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CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

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The State of Our Youth Ministry

This past Sunday our Youth Minister Scott Easom announced to our Youth and the Church that he would be stepping down from that position at the end of the month. Scott is in his fourth year of faithful service to our Church and our Youth. His last Sunday will be January 28th and his last Wednesday will be the 31st. We pray God's blessings on Scott as he continues his ministry at Cairo High School as the full time Art Teacher. Scott, thanks for all you have done for the Lord, our Church and our Youth these last four years.

What Are The Plans For Our Youth Ministry Going Forward?

So, long before I was ever a Pastor, I was involved in Youth Ministry. My experience includes: Camp Counselor for the Summer at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Youth Minister all three years I was in Seminary and then my first two years in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, I led one of the largest Youth Groups in the Conference (Pittman Park UMC, Statesboro). In addition to my full-time appointments in the ministry, I also led and spoke at Youth Retreats and Youth Events all over the Southeast from 1991-2012. At several of the churches I have pastored, I have filled in as the Interim Youth Pastor until the church made a permanent hire.

I share all this to say I have a strong background in Youth Ministry and feel very comfortable and equipped to serve as our Interim Youth Minister until the Church Leadership decides what they want to do about hiring a Youth Minister.

Are There Specific Things Our Youth and Youth Parents Need To Know?

Sunday School will continue uninterrupted with Celeste Vernon teaching the month of February. We will announce other teachers for future months as we get that worked out.

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In Christ,

Sam

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The flower calendar for 2024 has been placed on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

Please sign up for flowers for 2024. And remember that two arrangements are needed.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Are available in the downstairs hallway outside of the pastors office. If you wish to give by this system and there is no box for you, please contact Ruth and we will provide envelopes to you.

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Sundays (5:00-6:00 pm) and Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm) will continue uninterrupted in February with the exception of February 14th which is Ash Wednesday. We will do Tuesday night supper that week and then have Ash Wednesday Service the next night. However, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will not meet on Tuesday, February 13th or Wednesday, February 14th.

On Sunday, February 21st, we will have Youth Ministry Calendars available which will cover March through May. On Sunday March 24th, we will unveil our Summer Calendar which will include Sunday night schedule, one-day events and our three-day out-of-state adventure! Hope this helps Parents, and by the way, we will be calling you for different volunteer opportunities.

The Church "Experts" say Youth Ministry Matters. Let us make sure our kids and our community know that we believe Youth Ministry Matters!

JANUARY

UPCOMING DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

January 14 – 4:00 pm

Missions Committee

January 15 - Church Office closed

in observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

January 16 - 7:00 pm - Trustees to

meet in the small fellowship hall

January 17 - 6:00 pm - Wednesday Night Suppers Resume

January 21 (Sunday) - 2024

Leadership Installation

At both 9:00 am and 11:00 am services, we will recognize our 2024 Church Leadership Team. All 2024 Leaders (new and returning) will be invited forward so we can affirm you, challenge you and pray for you. Leaders only need to be present at one of the two services.

January 21 – 5:00 pm – Children and Youth Activities

Resume

January 22 (Monday) - 6:00 pm

First Laity Council Meeting for 2024
Small Fellowship Hall

January 27 (Saturday) - Leadership Retreat

When: Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: We will start in the Sanctuary and end in the Fellowship Hall

Who Should Come: Laity Council Members, Committee members, any members who may be involved in future leadership

Format: More details in next week's bulletin. We will have Bible study, prayer, evaluation of our ministries, strategy sessions and some Leadership training

Lunch: Firehouse Subs will cater the meal and yes it is free for you!

RSVP: Please let Ruth Sims in the church office know by **Wednesday, January 24th** so we can plan for lunch.



Week of **Jan. 14-20**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, January 14:

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

4:00 pm Missions Committee

Monday, January 15:

Church Office Closed No Activities

Tuesday, January 16:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 17:

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Meal

6:30 pm Activities

6:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, January 19:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Will meet Sunday, January 14, at 4:00 pm in the small fellowship hall.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/7/24

8:15 a.m.	15
9:00 a.m.	78
11:00 a.m.	40
Weekly Receipts	\$6,460.00
Received to Date - Op. ...	\$6,460.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$470.00
Missions	\$95.00
Bucket Brigade	\$60.06

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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

TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL:

Mr. Jeb Owens

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Ken Stafford (Brother of Charles Stafford)

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Kenneth (Smiley) Gale

Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler

Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins

Mrs. Lauren Harrell

Mr. Bob Jones

Mr. Howell McKinnon and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon

Mrs. Faye Miller

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels

Mrs. Dot Moses James

Mrs. Nell Mitchell

Mrs. Janet Murphy

Mr. John Shiver

Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

CAMELLIA GARDENS, THOMASVILLE, GA

Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

THOMASVILLE NURSING & REHAB:

Mrs. Mary Meill

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

Mrs. Opal Prince

CHESTNUT RIDGE, CUMMING, GA:

Mrs. Vivian Childs

ATLANTA, GA

Ike & Charlene Powell

BRENTWOOD, TN:

Dr. Bob Kral



Birthday Greetings

January 15: Patricia Mitchell,
John Wind

January 18: Kit Chapin, Betts Harrison

January 19: Brett Campbell

January 20: Asher Bentley,
Vivian Childs, Jessica Lee

Sunday January 14, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON
SERMONRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey Morgan

*OFFERING

*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
SERMONRev. 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; **Miller Kate Morgan** - streaming;

Amy and Davis Amaro - audio

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Betts Harrison and Cate Hopkins
- Buckets: Ella Jones and Jemma Hartsell
- Sunday Nights resume next week, on January 21 at 5:00 p.m.
- We are in need of snacks and drinks for the children's building: Small waters, goldfish and vanilla wafers. Thanks!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- January 14 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- We’ll start Sunday Night Youth on Sunday 21st 5:00- 6:00 pm!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
How Firm a Foundation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHModern AffirmationNo. 885

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 181
Ye Servants of God

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Interlude on Coventry Carol - Webber

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Self
Five Short Settings of “Amazing Grace” - Haan

*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 LESSON

SERMONRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 189
Fairest Lord Jesus

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Festival Postlude - Zipoli

+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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

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: Adults (30+) with young children

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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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We will resume Wednesday night suppers on January 17, at 6:00 pm.

Please contact the church office, 377-3051, or email the office at adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net or text 229-403-0428, or put this form in the offering plate to make reservations

Reservations not honored will be charged. Food is purchased prior to Wednesday night.

Week of January 17

Number of Adults ____ @ \$6.00

Number of Children (Age 3-11) ____ @ \$3.50

Directory

- Sam VernonPastor
- Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Scott EasomYouth Director
- Adrienne Harrison . .Children's Director
- Jeremy MooreMusic Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan
. . . .Contemporary Worship Leaders
- Ashlei SteelePreschool Director
- Church Office229-377-3051
- Emergency Numbers .229-377-1017
229-403-0428
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!