

**First United Methodist Church
Canton, Mississippi
February 2023**

March 22nd begins the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent is known to be a time of penitence, submission, and self-reflection. It is also a time of joyful expectation of the work that God can and will do in our lives. We are not a perfect people; however, God is in the business of transformation. We all have areas of our life that could be “tweaked” a bit. During this season we can learn to pray openly, allowing God to reveal those areas that need work. Lent is not always about “giving up” something. At times God can show us what more we can do, which can bring transformation also. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00 pm on February 22nd. Join us and see what God can do.

In Christ,
Bro. David

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Star Spivey	2/9	Livy Manning	2/16	Ken Johnston
2/3	Gloria Carter	2/10	Ann Mansell	2/16	Holly Hicks
2/4	Will Mayo	2/11	Jack Penn	2/17	William Walker
2/4	Sara Kennedy Lampkin	2/13	Frank Carter	2/21	Pam Duncan
2/5	Harper Lampkin	2/14	Casey Gilmore	2/22	Carolyn Harry
2/7	Carson Chandler	2/15	Joe Hendon	2/28	Murray Ann Penn

**FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

February’s communion offering is in support of our 2023,
Vacation Bible School.
Dates – TBA

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. They have a specific need for peanut butter and canned tuna fish. 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

LONG TERM

Sherry Briggs	Carolyn Harris	Carl McKenzie	Christy Saxton
Bobby Burkhalter	Mike Harvey	Chap McMullen	Bethany Hicks Sears
M.L. Burnside	Hazel Holmes	Dorothy Measells	Evelyn Springer
David Fisher	Terry Johnston	Brianna Medina	Diane Stewart
Mark Halbert	Judy Lambert	Bucky Murphy	Lee Stewart
Bobby Hall	Nicholas Laneheart	Sue Lowe Owen	Terry Ann Tate
Karen Hall	Melinda Lee	Kristen Penn	Renee Tatum
Toxey Hall	Guilda Madison	Bill Reedy	Druscilla Thompson
Patricia Hammack	Mattei Family	Susan Riddell	Sophia Weems
Wendy Harms			

SHORT TERM

If you know of someone that needs to be added to our Prayers Concern List, please fill out our Prayers Concern listed under Attendance Registration or if someone needs to be removed from the prayer list, please let us know.

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for January is MadCAAP.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **“Stretching in the Spirit”** meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30am.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** is Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **New Security Sign-Up Sheet** is now available for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday in March. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Mature Years** will meet for Bingo today, at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **NO MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST for February.**
- ◆ **Worship Committee Meeting** is Sunday, February 5th, following church service.
- ◆ **Men’s Club** will host **Super Bowl Sunday Soup Lunch** is next Sunday, February 12th. Please join us for a time of fellowship for our Annual Super Bowl Sunday lunch in the fellowship hall following church.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet the second & fourth Monday, February 13th & 27th at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service** is February 22nd at 6:00pm. No evening classes.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet the fourth Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Mississippi United Methodist Foundation** is now taking applications for college students for scholarships. These will be for the Fall 2023 Semester. Online (ONLY) applications can be found at ms-umf.org/scholarships/. **Deadline is April 1st.**
- ◆ **We know of a family in need of the following items for newborn to toddler size for boy/girl... car seat/booster seat, clothes, baby/toddler bed, diaper, and bottles.**
- ◆ **Children’s Activities & Youth** is Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm... supper at 5:30pm.
- ◆ **Please Look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made.**
– Thank you.

**The newsletter has been emailed to the addresses we have on file. If you did not receive one and should have, email the office at office@fumccanton.org. Copies will be mailed if requested (shut- in’s will be mailed a copy).*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	5:30PM	Children’s Activities
	5:45PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, February 5	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	11:30AM	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, February 8	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Activities
	5:45PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, February 9	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, February 12	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	11:30AM	Super Bowl Sunday Soup Lunch
Monday, February 13	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, February 15	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Activities
	5:45PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, February 19	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, February 20	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, February 22	6:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 23	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, February 26	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, February 27	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle