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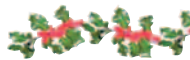
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Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday, December 24th

- 8:15 a.m. Early Worship in Chapel
- 8:55 a.m. Contemporary Service in Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Carols, Candles and Communion



NEW YEAR'S EVE, Sunday, December 31st

- 9:15 a.m. Coffee Time and Fellowship in Social Hall
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary (one service)

The pastor and staff of First Methodist wish you a Merry Christmas. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th



ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar throughout Advent are placed there by Mrs. Sakiko Collins in loving memory of

MR. JAMES COLLINS

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of:

MR. JIMMY RICKS

By: Mr. Wade Hunziker

MR. PAUL RODDENBERY

By: Katherine Stoddard

IN HONOR GIFTS:

A gift has been given to the church in honor of

MR. SHIRLEY R. BROWN

MRS. CAROLYN BROWN

By: Mr. Reynolds Brown

A gift has been given to the church for the Kairos Ministry in honor of

MR. THOMAS L. SMITH

By: Friends

OUR ROSE WINDOW:

The rose window in the chancel depicts the story of the Nativity as recorded in Luke and Matthew:



The scenes are:

- ❖ The appearance of the angel to Mary
- ❖ Mary greeting Elizabeth
- ❖ The appearance of the angel to the shepherds
- ❖ The Wise Men as they behold the star
- ❖ The Wise Men as they brought their gifts to the Christ Child
- ❖ The stable where the Christ Child was born
- ❖ The flight into Egypt
- ❖ The Christ Child being presented at the temple
- ❖ The Boy Christ in the work shop at Nazareth
- ❖ In the large center section, Mary and Joseph are pictured with the Christ Child and angels

The wording on the window is "Glory to God, on earth, peace and good will."



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

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| Mr. Bob Anderson | Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hopkins |
| Mrs. Bonnie McMillan (mother of Keri Hopkins) | Dr. Bob Kral |
| Mr. Henry Andrews | Mrs. Pat Manny |
| Mrs. Carolyn Brown | Mrs. Sally Miller |
| Mrs. Zena Brown | Mr. Billy Rathel |
| Mr. Keith Campbell | Mrs. Betty Rawls |
| Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Clark | Miss Aubrey Walden (granddaughter of Rodney, Cindy Turner) |
| Mrs. Nan Crawford | Marilyn Wright, Gerald Anderson, Cecil Gibbs - Michelle Thornton's family members |
| Mrs. Minnie Jenkins (Sisters of Sally Miller) | Mr. Alan Young |
| Mr. Craig Cutchens | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gainous | |
| Mr. Smiley Gale | |
| Mrs. Jeanette Gandy | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Godwin | |

BAINBRIDGE, GA:

Mrs. Eunice Chason (Mother of Annette Andrews)

GAINSVILLE, GA:

Mr. Steve Dupree

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mrs. Marjorie Blair (Mother of Debbie Davis)

MD ANDERSON:

Mrs. Deborah Hudson (Step-Mother of Robert Hudson)

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

New Additions in **Bold**

Only use **Words That Give Grace.**

Only make **Comments That Build Up.**

Paul's challenge to the Ephesian Christians reminds us that with every word we speak or write, *as the living body of Christ on earth*, we are changing the world. May we change it for the better by lifting people up and leaving them better than we found them.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Martha Hawthorn (Mother of Kenneth Hawthorne)

Mrs. Helen Williams

BAINBRIDGE, GA: Mr. Ronald Hall

CAMELLIA GARDENS:

Mrs. Frankie Strickland

REMINGTON HEIGHTS, OMAHA, NE:

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson

DISCOVERY VILLAGES, SUWANNEE, GA:

Mrs. LaVonne Childers

CARLYLE PLACE, MACON, GA:

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Skinner

ST. PETERS, MO: Mrs. Joyce VanLandingham



**Week of
Dec. 24-Dec. 30
2017**

Sunday, December 24:

- * 8:15 am Early Worship in Chapel
- * 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- * 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- * 9:45 am Sunday School
- * 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- * 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25:

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26:

Church Office Closed

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 27:

No activities

Thursday, December 28:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 29:

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

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Bell rehearsals will resume January 10th, 2018. Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume January 17th, 2018.

MILITARY:

Please remember our members of the military.

John Godbehere, Josh Ballroe, Nathan Greene, Dr. Brian Gray, Joe Davis, James and Brittany Ragan



Birthdays

- December 24:** Joni Bundrick
- December 25:** Charlene Powell, Rodney Turner
- December 26:** Sonny Marshall, Sandee Rinker, Breanna Sanders
- December 27:** Colton Ponder, Carolyn Rinker
- December 28:** Helen Brown
- December 29:** Sarah Byram, Suzanne Carnline, Tim Hurst, Jeb Johnson, Phoebe Meissner, Samuel Mills, Emily Moses, Lew Oliver, Shanda Pyrz
- December 30:** Keri Hopkins, Lee White

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/17/17

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 8:15 am Worship |20 |
| 8:55 am Worship |65 |
| 11:00 am Worship |127 |
| Weekly Receipts |\$16,144.50 |
| Weekly Needed |\$12,387.00 |
| Received to Date - Op |\$423,883.25 |
| Designated |\$325.00 |
| Bucket Brigade |\$92.92 |
| Gift of Gratitude | |

We are in the fourth quarter of the year. Is your giving to the Church up to date?

2017 GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

As you know, throughout 2017 our church is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The estimated costs of the customary happenings associated with such a celebration is \$15,000. Beyond our regular "General Fund" tithes and offerings, we are all invited to prayerfully consider making an additional gift toward our 150th celebration. Thank you.

