



| THE BULLETIN                  |                |                                    |
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| LVIII                         | April 16, 2023 | No. 15                             |
| Worship God<br>Grow in Christ |                | Build Community<br>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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# National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4th

Uncle Sam wants YOU! Actually Pastor Sam wants you to come be a part of our 12 hour prayer vigil celebrating the National Day of Prayer.

**Where:** Our Chapel

**Why:** To honor God. To join millions of other Christians in praying for our nation on this special day

**Format:** We are breaking the day up into 30 minute blocks. Our goal is to have two church members signed up for each 30 minute block.

**Do I have to pray out loud?:** No. There will be a list of prayer requests for the nation. You can use this list as you pray silently.

**How do I register?:** Beginning April 16th, the sign up poster will be at each of our three worship services. Also you can contact Ruth in the office to register.

Keep in mind that you can come pray anytime on May 4th whether you sign up or not. The sign ups are so we can make sure we have people in the chapel continuously from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. However if you commit to a time slot, we ask that you arrive on time and stay the entire 30 minutes.

See You May 4th!

In Christ,

*Sam*

"...if My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and prayer and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7: 14

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford and family in the death of her brother, **MR. AL COOGLE**, Oglethorpe, GA; to the family and friends of **MR. JON JOHNSON**.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by Mr. Kenneth Gale in loving memory of **MRS. SHIRLEY GALE**.

**ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR:**

The rosebud on the altar today is to announce the arrival of **Elam Scout Stanaland** born April 5, 2023 to bless the home of Daniel and Robyn Long Stanaland.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. SAMMIE HARPER**

By: Ms. Marilyn Ricks  
Mrs. Carolyn Shelfer

**MRS. KATHY LINDGREN**

By: Mrs. Marilyn Ricks  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

**MRS. BETH V. WIGHT**

By: Walter & Helen Birdwell  
Eddie & Allison Ausband  
Sakiko Collins

**LAITY COUNCIL:**

Will meet Monday, April 17, at 6:00 pm in the small fellowship hall.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:  
(SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2:00 PM. AND 5:00 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 Chris-

tian 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.

**APRIL MEETING:**

April 16: Men's Disciple Group, 5:30 pm

April 17: Laity Council, 6:00 pm

April 23: Safe Sanctuary Training, 2:00 pm,  
and 5:00 pm

April 26: Church Night Supper, 6:00 pm

**RESTROOMS:**

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Are available for pick up. They will be in the hallway downstairs. If you would like to have weekly offering envelopes and there is not a package for you, please call the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

All adult SS classes are now meeting. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. There are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes.

- Aldersgate/Fellowship: Older adult class with Chris James the teacher.
- Burleigh Law: Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren.
- Azalee Wight: Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching
- Pairs and Spares: Mixed group of singles and couples
- New Hope: Adults (45+) with teenage and college age children
- Cephas: Young Adults (30+)



**WEEK OF**  
**APR 16-22**  
**2023**



## Remember in Prayer

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

### Sunday, April 16:

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 8:15 am  | Early Worship Chapel  |
| 9:00 am  | †Contemporary Worship |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School         |
| 11:00 am | †Traditional Service  |
| 5:30 pm  | Children              |
| 5:30 pm  | Youth                 |
| 5:30 pm  | Men's Disciple Group  |

### Monday, April 17:

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

### Tuesday, April 18:

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

### Wednesday, April 19:

|         |               |
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| 5:30 pm | Handbells     |
| 6:45 pm | Chancel Choir |

### Thursday, April 20:

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

### Friday, April 21:

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

† Live streaming

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 4/9/23

|                        |       |              |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 8:15 am                | ..... | .27          |
| 9:00 am                | ..... | .113         |
| Live Stream            | ..... | .NA          |
| 11:00 am               | ..... | .86          |
| Live Stream            | ..... | .NA          |
| Weekly Receipts        | ..... | .\$2,495.00  |
| Received to Date - Op. | ..... | .\$91,466.00 |
| Memorial/In Honor      | ..... | .\$365.00    |
| Missions               | ..... | .\$300.00    |
| Bucket Brigade         | ..... | .\$120.62    |

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for April will go to the **Kenya Mission**.

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

### ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Nell Mitchell

### AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler  
Mr. Jack Drew  
Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins  
Mrs. Lauren J. 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



## Birthday Greetings

**April 16:** John Braxton Carnline,  
Elizabeth Joyner

**April 17:** Cindy Higdon

**April 18:** Betty Phelps

**April 19:** Debbie Davis,  
Aubrey Singletary

**April 20:** Christie Sanders

**April 21:** Brayden Meissner

**April 22:** Booth Moses, Heath Phelps,  
Opal Prince, Michael Youmans

Sunday, April 16, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....2 Timothy 2:1-2  
SERMON .....Why You Should Be in a Discipleship Group ...Rev. Vernon

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

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
WORSHIP  
CHILDREN'S SERMON .....Adrienne Harrison

\*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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**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Chad Allen, Bill Harrell;**

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

**Tech:** Rebecca McKemie - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

- Acolytes: Cate Hopkins and Levi Bundrick
- Buckets: Betts Harrison and Griffin Carter
- Sunday Nights are BACK this week at 5:30.

We are continuing to learn the books of the Bible!

- We are in need of capri suns, snacks and water in the children's building!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### NEWS FROM...SCOTT

- April 16 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Youth night starts back this Sunday evening April 16, 5:30-6:30

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Self and Dr. Crook  
*Christ Is Alive! - Whitsett*

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

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED .....I Timothy .....UMH 889

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....UMH 302  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*This Joyful Eastertide - Jordan*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! - Langlois*

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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....UMH Number 690  
*The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison - Bach*

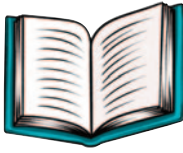
*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.*

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

\* Please stand as you are able.

**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.

**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 26. Please make sure your reservation is made with the church office by April 24 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
- 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!*