

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays – 1st – Brian Olgesbee, 2nd – Kayleigh Hough, 4th – Glenda Prillhart

Prayer Request –John Toney, Spooky Sims, John Malone, John Waits, Pearlie Fuller, the family of Evelyn Woods.

Church Wide Dinner – Today immediately following the service we will have a church-wide dinner In honor of the Graduates and Billy Endicott. Join us for the time of fellowship and celebration!

UMW Executive Board will meet Monday, May 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the Coffee Room.

The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center. The Program will be Oklahoma Indian Mission by Dawn Delancey. Hostesses are Mary Fay and Ruth Oswald.

The Agape Circle will meet this Tuesday, May 8th at 12 p.m. in the Coffee Room.

Mission: Read – Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center.

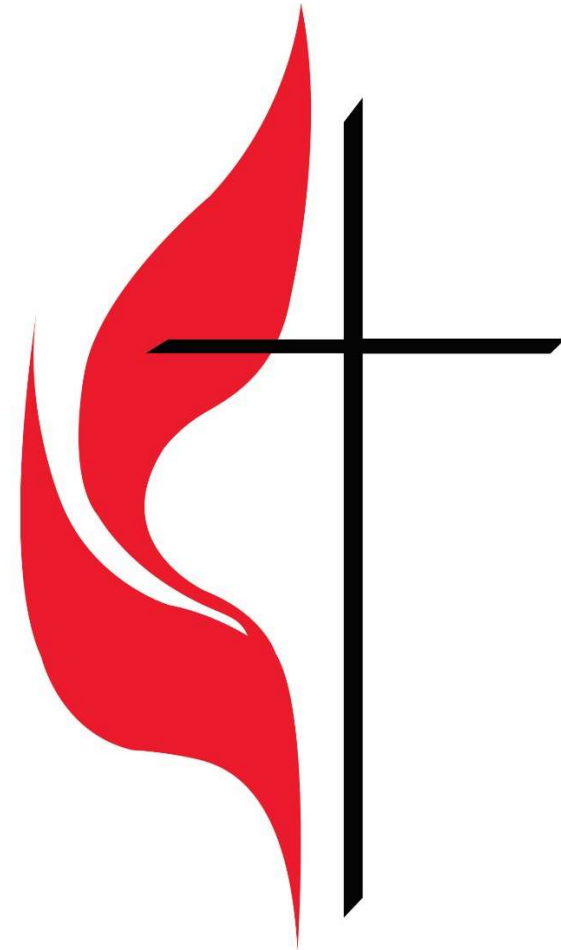
The following meetings will be held on Thursday, May 10th: **Finance Meeting** at 4:30 in the Coffee Room. **Family Life** at 5:30 in the Maggie Mae Burrow Room. **Staff Parish Meeting** at 6:30 in the Maggie Mae Burrow Room.

Altar Flowers: We do not have anyone scheduled for altar flowers the following dates: **June 3, 10, 24.** We have several dates available for the rest for the year. **If you would like to place the flowers in the church please contact Debbie in the church office at 601-736-7121.**

Celebration of Ministry Retirement
“Ms Vera Broome”

“Ms Vera,” our Wednesday WWW Meal Preparer, is retiring from her ministry of food preparation. “Ms Vera” will be missed by her Wednesday church family here at FUMC. Those who placed their feet under her tables were blessed with a tasty, scrumptious meal, prepared with love and served with humility. In honor of “Ms Vera’s” retirement, we will honor and recognize her on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, with a meal at 5:15 P.M., recognition at 6:00 P.M., and a presentation in music by our music director, Billy Endicott. Mark your calendar to be present on May 9th and join in the celebration for “Miss Vera”! (Please contact the church office with your intentions to be present so we can be good stewards of the food preparation.) Indeed, Come to the Table, Love All Around!

