



*First United  
Methodist Church*

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**WELCOME!**

It is our hope that no one feels like a stranger in this house of worship. May each of us be open to friendship and acceptance as God's children. Welcome!

**THANKS, LEONARD**

Just a reminder that Leonard Smith has now retired as our Business Administrator. He and Martha will be enjoying their retirement and their grandchildren who live just a few doors down. Be sure to thank Leonard for his work and dedication for his years here when you see him. He and Martha are still active among us here at FUMC.

Please remember, Lori Smith, has taken over the duties of Business Administrator and is looking forward to getting to know you and be of service to you.

**THE GATHERING PLACE...**

is back in the fellowship hall. Coffee and light refreshments are available from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**8:40 & 11:00 Traditional Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Gathering *Oh, For a Faith that Will Not Shrink* arr. Dale Wood

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Matthews

\*Call to Worship Psalm 130:5-8

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

**We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

\*Opening Hymn of Praise #139 *Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty* (v. 1,2,3,4)

\*Affirmation of Faith #881 The Apostles' Creed

\*Our Response of Adoration #139 *Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty* (v. 5)

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that  
hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever  
adore him!**

\*Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem of Praise *A Thousand Tongues* arr. M. McDonald

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn #479 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (v. 1,3, 4)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Solo *There Is Nothing Greater Than Grace*  
by Hall, Neal, Mizell

\*Doxology #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of **Miss Susie Overstreet** on her birthday tomorrow, given by Michelle, Briar & Giles Jones.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UPDATE

Following up on last July's information meetings, the Administrative Board invites you to a series of gatherings over the next few weeks to provide updated information regarding recent changes in the United Methodist Church. They are all just information sessions and all are welcome to attend, but only church members will be active participants.

The first of these will be an Exploratory Meeting which will present the perspective of the Annual Conference and provide details about the process for a congregation to discern their response. This will be held **Sunday, February 12th, 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. Following that, we will host our own series of informal programs discussing how these issues impact our congregation. These Coffee and Conversation gatherings will each cover the same material.

**Monday, Feb. 13, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday, Feb. 19, 2:00 p.m., Christian Life Center**  
**Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday, Mar. 5, 2:00 p.m., Connection**

Finally, we have an opportunity to meet with our new Bishop, Rev. Sharma Lewis. She will be visiting Starkville on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Further details will be forthcoming. There will soon be additional information posted on the church website as well. We encourage you to be informed and involved in this process. Thanks for your continued support of Starkville First United Methodist Church.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

**Sunday School for College students** meets every Sunday morning at 10 am at Connection: 101 W. Lampkin St.

**Delta Grace Mission Trip: Save the Date: March 10-14:** College mission trip along with Wesley Foundation students from Delta State, and the "W". If you would like more information, please contact Charlie: [charlie@first-umc.org](mailto:charlie@first-umc.org) or 772-205-5019.

## OUR SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended to the family of **Mr. Ramsey Thomson** who died this past week. Ramsey was living in Huntsville, AL these past years. You will remember him as the son of James R. (Bobby) & Rebecca Thomson, long-time members.

Also please remember the family of **Mrs. Annie Will Fulgham** who died this past week. Annie Will was married to Preston Fulgham who preceded her in death. She had moved to Texas some years ago to be near her son.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Mark Franklin and family in the death of his father, **Mr. Hassell Franklin** who had been living in Tupelo.

Don Edward's brother, **Mr. Doug Edwards**, died last week in Lakeland, FL. Please keep this family in your prayers as well.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - noon; noon - 4:30**

## **MAKE YOUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RESERVATIONS!**

Don't forget to make your supper reservations on Sunday on the pew pads, by calling the church office by noon on Monday, or by signing up at Wednesday Night Suppers for the next week. This count helps us to order and make sure there is enough food on hand for everyone. Kids through college age eat for free; adults \$5. Thanks for your help on this.

## **CREATED BY GOD**

Created by God is a study offered to our 6th graders and has been planned for Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. We are looking for someone that might be interested in facilitating this class. We have helpers already lined up. If you are interested in leading this class, please contact Genny Fischer at [genny@first-umc.org](mailto:genny@first-umc.org) or at 662-323-5722. Thanks so much for your consideration.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

Youth are meeting again for **breakfast and fellowship** on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at Chic-fil-A. Drop off your youth to join us and we will be sure to get them to school on time. If you have any questions, please contact Mattie.

**Community** will meet next Sunday, February 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Food, games and fellowship until 7:00.

**PARENTS!** Mark your calendars for February 10 and be sure to take advantage of the **Kids Night Out** babysitting for infants through 6th grade. More info in next week's bulletin. Reservations will be required.