



THE BULLETIN		
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Grow in Christ	Bless the World	



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2023)
Celebrating Our 156th Year

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DENOMINATIONAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Denominational what? We are in the process of forming a new committee in our church. This committee will start meeting in May and will be asked to research possible Denominational destinations for our church. This fall the committee will come back to the Laity Council with their recommendation. If the Laity Council feels like the Church is ready, they can decide to go ahead and schedule a Church-wide vote.

Four of the Denominations we are planning to look at include: Global Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, Congregational Methodist Church and the Association of Independent Methodist Churches.

When we move into the month of July, we will officially be an independent Church. One of our options is to remain independent and that is also something our new Denominational Search Committee will consider.

There are two (2) ways a church member can serve on this committee. First, our Nominations Committee will present a list of 6 - 8 members to the Laity Council for approval. Second, any Church member can simply volunteer by letting Rev. Vernon or Ruth Sims (Church Secretary) know that you would like to be considered. Then at the April 17th Laity Council meeting, the Council will vote and decide who is going to be on the new Denominational Search Committee.

Whether you are interested in serving on the new committee or not, all of us need to be praying about this very important decision.

In Christ,
Sam

"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."
 — Jeremiah 33:3

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. SHAW VICKERS.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOANN BUTLER

By: Paige Groover
Monteen Stewart

MRS. SAMMIE HARPER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Paige Groover
Monteen Stewart
Katherine Stoddard
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

MRS. BETH V. WIGHT

By: Paige Groover
Rae & John O. Knox
Betty Taylor

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

The community Holy Week Services will be held April 3-7 at 12:00 noon at the following churches. Lunch will be served around 12:30 pm. with a \$5 donation requested.

- April 3** - First Baptist (505 N. Broad)
- April 4** - Redeeming Life (2378 GA Hwy 188)
- April 5** - First Assembly of God (495 12th Ave NE)
- April 6** - Presbyterian/Christ Church (100 4th Ave SE)
- April 7** - Eastside Baptist (404 5th St NE)

MEN’S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

When: Sundays at 5:00 pm beginning April 16 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, Fellowship Hall, Childcare available.

Join us for this unique service which will feature a message on the 12 Disciples. When it is time for Communion, you will have the opportunity to sit with Jesus in the seat of one of the 12 Disciples.

APRIL MEETING:

- April 11: Nominations, 7:00 pm
- April 12: Church Night Supper, 6:00 pm
- April 13: Mission Committee, 6:00 pm
- April 17: Laity Council, 6:00 pm
- April 26: Church Night Supper, 6:00 pm

WINGS:

Will meet Monday, April 6, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the church are invited to bring a covered dish and join the group.



WEEK OF
APR 2-8
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, April 2:

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

Monday, April 3:

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
12:00 noon	First Baptist
6:00 pm	WinGS

Tuesday, April 4:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
12:00 noon	Redeeming Life

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 - 9:00 am	Prayer Time in Chapel
12:00 noon	First Assembly of God
5:30 pm	Handbells
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 6:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
10:00 am	Chair Yoga
12:00 noon	Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service (In the Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 7:

12:00 noon	Eastside Baptist
2:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6
9:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 3/26/23

8:15 am	.....	21
9:00 am	.....	47
Live Stream	.....	16
11:00 am	.....	50
Live Stream	.....	22
Weekly Receipts	.....	\$3,684.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....	\$81,782.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....	\$420.00
Youth	.....	\$1,000.00
Missions	.....	\$555.00
Bucket Brigade	.....	\$34.76

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for April will go to the **Kenya Mission to supply food due to the severe drought.**

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Ray Butler

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)
Mrs. Pasty Maddox

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

MISSION UPDATE:

The mission committee is working to raise \$1,000 to buy food urgently needed in Kenya due to the drought in the country which is impacting 5.4 million people. Your financial support will be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to the Church, but marked "Kenya Mission".

RESTROOMS

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



Birthday Greetings

April 3: Nikki Ferrell

April 4: Charles Davis

April 6: John Stafford, Celeste Vernon

April 7: John Higginbotham,
Vicky Pharis, Tucker Tyson

April 8: Austin Tyler

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 19:28-44
SERMONFrom Hero to Zero in 5 DaysRev. Vernon
HOLY COMMUNION

Contemporary – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon
WORSHIP
CHILDREN’S SERMONCeleste 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.**
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HOLY COMMUNION

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

Worship Team: Brett Batey - Vocals, Guitar

Tech: Rebecca McKemie - video; Nathan Hartsell - streaming

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Annabelle Stanaland and Alli Amaro
- Buckets: Jemma Hartsell
- No Sunday Nights until April 16.

Please consider volunteering in the children's department. We are blessed to have so many kids right now, and they'd love to see new faces and build connections with our church members! Contact Adrienne to see where you might best fit!

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, April 2, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (with Live Stream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self and Dr. Benjamin Crook
O Lord Most Holy - Franck/Wyrzten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedUMH 881

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 278
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Bach

*DOXOLOGY

PALM SUNDAY PRAYERUMH 281

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Let the King Come In!

*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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SERMONFrom Hero to Zero in 5 DaysRev. Vernon

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH Number 424
Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Postlude - Leybach

+You are dismissed after the Benediction.

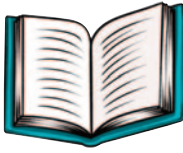
Please feel free to leave, or if you choose, sit quietly and enjoy the Postlude.

* Please stand as you are able.

Altar Guild: Lisa Oliver; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

BOOK CLUB:

We would like to expand our book club and would like to invite you to join us once a month for delightful reads and fun discussions. Contact Debbie Godbehere at 229-378-0635.



The book club will meet Wednesday May 17th at 5:00 pm to discuss *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

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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.

NO CHAIR YOGA IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 6, DUE TO THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE BEING SET UP.

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.

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. MENU: Baked Spaghetti, Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert. Let us know if your child prefers to have a hotdog.

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!