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Worship God		Build Community
Grow in Christ		Bless the World



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2023)

Celebrating Our 156th Year

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Getting Ready For Easter

As I write this bulletin cover, Easter Sunday is only about 4 weeks away. There is so much to do! Decorate the house, shopping for presents, wrapping the presents, cards to write, etc. Wait, what? Oh my bad, that is all the stuff we have to do at Christmas. Easter is a lot less pressure. (Thank You Jesus!)

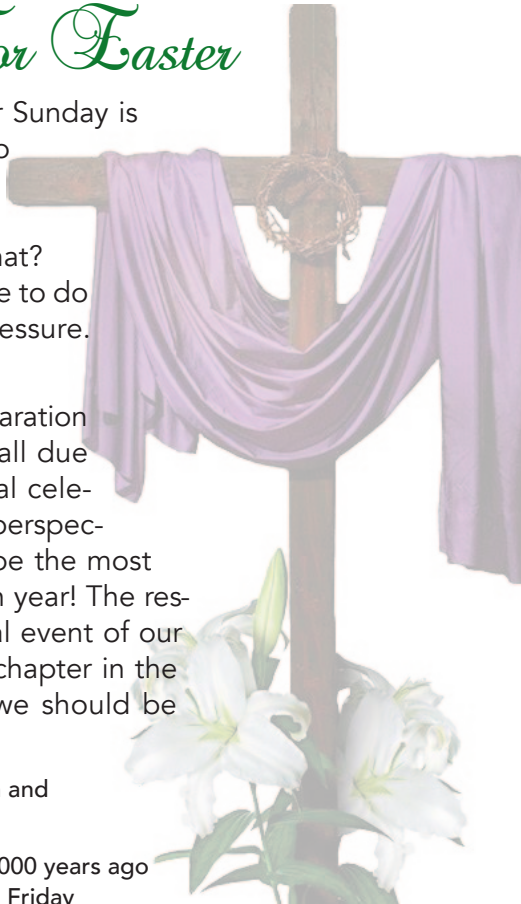
So really there is not that much preparation that goes into Easter is there? With all due respect to Advent Season and annual celebration of Christ's birth, from God's perspective EASTER was, is and will always be the most important celebration of the Christian year! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event of our Christian faith and even has its own chapter in the Bible (I Corinthians 15). So maybe we should be doing some preparation for EASTER:

- Thanking God everyday for the Death and Resurrection of Christ
- Reflecting on what Jesus was doing 2000 years ago when He was just 4 weeks from Good Friday
- Making sure we have got the Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th, 7:00 pm on our calendar
- Praying for our loved ones, friends, neighbors and co-workers who might not know Christ yet
- Praying about who to invite to church for Easter Sunday celebration and formulating a plan to do so
- Reading the last few chapters of each Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to remind ourselves about the first Holy Week.

**Jesus is coming back one day
 Easter is coming soon
 Are you excited?
 Will you be ready?**

In Christ,

Sam



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MRS. JOANN BUTLER**; to the family and friends of **MRS. ELIZABETH (BETH) V. WIGHT**.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOANN BUTLER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

MRS. BETH V. WIGHT

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett

**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.

UMMEN:

Will meet Monday, March 13, at 7:00 pm.

Please contact Dale Helms or Billy Wind to make to make reservations for the meal or call the church office.

MISSIONS MEETING:

Sunday, March 12, at 4:00 pm

This is for anyone interested in talking about making our Local Mission plans for the rest of the year and will meet in the small fellowship hall.

MARCH MEETINGS:

- Mar. 12 - Missions Meeting
- Mar. 13 - Methodist Men
- Mar. 20 - Laity Council
- Mar. 22 - Church Night Supper
- Mar. 30 - Trustees

FUTURE WEDNESDAY

NIGHT SUPPER DATES:

March 22, April 12, April 26

**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.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Following Church Night Supper, Parents are asked to bring one dozen plastic eggs filled with candy for each of their children.

Please remember to make reservations for the meal by Monday, March 20, NOON.

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, April 3
- Monday, May 1



WEEK OF
MAR 12-18
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 12:

8:15 am	Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am	†Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Service
4:00 pm	Missions Committee
5:30 pm	Youth/Children Activities

Monday, March 13:

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
7:00 pm	UMMen

Tuesday, March 14:

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

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16:

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

Friday, March 17:

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

† Live streaming

ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Charlene Powell

AT HOME:

Mr. Jack Drew
Mr. Ken LeGette
Mrs. Lauren Harrell
Mrs. Sandy Rinker

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.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 3/5/23

8:15 am17
9:00 am50
Live Stream16
11:00 am50
Live Stream18
Weekly Receipts\$5,755.00
Received to Date - Op.	..\$68,418.00
Memorial/In Honor\$25.00
Missions\$20.00
Bucket Brigade\$58.34

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for February will go to the **Preschool Program**.

Thanks for your donations. Donations can be made by check designating that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.



Birthday Greetings

March 12: Sonya Porter

March 14: Cheryl Mills

March 15: Ryan Mitchell, Bob Ponder, III

March 16: Michelle Bishop,
Robbie Harrison

March 17: Linda Johnson, Randy Wind

Sunday, March 12, 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

WORSHIP

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 Rev. Vernon

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Robert Hudson, Tony Sheffield**

Worship Team: **Brian Morgan** - vocals, guitar; **Stacey Morgan** - vocals, keys; **Myra Easom** - vocals; **Scott Easom** - bass guitar;

Tech: **Nathan Hartsell** - video;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- **Acolytes:** Breanna Sanders and Addie Clark
- **Buckets:** Jemma Hartsell and Betts Harrison
- We are in need of water and snacks in the children’s department.
- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** March 22 at Wednesday Night Supper!
We need filled Easter Eggs for the hunt.
Please drop them off at the church office
or in the children’s building by Sunday, March 19.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

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

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self and Dr. Benjamin Crook
My Jesus, I Love Thee - McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHModern AffirmationUMH 885

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 292
What Wondrous Love Is This

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
My Song is Love Unknown - Vaughan-Williams

*DOXOLOGY

TIME OF PRAYER AT THE ALTAR

*PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow - Helvey

*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

SERMONRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH Number 413
A Charge to Keep I Have

*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
Prelude and Fugue in D Minor - Bach

+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, March 26th at 5:00 pm to discuss *The Strength of His Hand* by Lynn Austin.

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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.

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

The next Church Night Supper will be March 22. Please make sure your reservation is made with the church office by March 20 at noon.

Menu – Baked Pork Loin, Rice with Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Name _____

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

Week of **March 22**

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!