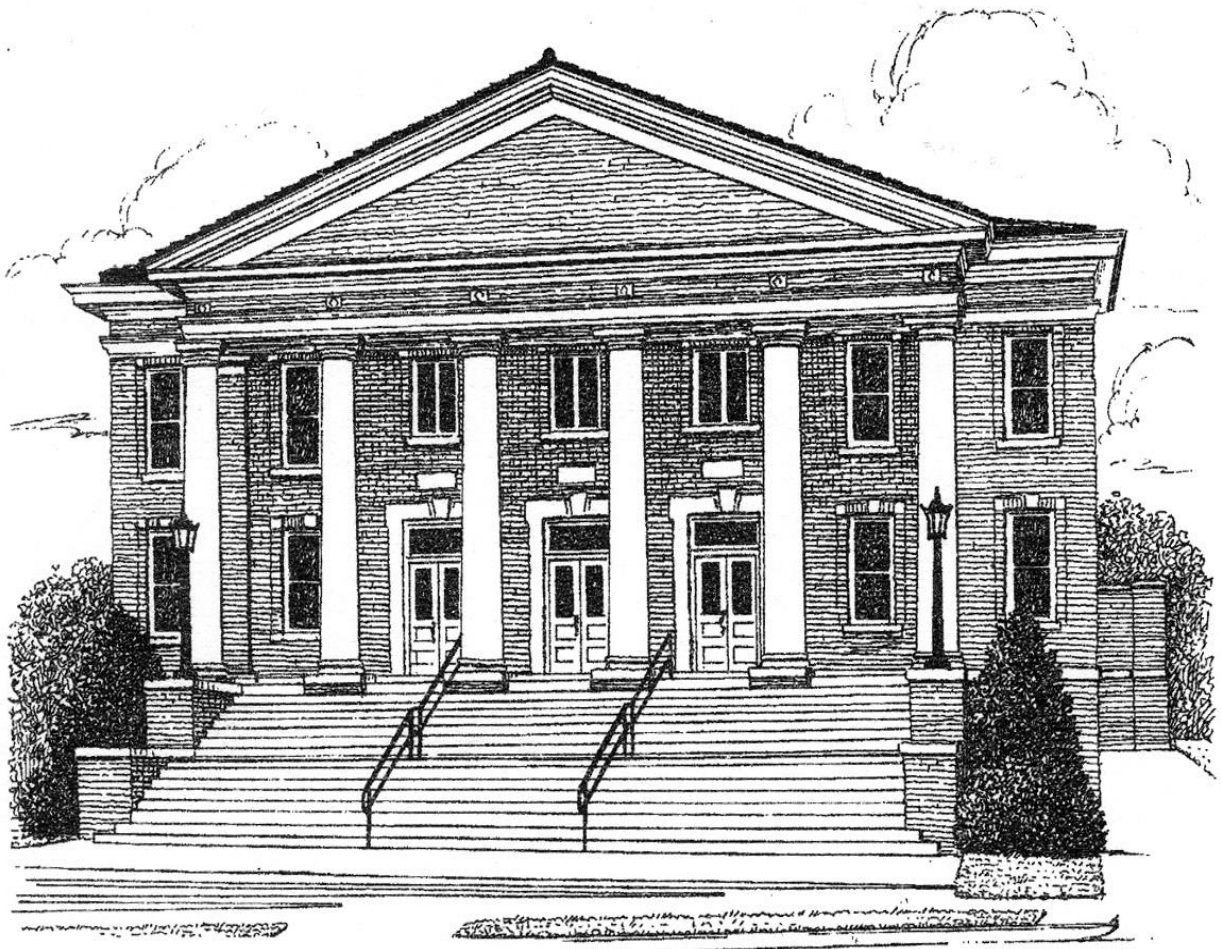


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**First United Methodist Church
3301 South Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046**



Founded 1836

April 15, 2018

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

***Our mission is to
Reach people for Jesus Christ
Teach people to be daily Disciples of Jesus Christ
Heal and Nurture people in the name of Jesus Christ***

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME AT THE ALTAR (*Please honor this time of reverence in silence.*)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 435

Sundays of Easter Prayer

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ
You overcame death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life. Grant that
we who celebrate our Lords resurrection
may, by the renewing of your spirit,
live as Easter people. May we experience
the joys of life in your service, that
bring us to the full joy of life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.**

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,
Amen.*

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Honor and Glory, Power and Praise" Arr. Keith Wilkerson
Sanctuary Choir

HYMN "Awesome God" No.179
(Children come forward for children's time)

HYMN "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" No.581

OFFERTORY "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Arr. McDonald

*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.

SERMON "He Opened Their Understanding" Bro. David Lowery
Luke 24:36-48

HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" No. 340

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHOIR & ACOLYTES RECESSIONAL

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Messiter

Welcome to First UMC in the name of Jesus Christ.

