



THE BULLETIN

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1867-2018)

Celebrating Our 151st Year

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Rev. Christy Bandy, Pastor

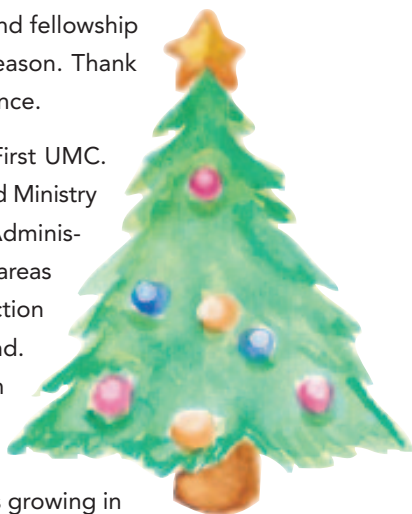
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A Word from Pastor Christy

What a Wonderful time in Worship services and fellowship gatherings we shared together during this Advent Season. Thank You ALL for your preparation, participation, and presence.

I want to Thank the marvelous staff here at Cairo First UMC. There are so many moving parts to fulfill the Mission and Ministry that flows through the Cairo First UMC. The Church Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Ruth Sims, helps to keep ALL the areas flowing and going. The Music program under the direction of Dr. Ed Lyon is one of the top music programs around. The organist, Mr. Ed Self, and pianist, Mrs. Megan Lokey are so talented and willing to adapt to various settings and worship styles. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Morgan effectively lead the Contemporary service which is growing in number and spirit. The preschool and children's area are under the capable hands of Mrs. Jamie Allen and Mrs. Jodi Kindred. The nursery workers, Melissa, Peg, and Grace work behind the scenes in many ways to assure care and protection for the children. Those most behind the scene are our custodial staff, James and Clifford.



{And, we could not do it without YOU, our faithful volunteers and support system, the Church Body.}

Thanks for making me look good and Glorifying God in ALL your service through the Cairo First UMC.

My Christmas Prayer:

I said a special prayer for you as Christmas Day draws near. That God would bless you richly throughout the coming year.

I did not ask Him to send you gifts of worldly wealth but prayed that God would fill your life with peace, joy, and health.

I asked that you know His LOVE, be comforted in strife, seek wisdom and His guidance and have abundant life.

In the Babe of Bethlehem's name, Jesus Christ, AMEN

Merry Christmas from

Pastor Christy and the Cairo First UMC staff

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. JACK HALL.**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Brian and Stacy Morgan** as the newest members of our family of faith. They come by way of transfer of their membership from Thomasville First UMC. The children, **Miller Kate, Hadley Rae, and Jensyn Drew,** will be added to the baptized roll.

IN HONOR GIFT:

A gift has been given to the church in honor of

MRS. MEGAN LOKEY

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. CAROLYN HOPKINS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrews
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Hopkins

MRS. PATRICIA MANNY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrews

MS. ROSEMARY THOMPSON

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry

FLOWER CALENDAR:

For 2019 has been posted. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up or call the church office to do so.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Dec. 23 - Regular Worship Times

Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm - *Christmas Eve Communion Program*

Dec. 30 - 9:30 am - Meet and Greet
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Joint Worship

Dec. 31 - 5:00 - 6:00 pm - *New Year's Eve Come-and-Go Communion*
11:30 pm - 12:30 - *New Year's Eve Come-and-Go Communion*



Daily Advent Readings for your weekly home worship:

Sunday, Dec. 23rd – Isaiah 42: 1-12, Psalms 24 & 29, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 3:16-21

Monday, Dec. 24th – Isaiah 11:1-9, Psalms 61 & 62, Revelation 20:1-10, John 5:30-47

Tuesday, Dec. 25th – Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalms 45 & 46, Revelation 22:12-17, Luke 1:67-80

ADVENT WREATH:

Thanks to the Kenneth Hawthorne family, the Joe and Miriam Funderburk family and Lisa and Lewis Oliver for lighting the Advent candles for this Sunday. And to the Nathan Hartsell Family for Christmas Eve.

