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<b>Worship God</b>		<b>Build Community</b>
<b>Grow in Christ</b>		<b>Bless the World</b>



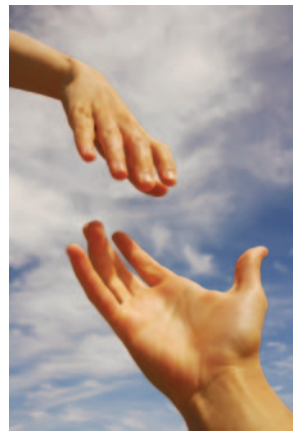
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2023)**  
*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

**318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717**

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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# A GENEROUS CONGREGATION SERVING A GENEROUS GOD



From the beginning, God’s generosity has been on display. In Genesis, God gave Adam and Eve the entire Garden of Eden with only one restriction. Then God gave us the gift of Incarnate Jesus to enjoy, observe and learn from for 33 years! God followed that up with the first Easter weekend by giving us His Son as the perfect sacrifice on the Cross and 3 days later God gave us the gift of the empty tomb! Even today God continues to bless us individually. He blesses our earthly families, our Church family and Christians all over the world!

I am thankful to pastor a church where our folks have responded to God’s generosity with their own generosity. Just this year alone, your giving has allowed us to:

- provide approximately 30 children at Eastside Elementary food for the weekend
- help financially support Charlene Powell’s family with all the extra expenses they have incurred since Charlene’s accident back during the holidays
- feed starving people in Kenya with \$3,200 you gave on very short notice

These are just the most recent examples of your generosity. Next Sunday (April 30th), I will be preaching on Financial Stewardship and how we can strategically move forward financially in the new season of our Church’s history. So again, thanks for all you have done so far and let us all continue to pray about how we can be good stewards of our Church and ministries!

See You Sunday at the Generous Church.

In Christ,  
*Sam*

“Praise be to our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” – Ephesians 1:3

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. JAMES EDWARD (ED) HALL**, Milledgeville, GA.; to Mrs. Anne Richter and family in the death of her brother, **MR. GRAY JERNIGAN**, Atlanta, GA; to Mr. & Mrs. Scott Easom and family in the death of her sister, **MISS GLENDA FOLSOM**.

**ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR:**

The rosebud on the altar today is to announce the arrival of **Deacon Heath Jones** born April 13, 2023 to bless the home of Bradley and Hope Jones. Proud grandparents are Tommy and Debra Smith.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MR. AL COOGLE**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

**MRS. SAMMIE HARPER**

By: Mrs. Carolyn Shelfer

**MR. GRAY JERNIGAN**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith  
Miss Monteen Stewart  
Mrs. Katherine Stoddard

**MR. JON JOHNSON**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens

**MRS. KATHY LINDGREN**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

**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 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 train-

ing 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.

**SENIOR RECOGNITION:**

Will be on Sunday, May 7. If you have a senior, or know of a senior, that will be graduating this spring, please contact Scott Easom or the church office.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (MAY 4)**

We are hosting a 12 hour prayer vigil in our chapel from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on May 4. You can sign up for a 30-minute slot on the big Sign-Up poster. Our goal is to have at least 2 people praying continuously in the chapel all 12 hours of the prayer vigil.

**APRIL MEETINGS:**

April 23: Safe Sanctuary Training, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm  
April 26: Church Night Supper, 6:00 pm

**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.

- 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 23-30**  
**2023**

**Sunday, April 23:**

8:15 am	Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am	†Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Service
2:00 pm	Safe Sanctuary Training
5:00 pm	Safe Sanctuary Training
5:00 pm	Men's Disciple Group
5:30 pm	Children
5:30 pm	Youth

**Monday, April 24:**

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
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**Tuesday, April 25:**

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

**Wednesday, April 26:**

6:00 pm	CNS Meal
6:30 pm	CNS Activities
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 27:**

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

**Friday, April 28:**

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

† Live streaming



**Remember in Prayer**

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

**GRADY GENERAL:**

Mrs. Nell Mitchell

**AT HOME:**

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. Jack Drew
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Lauren J. Harrell
- Mrs. Patsy Maddox
- 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

**SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:**

- 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

**RESTROOMS:**

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

**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**

**April 24:** Chloe Thomas

**April 25:** Erin McGhin

**April 27:** Hope Jones

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 4/16/23**

8:15 am	.....15
9:00 am	.....54
Live Stream	.....10
11:00 am	.....56
Live Stream	.....18
Weekly Receipts	.....\$5,560.00
Received to Date - Op.	..\$97,026.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$265.00
Missions	.....\$170.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$24.70

**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.

Sunday, April 23, 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 ..... Stacey 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.**

\*SCRIPTURE .....  
SERMON ..... Rev. Vernon

**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; Jarrett Harrison - streaming

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Addie Clark and Reagan Hartsell
- Buckets: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Carroll Hopkins
- Sunday Nights are BACK this week at 5:30.  
We are continuing to learn the books of the Bible!
- We are in need of snacks and drinks at in the children's building.  
Some ideas are: Water, Capri-Suns, Goldfish, Oreos, Cheeze-Its.

Reminder: Safe Sanctuaries Training is this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00

## YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**SCOTT**

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

- April 23 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Youth Night - April 23 5:30-6:30

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Self and Dr. Crook  
*Prelude on Hyfrydol - Linker/McFadden*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Modern Affirmation .....UMH 885

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....UMH 715  
*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*Pax Vobiscum - Purvis*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*As Long As I Have Breath - Farrar*

\*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.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....

SERMON .....Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....UMH 364  
*Because He Lives*

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! - Armstrong*

*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.*

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

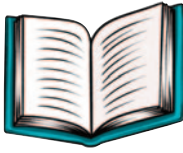
\* Please stand as you are able.

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**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.

**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.

Baked Chicken, Macaroni w/Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert. (Please let us know if your child prefers a hot dog or PB&J)

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 .....: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!*