

**First United Methodist Church  
Canton, Mississippi  
July 2021**

From the Pastor,

It truly takes all of us, especially in today's times with all we face. Your involvement in our Vacation Bible School was an example of how the life and ministry of the church is lived out. I appreciate all the volunteers we had, who pulled together to make a difference in the lives of our children. I have found over the years that this holds true in all we do as a church. We have all heard at some point that you get out of something, what you put into it. With all the distractions, activities, and demands, do not forget that spiritual growth and discipleship is an important part of our Christian life. The lessons during VBS last week were centered around "surviving the storms of life." One question from a lesson asked, "At what age do you start building the foundation for your life?" The answer one person gave was, "when we turn 18?" The truth is, we start building that foundation at the beginning of our life. It truly does take the whole church, of which we are all a part. What God teaches us through the church, is of great value and irreplaceable as we navigate this life. Thanks be to God, and each other, as we live in this body of Christ.

In Christ,  
Bro David

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/1	Linda Martin	7/8	Colin Hendon	7/16	Emma Grace Poquette
7/1	Ellen Matthews	7/9	Shea White	7/18	Steve Lavender
7/2	Ruth Fulton	7/10	Bo Purvis	7/19	Charlotte Stilwell
7/3	Mary Esther Pearson	7/11	Katelyn Jennings	7/20	John Matthew Davis Jr
7/3	Arabella Pittman	7/12	Billie Jean McMullen	7/23	Lathan Laney
7/3	John Harris	7/13	Daniel Smith	7/24	Scott White
7/3	Saralyn Teasley	7/13	Patrick Smith	7/24	Blair Ukele
7/3	Walker Brock	7/14	Trey Burnside III	7/26	Becky Unland
7/5	Rai Smith	7/16	Kay Longgear	7/28	Sandra Shelton
7/6	Michele Carter	7/16	Amy Wright		

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, July 4	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	11:30AM	Men's Club Cookout
Monday, July 5	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
Wednesday, July 7	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
	6:00PM	Youth
	6:00PM	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, July 8	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, July 11	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, July 12	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
Wednesday, July 14	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
	6:00PM	Youth
	6:00PM	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, July 18	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, July 19	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
Wednesday, July 21	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
	6:00PM	Youth
	6:00PM	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, July 22	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, July 25	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, July 26	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
Wednesday, July 28	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
	6:00PM	Youth
	6:00PM	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir

## JULY COMMUNION OFFERING

### United Methodist Missions

Our July offering goes to the continuing mission opportunities funded through our Mississippi Annual Conference church apportionments.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION – Back to School

2021 marks the twelfth year to assist children at Luther Branson Elementary School through our "Back to School Ministry". In previous years, administration has requested school supplies, uniforms & shoes for some of their neediest students. Through your monetary donations we will be able to meet these needs again this year. Thank you for helping us start these students 2021-2022 school year off right.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2021

Budget for Year	\$316, 297
Need Each Month	\$26, 358
Budget Through June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$158,148
Expense Through June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$146,809
Income Through June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$132,856

#### CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christy Aaron	Annie Davis	Davis Johnston	Kristen Penn
Laurie Alexander	John Matthew Davis	Terry Johnston	Bill Reedy
Deborah Anderson	Liam Elliot	Amy Joyner	Beth Riddell
Ric Andreoli	David Fisher	Kristen & Daniel Klein & Family	Reid Riddell
Lowe Bailey	Carolyn Galloway	Judy Lambert	Susan Riddell
Sandy Bowles	Rosa Gardner	Linda Allen Ley	Henry Rings
Bobby Burkhalter	Mark Gilbert	Ducky Longgrear	Ritt Rittenhouse
M.L. Burnside	Scott Grant	Marlin Lowery	Janice Sampson
Blanch Case	Ann Hall	Johnny Luckett	Pete Sanders
Rich Case	Bobby Hall	James Mabry	Charlotte Stilwell
James Chandler	Patricia Hammack	Guilda Madison	Myra Stone
Juanita Chandler	Daniel & Christy Harreld	Dolly Magee	Druscilla Thompson
Bob Cochran	Carolyn Harris	Kathy Maze	Bonnie Webb
Grace Cochran	Mike Harvey	Chap McMullen	Sophia Weems
April Cole	Allison Hayes	Brianna Medina	Jim Westmoreland
Hope Coup	Hazel Holmes	David Morgan	Elise Wilemon
Jimbo Crimm	Kolton Holmes	John Robert Morgan	Austin Williams
Voncille Crimm	Donna Hoover	Charles Moseley	Bradley Williamson

**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 July is United Methodist Missions.
- ◆ 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 Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.
- ◆ Sanctuary Choir will meet Wednesday at 7:00pm. No men's or Ladies Ensemble at this moment.
- ◆ We will continue our Special Offering for Back-to-School Ministry through the month of July.
- ◆ Casual Dress Sundays will start this month and continue to the end of August.
- ◆ Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. If you are running fever or showing any symptoms, please stay home. Please, continue to be respectful to those around you.
- ◆ Youth and Young Adult Women's Bible Study will meet tonight, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- ◆ Men's Club Cookout will follow church, Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please stay and eat with us.
- ◆ Sara Nichols Circle will meet the fourth Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm.
- ◆ If anyone would like a copy of the Sunday Sermon on a disc, please contact our office at 601-859-4621 or by email at office@fumccanton.org.
- ◆ 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).