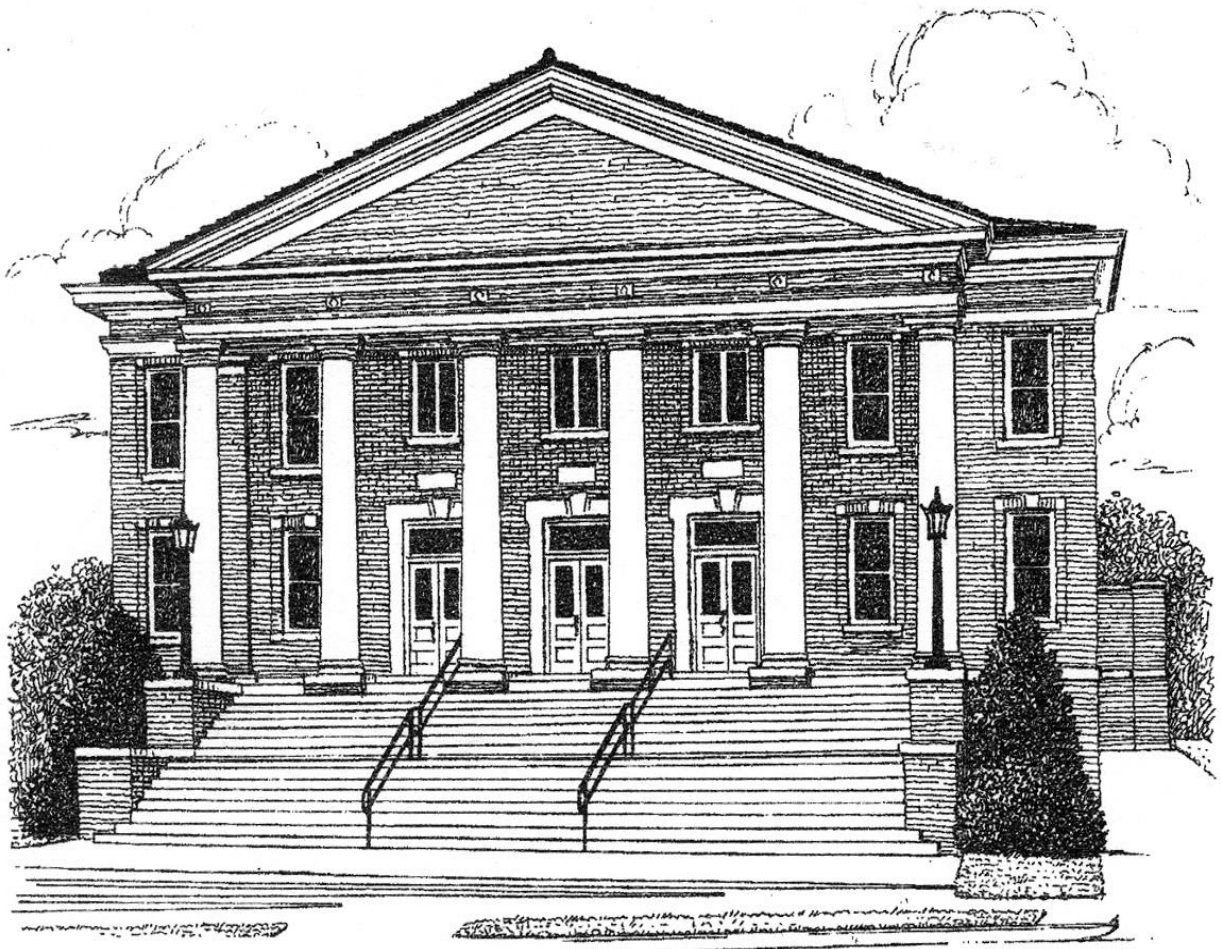


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**First United Methodist Church
3301 South Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046**



Founded 1836

March 11, 2018

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 11, 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 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" No. 213

Call to Praise and Prayer

O Lord, open our lips

And we shall declare your praise

New every morning is your love, great God of light and all day long you are working for good in the world.

Stir up in us the desire to serve you,
to live peacefully with our neighbors,
and to devote each day to your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

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	“Thy Word” Sanctuary Choir	Arr. Russell Mauldin
HYMN	“Awesome God” (Children come forward for children’s time)	No. 179
HYMN	“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”	No. 344
OFFERTORY	“Gethsemane”	Arr. Allan Mahnke
*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	“Jesus Laments” Luke 13:31-35	Bro. David Lowery
HYMN	“Just As I Am”	No.488
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
*CHOIR & ACOLYTES RECESSIONAL		
*POSTLUDE	“To God Be the Glory”	Arr. Wagner

*Please stand as you are able

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.

