



# Metter United Methodist Church

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## *The World Wide Web Is My Parish*

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was famously quoted, "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

Now, of course, Wesley was referring to physical locations, towns, cities, and countries. And I know Wesley never ever dreamed of the Internet and all that it would become. But what we have to realize is the World Wide Web is a place. It is a place where people are. It is a place where people go to find information. It is a place where people go to connect to other people.

The internet is also a place where people go to connect to and find information about churches.

That is why I am excited to tell you that we have a new website! It has the same name ([www.metterumc.com](http://www.metterumc.com)), but it has a new design. It is a great site for people who want to check out our church before they come on Sunday. It is also a great place for you to listen to past sermons and to let friends and family listen as well.

You can currently go on our website and sign up to have your family's picture taken for our New Pictorial Directory. You will see a menu labeled, "Directory." Click on it. And then click on the link on that page and follow the instructions. We have three days of photography sessions, Thursday, September 29, Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. We want 100% participation from the church!

Our church is also on Facebook. You can like our page at [www.facebook.com/MetterUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MetterUMC). If you are on Facebook, this is a great place to keep informed and to know what is happening at the church. And if you see us post something from our page, please like it and share it so your friends on Facebook will see it. That is a great way to let them know they are welcome at our church!

Lastly, could you send us your email address? You can email the church at [metterumc@gmail.com](mailto:metterumc@gmail.com) or call the church office. Along with communicating through the telephone, newsletter, Facebook and the bulletin, we want to also reach out to you and others through email.

Who would've thought 20 years ago a Pastor would ever write a newsletter article like this? But our world has changed and is changing every day.

I want our church to be where people are whether that means at home, in the community, or on the Web!

*Pastor Allen*



**Prayer Concerns**  
 Rev. Mike Benson John Robert Bowen Alice Boyd Tammy  
 Brannen Steve Britt Corey Carpenter  
 Roger Carter Delene Clance Rachel Frederick  
 Les Furr Brock Havron Milli Tyson James  
 Charlotte Jameson Kristy Johns Traci Kemmerlin  
 Scotty MacGregor Donna Porter Robert Porter  
 Katherine Powell Ty Riggs Dorsey Smith  
 David Tinney James E. Ward Chris Webb

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Carlton Clifton Family Keaton Coker Family  
 Harold Creech Family G.W. Durden Family  
 Minnie Edenfield Family Ruth Funderburk Family  
 Johnny Holloway Family Karen Marsh Family  
 Sue Merrick Family Robert Lee Mills Family  
 Anna Wells Family Albert White Family  
 Presley Woodcock Family

**Military:** Dan Chicola, Trey Neville  
**Missionaries:** Whatleys (Navajo), Nelson (I See Jesus Ministries, Panama), Shafes (ROW-Congo), Franklin/Coker Family (Thumbs UP Mission)  
**Homebound:** Annie Will Watson (Azalea Healthcare), Dr. & Mrs. Henry Sparks, Joe Minchew, Ben Heaton, Sandi Dowd, W.J. Joiner (Azalea Healthcare), Mrs. Jean Hensley, Mrs. Betty Bell

**Our Stewardship: Sun., 7/31- Sun., 8/28, 2016**

Attendance:	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Sunday School	40	68	39	47	34
Morning Worship	136	152	146	121	116

Offering:

Sunday School	\$39	\$58	\$31	\$31	\$39
Morning Worship	\$5673	\$8095.81	\$5023	\$2994	\$3145

Wise House (7/31)	\$98.92
Communion (8/7)	\$105.00
Back Pack Buddies (8/14)	\$133.34
UMCOR - Louisiana (8/21)	\$1203.
UMCOR (8/28)	\$175.00
Kairos (8/28)	\$91.75
Jewelry Party Proceeds (8/7)	\$320.00
Endowment Fund (8/14)	\$1000.00

**Memorials:**

In Memory of Mrs. Sue Merrick by Pernal & Cathy Franklin, MUMC Chancel Choir, Ray & Cindy Tootle, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Coursey, Mr. & Mrs. Kelton Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Boyd

In Memory of Mr. Harold Creech by Ray & Cindy Tootle, Pernal & Cathy Franklin

In Memory of Cal Rivenbark by Mary Wheeler

**Honorariums:**

In Honor of Mrs. Patsy Mikell by Mr. & Mrs. Kelton Cook.

