

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

From the Pastor,

I heard the other day about a woman who had a meltdown and attacked the workers in a McDonald's restaurant because they couldn't make a particular drink she wanted. Airline hostesses are being assaulted because of disgruntled passengers. Road rage incidents are on the rise and people seem to be "losing it" over the slightest inconveniences in their life. The stressors today are very real. When things seem to be out of our control for extended periods of time, we tend to experience a fight or flight reaction. In spiritual direction we try to explore the things in our lives that are "life giving" things and insert them into our busy schedules. In addition, we need to honor that space for those around us, because in the end, we all benefit. I can't imagine God getting stressed about anything, but God knows how all this is going to play itself out. As Christians, we are seekers. Seeking out where God is in our daily walk. In the end, we may find that peace we so desperately need in the quieting of ourselves in those "life giving" moments.

Just an insight. We never have been in control anyway. Ephesians 4:32 says; "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

In Christ,
Bro David

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Steve Martens	10/8	James O'Neal Jr.	10/23	Ally Jerome
10/2	Jake Pearson	10/10	Danny Joe O'Cain	10/24	Ann Bryan Penn
10/3	Beverly Green	10/13	Lori Freeman	10/28	Carolyn Harris
10/3	Bob Duncan	10/13	Patrick Jerome	10/29	Will Lampkin
10/4	Angela Teasley	10/15	Lee Lee Stacey	10/31	Pat Penn Harreld
10/4	Hilton Ladner	10/18	Emmie Chandler	10/31	Hazel Holmes
10/5	Shelby Burnside	10/19	Bobbie Pace	10/31	Frances Williamson
10/5	Terry Ellis	10/20	Andrew Willis	10/31	Danny Spivey
10/6	Edward Hayes				

OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING

Methodist Children's Home

For the month of October, our communion offering is designated for the Methodist Children's Home. Founded in 1896, the home has cared for over 11,000 children. Methodist Children's Home seeks to bring restoration to children and youth who have been neglected or abused. By the end of their time there, it is hoped that they find reconciliation with their biological families, love within an adoptive family or success as a productive, independent individual. There are multiple homes across the state, with the primary campus in Jackson.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS PRISON MINISTRY

October is the month we gather donations for the Christmas outreach program to custody inmates at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. In 2020 your gifts of the following items as well as your monetary gifts enabled our church to deliver Christmas gifts for inmates.

**Donations requested are:
Clear (see through) deodorant
Clear (see through) shampoo
White athletic crew socks
Hard candy**

Please place any of those items in the box in the sub-story during the month of October. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will be happy to shop for you. Please make your checks payable to the church and mark as Christmas Prison Ministry. Our Youth will assist us in this ministry again this year.

Deadline for your gifts is Sunday, October 31. Thank you for helping make this a blessed success in His name.

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, October 3	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, October 4	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Tuesday, October 5	7:00PM	Canton Music Study Club
Wednesday, October 6	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry
	5:30PM	Youth
	5:45PM	Young Adult Women’s Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, October 10	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, October 11	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, October 13	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:00PM	Flea Market Prep
Thursday, October 14	ALL DAY	Canton Flea Market
Sunday, October 17	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, October 18	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, October 20	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry
	5:30PM	Youth
	5:45PM	Young Adult Women’s Bible Study
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, October 24	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, October 25	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, October 27	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	7 th Annual Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 28	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, October 31	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Benji Abshire	Liam Elliot	Judy Lambert	Bill Reedy
John Allgood IV	David Fisher	Ducky Longgear	Beth Riddell
Deborah Anderson	Carolyn Galloway	Marlin Lowery	Reid Riddell
Ric Andreoli	Rosa Gardner	James Mabry	Susan Riddell
Lowe Bailey	Mark Gilbert	Guilda Madison	Henry Rings
Sandy Bowles	Ann Hall	Dolly Magee	Ritt Rittenhouse
Sherry Briggs	Bobby Hall	Billie Faye Martin	Janice Sampson
Bobby Burkhalter	Patricia Hammack	Kathy Maze	Pete Sanders
M.L. Burnside	Carolyn Harris	Milton & Kaye McFarland	Myra Stone
Blanch Case	Mike Harvey	Chap McMullen	Druscilla Thompson
Rich Case	Allison Hayes	Brianna Medina	Ashley Webb
Juanita Chandler	Hazel Holmes	David Morgan	Bonnie Webb
Bob Cochran	Kolton Holmes	John Robert Morgan	Judy Weems
Grace Cochran	Donna Hoover	Charles Moseley	Sophia Weems
April Cole	Laura Jane (Baby Girl)	Hannah Osborn	Jim Westmoreland
Hope Coup	Davis Johnston	Sabrina Payne	Rick White
Jimbo Crimm	Terry Johnston	Stacey Pendergrast	Elise Wilemon
Annie Davis	Amy Joyner	Kristen Penn	Austin Williams
John Matthew Davis	Kristen & Daniel Klein	Matthew Purvis	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 October** is Methodist Children's Home; Special Collection – Prison Ministry.
 - ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
 - ◆ **"Stretching in the Spirit"** meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30am.
 - ◆ **Prayer Quilt Group** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.
 - ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
 - ◆ **Mask** are **REQUIRED** inside the church building **IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED**. For now, please abide by this request.
 - ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet the second and fourth Monday, October 11th and 25th at 10:00am.
 - ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** will not meet Thursday, October 14th.
 - ◆ There will be **NO EVENING CLASSES** Wednesday, October 13th, due to Flea Market Prep at 5:00pm. **Canton Flea Market** is on Thursday, October 14th, 2021. We will need volunteers. Please email us or contact our office at 601-859-4621.
 - ◆ **7th Annual Trunk or Treat** will be Wednesday Oct 27th at 5:30pm. All children are welcomed to attend and wear their Halloween costumes. Also, asking for as many volunteers as possible to bring their cars to the **Trunk or Treat!** If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Chandler.
 - ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet the fourth Thursday, October 28th 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. Copies will be mailed if requested (shut- in's will be mailed a copy).*