You are very important to us at First UMC.

We hope you experience the presence of Christ in worship here and enjoy a genuine sense of Christian hospitality in the fellowship. Please speak to Bro. David if you wish to become a member of FUMC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Flowers at the altar.** Flowers at the altar are for Pat Kyker, in honor of her 90th birthday on April 18th from all the family.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle.** The Ruth Jones Circle will meet April 23rd, Diane Ivy and Judy Lambert are the hostesses.
- ◆ **Spring Ladies Luncheon.** The UMW will host a luncheon for all ladies of the church on Sunday, April 29, following morning worship. The guest speaker will be Janie Walters. Janie is the founder of Champion Communications and a much sought after speaker for Christian and secular conferences, banquets, seminars, and retreats. She is the author of three books: **DEVELOP THE HABIT OF JOY, BLOW A BUBBLE NOT A GASKET, and THE GARBAGE TRUCK COMES ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.** Her presentation promises to be entertaining, informative, challenging, and inspirational. Please plan to attend.
- ◆ **Prayer Breakfast.** Our United Methodist Men will host a Prayer Breakfast for graduating high school seniors on Tuesday, April 17th, 8-9 am in our Fellowship Hall. An invitation is extended to all seniors of First UMC as well as all seniors attending Canton Academy regardless of church affiliation. Reed McCaleb, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Millsaps College, will be the featured speaker. Reed has been an Elder in the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church since 2009 and has been a member of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries Team for the Conference since 2012. He will be stressing to the seniors the need to take God with you.
- ◆ **Children's Activities.** April 25th will be the last night for children's activities for the spring.
- ◆ **VBS.** Vacation Bible School will be June 11-14th. More information will come soon. Please let Brooke Chandler know if you would like to volunteer 601-613-8783.
- ◆ **Ladies Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at 10 AM.

- ♦ ***If you have not received an e-newsletter, or if you wish to receive future e-newsletters, please complete the sign-up form in the fellowship hall. Also if you do not have an email address and wish to receive the newsletter by mail, please complete the sign-up form for mailed newsletters.***

“Ongoing Opportunities”

- **Quilting Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.**
- **Mature Years will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2:30.**
- **RECORDS UPDATE...Please let the church office know if any changes need to be made to the “Concerns of Our Church Family” list.**
- **“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am.**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING Methodist Children’s Home

Our April communion offering is designated for the Methodist Children’s Home. Founded in 1896, the home has cared for over 11,000 children. Methodist Children’s Home seeks to bring restoration to children and youth who have been neglected or abused. By the end of their time there, it is hoped that they find reconciliation with their biological families, love within an adoptive family or success as a productive, independent individual. There are multiple home across the state, with the primary campus in Jackson.

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at Grace. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sandy Bowles	Ann Fox	James Earl Holmes	Laura Michaud
Bobby Burkhalter	Ruth Fulton	Diane Ivy	Nona Parker
M.L. Burnside	Rosa Gardner	Kenneth Johnston	Carole Poquette
Anne & Red Byrd	Thomas Gatewood	Rylee Jones	Jon Pruiett
Nelle Byrd	Ann George	Gil Kyker	Bill Reedy
Blanch Case	Louise Gordon	Judy Lambert	Nikki Richardson
Rich Case	Sue & Bob Gowin	Linda Allen Ley	Maggie Riggan
Hope Coup	Jimbo Grimm	Mai Looney	Ritt Rittenhouse
Emily Crews	Bobby Hall	Lacey Madden	Pete Sanders
Sawyer Davidson	Carolyn Harris	Guilda Madison	Myra Stone
Anni Davis	Dot Hart	Dolly Magee	Billie Terry
John Matthew Davis	Linn Hart	Megan Martin	Druscilla Thompson
Nancy Dunn	Mike Harvey	Barbara Mayo	Bill Vaughn
Gladys Edwards	Charlie Herbison	Randy McClellan	Sophia Weems
Gloria Ellington	Elizabeth Herbison	Herbert McMullen	Bradley Williamson
Liam Elliott	Jeannie Hicks	Tommy McNeese	
Nolan Ellzey	Betty & Mike Hindman	Brianna Medina	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
	4:00 PM	Church Wide Bible Study
Monday, April 16	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Tuesday, April 17	8:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast for graduating high school seniors
Wednesday, April 18	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	10:00 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Children’s Activities
	5:45 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, April 22	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
	4:00 PM	Church Wide Bible Study
Monday, April 23	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, April 25	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	10:00 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Children’s Activities

	5:45 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, April 26	10:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00 PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, April 29	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Ladies Spring Luncheon
	4:00 PM	Church Wide Bible Study
Monday, April 30	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Director of Music

Organist

Children’s Choir Director

Director of Children’s Ministries

Directors of Youth Ministries

Nursery Director

Secretary

Bro. David Lowery

Kathy Hammack

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