**Endowment Fund Balance: \$ 22,527.73 (as of 8/28 /16) (goal \$100,000)**

**Year to date contributions: \$ 180,044.68**

**Year to date expenses: \$ 155,345.79**

**(Amounts reported are through August 28, 2016)**

**September Birthdays:** Mary Emma Gainous (9/1), Jordan Bland (9/3), Drew Hendricks (9/3), Helen Sharpley (9/3), Ellen Allen (9/4), Cace West (9/4), Elaine Boyd (9/5), Helen Curry (9/5), Susie Robinson (9/6), Maris Williams (9/7), JoJo Rivenbark (9/8), Dan Henderson (9/10), Stephen Taylor (9/11), Sandra Cardell (9/11), Lin Royea (9/14), Thomas Wolff (9/14), Laney Tootle (9/15), Jimmie Cowan (9/19), Pat Amann (9/19), Sharon Stusak (9/21), Andrew Hendrix (9/25), Rosalyn Lott (9/27)

**September Anniversaries:** Ed & Elaine Boyd (9/9), Glenn & Sandra Cardell (9/9), Jeremy & Heather Nease (9/9), Bill & Delene Clance (9/10), Jimmy & Jane Hendrix (9/18)

**Weekly Activities**

**Monday**

**Service of Prayer & Hope - 7:30-8:30 am**

**The Bridge - 9 am-11am**

**Women's Bible Study - 10:30-Noon, beginning 9/12**

**Bend and Stretch - 4:30-5:30 pm**

**Monday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm**

**Tuesday**

**Nursing Home Singers - 2:00-2:45pm**

**Wednesday**

**Prayer Shawl Group - 1:00 pm**

**Family Night Dinner - 6:00 pm (beginning 8/10)**

**Choir - 6:30pm; Cantata practice begins at 7:15 pm**

**Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities - 6:30pm**

**Thursday**

**The Bridge - 9 am-11am**

**Friday**

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - 6:30 am at McDonald's**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month- Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:00 am**



**Administrative Council News**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Administrative Council will be Sunday, September 25 at 5:30 PM.

**Acolyte Training** - The acolytes play an important part in our weekly morning worship service bringing the light of the world into our service and then taking it out into the world at the end of the service. Acolyte training sessions for new and current acolytes will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 10 AM (during Sunday school) and Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM (following dinner). Anyone in second grade or higher can be trained to become an acolyte. Please see Miriam Edenfield for more information.

**Mark Your Calendar** - Church directory photography will be held on Thursday, September 29; Friday, September 30; and Saturday, October 1. Please make plans to participate. Sign up is available online, in the narthex after Morning Worship, or by calling the church office. The book is not complete without your picture!

**Needed:** Teacher for Sunday school and Wednesday nights for Pre-K & Kindergarten class. Lessons are provided and are on a rotation. See Broni Gainous to volunteer.

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
9am-12:30pm**

**October Newsletter Deadline** – Please submit any news and information for the October 2016 newsletter to Suzanne in the church office by Sunday, September 25. You can call the church office, send an email, talk to Suzanne personally, or drop a note into the offering plate. Remember, digital photos are always welcome.

**October Newsletter Feature** – Those playing fall sports (recreation, school, college) and participating in activities such as band and cheerleading will be featured in the October newsletter. If you or your child/grandchild is playing a fall sport, send the information to Suzanne in the church office. Digital pictures can be emailed to [metterumc@gmail.com](mailto:metterumc@gmail.com).

**The Choir Needs You:**

Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join the choir for the Christmas cantata or to become a permanent member. All ages and ability levels are invited. You do not have to read music or have previous musical experience. Practice for Sunday mornings begins at 6:30 PM with cantata practice beginning at 7:15 PM. For more information, contact Cheryl Williams or Suzanne in the church office.

**Family Night Supper Menus:**

9/7 – Covered Dish (Chicken will be provided by the church)

9/14 – Pizza, salad & cinnamon sticks

9/21 – Chicken fingers, chips, slaw & dessert

9/28 – Breakfast casserole, grits, baked fruit & muffins

Cost- \$5 per person, \$15 per family

It is very important that you cancel reservations if you are not going to be able to attend dinner. Please contact Suzanne in the church office by Monday noon to make or cancel reservations.

**Come Bend Balance and Stretch with Nancy and Friends!** Yoga is held each Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the social hall. Wear comfortable clothes so that you can fully participate. The class, led by Nancy Wright, is for all ages and levels of physical ability.

**Address Corrections:** Please send name and address corrections to Suzanne at [metterumc@gmail.com](mailto:metterumc@gmail.com) or call her at 912-685-2777. Also, contact her if you would like to add someone to the mailing list. If you are receiving this newsletter and wish to have your name removed from the mailing list, please let her know.

