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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2018)

Celebrating Our 151st Year

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The First Ten Minutes

Somewhere I remember hearing of a study done among visitors to churches. The study suggested most people who visit a church make their decision as to whether or not they will return a second time during the first ten minutes after they arrive. That means, in the vast majority of cases, they have decided whether they are likely to return before they have sung the first hymn, listened to the choir sing, or heard the preacher preach.

If the study is accurate, it means what we do as a congregation during those first ten minutes when people walk through the doors of our gathering areas matters. A pastor colleague talks about a greeter at his church by the name of Bill. When Bill shook your hand at the door, he literally pulled you into the sanctuary. No question about whether or not he wanted you to be present.

As I have spoken to and shaken the hands of our greeters and ushers, I have experienced the same spirit in them. They communicate in all sorts of ways their delight in your presence. That said, it is important we not delegate the full responsibility of greeting people to them.

The Spirit with which we come to church makes a difference. Every church has a culture. Almost from the moment someone walks through the sanctuary door, he or she can sense whether the members care about one another, are open to new people and expect anything to happen during worship. I'm grateful the love of Christ is alive at Cairo First UMC. However, we must never take that for granted. It is important to cultivate that spirit and share it with others. The first ten minutes might just make a difference in helping someone find a new church home here with us.

The Spirit of God is moving among us. I look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and worship this weekend.

*Helping One
Person Might Not
Change The World,
But It Could
Change The World
For One Person.*

With Every Blessing,

Whit

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Will Bundrick and family in the death of his grandfather, **MR. NATHAN BUNDRICK**, Albany, GA.; to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Murphy and family in the death of her sister, **MRS. MARIE ROBERTS**.

IN HONOR:

A gift has been given to the church in honor of

CARROLL AND BECKY HOPKINS

By: The Kids

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. LOU HURST HALSTEAD

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett

CHILI COOK-OFF/MOVIE NIGHT

Thanks for the participation for the chili cook-off/movie night event.

A good variety of chili made with ground beef, ground turkey, chicken and venison were brought along with chips, crackers, cornbread, add-ons and sweets.

Lots of chili was shared and the winners were: Kaye Helms, Judy Cox and Sonya Porter.

Thanks to Jamie Allen and the children for preparing cookies and brownies; to Gayle Martin for serving the drinks; to Dale Helms and Ross Sims for cleanup.

STRAWBERRY SALES:

Preorders for flats of strawberries are being taken now. The deadline for ordering is February 20 with delivery on February 23. Flats are \$18.00. Please call the church office or see order forms in the Sunday rooms. Proceeds from the sale goes to Wesley Glen, a mission of the UMC.

PERKINS UMMEN:

Will meet Monday, February 12, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a ladies' night so please make sure your reservations are made by contacting Dale Helms or Billy Wind or the church office by February 8.

Name _____ No. _____



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Sarah Smith

AT HOME:

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

BAINBRIDGE, GA:

Mrs. Eunice Chason (Mother of Annette Andrews)

GAINESVILLE, GA:

Mr. Steve Dupree

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mrs. Marjorie Blair (Mother of Debbie Davis)

EVERETT, WA:

Mr. Doug Ricks (Brother of Marilyn Ricks)

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**

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
Feb. 4-Feb. 10
2018

Saturday, February 3:

District Day of Training at
Thomasville FUMC

Sunday, February 4:

- * 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
- 5:00 pm Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Worship at Magnolia Place

Monday, February 5:

- 9:30 am Ladies' Sewing Group
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

Tuesday, February 6:

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

Wednesday, February 7:

- * 5:00 pm Handbells
- * 5:50 pm Meal
- * 6:30 pm Age Level Activities
- * 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 8:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, February 9:

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

Saturday, February 10:

- 2:00 pm Memorial Service
for Mrs. Beth Barrineau

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The Bloodmobile will be at the church on Sunday, February 25, from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Mark your calendar and make your plans to donate blood next month.



