



THE BULLETIN

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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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John Wesley's Questions for Lent

- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better person than I really am?
- Am I honest in all my acts of words, or do I exaggerate?
- Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
- Can I be trusted?
- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self justifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- When did I last speak to somebody else with the object of trying to win that person for Christ?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Do I disobey God in anything?
- Am I defeated in any part of my life? Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
- Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially the Pharisees who despised the publican?
- Is there anybody who I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
- Do I grumble or complain constantly?



Rev. John Wesley (1703 - 1791)

These questions are the basis for the Sunday, March 19th sermon. In addition, I hope you will save them and use them going forward in your own personal discipleship with Christ. Just be careful not to beat yourself up with the questions while you remember Romans 8: 1, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ."

See you Sunday!

In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOANN BUTER

By: Mr. Charles Manny
Mrs. Anne Richter

MRS. ELVA JANE W. HAIRE

By: Mrs. Anne Richter

MRS. NELL HOLDEN

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL

By: Duane & Linda Powell Carter

MRS. BETH V. WIGHT

By: Sarah Jan Alexander
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Elizabeth W. Bain
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cunningham
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Seth & Lucy Knight
Mrs. Jeanette Mann
Mr. Charles Manny
Alice W. McDonough
Ronald L. Raider
Mrs. Anne Richter
Chuck Sobers
Betty Cheney Watkins

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

When: Sundays at 5:30 pm beginning April 15 through Sunday, May 21

Commitments:

- 1) Attendance
- 2) Confidentiality
- 3) Homework
- 4) Vulnerability
- 5) Accountability

Purpose: Help men with their 1-on-1 time with God. Deepen men's faith in Christ. Learn the value of accountability

More Info: Handouts on Front Pew and table outside Pastor's Office

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
April 6, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary, Childcare available.

MARCH MEETINGS:

- 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.

WINGS SPRING FUNDRAISER:

is set for April 2!

Help us raise funds for missions by participating in the Spring Bake Sale on Sunday, April 2 during the Sunday School hour from 10:00 -11:00 am.

Sign up to donate a cake or other baked goods in any Sunday School classroom. Drop off on April 2 will begin at 8:15. Volunteers needed! Next WiNGS meeting: Monday April 3, 6:00.



WEEK OF
MAR 19-25
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 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, March 20:

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

Tuesday, March 21:

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

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 - 9:00 am	Prayer Time in Chapel
5:30 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 23:

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

Friday, March 24:

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

† Live streaming

ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Charlene Powell

GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Patsy Maddox

AT HOME:

Mr. Jack Drew
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.



Birthday Greetings

March 20: Julian Brown, Nell Mitchell

March 22: Suela Gainous, Donnis Ward

March 23: John McClenny,
Claire Phillips

March 24: Linda Johnson, Robyn Long,
Julianne Stone

March 25: Nicki Avery

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 3/12/23

8:15 am	.....17
9:00 am	.....68
Live Stream	.....12
11:00 am	.....46
Live Stream	.....18
Weekly Receipts	.....\$4,475.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....\$72,893.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$1,250.00
Missions	.....\$155.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$51.38

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for March 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.

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONRomans 12: 1-2
SERMONJohn Wesley's Questions for LentRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

WORSHIP

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.**

*SCRIPTURERomans 12: 1-2

SERMONJohn Wesley's Questions for LentRev. Vernon

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

Worship Team: Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;

Tech: Rebecca McKemie - video; Jarrett Harrison - streaming

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Sonny Jack and Cate
- Buckets: Griffin and Colson
- EASTER EGG HUNT: Wednesday, March 22 after Wednesday Night Supper. Please bring in filled eggs for the egg hunt.
- Tonight is our last Sunday night until April 16.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**SCOTT**

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

- Mar. 19 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Mar. 19 – Youth Night @ 5:30 pm
- Spring Break: Brookwood — March 25-April 2
Grady County — April 1-9
Westwood — April 1-9

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self and Dr. Benjamin Crook
God So Loved the World - Wyrzten/Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHKorean MethodistUMH 884

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 295
In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Ah, Holy Jesus - Wood

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
And No Bird Sang - Wagner

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SERMONJohn Wesley's Questions for LentRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH Number 530
Are Ye Able

*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
If You Will Only Let God Guide You - Page

*+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. _____ @ \$6.00 ea.

Children No. (3-11) _____ @ \$3.50 ea.

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!