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| 2017 & 2018 Gifts of Gratitude Goal: | \$15,000.00 |
| 2017 YTD Gifts of Gratitude: | \$13,293.00 |
| YTD Difference: | \$1,707.00 |

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for December will go to The Help Agency.

OUR VISITORS, DEC. 17, 2017:

(Registered) Kathy, David Bryan; Philip Belcher; Kevin, Alaina, Nora Jane, Noble, Girma, Viviana Gray; Althea Magoun; Angie Robinson.



FLOWER CALENDAR:

The 2018 flower calendar can be found on the bulletin board across from Rev. Byram's office. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign up on the flower calendar. Two arrangements are needed.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2018

Work area chairpersons are asked to turn in their request for the 2018 budget to the church office by December 22.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

We will have a birthday party for Jesus Sunday Dec 24th and I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

email: kyle.fordpro.parker@gmail.com
text: 229.220.3225

We had a wonderful turn out for cake auction. Thanks to all who baked cakes, and to all of you who purchased one. Through your support and generosity we were able to raise \$2525!



A Gift for You! The Chancel Choir has produced a commemorative CD celebrating the 150th Anniversary of First United Methodist Church, Cairo. The CDs will be made available at no cost, as a gift, to each church member family at the morning worship services, Dec. 24. After those services, the CDs will be available in the church office. Extra CDs, as they are available, can be acquired. A suggested \$10 donation to the church's 150th Anniversary Fund is requested for each additional CD.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - DECEMBER 24, 2017

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15



Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols



Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

- ACOLYTES
- THE ADVENT REFLECTIONLighting of the Candles
- CHILDREN'S SERMONMrs. Cheryl Mills
- THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Luke 1:46-49 (Pew Bible, Page 724)
- THE MESSAGE "What Can We Learn From Mary?"Rev. Byram

THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

8:55 SS Greeters: Cephas SS Class; **8:55 Ushers:** Ronnie Cox and Mike Mills

Praise Band: Kyle Parker (leader and vocals), Chris Parker (vocals), Jeremy Thomas (bass guitar), and Brendan Forrest (percussion and keyboard); **Tech:** Max White

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
The Holly and the Ivy - Whitsett

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESSarah Byram and Susannah Byram

THE ADVENT READING AND WREATHThe Larry Cliett Family

People: Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit. Bring your good news to life within us. Give us courage to carry your light into the injustices and shadows of this world. Amen.

*THE RESPONSE *Come, O Christ, the Light!*Congregation

People (sing): *Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ, the Light.
Glory be to God and peace on earth,
for Christ is born! Alleluia!*

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SING-ALONG(Projected)
Various Carols

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYERRev. Byram

*THE HYMN OF LIGHTNo. 254
We Three Kings

THE CHRISTMAS STORYFirst Christmas Participants
Luke 2:1-19; Matthew 2:1-11 (*paraphrased*)

*THE HYMN OF GRACENo. 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
He Is Born - Lau

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

THE SOLOMrs. Pat Mitchell
Redeeming Love - Gaither

THE SCRIPTURE READINGJohn David Bell
Luke 1:46-49 (Pew Bible, Page 724)

THE MESSAGE*"What Can We Learn From Mary?"*Rev. Byram

*THE HYMN OF LOVENo. 249
There's a Song in the Air

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
Joy to the World - Smith

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Kenneth Gale

Bulletin: Annette, Charles Giddens

Ushers: Jim Rinker

SS Greeters: Cephas SS Class

Altar Guild: Barbara Barrineau, Judy Martinucci

* Please stand as you are able.

^ Please come forward at this time if you wish to unite with this Christian fellowship. The doors are always open for those desiring to become members.

Please sign the attendance register.



Notices/Events

SMALL GROUPS:

If you are interested in a small group, you can contact the church or Carol Lehman at 377-5361 or clehman@windstream.net

TWO YOGA CLASSES:

Chair Yoga will continue every Monday at 10:00 am in the fellowship class. This is a great way for beginners to start doing yoga.

A mat yoga class will follow at 11:00 am. Wear comfortable clothing.

BOOK CLUB:

Is currently reading *Christmas at Grey Sage* by Phyllis Clark Nichols and will meet to discuss it on January 7 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Will meet Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. You are welcome to attend.

LOST AND FOUND:

A pair of glasses and an earring were found following Sunday's worship service. If you have lost either of these items, please call the church office, 377-3051.

CHURCH HISTORY AVAILABLE

1867-2017 Church history timeline is now on the church website under the category Ministries.

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

Please make reservations for the meals by calling the church office or filling out the form below and placing in the offering plate even if you have had reservations in previous years. Permanent reservations must be honored unless cancelled by noon on Tuesday. Family charge is \$13.00 for those living within the household.

_____ 1/10/18 _____ Permanent

Name _____

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children (3-11)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Directory

Rev. Whit Byram *Pastor*
Mrs. Ruth Sims *Adm. Assistant*
Mrs. Jamie Allen . . . *Preschool Director*
Mr. Kyle Parker . . . *Director - Contemporary
Worship, Youth, & Family Ministries*
Mrs. Jodi Kindred . . *Children's Director*
Dr. Ed Lyon *Minister of Music*
Mr. Ed Self *Organist*
Mrs. Megan Lokey *Pianist*
Church Office 229-377-3051
Emergency Number . . . 229-377-1017

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use one of the following addresses:

adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net
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!