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| <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*

**318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717**

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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# The Future of Our Worship Services

In the last week I've had 3 different members approach me with the same concern: "After the DISAFFILIATION Vote are you planning to cancel the 8:15 am worship service and/or the 11:00 am worship service?" My answer was "Absolutely not?" I am not sure how this narrative got started or why it got started. I've never said that or discussed that with any church member. So here it is in writing, "As long as Rev. Sam Vernon is your pastor, I will not cancel either of those services."

Now a few of us have discussed changing the starting time for the early service and moving it back to 8:00 am, but again no discussions of cancellation.

Thanks to the Church Leader who when confronted with this rumor just picked up the phone and called me to ask me directly. Going forward, if you are ever confronted with a Church policy change, a statement or action by your Pastor or any Staff member that concerns you or is troublesome, please don't hesitate to call me or a member of your Staff-Parish Committee and share your concern. This is always good policy but especially while we are in a season of Discernment of some important decisions facing our church. Verifying information not only makes for healthier communication, it also protects your church from the rumor mill.



Proverbs 21: 23

In Christ,  
*Sam*

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin and family in the death of his sister, **MRS. NELL HOLDER**, Athens, GA

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome **Robyn Long** and **Daniel Stanaland** as the newest members of our family of faith. Welcome Robyn and Daniel!

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. BETTY A. JONES**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett  
Ms. Marilyn Ricks

**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:**

**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.**

| JANUARY/FEBRUARY<br>EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS  |  |
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| <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 & salad, green beans, macaroni and cheese! |
| Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Pancakes, Sausage, Ham.   |  |
| • Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00 pm -   | <b>Laity Council</b>                                     |
| • Thursday, Feb. 16, 5:00 pm -   | <b>Trustees</b>  |
| • Tuesday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm -   | <b>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>                        |
| • Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:00 pm. -   | <b>Ash Wednesday<br/>Worship Service</b>                 |

**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.



**WEEK OF  
FEB 5-11  
2023**



## Remember in Prayer

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

### Sunday, February 5:

- 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 6:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 6:00 pm WinGS

### Tuesday, February 7:

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

### Wednesday, February 8:

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

### Thursday, February 9:

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

### Friday, February 10:

- 9:30 am Pack Valentine Boxes
- 2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

### CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:

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

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/29/23

|                        |       |              |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 8:15 am                | ..... | 28           |
| 9:00 am                | ..... | 73           |
| Live Stream            | ..... | 10           |
| 11:00 am               | ..... | 67           |
| Live Stream            | ..... | 30           |
| Weekly Receipts        | ..... | \$9,065.00   |
| Received to Date - Op. | ..... | .\$44,810.00 |
| Memorial/In Honor      | ..... | .\$45.00     |
| Missions               | ..... | .\$50.00     |
| Bucket Brigade         | ..... | .\$81.83     |

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for February will go to the Backpack Ministries.

### AT HOME:

- Mr. Jack Drew
- Mrs. Sandy Rinker

### 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, 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

**Feb. 5:** Wendy Harrell, Patricia Weber

**Feb. 6:** Mark Bishop, Lisa Oliver

**Feb. 8:** Lauren Harrell, Landen Meissner

**Feb. 10:** Bill Harrell, Jr.

Sunday, February 5, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....  
SERMON .....Rev. Vernon

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

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Carol Lehman  
\*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 .....Rev. Vernon

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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:** - video; - streaming;

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**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

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

- **Acolytes:** Levi Bundrick and Hadley Rae Morgan
- **Buckets:** Carroll Hopkins and Ella Jones
- **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 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

- Feb. 5 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Feb. 5 – Youth Night @ 5:30 pm

Snacks and drink donations would be appreciated!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Ed Self and Mrs. Vicky Pharis  
*Consolation - Mendelssohn*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . . . . .The Apostles' Creed . . . . .UMH 881

\*HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .UMH 568  
*Christ, for the World We Sing*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Dolcezza - Whitlock*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

HOLY COMMUNION . . . . .UMH Page 12  
*A service of Word and Table II*

\*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 . . . . .

SERMON . . . . .Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .UMH 431  
*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

\*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace - Nixon*

*+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.

**BOOK CLUB:**

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

Non Profit  
Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PD - Permit #24  
Cairo, GA

**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, February 6**
- Monday, March 6**
- Monday, April 3**
- Monday, May 1**

**CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER (FEB. 8)**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Due to part of the meal being catered, we will need to have your reservation for the meal for this Wednesday by Monday noon at the latest. The cost is \$6.00 for age 12 through adults and \$3.50 for children 3 through 11.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of **February 8**

**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!*