First United Methodist Church



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WORSHIP SERVICE
Baccalaureate Sunday
May 6, 2018



Welcome To First United Methodist Church Of Columbia

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (worship begins)

INVOCATION

PRELUDE Barbara Lott, organist
Andante Religioso by Mendelssohn

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP The Chancel Choir
Lead Me, Lord

▲ **HYMN NO. 77 (all verses)**
How Great Thou Art

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES Angel Herring
 Skylar Graves, Liza Hathorn, Drew Price

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES Rev. Mike Sahler

▲ **HYMN HONORING THE GRADUATES NO. 369 (all verses)**
Blessed Assurance

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

▲ **HYMN NO. 451 (all verses)**
Be Thou My Vision

OFFERING Beth Pierce, piano
To God Be the Glory

▲ **DOXOLOGY**
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ANTHEM The Chancel Choir
Psalm 23

SCRIPTURE Rev. Mike Sahler
Acts 17:22-31
 (New Revised Standard Version Pew Bible NT page 129)

MESSAGE Rev. Mike Sahler
 "Easter: Ramping Up through Lifetime Learning"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

▲ **HYMN NO. 593 (all verses)**
Here I Am, Lord

▲ **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES**

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHIMES**

POSTLUDE
Here I Am, Lord
 Barbara Lott, organ with Beth Pierce, piano

▲ **Stand as able**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and placed in loving memory of Glynn & Cathryn Edwards by their children.

Congratulations!

The word "Congratulations!" is written in a black, cursive script. It is surrounded by several gold stars of varying sizes. Below the text is a thick, gold brushstroke that curves under the word and then tapers off to the right.

Class of 2018

The text "Class of 2018" is written in a black, cursive script. Above the word "Class" is a black graduation cap with a tassel. To the right of "Class of" is a rolled-up diploma tied with a ribbon. The year "2018" is written in a large, gold, glittery font. The number "2" has a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Skylar Lee Graves

Skylar is the daughter of Trevor and Krystal Graves. She is the granddaughter of Ken and Wanda Morgan and Travis and Janie Pittman. Skylar will be attending Mississippi College and will be a member of their archery team. She will major in biology and hopes to become an orthodontist.

Eliza Claire Hathorn

Eliza Claire Hathorn is the daughter of Scott and Leigh Hathorn. She is the granddaughter of Terry and Laura Broome and Margie Hathorn and the late Stanley Hathorn. She is also the great-granddaughter of Lela Buckley. "Liza" is graduating from Columbia High School. She plans to attend Millsaps College in the fall and major in elementary education.

Drew Reagan Price

Drew is the son of Danny and Janet Price. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Reagan and Mr. Earl Ray Price, Jr. and Ms. Linda Price. Drew is graduating from Columbia Academy and plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. He then plans to become a nurse anesthetist.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES

Devin Rae Griffith

Devin is the daughter of Suzanne Griffith and Guy Griffith. She is the granddaughter of Judy Griffith and the late Tom Griffith and the great-granddaughter of Nioma F. Webb and the late A.E. "Buck" Webb. Devin is graduating from Pearl River Community College with her Associate of Arts degree and has been accepted to the dental hygienist program for the fall.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Hannah Harvey

Hannah is the daughter of John and Laurie Harvey and the granddaughter of Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sturdivant. Hannah will graduate May 19th from William Carey University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She is working as a Registered Nurse at Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mary Claire Harvey

Mary Claire is the daughter of John and Laurie Harvey and the granddaughter of Dr. Wayne and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sturdivant. She is graduating from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry with a biological science minor. Mary will attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the fall.

Alex Ray Price

Alex is the son of Danny and Janet Price. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Reagan and Mr. Earl Ray Price, Jr. and Ms. Linda Price. Alex is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

POST-BACCALAUREATE

William Patrick Endicott is graduating from The University of Southern Mississippi with a Master of Music degree in choral conducting. "Billy" has accepted a job as Music Director of Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando, FL.