

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
Loving Christ, Loving others, Serving God
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January 10, 2018

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” ~ Matthew 5:16 NRSV

If you drive past our church at night, you will notice that our beautiful stained-glass windows are brilliantly illuminated. It has not always been this way. Until recently, there was a problem with the mechanism, and our windows were dull and dark. At it turned out, the timer was the culprit causing the problem, and a little tender loving care was all it took to set things right again. Now, bright, colorful, and distinct images of Christ shine forth onto Panola Avenue as a beautiful witness of our faith.

Epiphany is all about light! Without light the image of Christ is indistinct and lost in the darkness. The same is true of our lives. Christians are meant to shine forth the light of Christ’s love that others might see and be drawn to give glory to God. Perhaps during these dark and dull days of January, we need to shower a little tender loving care on our faith-relationship with Christ so that our light will shine as it should. Are there issues or problems which are keeping us from shining the light of the love of Christ today? If so, there’s no better time to deal with them. God bless for a happy Epiphany season!

I’ll see you in church Sunday!

Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14

4:00 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building

WEEJOICING

**Parent Interactive Infant and Toddler Music Class
and Preschool Music Class**

Starting Sunday, January 14, 2018

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Meet in BFUMC Choir Room

Infant and Toddler Class 3:00pm

Preschool Class 3:30pm

For more info contact Davis Jones @ [662-202-7172](tel:662-202-7172) or email at firstumcmusic.bat@gmail.com

2018 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership training for Trustees, Treasurers and Finance Committee members, Lay Leadership and Intentional Discipleship committee members, and SPRC members will be held at FUMC, Senatobia on Sunday afternoon January 28 at 2:00 PM. If you would like to go, please let Tracy know (563-4534) and we will register you. The deadline for registration is January 21.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out another recent donation to our library: [When God Whispers Your Name](#). This book is written by Max Lucado and is located in section A LUC.

OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Sunday, January 21 we will install our church committee chairpersons and members at both services. If you are holding any position of responsibility in our church for this new year, please make every effort to attend one of our morning services on Sunday, January 21.

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 7-Communion

January 14-Thurman Stone

January 21-Wayne Land

January 28-M/M Fred Womble

February 5-Communion

February 12-Open

February 19-Open

February 26-Open

If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the church office 563-4534 or email firstumc@panola.com.

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Thurman Stone, Stephanie Mothershed, Blair Jernigan, Kelley Robison, Billie Ann Beard, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Janet Flint, Trey McGovern, George Caffey, Steve Still, Charlie Overton, John Bailey, Frances Seale, Abbey & Alden Climer, Collins Bailey, Eloise Rollins, James Hardy, Chris Burchfield, John M. Mothershed, Loree Tucker, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Al Haberman, Mary Moody, Asa Tucker, Clint Williford, Brenda Pratt
FRIENDS: Dr. Tom Hodge, June Sharp (Cindy Jones' aunt), Steve Durr (Linda Floyd's son-in-law), Preston Bright, Amanda West (Sabrina Morris' sister), Jim & Shelda Murphree (brother & sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Lee Harden (brother of Linda Floyd & Mary Jane Chapman), Dena Harrison (daughter-in-law of Shellie Harrison), Rose Bradford, Louise Gilbert, Bobby Burkhalter, Christina LaBorde (Loree Tucker's niece), Carly Griste, Sydney Elliott, Meb Reedy (sister of Frances Amis & Mitzi Still), Paulette Norman (Friend of Phyllis Floyd), Bill Elmore (Kelley Robison's dad), Lucie LaBorde (Loree Tucker's sister), Chris Nichols, Clay Hoyt (Loree Tucker's brother-in-law), Jan Stone Ireland, Cheryl Kay Linder, Shauna Hill

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Gloria Baker, Lane Westfaul and family at the death of their sister-in-law and aunt Faye B. Smith who passed away on January 2.

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Juli Lange, Jim Whitaker, Jessica Lange Smith, and family at the death of their mother and grandmother Joyce Whitaker who passed away on January 6.

Happy Birthday

January 11-Jonathan Flint, Melba Major, Stephanie Owen Miles, Rebecca Garrott Thomas, Mary Ruth Womble, Tom Womble
January 12-Elliott Gray, Evelyn Wofford
January 13-Chase Baglan, Chris Burchfield, Matt Burchfield
January 14-Virginia Baker, CiCi Jackson Brassell
January 15-Blake Shipp
January 16-George Caffey, William McKenzie
January 17-Jeff Autrey, Haley Shepherd, Larry Sibley, Parnell Stubblefield

Happy Anniversary

January 15-M/M Eric Moake

January 14-Nursery Workers

January 14-Acolytes

8:45 A.M.
Elliott Gray/Alex Jones

10:55 A.M.
Reid Morris

January 14-Ushers

8:45 A.M.
Steven Keville/Jeff Autrey
Tripp Thomas/Brandon Cole

10:55 A.M.
Joel Rice/Chic Savage
Fred Graves/Paul Savage, Jr.

January 14-Security
Mike Addington/Ed Dean
David Lange/Harry Guckert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 P.M.-Jr. High Girls' Covenant Group, Amy Rivers
6:00 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 11

12:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 14

8:45 A.M.-Early Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building

Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School
10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship
3:00 P.M.-Infant & Toddler Weejoicing, Choir Room
3:30 P.M.-Pre-School Weejoicing, Choir Room
4:00 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:30 P.M.-"Staying in Love", Fellowship Hall
5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building
6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, January 15

12:00 P.M.-United Methodist Women, Fellowship Hall
1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 17

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesdays
6:00 P.M.-Chancel Choir

MORNING WORSHIP

"Whom Does Jesus Call?"
John 1:35-51
Ed Woodall

EVENING WORSHIP

"God's Character"
Psalm 139
Ed Woodall

Financial Report for December 31, 2017

2017 Budget	\$1,013,970.00
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	1,013,970.00
Budget Amt. Offering	13,174.26
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	944,988.48

Financial Report for January 7, 2018

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Offering	17,936.50
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	17,936.50
Good Samaritan	0.00

Remember you can give online!
<https://batesvillefumc.com> and click on the "Give"
tab.

Attendance for January 7, 2018

Sunday School	188
Morning Worship	239
8:45 A.M.	150
10:55 A.M.	85
Nursery	4