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Happy New Year

NEW YEAR'S DAY EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2017

- 9:00 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)

*Thanks to all who made our Christmas Eve
so special. Your presence and participation
are making a difference*

The pastor and staff of First Methodist wish you a
Happy New Year. The church office will be closed on
Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar today are placed there in loving memory of
MR. DAVID STALLINGS

MEMORIALS:

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

MRS. CONNIE BUTLER

By: Miss Linda Butler

MR. JACK GALE

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

MRS. BETTY JEAN GOODSON

MR. MALCOLM WILLIAMS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MR. JIMMY RICKS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MRS. MAXINE DREW

MRS. LANOLA DUNLAP

MR. LEE FERGUSON

MR. BILL GAINEY

MR. JERRY JOYNER

MR. CARL MAXWELL

MRS. EMOGENE MILLER

MR. PAUL RODDENBERY

MR. GENE SANDERS

MRS. ANN SINGLETARY

MR. BILLY THOMAS

MRS. ELSIE THOMAS

by: Mrs. Helen Thorsby

MR. LUKE OLIVER

MR. ROBERT SELLERS, JR.

By: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Pitchford
Mrs. Helen Thorsby

IN HONOR GIFTS:

A gift has been given to the church in honor of

MR. PHILIP ALMON

MRS. HOPE ALMON

By: Sid, Kimberly, Caroline, Philip,
and Elizabeth Belcher

MR. RAY BUTLER

By: Miss Linda Butler

MR. ELWYN CHILDS

MRS. RUTH SIMS

By: Mrs. Helen Thorsby



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

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

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**

CURRENT ADDRESS

If you would like to send a card to Emily Gandy, her address right now is:

Emily Gandy

2405 Ashton Ridge Drive

Dacula, GA 30019

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels

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

CHURCH HISTORY AVAILABLE

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



Week of
Dec. 31, 2017-Jan 6
2018

Sunday, December 31

- * 9:00 am Fellowship Time
- * 9:45 am Sunday School
- * 10:45 am Traditional Worship

Monday, January 1:

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2:

Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, January 3:

No activities

Thursday, January 4:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- 10:00 am Grief Support Group

Friday, January 5:

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

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Will resume on Wednesday, January 10, at 5:00 pm. We're looking for three new ringers. No experience necessary. Rehearsals are at 5:00 on Wednesdays. Come ring with us.

CHANCEL CHOIR:

Will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:15 pm.

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 31: Tyson Allen, Claire Chason, John Floore, Pat Perkins, Julian Rawls

January 1: Joy Smith, Susie White

January 4: Sara Jane Cannon, Ethan McGhin, Evan McGhin, Monteen Stewart, Nick Thrower

January 5: Jennifer Hand

January 6: Amy Amaro

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/24/17

8:15 am Worship	.....28
8:55 am Worship	.....75
11:00 am Worship	.....134
5:00 pm	.....129
Weekly Receipts	.....\$34,886.50
Weekly Needed	.....\$12,387.00
Received to Date - Op	.....\$458,769.75
Designated	.....\$7,465.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$181.08
Gift of Gratitude	.....1,050.00

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.

2017 & 2018 Gifts of Gratitude Goal:	\$15,000.00
2017 YTD Gifts of Gratitude:	\$14,343.00
YTD Difference:	\$657.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for December will go to The Help Agency.

OUR VISITORS, DEC. 24, 2017:

(Registered) Anne Austin; David, Kathy Bryan; Cori Burnum; Ray Butler; Eric Cohen; Elisa Gaskin; Kevin, Alaina, Nora Jane, Noble, Girma, Viviana Gray; Louise Lloyd; Ryan Rhea

TRUSTEES

Will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 5:15 pm in the Pairs and Spares SS classroom.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

SPR COMMITTEE

Will meet Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm in the Azalee Wight SS classroom.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2018:

Workarea chairpersons are asked to turn in their request for the 2018 budget to the church office by December 30.

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD

**Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church**

“The Commission on a Way Forward” is a 32-member Commission that was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist the bishops in their charge from the 2016 General Conference to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to different interpretations of Biblical morality and authority over the issue of human sexuality. The Commission will also tackle resulting questions about the unity of the church.

The Commission has been meeting in 2017. The issues that are being discussed will effect the United Methodist Church as a denomination and are very complex. In 2018, three proposals will be presented to the Council of Bishops and a special General Conference will be in 2019. A direction forward will be presented and voted on at that “called” General Conference in 2019.

Please pray for this Commission as they continue their deliberations and also for the Council of Bishops which will receive the Commission’s recommendations very soon.

Please contact Rev. Byram with any questions.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST

December 31, 2017

New Year's Eve

Christian Color: White

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

10:45

- THE GATHERING MUSICPraise Band
- THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESSara Lokey and Sarah Sheffield
- THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram
- *THE SONGS OF PRAISE (*projected*)Praise Band
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O Come, All Ye Faithful
- *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ...Romans 8:35; 37-39No. 887
- *THE RESPONSENo. 64
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (v's 1 & 4)
- *THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
- THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGEMrs. Jodi Kindred
(Following the time at the altar, the children are invited to children's church)
- THE FLUTE SOLOMrs. Amy Amaro
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child - Larson
- THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYERMr. Kyle Parker
- *THE HYMN OF PRAISENo. 158
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
- THE OFFERTORY PRAYERMr. Chris James
- THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
He Shall Feed His Flock - from Messiah
- *THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95
- THE VOCAL SOLOBrendan Forrest
A Baby Changes Everything - Hill
- THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Byram
1 Corinthians 13 (Pew Bible, Page 813)
- THE MESSAGE*"Three Wishes"*Rev. Byram
- *THE SONG OF JOY (*projected*)Praise Band
Joy to the World
- *THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram
- *THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
Angels We Have Heard on High - Bock

THOSE WHO SERVE: 10:45 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Kenneth Gale
Bulletin: Gayle, Jerome Martin
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:

Two Yoga Classes will resume January 8 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 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 ByramPastor
- Mrs. Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Mrs. Jamie AllenPreschool Director
- Mr. Kyle ParkerDirector - Contemporary
Worship, Youth, & Family Ministries
- Mrs. Jodi KindredChildren's Director
- Dr. Ed LyonMinister of Music
- Mr. Ed SelfOrganist
- Mrs. Megan LokeyPianist
- Church Office229-377-3051
- Emergency Number229-377-1017

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!