



<b>THE BULLETIN</b>		
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<b>Worship God</b>	<b>Build Community</b>	
<b>Grow in Christ</b>	<b>Bless the World</b>	



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

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# HERE COMES LENT!



Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). You won't find the word Lent in the Bible, but it is considered one of the seasons of the Christian year. This week's Ash Wednesday service is the beginning of the Lenten Season for many believers, but Ash Wednesday is "officially" considered the first day of Lent.

Observance of the Lenten Season is not a commandment or requirement for the individual Christian. So Lent should be viewed as an opportunity rather than a burden. The point of the Season is to draw closer to Christ in our individual discipleship. In addition to the spiritual disciplines we are already practicing, many Christians fast during Lent or they add something to the spiritual routine that they weren't doing before.

As your Pastor, I would encourage you to pray about your Lenten experience and consider trying something new spiritually. Whether you try one of the ideas on today's handout or simply commit to a daily devotional time, don't let Lent pass you by without being more intentional about seeking God each day.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."  
 2 Peter 3: 18

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 pm Sanctuary**

At the end of the service, you will have the opportunity to come to the altar and receive an ashen cross on your forehead. Dress is casual. No Youth or Children's programs that night, but there will be childcare.

In Christ,  
*Sam*

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. BOBBY MCCLELLAND**; to the family and friends of **MRS. MAURICE LEE CONNELL**.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. CAROLYN CHASON**  
**MRS. NELL HOLDER**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

**MRS. BETTY JONES**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of President's Day

**SPECIAL THANKS:**

To Jamie Allen, Clair McCaskill, Jackie McCurry, Lisa Oliver, Jami Porter, Fran Sheffield, Ruth Sims, Sarah Smith, Ellen White, Mesha Wind for their assistance with the Valentine boxes for the college students with donations of items, money for postage and/or packing.

12 boxes were mailed to college students.

<p><b>FEBRUARY EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <hr/> <p>FUTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER DATES: March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26</p> <p><b>CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:</b> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm - <b>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (No Childcare)</b></li> </ul>
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<p>CHS Jazz Band will play following the meal. No children or youth activities that night, but there will be child care. Bible Study with Rev. Vernon at 6:45 pm in the Chapel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:00 pm. - <b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b></li> </ul>
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**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.**

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:**

Located on the table outside Pastor's Office on the Ground Floor. Please check to make sure your name is on the Church Roll.

**DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT HANDOUTS:**

Are located on the table on the Ground Floor outside the Church Office. There are some brand new articles and handouts available.

**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 our the form in the SS classrooms or call the church office to order.



**WEEK OF**  
**FEB 19-25**  
**2023**



## Remember in Prayer

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

### Sunday, February 19:

- 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 20:

**Church Office Closed**

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

### Tuesday, February 21:

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

### Wednesday, February 22:

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

### Thursday, February 23:

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

### Friday, February 24:

- 7:00 am-7:00 pm Prayer Vigil
- 2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

### AT HOME:

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

### FORT MYERS, FL:

- Mrs. Lisa Hoop (Sister of Linda D. Johnson)

### BIRMINGHAM, AL:

- Mr. John Mills (Brother of Mike Mills)

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

### 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

**Feb. 19:** Lauren Brown

**Feb. 21:** Jeb Owens

**Feb. 22:** Barbara Darus, Chris James

**Feb. 25:** Drew Pyrz

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/12/23

8:15 am	.....17
9:00 am	.....76
Live Stream	.....
11:00 am	.....69
Live Stream	.....
Weekly Receipts	.....\$3,840.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....\$55,740.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$70.00
Missions	.....\$.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$71.25

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for February will go to the Backpack Ministries.

Sunday, February 19, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....I Corinthians 6: 12  
SERMON .....“Creative Fasting” .....Rev. Vernon

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

**9:00 am**

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

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

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Nolan Duncan and Mason McCaskill
- Buckets: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Colson Duncan
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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. 19 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Feb. 19 – Youth Night @ 5:30 pm

Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

Sunday, February 19, 2023

*Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)*

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*The Spacious Firmament - Haydn/Innes*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . .Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39 . . .UMH 887

\*HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .UMH 173  
*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Scherzetto - Thiman*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . .Mrs. Cheryl Mills  
*A Simple Song - Schwartz/Bernstein*

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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 . . . . ."Creative Fasting" . . . . .Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .UMH 395  
*Take Time to Be Holy*

\*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Psalm XVIII - Marcello*

*+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:** Cheryl Mills; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

**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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**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.

**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

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham

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!*