Congratulations to Lisa Shaw for being named the middle-school "Teacher of the Year" for the State of Mississippi by the Mississippi Association of Educators. She received the "Excellence in Education Award" from the MAE during a formal banquet at the Jackson Convention Center on March 2nd. Lisa is a 7th English teacher at Olde Towne Middle School in Ridgeland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ ***Quilts are hanging.*** Please go by and pray over them and tie a knot. There is a quilt hanging for Courtney Foster.
- ◆ ***Red Rose.*** The red rose on the altar is in honor of the arrival of Mathew Crisler Hammack. He is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Hammack and little brother to Rachel & Caroline. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rush of Jackson and Mr. & Mrs. Crisler Hammack.
- ◆ ***Notice to all security volunteers.*** We will have a meeting today, March 11th at 3:00 PM to go over our security protocol.
- ◆ ***Men's Club Chicken Cooking.*** Our United Methodist Men (UMM) will be selling their delicious grilled chicken halves on Saturday, March 24th. The chicken is \$5.00/half (this is chicken only; not a dinner) and may be ordered from Bill Reedy. Your order will be available for pick up at the church that Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.
- ◆ ***Flower Calendar.*** The UMW would like to remind everyone, if you would like to place flowers in the church, in memory or honor of a loved one, the flower calendar is located on the bulletin board in the sub-story. After picking your date-please leave your information with the office so that it may be placed in the bulletin on the proper Sunday.
- ◆ ***Ruth Jones Circle.*** The Ruth Jones Circle will not meet on March 12th due to Spring Break but will resume its meetings on March 26th with Anne Mansell and Martha O'Cain serving as hostesses.
- ◆ Steward for March is Shelby Burnside.
- ◆ **No Wednesday night activities on this Wednesday, March 14th.**

- ♦ ***Easter Lilies.*** Ruth Jones Circle will be selling Easter Lilies for \$15 until March 15th. They can be purchased from a member of the circle or you can find and fill out a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or on the table in the Sub-story.
- ♦ ***Easter Egg Hunt.*** Wednesday March 28th will be the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. All ages are invited to come and hunt eggs. Please bring 12 plastic candy-filled eggs and your child's Easter Basket with you. Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. and the Easter Egg Hunt will follow. Looking forward to a fun night! If you have any questions call Brooke Chandler at 601-613-8783.
- ♦ ***Scholarships.*** Every year the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation offers scholarships for ALL students who are members of a Mississippi United Methodist Church. Scholarship applications can be found online or in the church office. Deadline is April 2nd for applications to be turned in to the foundation.
- ♦ ***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 MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING Allison Hayes Mission Trip

This summer, I will once again be leading a medical mission trip for the Mississippi College School of Nursing. The 28-member team will be leaving June 6, 2018 to travel to the Amazonas Region of Colombia, South America and will return on June 18, 2018. We will be traveling by boat to small villages along the Amazon River to provide medical care and minister to the people in the villages. I am so thankful for the support, both prayerfully and financially, that my FUMC family has given me in previous years for my mission trips. You have been a blessing in helping our team with purchasing medicines, supplies, bibles, and toys for the kids in the villages. I ask that you please prayerfully consider supporting us financially but most of all we covet your prayers as we prepare for this trip and during our travels this summer.

In God's Love,
Allison L. Hayes

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST

Nonperishable food items may be placed in the baskets in the sub-story.

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship/2 nd Sunday Harvest
	3:00 PM	Security Volunteers Meeting
	4:00 PM	Church Wide Bible Study
Monday, March 12	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Wednesday, March 14	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Sunday, March 18	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:25 AM	Morning Worship
	4:00 PM	Church Wide Bible Study
Monday, March 19	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
Wednesday, March 21	8:30 AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Exercise Class
	5:30 PM	Children’s Activities
	5:45 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, March 22	10:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00 PM	Sara Nichols Circle

Saturday, March 24	9:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Men's Club Chicken Cooking
Sunday, March 25	9:30 AM 10:25 AM	Sunday School Morning Worship/Easter Musical "Blessed Redeemer"
Monday, March 26	8:30 AM 7:00 PM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Exercise Class Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, March 28	8:30 AM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Exercise Class Children's Activities/Easter Egg Hunt Young Adult Bible Study Sanctuary Choir
Friday, March 30	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service

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

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