



## THE BULLETIN

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Worship God  
Grow in Christ

Build Community  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (1867-2023)

*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

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# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 2023, 6:00 pm



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Lent is the 6 1/2 weeks from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday (April 9). The next two sermons will focus on an overview of Lent (February 12) and Creative Fasting (February 19).

**The seven themes of Lent are:**

- 1. REPENTANCE**
- 2. Identification with Christ**
- 3. Acknowledging our Mortality**
- 4. Spiritual Reflection**
- 5. Sacrifice**
- 6. Self Denial**
- 7. Spiritual Growth**

The Ash Wednesday service will feature several of these themes. Toward the end of the service, you will have the opportunity to come to the altar and receive an ashen cross on your forehead. The service is about an hour and the dress is casual.

There are no Youth or Children's programs this night, but there will be childcare. Looking forward to the Season of Lent!

In Christ,

*Sam*

## MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. BETTY A. JONES**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

## 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.

## STRAWBERRY SALE FOR WESLEY GLEN:

Pre-orders are being taken for flats of strawberries to be delivered on February 24. Orders must be made by Monday, Feb. 20, and the cost is \$20.00.

Proceeds this year will go toward repairs due to the extreme cold weather in December.

Fill out the form in the SS classrooms or call the church office to order.

## DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION:

**Church Conference Vote,  
Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 pm.**

This is the **Vote** on whether our church wants to stay in the United Methodist Denomination or Disaffiliate and leave the United Methodist Denomination.

**Who Can Vote?** Only Full Members who are present at the Church Conference.

**How Long Will the Vote Take?** Most churches have finished in less than 30 minutes.

## LAST TOWN HALL:

**Sunday, February 26, 4:00 pm**

**This is 100% Open Mike. No other presentations. Each person has 3 minutes to make a comment, share a concern or ask a question. Church members only at this event, please.**

## FEBRUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Calendars are available by Front Door.

### CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

Next Wednesday Night Supper will be "Fat Tuesday" on Tuesday, February 21. Reservations will need to be made by Sunday, February 19 Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Pancakes, Sausage, Ham.

- Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00 pm - **Laity Council**
- Thursday, Feb. 16, 5:00 pm - **Trustees**
- Tuesday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm - **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (No Childcare)**
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:00 pm. - **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

## CFUMC PRESCHOOL:

Will begin registration for 3 and 4-year-old students on the following dates. Students must turn the age of the class by September 1st.

**February 20th-24th: Early Registration** for children whose parents are church members.

**February 27th-March 3rd: Early Registration** for children who are siblings of Preschool students and whose grandparents are church members.

### March 6th – Open Registration

Please remember all spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. You may pick-up registration packets in the Preschool Office M-F, 7:30-1:00. Please see Ashlei Steele for further information.

## CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:

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

## LAITY COUNCIL

Is scheduled to meet Monday, February 13, at 6:00 pm in the small fellowship hall.

## TRUSTEES

Will meet Thursday, February 16, at 5:00 pm in the small fellowship hall.



**WEEK OF**  
**FEB 12-18**  
**2023**



## Remember in Prayer

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

### Sunday, February 12:

- 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, February 13:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 6:00 pm Laity Council

### Tuesday, February 14:

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

### Wednesday, February 15:

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

### Thursday, February 16:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 5:00 pm Trustees

### Friday, February 17:

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

† Live streaming

### GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Joanne Butler

### AT HOME:

- Mrs. Hope Almon
- Mr. Jack Drew
- Mr. Ken LeGette
- Mrs. Sandy Rinker

### FORT MYERS, FL:

Mr. 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, CUMMING, GA:

Mrs. Vivian Childs

#### BRENTWOOD, TN:

Dr. Bob Kral



## Birthday Greetings

**Feb. 12:** Al Harrell, Mark Lee

**Feb. 13:** Carla Dunn, Samantha Page

**Feb. 15:** Carley Gainous,  
Carolyn Shelfer, Lawton Smith

**Feb. 16:** Judy Cox, Shelley Fisher,  
Herbert W. Wind

**Feb. 17:** Mary Chason, Prentiss Mitchell

**Feb. 18:** Eleanor McKinnon, Mark Mitchell

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/5/23

8:15 am	.....	.22
9:00 am	.....	.91
Live Stream	.....	.14
11:00 am	.....	.57
Live Stream	.....	.24
Weekly Receipts	.....	.\$7,090.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....	.\$51,900.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....	.\$50.00
Missions	.....	.\$45.00
Bucket Brigade	.....	.\$99.99

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

Sunday, February 12, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....  
SERMON .....“Here Comes Lent” .....Rev. Vernon

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

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Celeste 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.**  
\*SCRIPTURE .....  
SERMON .....“Here Comes Lent” .....Rev. Vernon

**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; Chris Salveter - Cajon

**Tech:** Rebecca McKemie - video; Jarrett Harrison - streaming;

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Fletcher and Corbin Knight
- Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Betts Harrison
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- No Sunday Night Activities on February 19!!
- Childcare will be provided on February 22 during the Ash Wednesday service and on March 1 during the disaffiliation vote.
- We are in need of water and snacks in the children’s department.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- Feb. 12 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
  - Feb. 12 – Youth Night @ 5:30 pm
- Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

Sunday, February 12, 2023

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

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Self and Dr. Crook  
*The Gift of Love - Raney*

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Handbell Choir  
*Celebrate with Joy - Dobrinski*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....The Modern Affirmation .....UMH 885

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....UMH 101  
*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Dr. Crook  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee - Mason/arr. Bock*

\*DOXOLOGY

TIME OF PRAYER AT THE ALTAR

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*How Deep the Father's Love for Us - Townend/Allen*

\*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.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....John 15:5-8

SERMON .....“Here Comes Lent” .....Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....UMH 557  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Self  
*Postlude in G - Smart*

*+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.

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**Altar Guild:** Cheryl Mills; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

**BOOK CLUB:**

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

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**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.

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

**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, March 6**

**Monday, April 3**

**Monday, May 1**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (FEB. 21)**

Due to the church being closed for Presidents' Day, we will need to have your reservation for the meal for Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal by Sunday, February 19

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult No. \_\_\_\_\_ Children No. (3-11) \_\_\_\_\_

Week of **February 21**

**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*
- .....*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!*