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Worship God
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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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📍 Cairo First United Methodist Church ☎ Upper Room Prayer Line 1-800-251-2468

2023 Leadership Retreat



When – Saturday, January 28, 2023,
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where – First United Methodist. We will start off in the sanctuary, but will eventually transition to the Fellowship Hall.

Agenda – We will have some Bible study, a Prayer Walk through the Church and some leadership training.

What About Lunch? If you RSVP, we'll have a free lunch from Firehouse Subs for you.

Who Should Come? Any church member is welcome. Members of the Laity Council and any member of any committee or ministry area would benefit from the spiritual encouragement and leadership training.

What Should I bring? Your Bible, something to write with and write on. Please dress comfortably.

What about Child Care? We are already asking our Child Care workers to do a lot this month so unfortunately we will not be offering child care at this event. We love your kids, but please make arrangements for child care prior to arriving. Thanks for your cooperation!

Do I Need to RSVP? Yes! Please let us know either way by Thursday, January 26. It helps us plan for lunch and in designing the agenda. Please call, 377-3051, or email Ruth, admcairofum@syrupcity.net, in the office to RSVP.

Colossians 2:1-3

In Christ,

Sam

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP:

This past Sunday, we welcomed **Adam and Sadie Burke** into church membership. Adam is the Physical Education teacher at Whigham School and Sadie is a Nurse Practitioner. The Burkes have a two year old son named **Thatcher**. They are already involved in the Cephas Sunday School Class. Welcome to the Burkes!

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. MARK CARROUTH

By: Ms. Paige Groover

MRS. CAROLYN CHASON

By: Aldersgate/Fellowship SS Class
Mona, Don, Emery & Emerson
Hancock
Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MRS. BETTY CLARK

By: Mona, Don, Emery & Emerson
Hancock

MRS. CAROLYN NEWELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

IN HONOR GIFTS:

A gift has been given to the Church in honor of

HOPE AND PHILIP ALMON

By: Sid, Kimberly, Caroline, Philip and Elizabeth Belcher

SPR COMMITTEE:

Will meet Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Members of this committee are: Chuck Tyler, Marilyn Joyner, Matt Sanders, David McCurry, Joe Porter, Sandy Rathel, Ed Wood and Sam Vernon.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT:

(Sat, Jan. 28) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will send the information via email for the retreat or keep this bulletin for the information for that day. We do need a yes or no on whether you will be able to attend.

LAITY COUNCIL INSTALLATION:

Sunday, January 29, at all three services.

JANUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION

1. 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.

2. 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.

LAITY COUNCIL MEETS:

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

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 February 21. More details to come.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

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



**WEEK OF
JANUARY 15-21, 2023**

Sunday, January 15:

- 8:15 am Early Worship Chapel
- 9:00 am †Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am †Traditional Service

Monday, January 16:

Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

Tuesday, January 17:

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Committee

Wednesday, January 18:

- 5:30 Handbells
- 6:30 Laity Council
- 6:45 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

Friday, January 20:

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

† Live streaming

BULLETINS:

For those of you who receive a bulletin in the mail, place it in your Bible to bring to church with you on Sunday mornings.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/8/23

8:15 am	.26
9:00 am	.78
Live Stream	.10
11:00 am	.66
Live Stream	.20
Weekly Receipts	\$6,780.00
Received to Date - Op.	\$8,585.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$730.00
Missions	\$85.00
Bucket Brigade	\$293.49

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 (Sister of Linda D. Johnson)

BIRMINGHAM, AL:

Mr. John Mills (Brother of Mike Mills)

SAN DIEGO, CA:

Rev. & Mrs. Ike Powell

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

- Mrs. Joan Cassels
- Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)
- Mr. John Shiver
- 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.

USE OF BUILDING(S)

When your group uses any of the church buildings, please make sure that you turn off the a/c units, lights. If you open the shutters, make sure you close them back to eliminate fading.



Birthday Greetings

Jan. 15: Patricia Mitchell, John Wind

Jan. 18: Kit Chapin

Jan. 19: Brett Campbell

January 20: Asher Bentley,
Vivian Childs, Jessica Lee

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONPsalm 32:1-5
SERMON“The Benefits of Forgiveness”Rev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon
CHILDREN’S SERMONCeleste Vernon

*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: **Will Bundrick** - video; **Laine Reichert** - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Cate Hopkins and Annabelle Stanaland
- Buckets: Carroll Hopkins and Griffin Carter
- We will have activities for the Wednesday night supper on Jan. 18
- Sunday Nights resume on January 22 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Summer Camp Registration for Ages 7-10 is now open through Feb. 15.
Contact Adrienne for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- Jan. 15 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Jan. 22 – Youth Nights will start back @ 5:30 pm

Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self and Dr. Ben Crook
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHModern AffirmationUMH 885

HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 157
Jesus Shall Reign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Aria - Wood

*DOXOLOGY

TIME OF PRAYER AT THE ALTAR AND
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD

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1. Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
2. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.
3. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
4. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

SERMON“The Benefits of Forgiveness”Rev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH 573
O Zion, Haste

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
Praise Be to God in the Highest - Zachau

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

* Please stand as you are able.

BOOK CLUB:

Book Club will meet Sunday, February 26th to discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam* by Robert Dugoni.

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.

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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!