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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2023)

Celebrating Our 156th Year

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Learning From



In case you don't know, "SURVIVOR" is a reality TV show that's been on the air for a couple of decades now. I have been a fan of the show for many years.

Each season, the show starts with approximately 16 contestants. They are each trying to "Outwit", "Outplay", and "Outlast" each of the other 15 contestants. All of this takes place on some remote tropical island. The contestants vote each other "off the Island" one by one until there are only three contestants left. At that point the eliminated contestants vote for just one to be the "SURVIVOR". The winner of the game gets one million dollars in prize money.

The most recent season of "SURVIVOR" concluded just before Christmas. The winner was a 51 year old Heart Surgeon. His name was Gabler and he was one of the oldest contestants to ever win. Now maybe you're asking the same question I pondered while I watched Gabler navigate the very difficult 26 day experience to win the game. Why would a successful 51 year old surgeon living a comfortable life go through all the hardships of playing "SURVIVOR"? I, along with most of America who watched the show, were not only amazed at Gabler's longshot victory, we were even more stunned to learn that Gabler primarily did heart surgeries for veterans and he promptly donated 100% of his 1 Million dollar prize money to the Military Veterans' Community he served. Thank You Gabler! Thank You Veterans for your service!

I can only pray and hope that we as believers are as committed to the people we are ministering salvation to!

In Christ,

Sam

"This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be Saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. LeVerne Whigham and family in the death of his sister, **MRS. ELVA JANE WHIGHAM HAIR**, Zephyrhills, FL; to Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Godwin and Mr. & Mrs. Robin Prince and family in the death of their aunt, **MRS. LYNETTE PRINCE**.

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.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER DATES:

March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26

DISAFFILIATION DISCERNMENT INFORMATION:

TOWN HALL

Today, Sunday, February 26, 4:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Format: 100% Open Mike. Any member that wants to can have up to 3 minutes to make a comment, ask a question or tell folks where they stand on DISAFFILIATION.

- Children’s program and youth programs will both start at 4:00 pm and will end approximately 5:00 or 5:15 pm

-Childcare will be available

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.

Please arrive by 5:45 pm and bring some identification. Childcare available. No youth or children’s programs this night.

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.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING (SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2:00 PM.)

Safe Sanctuaries is a program mandated by the United Methodist Church designed to create safe environments in our local churches for our children, teenagers or vulnerable adults.

The training is for anyone who plans to be working with Youth or children after May 1, 2023. This would include, but not limited to working in the nursery, teaching or assisting with Sunday School, Youth or Children’s chaperones for trips, Youth volunteers and Vacation Bible School

The training will last about 90 minutes and be led by Celeste Vernon. Celeste’s background includes Christian counseling, elementary school teacher and Preschool Director at Douglas First UMC. She had led training sessions in several Methodist Churches. There is no charge for the training, but we do need you to register ahead of time.

Please understand this training is mandatory for Youth and Children’s workers. If you cannot attend on April 23rd, you will have to make arrangements to receive the training elsewhere.

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.



WEEK OF
FEB 26-MAR 4
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 26:

8:15 am Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am †Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am †Traditional Service
 4:00 pm Town Hall Meeting
 Youth/Children Activities

Monday, February 27:

10:00 am Chair Yoga

Tuesday, February 28:

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

Wednesday, March 1:

6:00 - 9:00 am Prayer Time
 in Chapel
 6:00 pm Church Conference
arrive by 5:45 pm

Thursday, March 2:

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

Friday, March 3:

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 - 2/19/23

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| 8:15 am |16 |
| 9:00 am |53 |
| Live Stream |8 |
| 11:00 am |64 |
| Live Stream |20 |
| Weekly Receipts |\$2,1930.00 |
| Received to Date - Op. |\$55,740.00 |
| Memorial/In Honor |\$50.00 |
| Missions |\$.00 |
| Bucket Brigade |\$77.88 |

BUCKET BRIGADE:
 Offerings for February will go to the **Backpack Ministries**.

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)

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)

HARBORVIEW, THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Charlene Powell

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.



Birthday Greetings

February 27: Everett Allen,
 Phyllis Jones

February 28: Bob Kral

March 1: Bo Harrell, David McCurry

March 2: Brian Hunziker

March 3: Mary Robertson,
 Rhett Vernon, Fran Youmans

March 4: Sheila Campbell, Marilyn Ricks

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONRevelation 2:1-6
SERMON“What Kind of Church Do We Want to Be?” ...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: Will Bundrick - video; Laine Reichert - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Alli Amaro and Annabelle Staland
- Buckets: William Stoddard and Griffin Carter
- Childcare will be provided 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. 26 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
 - Feb. 26 – Youth Night @ 5:30 pm
- Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self and Dr. Benjamin Crook
Jesus Paid It All - McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHI TimothyUMH 889

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 269
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
The Old Rugged Cross - Wood

*DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Come Unto Me - Armstrong

*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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SERMON"What Kind of Church Do We Want to Be?" . . . Rev. Vernon

PRAYER TIME AT THE ALTAR

*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH 297
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Lowe

*+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: Lisa Oliver; **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

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 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 (MAR 8)

The next Church Night Supper will be March 8. Please make sure your reservation is made with the church office by March 6 at noon.

Name _____

Adult No. _____ Children No. (3-11) _____

Week of **March 8**

Directory

- Sam VernonPastor
- Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Scott EasomYouth Director
- Adrienne Harrison ..Children's Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan
.....Contemporary Worship Leaders
-Music Director
- Linda Wood8:15 Pianist
- Benjamin CrookPianist
- Ashlei Steele ...Preschool Director
- Church Office229-377-3051
- 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!