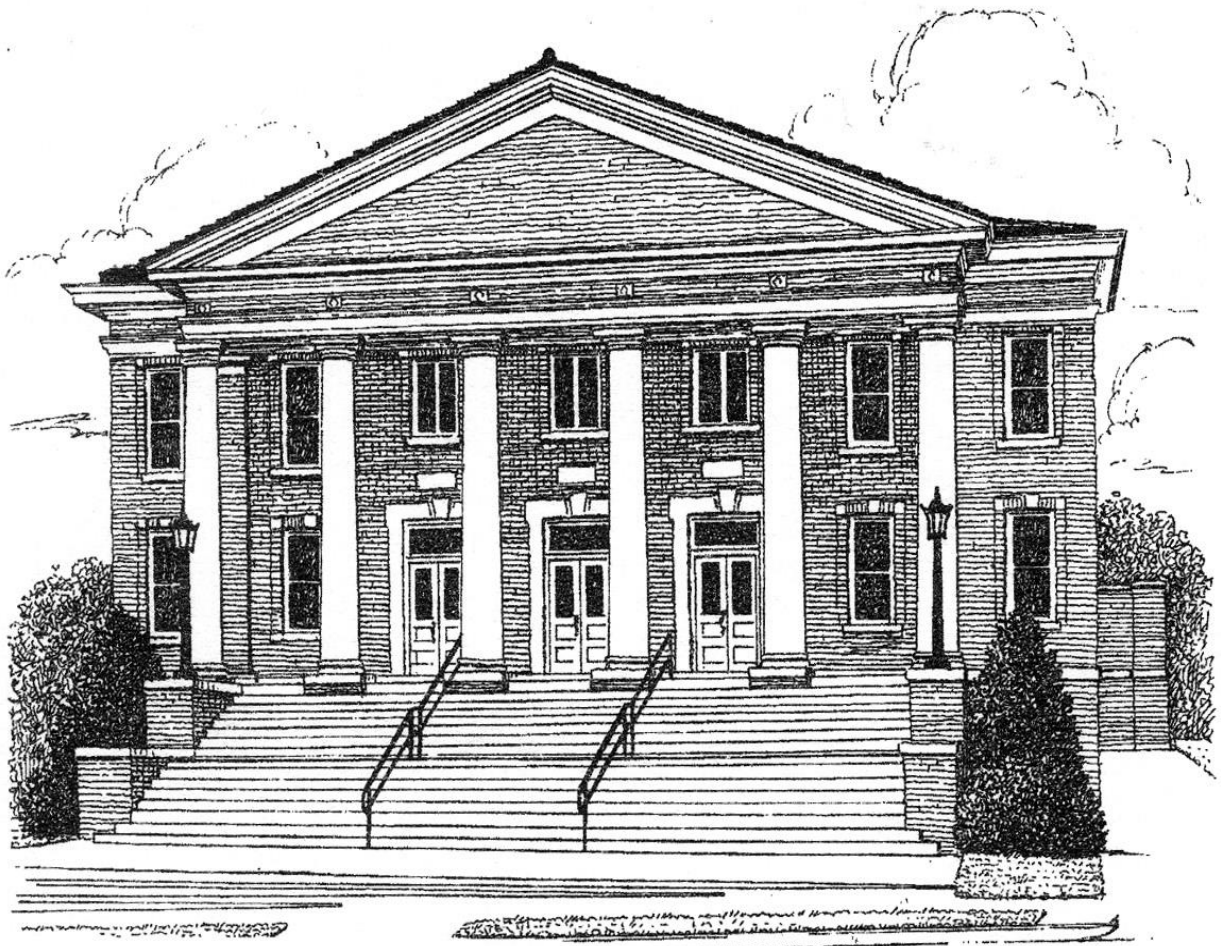


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**First United Methodist Church
3301 South Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046**



Founded 1836

March 19, 2023

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 19, 2023

***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***

“PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR PRAYER & PREPARATION (*Please remain seated.*)

HYMN

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 688

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

**slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.**

*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. R. Mauldin

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”
(Children please come forward for Children's Time)

No. 185

HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

No. 684

OFFERTORY

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Arr. McDonald

*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.

