

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

From the Pastor

As prayer is theme for this new year of 2023, I would like to share with you one of my favorite prayers.

Thomas Merton, a contemplative theologian writes:

My, Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am  
following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact  
Please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
Though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be  
Lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and  
You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

In Christ,  
Bro. David

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

|      |                   |      |                  |      |                     |
|------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|---------------------|
| 1/1  | Hope Coup         | 1/12 | Becky Ladner     | 1/18 | Bobby Hall          |
| 1/1  | Drew Hendon       | 1/12 | Leigh Pace       | 1/21 | Mike West           |
| 1/3  | Grace Cochran     | 1/16 | Olivia Harrell   | 1/22 | Al Salmi            |
| 1/4  | Sue Eltiste       | 1/16 | Madeline Morris  | 1/22 | Zan Ellis           |
| 1/4  | Jacob Carter      | 1/17 | Bob Cochran      | 1/23 | Lannis Duncan       |
| 1/6  | John Duncan       | 1/17 | Ricky Norton     | 1/24 | Lily Grace Chandler |
| 1/11 | Tanya Mitchell    | 1/17 | Maggie Blye Penn | 1/29 | Will Britt          |
| 1/11 | Jean Elaine Ellis |      |                  |      |                     |

**JANUARY COMMUNION OFFERING  
MadCAAP**

**MadCAAP's programs have continued to expand over the past 37 years as we seek to meet the immediate needs and foster hope in the lives of those we serve. MadCAAP has approximately 2,800 client families registered with us as living below the federally mandated poverty level in Madison County. These client families receive services through our Food Pantry, Helping Hands Garden, New Attitudes Educational Classes, Clothing Closet, Housing Repair, and Emergency Assistance programs. Our "Back to School" and "Holiday Adopt a Child" programs provide for children whose parent has completed 12 hours of educational classes. Additionally, we offer a Tutoring program, VBS, STEM projects, Project H.O.P.E., and provide 700 food boxes and frozen turkeys at Thanksgiving.**

**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.

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for January is MadCAAP.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **“Stretching in the Spirit”** meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30am.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** is Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Security Volunteers** are needed for February. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Mature Years** will meet today, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet the second and fourth Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ **Memorial Sunday Recognition Service** will be Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **Children’s Activities** will start back Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet the fourth Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **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](mailto:office@fumccanton.org). Copies will be mailed if requested (shut- in’s will be mailed a copy).*

We will be having an “all committee” meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. This meeting is for all our committees to touch base with each other and set a course for the New Year. We appreciate all you do and look forward to our gathering. Committee Members are listed below for 2023.

### Committee on Nominations Report for 2023

Lay Leader: Margo Burnside

Lay Delegate to A/C: Belinda Roark

| <u>Class of 2023</u> | <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> |
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**Committee on Nominations/Lay Leadership**

Chair: Pastor

Ex Officio: Lay Leader

Lisa Norton

Kay Jerome

Francis Williamson

Elizabeth Pace

Chan Chandler

Martha OCain

**Finance Committee**

Chair: Frank Carter

Ex. Officio: Lay Leader

Frank Carter

Jay Carter

Earl Stubblefield

Mike Mansell

Leigh Pace

David Engel

**Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)**

Chair: Danny Murphy

Ex Officio: Lay Leader, Lay Delegate to A/C

Dawn Lampkin

Laura Baldwin

Brian Cooley

Danny Murphy

Sarah Willis

Al Salmi

**Trustees Committee**

Chair: Ricky Norton

Ex. Officio: Lay Leader & Ken Morris

Gary Teasley

Pat Jerome

Ken Johnston

Ricky Norton

Will Mayo

Becky Chandler

# CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## LONG TERM

|                  |                    |                  |                 |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sherry Briggs    | Carolyn Harris     | Chap McMullen    | Susan Riddell   |
| Bobby Burkhalter | Mike Harvey        | Dorothy Measells | Christy Saxton  |
| M.L. Burnside    | Hazel Holmes       | Brianna Medina   | Evelyn Springer |
| Lakelyn Draheim  | Judy Lambert       | Bucky Murphy     | Diane Stewart   |
| Mark Halbert     | Nicholas Laneheart | Sue Lowe Owen    | Lee Stewart     |
| Bobby Hall       | Gilda Madison      | Kristen Penn     | Terry Ann Tate  |
| Toxey Hall       | Mattei Family      | Bill Reedy       | Sophia Weems    |
| Patricia Hammack | Carl McKenzie      |                  |                 |

## SHORT TERM

Cinde Bryant                      Jo Beth Glassco                      Tony Presley

**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.**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

|                                  |         |                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday, January 1                | 9:30AM  | Sunday School Class              |
|                                  | 10:30AM | Morning Worship                  |
| Monday, January 2                | CLOSED  | HOLIDAY                          |
| Wednesday, January 4             | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 2:00PM  | Mature Years                     |
|                                  | 7:00PM  | Sanctuary Choir                  |
| Sunday, January 8                | 8:00AM  | Men’s Club Breakfast             |
|                                  | 9:30AM  | Sunday School Class              |
|                                  | 10:30AM | Morning Worship                  |
| Monday, January 9                | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 10:00AM | Ruth Jones Circle                |
| Wednesday, January 11            | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 7:00PM  | Sanctuary Choir                  |
| Thursday, January 12             | 10:00AM | Prayer Quilt Ministry            |
| Sunday, January 15               | 9:30AM  | Sunday School Class              |
|                                  | 10:30AM | Morning Worship                  |
| Monday, January 16               | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
| Wednesday, January 18            | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 5:30PM  | Children’s Activities            |
|                                  | 5:45PM  | Youth                            |
|                                  | 7:00PM  | Sanctuary Choir                  |
| Sunday, January 22               | 9:30AM  | Sunday School Class              |
|                                  | 10:30AM | Morning Worship                  |
| Monday, January 23               | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 10:00AM | Ruth Jones Circle                |
| Wednesday, January 25            | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |
|                                  | 5:30PM  | Children’s Activities            |
|                                  | 5:45PM  | Youth                            |
|                                  | 7:00PM  | Sanctuary Choir                  |
| Thursday, January 26             | 10:00AM | Prayer Quilt Ministry            |
|                                  | 6:00PM  | Sara Nichols Circle              |
| Sunday, January 29               | 9:30AM  | Sunday School Class              |
|                                  | 10:30AM | Morning Worship                  |
| Monday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30AM  | “Stretching in the Spirit” Class |