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Worship God Grow in Christ	Build Community Bless the World	



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

10 Reasons to Come to Wednesday Night Supper on January 25th

1. We've taken all the calories out of the spaghetti while leaving in the flavor.
2. It is the 2nd Best Deal in Town and besides "How often can you eat Little Caesar's anyway?"
3. It is an opportunity for you to reconnect with your Italian ancestors.
4. Gives you the opportunity to meet and/or get to know church members from the other two worship services.
5. You can congratulate your UGA friends on another National Championship!
6. You can encourage your other friends that the next College Football season starts in less than 7 months.
7. Free Child Care!
8. You can ask someone what DISAFFILIATION means?
9. There will be spiritual food available at Rev. Vernon's Bible Study (6:45 pm) on Ephesians 1.
10. Good Wednesday Night Supper participation strengthens our church.



See you Wednesday Night at 6:00 pm!

In Christ,
Sam

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MRS. BETTY ARLINE JONES.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. CAROLYN CHASON

By: Mr. Dale Helms

MRS. BETTY A. JONES

By: Miss Monteen Stewart

MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Prentiss Mitchell

JANUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION

Biblical Position on Homosexuality Tonight 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Rev. Vernon will do a 45 minute presentation on Homosexuality in the Sanctuary. Following the presentation, Rev. Vernon will take questions on the presentation and/or questions on the issue of Homosexuality.

Specifics that will be addressed:

- Is Homosexuality a sin?
- Why is Homosexuality different from other sins?
- Will there be Homosexuals in heaven?
- If we vote to Disaffiliate, will homosexuals be welcome in our church?
- Would there be any restrictions on homosexuals as far as becoming a member or their involvement in our church?

Just like the Town Hall, this is for our members only. We are not going to livestream or record the presentation. However, there will be handouts.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HERE THURSDAY! JANUARY 26, 6:00 PM IN SANCTUARY

Join us at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Rev. Doreen Smalls will do a 30-45 minute presentation on "Why We Should Stay in the United Methodist Church". After her presentation, she will take questions. This is for our folks only so no Livestream and no visitors.

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.

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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.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT:

(Sat, Jan. 28) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will be sending our 2023 leaders an email with reminder details.

LAITY COUNCIL INSTALLATION:

Sunday, January 29, at all three services.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

All adult SS classes are now meeting. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. There are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes.

- Aldersgate/Fellowship: Older adult class with Chris James the teacher.
- Burleigh Law: Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren.
- Azalee Wight: Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching
- Pairs and Spares: Mixed group of singles and couples
- New Hope: Adults (45+) with teenage and college age children
- Cephas: Young Adults (30+)



**WEEK OF
JANUARY 22-28, 2023**



**Remember in
Prayer**

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, January 22:

- 8:15 am Early Worship Chapel
- 9:00 am †Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am †Traditional Service
- 5:30 pm Youth/Children Activities
- 5:30 pm Biblical Position on homosexuality

Monday, January 23:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

Tuesday, January 24:

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

Wednesday, January 25:

- 6:00 - 9:00 am Prayer Time in Chapel
- 5:30 pm Handbells
- 6:00 pm CNS Meal
- 6:30 pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 6:45 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, January 26:

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

Friday, January 27:

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

Saturday, January 28:

- 8:30 am Coffee & Doughnuts
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Leadership Retreat

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/15/23

8:15 am	.....18
9:00 am	.....69
Live Stream	.....12
11:00 am	.....52
Live Stream	.....26
Weekly Receipts	.....\$4,225.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....\$12,810.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$170.00
Missions	.....\$0.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$40.62

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for January will go to the **Backpack Ministries.**

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

Mr. John Shiver

Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

CAMELLIA GARDENS:

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

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.

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.



Birthday Greetings

Jan. 22: Marvin Goembel,
Tate Hunziker

Jan. 23: Brecken Sanders

Jan. 24: Larry Cook

Jan. 25: Peyton Bickford, Tony Sheffield

Jan. 26: Gayle Martin

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONMatthew 6:16–18

SERMON“Fasting 101”Rev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey Morgan

*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: Nathan Hartsell - video; Jarrett Harrison - streaming;

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE POWELLS

To assist with expenses incurred due to Charlene Powell's accident, an love offering account has been set up at United National Bank. Contributions may be made directly to the bank or through the church office marked for the Powells.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Addie Clark and Reagan Hartsell
- Buckets: Colson Duncan and Jemma Hartsell
- Sunday Nights resume on January 22 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

We will have activities at Wednesday night supper on January 25. We will meet in the fellowship hall and walk over together as a group after supper.

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. 22 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Jan. 22 – Youth Nights resume @ 5:30 pm

Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self and Dr. Ben Crook
Jesus Is All the World to Me - Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHI TimothyUMH 889

HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 451
Be Thou My Vision

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Saraband - Sumsion

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
With a Voice of Singing - Shaw

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*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH 569
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
Festival Postlude - Zipoli

*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.
Please feel free to leave, or if you choose, sit quietly 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, 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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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!