

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

From the Pastor:

I read something the other day which said, “every person on earth has the same number of hours per day, days per week, and weeks per year,” so, why are we in such different places mentally, physically and spiritually? We know that we are all created uniquely and differently in our genetic makeup, our physical bodies, our mental capabilities, and personalities, so should it be any surprise that we deal with our “time” differently? In Spiritual Direction we ask people to explore the things that are “life giving” and “life taking” in our lives, and how we spend our time. It’s amazing how many times people can’t articulate the things that are life-giving, or if they can, they don’t include them in their life. I believe, in order to be spiritually healthy, we must offset the overwhelming life taking things that are consuming our time these days and build in space and time for the life-giving things. It is amazing how many people these days don’t give space and time for spiritual things, and it is evident. Even Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

In Christ,
Bro. David

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Linda Martin	7/8	Colin Hendon	7/16	Kay Longgear
7/1	Ellen Matthews	7/9	Shea White	7/16	Amy Wright
7/3	Arabella Pittman	7/10	Bo Purvis	7/16	Emma Grace Poquette
7/3	John Harris	7/11	Katelyn Jennings	7/19	Charlotte Stilwell
7/3	Saralyn Teasley	7/12	Billie Jean McMullen	7/23	Lathan Laney
7/3	Walker Brock	7/13	Daniel Smith	7/24	Scott White
7/4	Jana Truitt	7/13	Patrick Smith	7/26	Becky Unland
7/5	Rai Smith	7/14	Trey Burnside III		

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING

United Methodist Missions

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

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 July is United Methodist Missions.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsal will be at 7:00pm each Wednesday.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Security Sign–Up Sheet** is available for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday in August. You can find the sign–up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols** will meet on the fourth Thursday, July 27th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Please Look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made.**
– Thank you.
- ◆ **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@fumc-canton.org.**

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LONG TERM

Ric Andreoli	Karen Hall	Nicholas Laneheart	Christy Saxton
Sherry Briggs	Toxey Hall	Guilda Madison	Bethany Hicks Sears
M.L. Burnside	Patricia Hammack	Mattei Family	Philip Schmitt
Gloria Carter	Wendy Harms	Carl McKenzie	Evelyn Springer
Hope Coup	Carolyn Harris	Chap McMullen	Lee Stewart
David Fisher	Mike Harvey	Dorothy Measells	Renee Tatum
Kathy Gardner	Hazel Holmes	Brianna Medina	Druscilla Thompson
Michelle Gardner	Johnny Irvin	Sue Lowe Owen	Tru Elizabeth Tipps
Mark Gilbert	Carol Kraft Jackson	Jo Beth Ray	Sophia Weems
Mark Halbert	Judy Lambert	Bill Reedy	Mary Joe Wicke
Bobby Hall			

SHORT TERM

Tom Berry TY Gardner Matthew Murphy

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, July 2	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship Men's Club Cookout
Tuesday, July 4	CLOSED	Happy 4 th of July
Wednesday, July 5	2:00PM 6:30PM	Mature Years Bingo Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, July 9	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship
Thursday, July 13	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, July 16	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship
Sunday, July 23	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship
Thursday, July 27	10:00AM 6:00PM	Prayer Quilt Ministry Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, July 30	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship