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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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A Word from Pastor Christy

The Season of Advent

Advent – The First Season of the Christian Year

Advent – the coming of Christ which leads up to Christmas Day through Worship on the Four (4) Sunday's prior to Christmas Day. The Greek word for Advent {adventus – parousia} is our anticipation of the Second Coming of Christ.

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath and Candles

This Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent. HOPE

The Advent Wreath, four (4) candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. In some churches, four purple candles, one for each week in Advent, are used with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ Candle. Other churches prefer three purple or blue candles with one candle being either rose or pink, to represent JOY.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles and the Christ candle did bring light to the churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize and to anticipate the second coming of Christ in final victory. The Advent Wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther in the sixteenth (16th) century.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four blessings Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy, and the fourth purity.

The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world and that we are to be the light of Heaven on earth.

The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

May we pace ourselves this Advent as we together journey to the Manger this year remembering the birth of Our Lord and Savior and anticipating HIS coming again.

Pastor Christy

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome Mrs. Joye Sandefur as the newest member of our family of faith. Joye comes by transfer of her membership from the Concord UMC. Welcome.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. CAROLYN C. BROWN

By: Mrs. Peggy Chapman

MRS. JULIE RHETT HARRELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Richter

MRS. CAROLYN HOPKINS

By: Mrs. Peggy Chapman

MISS HEATHER MONTGOMERY

By: Mrs. Peggy Chapman

PERKINS UMMEN:

Will meet Monday, December 10, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This is ladies' night so you will need to get your reservations in no later than December 5. Please contact Dale Helms or Herbert W. Wind or the church office. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. There will be a nursery for preschoolers.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE:

You are cordially invited to an Open House at the Parsonage (1433 13th Street NW) on Sunday, December 9, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, there are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes.

- **Aldersgate/Fellowship:** Older adult class with Sarah Smith or Chris James as the teacher.
- **Burleigh Law:** Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren. Various members rotate teaching.
- **Azalee Wight:** Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching.
- **Pairs and Spares:** Mixed group of singles and couples.
- **New Hope:** Young adults (35+ with teenage children).
- **Cephas:** Young adults with small children.



Daily Advent Readings for your weekly home worship:

Sunday, December 2nd – Isaiah 1:1-9, Psalms 146 & 147, II Peter 3:1-10, Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, December 3rd – Isaiah 1:10-20, Psalm 1-4, I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday, December 4th – Isaiah 1:21-31, Psalm 5-6, I Thessalonians 2:1-12, Luke 20:9-18

Wed. December 5th – Isaiah 2:1-11, Psalm 119:1-24, I Thessalonians 2:13-20, Luke 20:19-26

Thurs. December 6th – Isaiah 2:12-22, Psalm 18:1-20, I Thessalonians 3:1-13, Luke 20:27-40

Friday, December 7th – Isaiah 3:8-15, Psalms 16 & 17, I Thessalonians 4:1-12, Luke 20:41-21:4

Saturday, December 8th – Isaiah 4:2-6, Psalms 20 & 21, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Dec. 9th – Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalms 148 – 150, II Peter 3:11-18, Luke 7:28-35

ADVENT WREATH:

We thank the Bill Harrell Family, Brenda Coy, Kaye and Dale Helms for participating in the services this Sunday.



Birthdays

December 2: Casey Howell

December 3: Kadee Austin, Mary Skinner

December 4: Ed Self

December 5: Raymond Harrell, Virginia McAteer, Rick Pope

December 7: LaVonne Childers, Steve Miller, Eli Pysz

December 8: Daniel Stoddard



Week of
December 2-Dec. 8
2018



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 2:

- * 8:15 am Early Worship in Chapel
- * 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- * 9:30 am Social Time
- * 9:45 am Church School
- * 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:00 pm Worship @ Magnolia Place

Monday, December 3:

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

Tuesday, December 4:

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 - 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- Fellowship Hall Reserved*

Wednesday, December 5:

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

Thursday, December 6:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 7:

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

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. David Elkins

THOMASVILLE, GA:

Ms. Peg Thomas

AT HOME:

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| Mr. Bob Anderson | Mr. Tom Hopkins |
| Mr. Henry Andrews | Mrs. Deborah Hudson |
| Mrs. Zena Brown | (Step-Mother of Robert Hudson) |
| Mr. Billy Bundrick | Mrs. Linda D. Johnson |
| Mrs. Angela Chastain | Dr. Bob Kral |
| (Daughter of Carolyn Trawick) | Mr. Howell McKinnon |
| Mr. A.B. Clark | Mrs. Melanie McNair |
| Mr. Craig Cutchens | Mrs. Nan Crawford |
| Mr. T. D. David | Mrs. Minnie Jenkins |
| Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gainous | (Sisters of Sally Miller) |
| Mrs. Jeanette Gandy | Mr. Roger Murphy |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Godwin | Carolyn & Bobby Palmer |
| Mrs. Sammie Harper | Annette Prince |
| | Mr. Billy Rathel |

DACULA, GA

Mrs. Emily Gandy

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

- Mrs. Marjorie Blair (Mother of Debbie Davis)
- Mrs. Betty Jones

BOISE, ID:

Mr. Doug Ricks (Brother of Marilyn Ricks)

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

New Additions in **Bold**

OUR VISITORS, NOVEMBER 25:

(Registered) Rev. Mary Arban; Dale, Dianne Blitch; Madison Godwin; Kristin Lee; Martha, Weyman Lee; Ryan Mercado; Louisa Perkins; Janice Swain.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mr. Ronald Hall, Mrs. Dot Moses James, Mrs. Helen Williams

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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/25/18

8:15 am	.....	.20
8:55 am	.....	.62
11:00 am	.....	.90
Weekly Receipts	.....	\$13,608.00
Weekly Needed	.....	\$11,530.98
Received to Date - Op	..	\$369,896.10
Designated	.....	\$420.00
Bucket Brigade	.....	\$124.88

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year.

Offerings for December will go to the Storm Recovery. Thanks for your donations.

ONLINE GIVING:

For those of you who have set up on-line giving, please check and make sure of the time line that was set up. If a certain number of times or a date was entered, then the transaction will void and no longer automatically be done.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - December 2, 2018

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15

*THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Christy Bandy
Isaiah 7:13-14 (*Pew Bible, Page 488*)

THE SERMON“Hope”Rev. Bandy

COMMUNIONNo. 12

Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

ACOLYTESJack Tyson and Carson Lee

CHILDREN’S SERMONMrs. Stacey Morgan

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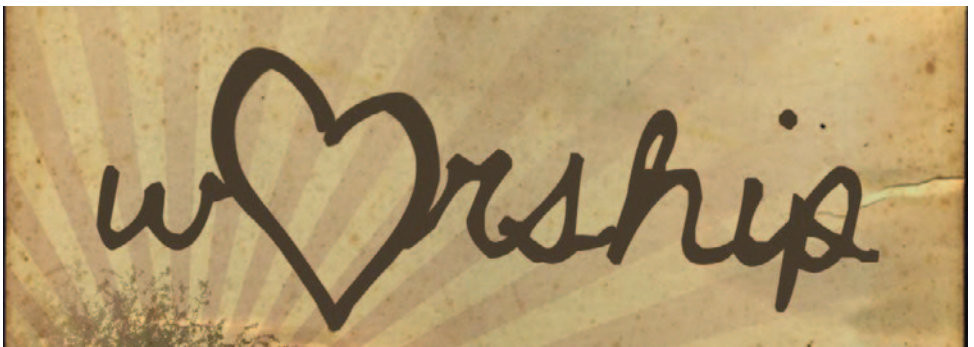
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THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

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

Worship Team: Brian Morgan - *acoustic guitar, vocals*; Stacey Morgan - *vocals, keyboards*; Leigh Ann Falconer - *keyboards*; Scott Easom - *bass*; Chris Rodd - *drums*;



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

- Thanks to all who packed shoeboxes for kids for the Navajo Mission in Arizona.
- The children will be singing in the Christmas cantata December 16th at 8:30 & 10:30.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com
text: 229-254-2546

- The youth will be partnering with Vashti on December 1st to help decorate their campus. We will be leaving the church at 8:30 am. Our annual Progressive Dinner is Sunday December 2. We will meet at the youth house at 5:30.
- Work is finishing up at the youth house and we have moved Sunday School back there. We have started a new study, the Christmas Experience.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST
December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Christy Bandy

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
There's a Song in the Air - Smith/Hustad

(The prelude is a prayerful preparation for the worship of God)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESJack Tyson and Carson Lee

THE ADVENT READING

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us a surprising new vision of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLENo. S2029 (v. 1)

*Light the Advent candle, one; Now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.*

*Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISENo. 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostle's CreedNo. 881

*THE RESPONSE*Gloria Patri*No. 70

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIPRev. Bandy

THE SOLODr. Lyon
"Why do the Nations so Furiously Rage?" from Messiah - Handel

THE MORNING PRAYERRev. Bandy

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATIONNo. 196
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORYChancel Choir
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning - Larson

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

*THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Bandy
Isaiah 7:13-14 (Pew Bible, Page 488)

THE SERMON*"Hope"*Rev. Bandy

THE SERVING OF COMMUNIONNo. 12

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE ^No. 718
Lo, He Come with Clouds Descending, v. 1

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Bandy

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
People, Look East - R.E. Smith

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Mike Mills
Bulletin: Dale, Kaye Helms
Ushers: Herbert W. Wind
Altar Guild: Barbara Barrineau, Linda Wood

* 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 meets on 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 next on Sunday, December 9th at 5:00 pm to discuss *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers*.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Will meet Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. All are welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would be willing to gather the attendance sheets and straighten up the pews following worship on Sunday, please contact the church office.

JOB OPENING:

Applications for a part-time youth leader are being accepted. Please submit your resume to Dr. Clair McCaskill or Rev. Christy Bandy.

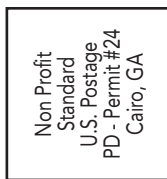
CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

You will need to make reservations for the meal weekly or to renew your permanent reservation. Reservations should be made by noon on Tuesdays. Permanent reservations must be honored. Cost for the meal is \$4.00 per adult, \$2.50 for children 2-11. Family charge is \$13.00 for those living in the same household.

Name _____

Adult No. _____ Children No. (3-11) _____

Permanent Week of **Dec. 5**



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318 S. BROAD STREET
CAIRO, GA 39828

Directory

- Rev. Christy Bandy *Pastor*
- Mrs. Ruth Sims *Adm. Assistant*
- Mrs. Jamie Allen . . . *Preschool Director*
- Mrs. Jodi Kindred . . *Children's Director*
- Mr. Brian and Mrs. Stacey Morgan
. *Contemporary Worship Leaders*
- 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!