



## THE BULLETIN

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January 7, 2018

No. 1

Worship God  
Grow in Christ

Build Community  
Bless the World



### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CAIRO

*Celebrating Our 151st Year — 1867-2018*

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# O Holy Night



## John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service

In 1775, John Wesley introduced a covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God. Repentance through confession and commitment was a key focus of the service, demanding humility from those willing to submit themselves to the dynamic words stated within the liturgy.

According to Wesley's journal, though the covenant renewal service was held on various occasions throughout the year, by the end of his life, the service was typically observed on the Sunday nearest January 1st. The covenant renewal service is a practice that continues in churches and Christian communities today, often near the beginning of the new year. It has undergone many revisions and adaptations, but its purpose as an evocative ceremony of commitment to ongoing discipleship and Christ-like character has always remained intact.

This weekend at all three services, Cairo First will join together in a modern liturgical adaptation of the covenant service along with Holy Communion. Our prayer is for this resource to be a means of grace for our church, bringing renewal in the hearts and lives of God's children as being alive together in Christ, we freely give everything to God's pleasure and disposal. I'm looking forward to being with you in worship as we begin a new year together.

With Every Blessing,

*Whit*

## MEMORIALS:

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

**MRS. HELEN HUGHES**  
**MR. FOREST LOVETT**

By: Ms. Brenda Coy

**MR. LUKE OLIVER**  
**MR. ROBERT SELLERS, JR.**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Prentiss Mitchell

## 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.

## CHURCH HISTORY AVAILABLE

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

## 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.

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY:

If you would be willing to assist with Sunday school for grades 1 - 4 or grades 5-7, please contact Katy Byram or Cassie Hudson.

If you would be willing to assist in the church nursery during Sunday School and/or worship, your help would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is located outside the nursery door. Contact Amy Amaro if you have questions.

We are blessed with several small children at this time and your help is greatly needed.

Parents, please remember that YOU need to pick up your child/ children and not older siblings.



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### AT HOME:

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	Camden Miller
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	
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**

## 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



**Week of**  
**Jan. 7-Jan 13**  
**2018**

**Sunday, January 7:**

- \* 8:15 am Early Worship - Chapel
- \* 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- \* 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- \* 9:45 am Sunday School
- \* 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:00 pm Worship @ Magnolia Place
- 5:00 pm Book Club

**Monday, January 8:**

- 9:30 am Ladies' Sewing Group
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 7:00 pm Perkins UMMen

**Tuesday, January 9:**

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 5:15 pm Trustees Committee
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee

**Wednesday, January 10:**

- \* 5:00 pm Handbells
- \* 5:50 pm Meal
- \* 6:30 pm Age Level Activities
- \* 6:30 pm SPR Committee

**Thursday, January 11:**

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

**Friday, January 12:**

- 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.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:**

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



**Birthdays**

- January 7:** Jan Simmons
- January 8:** Allison Harrell, Bret Sanders, Chuck Thomas
- January 9:** Bradley Jones
- January 10:** John Davis
- January 11:** Mike Thornton
- January 12:** Robert Hudson
- January 13:** Lumis Brown

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/31/17**

10:45 am Worship	.....107
Weekly Receipts	.....\$7,117.50
Weekly Needed	.....\$12,387.00
Received to Date - Op	....\$465,886.75
Designated	.....\$400.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$49.03
Gift of Gratitude	.....110.00

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:	\$14,453.00
YTD Difference:	<u><u>\$547.00</u></u>

**BUCKET BRIGADE:**

Offerings for January will go to The First Foundation to purchase books for children to encourage reading.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Can be found on the table in the downstairs hallway. If you give weekly or monthly, please pick up and use your offering envelopes. This is most helpful in making sure contributions are posted correctly.

**OUR VISITORS, DEC. 31, 2017:**

(Registered) The Gray Family; Phil and Lynelle Eddins

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.

# Children and Youth Ministries

resume on Wednesday, January 10th,  
following our fellowship meal.

## 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 affect 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 - January 7, 2018

**Chapel**

**Informal Traditional**

**8:15**



THE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL  
AND HOLY COMMUNION .....(refer to handout)

**Sanctuary**

**Contemporary**

**8:55**



ACOLYTES .....Hank Hudson and Liam Bundrick  
CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Rev. Whit Byram

THE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL  
AND HOLY COMMUNION .....(refer to handout)

### THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

**8:55 SS Greeters/Ushers:** Tom and Carol Lehman;

**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

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

Christian Color: White

**Sanctuary**

**Traditional Worship**

**11:00**

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . .Rev. Whit Byram

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES . . . . .Hank Hudson and Liam Bundrick

THE PRELUDE . . . . .Mr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey  
*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - Bach/Innes  
*(The prelude is a prayerful preparation for the worship of God)*

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .No. 246  
*Joy to the World*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . . . . .The Apostles' Creed . . . . .No. 881

\*THE RESPONSE . . . . .*Glory Be to the Father* . . . . .No. 70

\*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE MORNING PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Byram

\*THE HYMN OF GRACE . . . . .No. 234  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Byram

THE OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Puer Nobis* - Smith

\*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS . . . . .No. 95

THE SOLO . . . . .Mrs. Cheryl Mills  
*Gesu Bambino* - Yon

THE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL  
AND HOLY COMMUNION . . . . .(refer to handout)

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .No. 251  
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*THE BENEDICTION . . . . .Rev. Byram

\*THE POSTLUDE . . . . .Mr. Self  
*An Organ Carol for Epiphany* - Ashdown

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## THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Howard Thrower  
Bulletin: Celeste, Chuck Tyler  
Ushers: Ron Spooner  
SS Greeters: Burleigh Law SS Class  
Altar Guild: Hope Almon, Kathy Higginbotham

\* 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

### 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, February 1, 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 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!