CHURCH OFFICE

Will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For the remainder of the week, the staff will be in and out. Please call 377-1017 or 403-0428; [(478) 662-0328 & 377-3354 Rev. Christy Bandy] in case of an emergency if the phone is not answered at the church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

For 2019 will available in the hallway downstairs. Please look for yours and pick up at your convenience.



- December 24:** Tara Thomas
- December 25:** Charlene Powell, Rodney Turner
- December 26:** Sonny Marshall, Sandee Rinker, Breanna Sanders
- December 27:** Carolyn Rinker
- December 28:** Helen Brown
- December 29:** Suzanne Carnline, Tim Hurst, Jeb Johnson, Pheobe Meissner, Emily Moses, Lew Oliver, Shanda Pyrz



Week of
December 23-Dec. 29
2018

Sunday, December 23:

- * 8:15 am Traditional Worship in Chapel
- * 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- * 9:45 am Church School
- * 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, December 24:

No Activities
Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25:

No Activities

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Wednesday, December 26:

No Activities

Thursday, December 27:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 28:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

OUR VISITORS, DECEMBER 16:

(Registered) Clayton Aselton; Jeffrey Avery; Linda Butler; Ron, Braden Cox; Phil, Lynelle Eddins; Sheridan Harrell; Alan, Pearl Konesky; Anna, Rose, Joe Lehman; Susann Venters

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/16/18

8:30 am94
10:30 am173
Weekly Receipts\$5,655.00
Weekly Needed\$11,530.98
Received to Date - Op . . . \$433,397.10
Designated\$10,5528.11
Bucket Brigade\$398.53

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.



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Wayne Pitchford

THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Jan Simmons
Ms. Peg Thomas

AT HOME:

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

DACULA, GA

Mrs. Emily Gandy

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

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

JACKSONVILLE, FL

Mr. T.D. David

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**

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - December 23, 2018

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15

*THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Christy Bandy
Isaiah 9:6-7 (*Pew Bible, Pages 489*)

THE SERMON“Peace”Rev. Bandy

Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

ACOLYTESAbby McCaskill and Sara Sheffield

CHILDREN’S SERMONMrs. Carol Lehman

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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*; Austin Taylor - *electric guitar*; Myra Easom - *vocals*; Scott Easom - *bass*; Sean McKenna - *drums*; **Tech:** Randy Bearden - *audio*; Rebecca McKemie - *video*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. 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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

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Thanks to everyone who helped dress, feed and entertain the kids Sunday morning during the cantata. I was so proud of the children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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text: 229-254-2546

Thanks to everyone that participated in Wednesday’s youth cake auction!

We are going to coordinate a time to hang out at the youth house over Christmas break. Check emails and Facebook for updates. Sunday night activities will resume on January 6.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST
December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

THE WELCOMERev. Christy Bandy

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
Once in Royal David's City - Manuel

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESAbby McCaskill and Sara Sheffield

THE ADVENT READING WITH PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

People: Today we give thanks for the Joseph's among us migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in the belief that there is room for ALL in the kin-dom of God.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Light the Advent candle, four; Think of heavenly harmony, angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISENo. 245
The First Noel

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostle's CreedNo. 881

*THE RESPONSE*Gloria Patri*No. 70

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIPRev. Bandy

THE ANTHEMDuet: Dr. Lyon and Mrs. Cheryl Mills; Chancel Choir
Behold our God - Spacht

*THE MORNING PRAYERRev. Bandy

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATIONNo. 230
O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Bandy

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
Silent Night - Fedak

THE RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

*THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Bandy
Isaiah 9:6-7 (Pew Bible, Pages 489)

THE SERMON*"Peace"*Rev. Bandy

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE ^No. 219
It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Bandy

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
A Virgin Most Pure, the Prophets Foretold - Jordan

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Dick Porter
Bulletin: Lequita LeGette, Ellen White
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 next meet Sunday January 13th at 5:00 PM to discuss *United Methodists Divided - Understanding our Differences Over Homosexuality* by Dale McConkey

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Will meet Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. All are welcome to attend.

JOB OPENING:

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

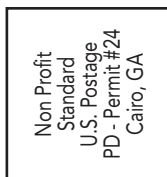
CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

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. (2-11) _____

Permanent Week of **Jan 9**



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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*
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EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use one of the following addresses:

adm.cairofum@syrupecity.net
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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!