Birthdays

February 4: Rosemary Hetzendorfer, Tom White

February 5: Wendy Harrell, Patricia Weber

February 6: Mark Bishop, Susannah Byram, Lisa Oliver

February 8: Lauren Harrell, Landen Meissner

February 10: Bill Harrell

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/28/18

8:15 am Worship21
8:55 am Worship47
11:00 am Worship105
Weekly Receipts\$3,870.00
Weekly NeededTBD
Received to Date - Op\$49,838.00
Designated\$2130.00
Bucket Brigade\$76.65

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for February will go to Option Care.

They will be holding a 5k run on February 10 in Thomasville. Pre-registration is \$25. See Runsignup.com "5k Run/Walk For Life"

OUR VISITORS, JANUARY 28, 2018:

(Registered) Maddox Cantley; Elisa Gaskin; Louise Lloyd; Jeb, Nell Owens.

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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION DATES 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR:

February 19-23: Early Registration for Children whose parents are church members.

February 26- March 2: Early Registration for Children who are siblings of Preschool students and whose grandparents are church members.

March 5th: Open Registration

Please remember all spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. You may pick-up registration packets in the Preschool Office M-F, 7:30-5:30. Please see Jamie Allen for further information.

VALENTINE BOXES:

Will be packed February 9 at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Parents are asked to turn in addresses for their college student/military personnel. Items for shipping needed will be individually wrapped items of crackers, cookies, candy, rice krispy treats, gum, etc. Homemade items are greatly appreciated. And assistance with shipping and packing is always needed.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

The new year began with lessons on "The Miracles Of Jesus." We learned that with God all things are possible.

This month we will learn that Jesus loves us no matter what we've done. Our verse for this month is: "Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12 NIV)

Sunday evening childrens activities are from 5 to 6.

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Egg Hunt



YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

We had a fun time at the chili cookoff Sunday Night and enjoyed watching *Gods Not Dead 2!* It was a good time of fun and fellowship!

We will be having our Super Bowl Party this Sunday night at the youth house, so if your youth is going to participate, please RSVP! 229-220-3225.



Thanks, Kyle

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - February 4, 2018

Chapel **Informal Traditional** **8:15**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Matthew 24:12-13 (*Pew Bible, Page 701*)

THE MEDITATION "Growing Cold"Rev. Byram

COMMUNION(see back of page)

Sanctuary **Contemporary** **8:55**

ACOLYTESAubrey Singletary and Abby McCaskill

CHILDREN'S SERMONMrs. Cheryl Mills

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COMMUNIONNo. 12

THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

8:55 SS Greeters/Ushers: Chad Allen and Bill Harrell

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

February 4, 2018

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Christian Color: White

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESAubrey Singletary and Abby McCaskill

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
The Spacious Firmament - Haydn/Innes

THE CALL TO WORSHIPMr. Alan Young, solo and Chancel Choir
Speak, O Lord - Getty

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,*

*That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISENo. 126
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE ANTHEMChancel Choir
Be Still and Know That I Am God - Chapman

THE MORNING PRAYERDr. Ed Lyon

*THE HYMN OF ASSURANCENo. 395
Take Time to Be Holy

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
Elegy - Thalben-Ball

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

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THE SERVICE OF COMMUNIONNo. 12
Invitation, Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer
Giving the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONNo. 721

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSEGreen Supplement No. 3040
You Are My All in All

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
Postlude - Mueller

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Howard Thrower
Bulletin: Eleanor, Howell McKinnon
Ushers: Herbert W. Wind
SS Greeters: Burleigh Law SS Class
Altar Guild: Cheryl Mills, Carolyn Stafford

* 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:

TWO YOGA CLASSES:

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

Mat yoga classes will be held at 1:30 PM on both Mondays and Wednesdays at Kasey Oliver's gym, Cairo Acrobatics.

BOOK CLUB:

Will meet Sunday, February 18th in the Fellowship Classroom to discuss *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. You are welcome to attend.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm.

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.

_____ 2/7/18 _____ 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!