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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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GOD LOVES YOU

I hope you are well. What a flu season we are experiencing!

God loves us – and the great thing about His love is that it isn't dependent on how we act, what we say, or how life is going. We are His. We may not have it all figured out, but He does. And God won't stop working in us until we are made complete in Christ.

*All The Days
Ordained For Me
Were Written In
Your Book Before
One Of Them
Came To Be.*

Psalm 139:16

One way in which God works in us, *renovating our hearts*, is through the seasons of the Christian year. Last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), the 40-day season of Lent began. This formative time leads us to Easter (April 1, 2018) and invites us to consider who we are, whose we are, and what we're about. A key part of accepting this invitation to go deeper in our relationship with God is to prayerfully acknowledge

and confess our sinfulness. As God reveals areas of our lives in which barriers to His love have formed, we are called to repent and change our ways.

In his book, *Wishful Thinking*, Frederick Buechner writes, "To confess your sins to God is not to tell him anything he doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them, they become the bridge."

The Spirit is moving among us. To God be the Glory! Great and exciting things are happening in this great place and throughout our church family! Many thanks to our great staff, volunteers, members, and visitors who make this a reality. See you Sunday and remember to invite friends.

With Every Blessing,

Whit

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andrews and family in the death of her mother, **MRS. EUNICE CHASON**; to Mrs. Marilyn Joyner and family in the death of her sister-in-law, **MRS. CAROLYN COLLINS JOYNER**, Tallahassee, FL.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. BETH BARRINEAU
MRS. FRANKIE STRICKLAND

By: Mr. and Mrs. Robin Prince

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 on February 25.

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.

CHURCH HISTORY AVAILABLE

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

WINTER RING:

The FUMC Bell Choir will be participating in the Winter Ring to be held at FUMC, Bainbridge, Feb. 23 and 24th. Please join us for a brief concert on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall, FUMC Bainbridge.

XYZ:

Will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 11:30 am. Invite a friend and bring your favorite covered dish for a good meal and fellowship.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To the UMMen for the super Ladies' Night Meal; to the volunteers who prepared, served and cleaned up for the Fat Tuesday Pancake meal.



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

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

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)

TENNESSEE:

Mrs. Susanne Lovett (Step-mother of Brenda Coy)

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

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. 18-Feb. 24
2018

Saturday, February 17:

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, February 18:

- * 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
- Book Club
- Children's Activity

Monday, February 19:

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

Tuesday, February 20:

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 11:30 am XYZ

Wednesday, February 21:

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

Thursday, February 22:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, February 23:

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

Saturday, February 24:

Fellowship Hall Reserved

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

MILITARY:

Please remember our members of the military.

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



Birthdays

February 18: Jennifer McClenny, Eleanor McKinnon, Mark Mitchell

February 19: Lauren Brown

February 22: Chris James, Samantha James

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/4/18

8:15 am Worship18
8:55 am Worship61
11:00 am Worship97
Weekly Receipts\$6,185.00
Weekly NeededTBD
Received to Date - Op\$64,625.50
Designated\$100.00
Bucket Brigade\$119.03

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for February will go to Option Care.

OUR VISITORS, FEBRUARY 4, 2018:

(Registered) None.

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:

Were packed February 9 and sent to eleven (11) college students. Special thanks to the following for donations of food, money for postage and/or packing assistance: Miriam Funderburk, Debbie Godbehere, Nancy McClenny, Lisa Oliver, Betty Rawls, Jeanette Shiver, Carolyn Trawick, Ellen White, Mesha Wind, Jackie McCurry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

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

Join us Wednesday night as we study Noah and the ark.

Sunday Evening activities are from 5 to 6. Mrs. Miriam Funderburk is our volunteer for February 18th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Egg Hunt



YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

Go Eagles!!

Our Super Bowl fellowship was a fun time for all who participated! Thanks to all the parents who took the time out to bring food. Even though it was just watching the game it was a chance to build relationships. God is present in everything we do together. **May he receive all the honor and glory, Amen**



Drama Opportunity! The Worship Team is looking for actors and a director for a skit to be performed during the combined worship on April 29. We are seeking the following actors: 1 teenage male, 1 teenage female, and 2 adults. Rehearsals will begin in early March. If you have an interest in participating in worship through drama, please contact Cheryl Mills 404-771-3719.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - February 18, 2018

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Matthew 4:1-11 (*Pew Bible, Page 682*)
THE SERMON "Who We Are"Rev. Byram

Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

ACOLYTESSarah Sheffield
CHILDREN'S SERMONMr. Kyle Parker
THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Matthew 4:1-11 (*Pew Bible, Page 682*)
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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 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESSarah Sheffield and Sara Lokey

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
My Jesus, I Love Thee - McDonald

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive reading and Chancel Choir

Leader: Come all who are lost and in pain. Our God calls to us.

People: Lord, lift us from our fears and sorrows; draw us closer to you.

Leader: Come all who have lost hope, who feel no sense of meaning and purpose.

People: Lord, clear away our resistance that we may see the depth of your love.

Leader: Let us come and not be discouraged. God is calling our names.

People: Help us, O Lord to trust you to direct our paths. Amen..

*THE HYMN OF PRAISENo. 292
What Wondrous Love is This

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedNo. 881

*THE RESPONSE*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1)*No. 127

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE ANTHEMChancel Choir
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Martin

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYERDr. Ed Lyon

*THE HYMN OF ASSURANCENo. 480
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
The Old Rugged Cross - Wood

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

THE SOLOMrs. Cheryl Mills
The Weeping Tree - Martin

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Byram
Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 682)

THE SERMON"Who We Are"Rev. Byram

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 473
Lead Me, Lord

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
Lenten Postlude - Koch

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Ron Spooner

Bulletin: Diane, Mike Bishop

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:

Will meet Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:00 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.

HEART HEALTHY DINNER CLUB:

Will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. Heart Healthy Dinner Club – beginning a group that will meet in each other's homes about once a month and bring together or assemble a heart healthy dinner. An organizational meeting will be held in March to gather a consensus of what is heart healthy eating and set dates and hosts for the dinners. If you are interested in being included contact Carol Lehman at 377-5361.

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. \$4.00 adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. Maximum family charge is \$13.00 for those living in the same household.

_____ 2/21/18 _____ 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@syrupecity.net
cairofum@syrupecity.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!