunday, January 8:**

8:15 am	Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am	†Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Service
5:00 pm	Book Club

**Monday, January 9:**

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
7:00 pm	Perkins UMMen

**Tuesday, January 10:**

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group

**Wednesday, January 11:**

5:30	Handbells
6:45	Chancel Choir

**Thursday, January 12:**

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
10:00 am	Chair Yoga
7:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting

**Friday, January 13:**

2:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6
9:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

**PERKINS UMMEN:**

Will meet Monday, January 9, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Dale Helms, Billy Wind or Mike Mills to make reservations for the meal if you have not been contacted.

**LAITY COUNCIL MEETS:**

Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/1/23**

11:00 am	.....59
Live Stream	.....26
Weekly Receipts	.....\$1,805.00
Weekly Needed	.....\$11,176.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$23.25

**BUCKET BRIGADE:**  
Offerings for January will go to the **Backpack Ministries.**



**Remember in Prayer**

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)**

**GRADY GENERAL:**

Mrs. Sandy Rinker

**AT HOME:**

Mr. Jack Drew

**FORT MYERS, FL:**

Mrs. Lisa Hoop

**PRAYER LIST:**

If you wish to have your name or a family member's name continued to be listed, please contact the church office. Otherwise, names will be removed until you request that they be put back on the printed list.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED**

**LIVING RESIDENTS:**

**MAGNOLIA PLACE:**

Mrs. Joan Cassels  
Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)  
Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)  
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**GLENN-MOOR, THOMASVILLE, GA:**

Mrs. Betty Jones

**THOMASVILLE NURSING & REHAB:**

Mrs. Mary Meill

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:**

Mrs. Opal Prince

**CHESTNUT RIDGE, CUMMINGS, GA:**

Mrs. Vivian Childs

**BRENTWOOD, TN:**

Dr. Bob Kral

**FLOWER CALENDAR:**

A new flower calendar for 2023 has been placed on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

Please sign up for flowers for 2023. And remember that two arrangements are needed.



**Birthday Greetings**

**Jan 4:** Sara Jane Cannon, Ethan McGhin, Even McGhin, Nick Thrower, Monteen Stewart

**Jan 6:** Amy Amaro

**Jan. 8:** Allison Harrell, Brian Morgan, Chuck Thomas

**Jan. 9:** Bradley Jones

**Jan. 10:** John Davis

**Jan. 11:** J. Mike Thornton

**Jan 12:** Robert Hudson

**Jan. 13:** Lumis Brown

Sunday, January 8, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Isaiah 6:1-6  
SERMON .....“My Experience at the Anglican Church” .....Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Carol Lehman

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD  
**This is God’s Word. I believe I am who He says I am,  
I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Matt McCaskill, Joe Porter**

**Worship Team:** Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;  
Myra Easom - vocals; Scott Easom - bass guitar;

**Tech:** - video;

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com  
text: 229-254-2546

- Acolytes: Campbell Jones and Sonny Jack Stoddard
- Buckets: Ella Jones and Betts Harrison

**COMING UP:**

- Sunday School re-alignment begins this week:
  - 3 and under in Nursery
  - Pre-K & Kindergarten
  - 1st and 2nd Grades
  - 3rd-5th Grades

**SUMMER CAMP:** Summer Camp Registration for Ages 7-10 opens January 11. If you have not let me know that your child is interested in attending, please do so. An email had been sent with registration instructions.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...SCOTT**

email: easom316@windstream.net  
cell/text: (229) 977-2247

- Jan. 8 – Sunday school starts back;
- Jan. 22 – Youth nights will start back @ 5:30

Sunday, January 8, 2023

**Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)**

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Ed Self and Dr. Ben Crook  
*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach/Hopson*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . .Rev. Sam Vernon

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . . . . .Nicene Creed . . . . .UMH 880

HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .UMH 152  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Angel Scene - Humperdinck*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . .Chancel Choir  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Carter*

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

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SERMON . . . . ."My Experience at the Anglican Church" . . . . Rev. Vernon

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .UMH 66  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Recessional on St. Anne - Young*

*After the Benediction, you are dismissed  
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Altar Guild:** Hope Almon, Kathy Higginbotham; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

**BOOK CLUB:**

Book Club will meet Sunday, January 8th to discuss *My Jesus* by Anne Wilson.

**CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:**

With Lucretia Roddenbery will meet in the fellowship hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 am.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Are available for pick up starting this Sunday. They will be in the hallway downstairs. If you would like to have weekly offering envelopes and there is not a package for you, please call the church office.

**SINNER'S PRAYER**

**DEAR JESUS,**

I believe You are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins 2000 years ago. I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and be my Savior and make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

Amen

This is just one example of a prayer that someone could pray to become Christian. For the prayer to be effective it needs to be an honest expression of someone's heart.

**CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS RETURNS! (JAN. 25)**

Join us at 6:00 pm for spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Reservations will be required for each meal and must be made by Tuesday noon. Serving line opens at 6:00 pm for reservations and 6:15 pm for non-reservations. Kids meals available.

Rev. Vernon will lead an Adult Bible Study from 6:45 - 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Next Church Night Supper will be "Fat Tuesday" on Febraury 21. More details to come.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult No. \_\_\_\_\_ Children No. (2-11) \_\_\_\_\_

Week of January 25

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CAIRO, GA 39828

**Directory**

- Sam Vernon . . . . .*Pastor*
- Ruth Sims . . . . .*Adm. Assistant*
- Scott Easom . . . . .*Youth Director*
- Adrienne Harrison . . *Children's Director*
- Ed Self . . . . .*Organist*
- Brian and Stacey Morgan  
. . . . .*Contemporary Worship Leaders*
- Clell Wright . . . . .*Music Director*
- Linda Wood . . . . .*:8:15 Pianist*
- Benjamin Crook . . . . .*Pianist*
- Ashlei Steele . . . . .*Preschool Director*
- Church Office . . . . .*.229-377-3051*
- Emergency Numbers .*.229-377-1017*  
*.229-403-4028*  
*912-230-6627*

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

**adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net**

E-MAILS ADDRESS/CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Contact with church members is very important. Please turn in email addresses and cell phone numbers especially if you no longer use a land line for your telephone. Thanks

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Thanks ever so much!*