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

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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Disaffiliation Update

This Sunday, May 21st, Ron Spooner (Delegate to Annual Conference) and I will participate in a Called Special Session of the South Georgia Conference via Zoom. The only order of business for the Special Session is to vote on our church along with 192 other South Georgia churches who are disaffiliating from the United Methodist Denomination. It is widely anticipated that all 193 churches will be approved for Disaffiliation. The full list of churches is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

These 193 churches join the 82 churches who disaffiliated in 2022. That means at the end of the special Session this Sunday, there will be 275 churches that have disaffiliated and 275 churches that have remained in the South Georgia Conference.

Keep in mind that we are still a United Methodist Church until the first week of July when we have paid our exit fee. We will officially transition to our new name of "Cairo First Church" in those early days of July. If the rest of the Disaffiliation process goes as planned, Sunday, July 9th will be our first Sunday as Cairo First Church. We will keep you updated as we move closer to July. As your Pastor, I want to thank you for your prayers for our church and your cooperation and patience during this arduous Disaffiliation process.

Excited about our future, anchored in Christ!

Sam

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by her family in loving memory of **MRS. KAYE HELMS**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. WILLIAM CUY "BILLY" HARRELL, SR.;** to the family and friends of **MRS. ELLEN COX WHITE.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. KAYE HELMS

By: Chad, Jamie and Tyson Allen

MRS. KATHY LINDGREN

By: Mr. Dale Helms

MRS. ELLEN WHITE

By: Mrs. Katherine Stoddard

MRS. BETH WIGHT

By: Nancy and Lee Caswell

MAY MEETINGS:

May 22, 6:00 pm - Laity Council

May 24, 6:00 pm - Denomination Search Committee

May 28, 11:00 am - Joint Worship Service (Only one service)

May 29, Memorial Day - Office Closed

MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

May 21st - We will observe Pentecost a week early!

May 28th - Only One Service at 11:00 am

Only 1 worship service. Join us at 11:00 am as we observe Memorial Day Sunday with patriotic music and a sermon that remembers our fallen heroes.

Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

June 4th - (No Communion)

8:15 a.m. - Ed Wood preaches

9:00 a.m. - Brian & Stacey Morgan lead worship

11:00 am - Ed Wood preaches

Cairo First is seeking a Nursery Director and a Childcare Worker.

Responsibilities include recruiting volunteers, communicating with parents, ensuring the nursery's cleanliness and safety and most of all, a love for children!

Primary hours will be Sunday mornings and nights, as well as Wednesday nights. Additional hours will be added as needed based on the church's schedule.

Resumes can be emailed to Adrienne at abharrison1@hotmail.com

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:

The Chancel Choir always welcomes new members, but now, in particular, we are in need of singers. We meet every Wednesday night for one hour, beginning at 6:45 pm in the choir room, which is located behind the Sanctuary in the main church building.

If you can read music, that is always a plus, but if you just "carry a tune", we can work with that as well. Come join us for a fun, rewarding musical and personal experience.

HOME SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING (MAY 23):

Join us Tuesday night, May 23, at 6:30 pm in the small Fellowship Hall. Beth Hickox will lead the meeting. Topics will include how you can get started in Home Schooling with your children and how a Home School group can be organized. In addition, Beth is looking for volunteers to assist Home School Teachers in their ministry to Hispanic children. Come, listen, learn and ask any questions you have.

BE GOOD STEWARDS:

When you leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please take a minute to replace the hymnal and/or Bible in the rack. Also, please take your used tissue and bulletin with you upon departing.

Thanks for your assistance as we do not have custodians coming in after Sunday services.



WEEK OF
MAY 21-27
2023

Sunday, May 21:

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

Monday, May 22:

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

Tuesday, May 23:

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Home School Meeting

Wednesday, May 24:

- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25:

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

Friday, May 26:

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

† Live streaming

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.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 5/14/23

8:15 am	17
9:00 am	93
<i>Live Stream</i>	10
11:00 am	49
<i>Live Stream</i>	12
Weekly Receipts	\$3,801.00
Received to Date - Op.	\$113,667.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$300.00
Missions	\$20.00
Bucket Brigade	\$88.12

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. Jack Drew
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Lauren J. Harrell
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- 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
- Mrs. Nell Mitchell
- 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

LAITY COUNCIL:

Will meet Monday, May 22, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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.



Birthday Greetings

May 21: Blair Davis, Kathy Higginbotham, Judy Martinucci

May 22: Jana Simmons

May 23: Kellie Bishop, Seth Staland

May 25: Walker Elchenko, Cuy Harrell, IV, Joye Sandefur

May 27: Brenda Coy, Erin Jones

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONActs 2: 1-13
SERMONWhy Pentecost Was and Is ImportantRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

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.**

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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: Will Bundrick - video; Jarrett Harrison - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Annabelle Stanaland and Breanna Sanders
- Buckets: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Carroll Hopkins
- Parent’s Night Out: Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ages 3 through 5th Grade
Register with Adrienne

Save the date: VBS is July 9-12!

We need snacks for Sunday School. Please drop off waters and snacks at the children's building.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- May 21 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- No Youth Sunday Nights until after summer
- June 6 - Youth trip to Thomasville Tomahawks
Meet at Youth House at @ 3:30 pm!

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self and Dr. Ben Crook
Lord, Be Glorified - Kilpatrick/Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHKorean CreedUMH 884

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 157
Jesus Shall Reign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Elegy - Thalben-Ball

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
O When I Sing the Songs of God - Carter

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*HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH 420
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDEDr. Crook
Allegro molto - Joseph Haydn

+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: Ruth Sims; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:

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

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.

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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.

Directory

- Sam VernonPastor
- Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Scott EasomYouth Director
- Adrienne Harrison . .Children's Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan
.Contemporary Worship Leaders
- Linda Wood8:15 Pianist
- Benjamin CrookPianist
- Ashlei SteelePreschool 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!

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BABY BOTTLE boomerang
May 14 - June 18 

- TAKE A BOTTLE
- FILL IT WITH LOOSE CHANGE, CASH OR CHECKS FOR FIRST OPTION CARE
- RETURN TO YOUR CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION BY JUNE 18TH



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