WORSHIP CHORUS

“O, How He Loves You and Me”
(Verse 1 & 2)

No. 349

SERMON "Living in the Light" Bro. David Lowery
Ephesians 5:8-14

HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" No. 340

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHOIR & ACOLYTES RECESSIONAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Joy of the Lord" No. 541

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for March is Medical Mission Trip.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Flowers at the altar** are provided by FUMC Flower Fund... they are taken to the Seasons Assisted Living Center.
- ◆ **Security Sign-Up Sheet** is available for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday in April. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet the fourth Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **The Keep Canton Beautiful** division of the Canton Garden Club is sponsoring its annual **GREAT CANTON CLEANUP** on Saturday, March 25th, 2023, 9:00am - 11:00am. Neighborhoods, businesses, church groups, sports teams, schools, civic, & services organizations are encouraged to join the Canton Garden Club in a community effort to clean up our parks, streets, and public spaces through litter removal. Bring gloves and a grabber if you have one. All other supplies will be provided. Kickoff will be at 8:45am outside the Canton Welcome Center. See Margo Burnside, Cris Bryan, or Kathy Ozborn for more details.
- ◆ **Men's Club Chicken Cooking** is Saturday, March 25th. Pick up is from 10:00am-1:00pm. They are \$6.00 per chicken half.
- ◆ **The Ruth Jones Circle** will be selling Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, at the cost of \$15.00 each. Order forms can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Money and orders are due by Sunday March 26th.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet the fourth Monday, March 27th at 10:00am.

- ◆ **Methodist Foundation of MS** is now taking applications for college students for scholarships. These will be for the Fall 2023 Semester. Online (ONLY) applications can be found at <https://methodistfm.org/scholarships/college/>. **Deadline is April 1st.**
- ◆ **Men's Club Breakfast** is Sunday, April 2nd at 8:00am
- ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, April 5th at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Wednesday, April 5th. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm and the hunt will follow. Each child needs to bring 12 candy filled eggs with them. Everyone is invited!
- ◆ **Holy Thursday Communion Service** is April 6th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **FUMC will host the Baccalaureate Service for the CA Seniors Sunday, May 7th at 4:00pm.** In the past they have had a small reception of cake and punch for those that attended immediately following the service.
- ◆ **Children's Activities & Youth** are 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.**

In order to remain transparent and informed about the current status of the UMC; we are going to have open discussions on the last Sunday of each month this year. We will meet at 11:30am – 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall to give everyone factual information vs. some of the misinformation that is being circulated.

In Christ,
Bro. David

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LONG TERM

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

SHORT TERM

Tom Berry	Piper Cooley	Lucy West
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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.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING

Medical Mission Trip

This year's offerings are for Medical Mission Trip and will go to medical relief. Allison Hayes has worked with a group in Colombia & has a couple of nurse practitioner friends that are running a clinic in Togo, Africa. Both could use the help with supplies in treating their patients.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship
Monday, March 20	8:30AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class
Wednesday, March 22	8:30AM 5:30PM 5:45PM 7:00PM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class Wednesday Night Supper Children's Activities & Youth Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, March 23	10:00AM 6:00PM	Prayer Quilt Ministry Sara Nichols Circle
Saturday, March 25	9:00AM – 11:00AM 10:00AM – 1:00PM	GREAT CANTON CLEANUP Men's Club Chicken Cooking
Sunday, March 26	9:30AM 10:30AM	Sunday School Class Morning Worship
Monday, March 27	8:30AM 10:00AM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, March 29	8:30AM 5:30PM 5:45PM 7:00PM	"Stretching in the Spirit" Class Wednesday Night Supper Children's Activities & Youth Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, April 2	8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	Men's Club Breakfast Sunday School Class Morning Worship

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Director of Music
Organist
Children's Choir Director
Director of Children's Ministries
Nursery Director
Administrative Assistant

Brother David Lowery

Kathy Ozborn
Ann Stubblefield
Angela Teasley
Brooke Chandler
Freida Gilmer
Cynthia Penn

We are no longer maintaining attendance records for Members. If you are a visitor or need to add someone to our prayer list,

please fill out and tear off the Attendance Registration to the right and place in the Offering Plate.

Thank you,
Bro. David

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

VISITORS

- 1st Time
- 2nd Repeat/Occasional
- New Resident Address:

Name(s):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

QUESTIONS ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF THE UMC

PRAYERS CONCERN LIST

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