**Defibrillator Training** – Some of the proceeds from the March Madness Sale were used to purchase a defibrillator for the church. Mr. Allen Tyler will be demonstrating the use of this important piece of medical equipment to anyone who is interested on *Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM*, during the meal time. Sunday school teachers, youth workers, and others who might be present when an emergency occurs are encouraged to be present at the training session. The defibrillator will be installed in a central location in the church. Having this equipment available and having several church members trained in its use could save a life.

**Fall Women's Bible Study:** It is time to gear up for the Fall Women's Bible Study, **Discerning the Voice of God** by **Priscilla Shirer**. This study meets on Mondays from 10:30 to 12:00 Noon in the social hall. It will begin *September 12* and end before October 31. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to sign up, send an email to Jill Powell at [jjpowell@shpco.net](mailto:jjpowell@shpco.net) or call or text Jill at [912-682-4965](tel:912-682-4965) before *September 4, 2016*. Please be in prayer for this study and that those who participate hear the message God intends.

**NEWS FROM MUMPS:** We are grateful that the Pre-school program will continue for another year. We are also in prayer that we can get a few more children signed up so that we can move forward. We are fortunate to have three talented and dedicated teachers. It is a blessing to have five very generous members of our congregation to provide scholarships to support families in need. Please keep praying for three more three year olds!

**Pre-K** – Natalie Edenfield, Jacob Jones, Mack Chicola, Lucy Chicola, Ellee Cason

**Kindergarten** – Gage Chicola, Madeline Griner, Rosalyn Lott, Hudson Snell, Melonie Ward

**First Grade** – Emma West, Ben Griner, Ella Rivenbark

**Second Grade** – Jack Riggs, Colby Tootle, Hunter Cason

**Third Grade** – Dallas Jones, Cace West, Atticus Lanier

**Fourth Grade** – Cheslee Monroe, Thomas Chicola, Banks Booth, Cavan Calhoun, Carter Gainous, Hadden Nease

**Sixth Grade** – Haden Riggs, Riley Griner, Emma Taylor

**Seventh Grade** – Cason Edenfield, Matthew Chicola, Tate West, Gentry Tootle

**Eighth Grade** – Arleigh Monroe, Chloe Calhoun, Findlay Griner, Amelya Mixon, Angel Jarvis, Ellen Hendrix, Emma Gainous

**Ninth Grade** – Cory Durden, Boslie Booth, Laney Tootle, Casey Porter, Tatum Taylor, Maci Nease

**Tenth Grade** – Laila Mercer, Willow Stuckey

**Eleventh Grade** – Miles Martin

**Twelfth Grade** – Wesley Martin, Logan Nease, Anna Bridgers, Heath Stuckey

**(If any names have been left off of this listing of students and their grade in school, please contact Suzanne in the church office to make the correction.)**

### *Our College Students*

Georgia Southern University – Janie Henderson, Jackie Jarvis, John Mitchell Hensley

University of Georgia – Andrew Hendrix  
Georgia College and State University – Victoria Powell

Mercer University School of Law – Lauren Bridgers

Southeastern Technical College – Lindsay Miller

Charleston College of Art and Design – Alex Hendricks

**(If any college students have been omitted from this listing, please contact Suzanne in the church office to make the correction. Also, please give her the mailing address of any college student who is living away from home so that she can include them in mailings from the church.)**

*Remember to send in your news items, announcements and digital photos for next month's newsletter.*

Bibles were given to children and youth who are entering a new phase in their education this year. Pictured are our ninth graders who received the NIV Teen Study Bible: Boslie Booth, daughter of Barry & Jamie Booth, granddaughter of Bud & Nan Harrison; Tatum Taylor, daughter of Stephen and Tori Taylor; and Maci Nease, daughter of Jeremy & Heather Nease. The rising fourth graders received a young person's bible. This group is Carter Gainous, son of Matthew & Broni Gainous, Cheslee Monroe, daughter of Jason & Pam Monroe, Hadden Nease, son of Jeremy & Heather Nease; Banks Booth, son of Berry & Jamie Booth, grandson of Bud & Nan Harrison; and Thomas Chicola, son of Dan & Autumn Chicola.



Warren & Jill Melton of Cumming, GA, welcomed their son, Warren Banks Melton, on July 20th, 2016. Banks weighed 9 lbs. even and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Jean & Leslie Furr of Metter, Linda & Bob Melton of Roswell, GA, Daryl Culpepper & the late Lynn Banks Culpepper, from Elizabeth City, NC, and Metter. Great-grandmother is Evelyn F. Warren of Metter and the late Mavis B. Banks of Metter.



Welcome  
our  
newest  
members!



MUMC would like to welcome back to our congregation Gail & James Edward Ward. They were members of our church many years ago. Gail is retired from Swainsboro Technical College and James is retired from Georgia Forestry Commission. They live in the Ollifftown Community, north of Metter. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Windy Ward, and two granddaughters. They transfer their membership from New Beulah UMC. Also joining our congregation is Gail's father, Mr. W.J. Joiner. Mr. Joiner, a resident of Azalea Healthcare, turns 97 on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He is retired from the Heating and Air Conditioning business but remains an avid gardener. He transfers his letter from a church in Brunswick, GA. Welcome to our newest members!

## September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Be sure to pick up your devotional materials:</b>	<b>The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread for everyone</b>	<b>Men of Integrity for our men</b>	<b>Pockets for children and young people</b>	<b>1</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>2</b> 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Study & Breakfast – McDonald's Church Office Closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Communion Sunday	<b>5 Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b> 8-11:30 – First Day of MUMPS (Pre-school) 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>7</b> 1:00 – Prayer Shawl Wednesday Night activities 6 – Family Night Supper – <b>Defibrillator Training</b> 6:30 – Children/Youth/Adult Classes 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:15 – Cantata Practice	<b>8</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>9</b> 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Study & Breakfast – McDonald's	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM – United Methodist Men's Breakfast  10 AM – Acolyte Training	<b>12</b> 7:30-8:30 - Prayer and Hope 9-11 – The Bridge 9:30 – Worship Committee 10:30-12 – Women's Bible Study 4:30-5:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Bible Study	<b>13</b> 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>14</b> 1:00 – Prayer Shawl Wednesday Night activities 6 – Family Night Supper 6:30 – Children/Youth/Adult Classes (Acolyte Training) 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:15 – Cantata Practice	<b>15</b> 9-11 – The Bridge	<b>16</b> 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Study & Breakfast – McDonald's	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> 5:30 PM - Administrative Council Meeting  October Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b> 7:30-8:30 - Prayer and Hope 9-11 – The Bridge 9:30 – Worship Committee 10:30-12 – Women's Bible Study 4:30-5:30 – Yoga 6:30 – Bible Study	<b>27</b> 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	<b>28</b> 1:00 – Prayer Shawl Wednesday Night activities 6 – Family Night Supper 6:30 – Children/Youth/Adult Classes 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:15 – Cantata Practice	<b>29</b> 9-11 – The Bridge  <b>Church Directory Photography</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Study & Breakfast – McDonald's  <b>Church Directory Photography</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>  <b>Church Directory Photography</b>

### Assisting in Worship

**Acolytes**  
**9/4** Cheslee Monroe & Dallas Jones  
**9/11** Tatum & Emma Taylor  
**9/18** Carter Gainous & Thomas Chicola  
**9/25** Hadden Nease & Atticus Lanier

**Children's Sermon**  
 none/Communion  
 Doris Cook  
 Laura Lott  
 Matthew Gainous

**Children's Church**  
 Janet & Atticus Lanier  
 Matthew Gainous & Angel Jarvis  
 Autumn Chicola & Arleigh Monroe  
 Louisa Hensley & Sandra Cardell

**Ushers**  
**9/4** Mark Bland, Jay Bridgers, Charles Chandler & Matthew Gainous  
**9/11** Dan Chicola, Kevin Hendrix, Luke Lanier & Steven Snell  
**9/18** Jack Bowen, Al Edenfield, Bud Harrison & Jody Robertson  
**9/25** Miles Martin, Nolan Martin, Wesley Martin & Jeremy Nease

**Flowers**  
 Communion  
 Helen Curry & Ann Robertson  
 Charlie Hendricks Family  
 Terry Donaldson & Kay Phillips

**Greeters**  
**9/4** Sunshine Class  
**9/11** Children and Youth  
**9/18** New Adventure Class  
**9/25** Sunshine Class

**Prayer Team**  
 Gail Key, Charlotte Coursey & Ann Robertson  
 Nancy Norton & Polly Porter  
 Charles Chandler, James Jones & Chappell Long  
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Allen Cason, Pastor  
Suzanne J. Tyson, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Martin, Treasurer  
Miriam Edenfield, Director of Worship  
Broni Gainous, Children's Coordinator  
Dan Henderson, Sound Technician  
Allen Lanier, Technology  
Cheryl Williams, Pianist / Terri Bland, Organist  
Erin Glanton, Jill Carter & Heather Nease, Preschool  
Angie Henderson, Nursery Caregiver  
Andrea Quinones, Nursery Caregiver  
Tina Davidson, Custodian  
Jerry Lott, Retired Pastor  
Chris Ramsey, District Superintendent  
Robert Lawson Bryan, Resident Bishop

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**All Are Welcome!**

**Sunday School @ 9:45 am**  
**Morning Worship @ 11:00 am**