

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

From the Pastor:

We are always in the midst of transition. Right now, we are very aware of the transition we are making in the life of our church. With any change, we are curious, anxious, and excited. As I shared a couple of weeks ago, I've been reminded of one of my favorite hymns. The title is, "This is a Day of New Beginnings." It speaks to the place we currently find ourselves.

"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.
Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind,
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.
Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."

In Christ,
Bro. David

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Graham Wells	9/10	Lee Thompson	9/20	Barbara Hayes
9/5	Michelle Goza	9/11	Sarah Martin Hall	9/20	Scott Penn
9/5	Linda McCollum	9/12	Jim Harrell	9/21	Randy Truitt
9/5	Betsy Pace	9/15	Sherry Briggs	9/23	Joshua Carter
9/8	Addison Grace Penn	9/16	Mary Cameron Walker	9/24	Lisa Norton
9/8	Mary Fisher Penn	9/18	Charlene Shumaker	9/26	Marolyn Davison
9/9	Wes Willis	9/18	Frieda Gilmer	9/29	Missy Penn

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

Conference Community Centers

The September offering is designated for our Conference Community Centers, serving those in need across the state. Included in the centers are Methodist Children's Home, United Methodist Choctaw Mission, and Bethlehem Center in Jackson and Good Shepherd Center in Vicksburg.

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.

Sunday Sermon
09.03.2023
"Facing Your Giants"
1 Samuel 17:33 – 40
Bro. David Lowery

- ◆ **Communion Offering for September Conference Community Centers.**
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- ◆ **The Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** is Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **We welcome Jayne Doolittle to the staff of Canton FUMC! Jayne joins us as our new Music Director. We are excited to have her join our church family and share her gifts with us. Please extend a warm welcome to her and her son as you see them.**
- ◆ **Security Sign–Up Sheet** is available for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday in September. You can find the sign–up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Sunday September 3rd, wear your favorite team colors.**
- ◆ **Men’s Club Breakfast** is Sunday, September 3rd at 8:00am.
- ◆ **Canton FUMC & Thornton Chapel will have a special church conference on Tuesday, September 5th. The conference will be held in the sanctuary at 6:00pm... check in is at 5:30pm. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to take the official vote toward disaffiliation.**
- ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, September 6th at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **Children’s Activities & Youth will start back Wednesday, September 6th at 5:45pm. Supper is at 5:30pm. We encourage our youth, grades 7 – 12 to “begin again” with Bro. David as we strengthen Christian young people. We will also be exploring “The Truth about God”.**
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will resume Monday, September 11th at 10:00am. Classes are every second and fourth Monday of each month.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet Thursday, September 28th 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	Mattei Family	Philip Schmitt
Sherry Briggs	Toxey Hall	Carl McKenzie	Sieger Lee Sims
M.L. Burnside	Patricia Hammack	Chap McMullen	Evelyn Springer
Gloria Carter	Wendy Harms	Dorothy Measells	Lee Stewart
Hope Coup	Carolyn Harris	Brianna Medina	Renee Tatum
David Fisher	Mike Harvey	Sue Lowe Owen	Druscilla Thompson
Kathy Gardner	Hazel Holmes	Jo Beth Ray	Sophia Weems
Michelle Gardner	Johnny Irvin	Carolyn Rice	Mary Joe Wicke
Mark Gilbert	Judy Lambert	Christy Saxton	Geoffrey Yoste
Bobby Hall	Gilda Madison	Bethany Hicks Sears	

SHORT TERM

Edward Hayes	Barbara Haynes	Bill Reedy
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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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Tuesday, September 5	6:00PM	Official Vote
Wednesday, September 6	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, September 10	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, September 11	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, September 13	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, September 14	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, September 17	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, September 20	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth