



## THE BULLETIN

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January 29, 2023

No. 5

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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## 2023 Leadership Sunday

At each of our 3 worship services on January 29th, we'll invite all of our Leaders forward and use the following liturgy to highlight them, encourage them and challenge them.

Pastor: We understand that in the body of Christ, God assigns us different roles, responsibilities and ministries.

Leaders: **We believe that we have been called by God to our respective positions. We acknowledge that while we are agreeing to serve the Church, ultimately our Christian leadership roles serve the Lord Himself.**

Pastor: Will you then today in God's house commit to fulfill your obligations in 2023 for the leadership position you've been called to?

Leaders: **With God's help I will.**

Pastor: Understanding that Christian leadership also required a Christian lifestyle, will you commit to living a life that will bring glory to God?

Leaders: **We acknowledge that Christian leaders are called to a higher standard. With God's help and God's grace, I commit to a Christian lifestyle that honors God in 2023.**

Pastor: Our leaders can't do it by themselves. So then Church, I ask you: Will you support your church and these leaders with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

Congregation: **We will pray for them, we will serve along side them and we will encourage them.**

Prayer for the Leadership Team

In Christ,

*Sam*

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Patsy Maddox and family in the death of her nephew, **MR. GREG BARFIELD**, Adel, Ga.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MR. MARK CARROUTH**

By: Sandra Clark

**MRS. CAROLYN CHASON**

By: Sandra Clark  
Paige Groover  
Ann McKinnon

**MRS. BETTY CLARK**

By: Sandra Clark

**MRS. BETTY A. JONES**

By: Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL**

By: Jenny Marshall

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

If you would like for your college student to receive a Valentine Box mailing this year, please turn in their correct mailing address to the church office by February 6.

Boxes will be packed on Friday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 am. Individually wrapped food items will be needed, cookies, crackers, candy, chips, etc.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR POWELL FAMILY:**

An account has been set up at United National Bank for Ike and Charlene Powell. If you would

like to make a love offering for them, you can go by the bank or make a check payable to the Church marked for Powell Love Offering.

**DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION**

1. We will learn this week when our called Church Conference is. The Church Conference is when we will vote on whether to stay in the United Methodist Denomination or Disaffiliate (Leave) the United Methodist Denomination.

2. Once we know the date of the Church Conference, we will schedule a second Town Hall.

3. The format of this second Town Hall will be 100% Open Mike where

any member can have 3 minutes to make a comment or ask a questions about the Disaffiliation process.

4. Handouts from Rev. Vernon's presentation on Homosexuality now available on Handout Table (Ground Floor Lobby of Main Building)

<p><b>JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>LEADERSHIP RETREAT:</b> Saturday, January 28, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 am in the small fellowship hall. Retreat starts at 9:00 am sharp in the sanctuary.</p> <p><b>CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:</b> Next Wednesday Night Supper will be Wednesday, February 8 and "Fat Tuesday" on Tuesday, February 21. Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Chicken Tenders, Dipping Sauce &amp; Sides! Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Pancakes, Sausage, Ham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00 pm - <b>Laity Council</b></li> <li>• Thursday, Feb. 16, 5:00 pm - <b>Trustees</b></li> <li>• Tuesday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm - <b>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper</b></li> <li>• Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:00 pm. - <b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b></li> </ul>
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**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**  
**JAN 29-FEB 4**  
**2023**



## Remember in Prayer

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

### Saturday, January 28:

8:30 am - Coffee/Doughnuts in FH  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Leadership Retreat

### Sunday, January 29:

Laity Council Installation at all 3 services  
**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

### Monday, January 30:

10:00 am Chair Yoga  
5:45 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, January 31:

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

### Wednesday, February 1:

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

### Thursday, February 2:

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

### Friday, February 3:

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

† Live streaming

### MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Sandy Rinker

### GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Joanne Butler

### 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

*Cards or notes of encouragement may be sent:*

C/O Joe Powell

7730 Saranac Place, Unit 11

LaMesa, CA 91942

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

### 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



## Birthday Greetings

**Feb. 1:** Dot Moses James

**Feb. 4:** Tom White

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/22/23

8:15 am	.....19
9:00 am	.....72
Live Stream	.....10
11:00 am	.....64
Live Stream	.....30
Weekly Receipts	.....\$22,935.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....\$35,745.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$445.00
Missions	.....\$0.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$62.35

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

Sunday, January 29, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Judges 6:11-13  
SERMON .....“What Leaders Can Learn From Gideon” .....Rev. Vernon

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

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Adrienne Harrison  
\*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;  
**Laine Reichert** - vocals;

**Tech:** Will Bundrick - video; - streaming;

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## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- **Acolytes:** Austin Kate Hudson and Bret Sanders
- **Buckets:** Jensyn Drew Morgan and William Stoddard
- **Sunday nights are back!** 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Children’s Building.

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

We’ve got a ton of kids 3 and under and are in need of a nursery  
volunteers during the Sunday School hour! Please contact Adrienne  
if you are willing to volunteer on a rotational basis.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- Jan. 29 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Jan. 29 – Youth Nights resume @ 5:30 pm

Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

Sunday, January 29, 2023

*Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)*

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Ed Self and Dr. Ben Crook  
*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place - Brahms*

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .UMH 384  
*Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Holy God, We Praise Your Name - Haan*

\*DOXOLOGY

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS (See front of Bulletin)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . .Chancel Choir  
*You Are the One - Keesecker*

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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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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .UMH 399  
*Take My Life and Let It Be*

BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Dr. Crook  
*Coda from Sonata No. 21 - Beethoven*

*+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.

**ATTENTION ALL LADIES!**

**WINGS SPRING 2023 MEETING DATES**

Women in God's Service (WiNGS) will meet on the following dates this spring. All meetings will be a covered dish at 6:00 PM in the Small Fellowship Hall followed by a short program. If you are a woman, love the Lord, and love serving the Lord, this group is for YOU!

Please contact Jami Porter to be added to the email distribution group or to sign up to assist:

**Monday, February 6**

**Monday, March 6**

**Monday, April 3**

**Monday, May 1**



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED  
 318 S. BROAD STREET  
 CAIRO, GA 39828

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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**

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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!*