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Worship God Grow in Christ		Build Community Bless the World



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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DISAFFILIATION UPDATE

One question I am often asked is “Pastor, now that our congregation has voted to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Denomination, how much longer will we officially be a United Methodist Church” Three things have to happen before our Church’s Disaffiliation process is complete:



1. South Georgia Annual Conference Approval

This will take place on May 21st when a Called Session of the Annual Conference will meet via zoom. At this called session the Annual Conference will vote on Cairo First United Methodist Church along with more than 200 other South Georgia Conference churches who are Disaffiliating. We are not anticipating any surprises with this vote which essentially grants our church permission to exit the Denomination with our property.

2. Paying the Exit Fee

Once we have the exact number for our exit fee, we will publicize the amount. Keep in mind that 50% of our exit fee is for apportionments which we would have paid anyway had we voted to stay in the denomination. This fee has to be paid by June 30th. Our Finance Committee has been aware of this for months and are making arrangements to pay for this out of our general fund.

3. Filing Articles of Incorporation

We have hired a lawyer who is walking us through this process. These articles will protect our status as a Church and our status as a Non-Profit.

Part of this process is choosing a new transitional name for our church. Your Laity Council will vote on a new name and we will announce that on Palm Sunday (April 2). Keep in mind, this new name is only a transitional name. When we are ready to choose a permanent name (this Fall or next year), we will have another Church-wide Conference where our members will have the opportunity to vote.

Hoping this information helps!

In Christ,

Sam

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MRS. SAMMIE S. HARPER.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOANN BUTLER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Tim Andrews
Mike & Diane Bishop
Mr. Dale Helms
Ms. Peg Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

MRS. BETH V. WIGHT

By: Priscilla Arwood
Mr. Dale Helms
Jim & Genie Houston
Rick & Julia Singletary
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford
Ms. Peg Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind
Terry Wood

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

When: Sundays at 5:00 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 chap-erones 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.

The service will feature a message on the 12 Disciples. When it is time for Communion, you will have the opportunity to sit at the place of the Disciple you most identify with.

TRUSTEES:

Are scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 pm in the small fellowship hall.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER DATES:

April 12, April 26, May 10

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.

RESTROOMS:

Are located on the ground floor. There is also a Ladies' Restroom as you exit the sanctuary door by the



WEEK OF
MAR 26-APR 1
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 26:

8:15 am	Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am	†Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Service
5:00 pm	Book Club

Monday, March 27:

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
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Tuesday, March 28:

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30:

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

Friday, March 31:

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

† Live streaming

GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Patsy Maddox

AT HOME:

Mr. Jack Drew
Mrs. Lauren Harrell
Mrs. Charlene Powell

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 26: Louise Anderson,
Katie Higdon, Jerome Martin

March 27: Sharon Moses

March 28: Max White, Thatcher Burke

March 31: Elizabeth Watkins

April 1: Hank Hudson

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 3/19/23

8:15 am17
9:00 am57
Live StreamNA
11:00 am51
Live Stream20
Weekly Receipts\$5,205.00
Received to Date - Op.	..\$78,098.00
Memorial/In Honor\$1,040.00
Missions\$0.00
Bucket Brigade\$59.89

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 26, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONJohn 14:15, 21, 31
SERMONJohn Wesley’s Questions for Lent (Part 2)Rev. Vernon
(Handouts at the end of the pew)

Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey Morgan

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD

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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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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: Will Bundrick - video; Jarrett Harrison - streaming

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Campbell Jones and Fletcher Knight
- Buckets: William Stoddard and Jensyn Drew Morgan
- Sunday Nights will resume April 16.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- Mar. 26 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- No youth Sunday nights until after the spring breaks
- Spring Break: Brookwood — March 25-April 2
Grady County — April 1-9
Westwood — April 1-9

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self and Dr. Benjamin Crook
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHRomans 8UMH 887

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 294
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
It Is Well With My Soul - Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Ah, Holy Jesus - Shackley

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*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH Number 415
Take Up Thy Cross

*BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
Lenten Postlude - Koch

+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

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:

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

FRIENDS

Friends are necessary to a happy life. When friendship deserts us, we are as lonely and helpless as a ship left by the tide high upon the shore. When friendship returns to us, it is though the tide came back, gave us buoyancy and freedom, and opened to us the wide places of the world.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The next Church Night Supper will be April 12. Please make sure your reservation is made with the church office by April 10 at noon.

Name _____

Adult No. _____ @ \$6.00 ea.

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

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!