

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SIX MONTHS! I cannot believe that six months have passed since making Selma my home. I never anticipated the love and joy I would experience here. To say that I love CSUMC and Selma would be an understatement. Thank you for making this a wonderful place to live and serve.

Many exciting things have happened in the past six months. As we begin a new year, I am anticipating many more great things to come.

We will resume our Sunday night activities on January 9th. This will be a fun night! Everyone is asked to pack a picnic supper as if they are packing it for their very best friend. You can be as creative as you want to make your meal extra special. We will place all the nicely prepared meals on the table and place numbers on them. Each person will pick a number and that will be their meal for the evening. All ages are included to participate. (There will be peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the kitchen in case someone receives something they can't eat) And of course, you are allowed to swap meals with someone if you need or want too. I have already been thinking about all the treats and special surprises I want to put in my basket.

On January 16th, we will begin to finish the Red Sea Rules. We will be consistent in meeting together on Sunday evenings. I love this time around the table and in study with each of you. I can't wait to see you!

Thank you for the cards and gifts you gave for Christmas. I love each gift, but most of all, I love each of you!

Blessings,

Diane



Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

It is hard to believe we are moving quickly toward the ending of one year and the beginning of another new year. 2022 is fast approaching! I once again share the following hymn text by Frances R. Havergal which may serve as an encouragement to you.

*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

I cannot thank everyone who made Christmas 2018 such a wonderful time of worship. From our Advent readings/candle-lighting by our young families, to our Young Musicians sweet ringing/singing, to special solos/offertories, each Sunday during Advent was a very special time for worship. I especially wish to thank our Chancel Choir for the dedication to each service of worship. Their music truly helped us focus on the true meaning of the Christmas season. Their presentation of *Morning Star* on December 12th was a highlight of our Christmas worship! I wish to personally thank Milam and Daneen Turner for once again serving as our wonderful narrators. I would also like to thank our own Katie Wendland Nichols for singing with us this year and to Debra Burnside and Will Reese from Mulder United Methodist Church, Wetumpka for helping us. Thank you, thank you one and all!

I wish to remind parents of children that our Young Musicians choir will be back to Sunday afternoon rehearsals beginning Sunday, January 9th. I am looking forward to leading your child/children in fun music activities each Sunday afternoon. Please commit to having your child attend each and every rehearsal in 2022.

The new year is an excellent time to join the Chancel Choir. The choir will soon begin work on new worship anthems and would welcome male or female voices to the choir. Come visit a 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening rehearsal and see what a great time we have together.

*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.*

Gordon



Children's Ministry



Welcome to 2022! As we begin our new year with optimistic EXPECTATIONS, let's keep in mind the Christmas JOYS of HOPE, FAITH, PEACE, and LOVE. Let's be intentional by putting GOD first in all that we think and do. Remember that GOD IS WITH US whatever the circumstance!

Here are a few New Year's Resolution suggestions for our children to make, but they seem like good ones for adults, too!

YES

YES

Read My Bible _____ Tell My Friends about Jesus _____

Go to Church _____ Obey My Parents _____

Pray _____ Attend Sunday School _____

Our Sunday night Children's activities resume on January 9th. Food and fellowship at 5:00pm followed by music with Gordon, and lessons and crafts with Sandra and Frances ~ We hope your child will join us.

Please color the picture and turn it in at Sunday School on January 9th for a PRIZE! Adults, you're welcomed to color, too!



I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

Current: Mary Ann Hornby, Ann Thomas, Mary Ann King, Ally Spivey, Sandra Pipkin, Hope Patterson, Terry Hicks, Abigail Flanagan, Darren McGilberry, Lloyd & Norma Arrington, Arthur "Deedle" Sullivan, Bill & Polly Sellier, Herb McCreary

Ongoing: Dub Deavor, Allen Williams, Brooke Lawrence, Martha Hughes, Carolyn Brown Atchison, Castle Twins, Lynnie Kopp, Danny Jordan, Helen Edwards, Brandon McHugh, Caroline Thomas, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Rex & Anita Waldrop, Lucille Jordan Sellier



I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRESENCE

Average attendance YTD as of November

Sunday School: 68 Worship Service: 125



We hope to see each of you each week for our regular **Sunday Schedule with Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and **Worship Service** at 10:30 a.m.

If you miss a service, be sure to listen to the prior week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am on Dixie Country - WDX 100.1.

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... GIFTS

MEMORIALS

Martha Cobb Roberts
By: Bill & Donna Porter
By: Gale Bedgood
By: Judy Moore
By: Joe & Em Moore

Alise Cosby
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

Charles Gray
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

Dick Dunaway
By: Sherie Sherrer

Helen Rogers
By: Myrna Hollis

Jim Wheeler
By: Sherie Sherrer

Lula Wood
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

Mary Rowell
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

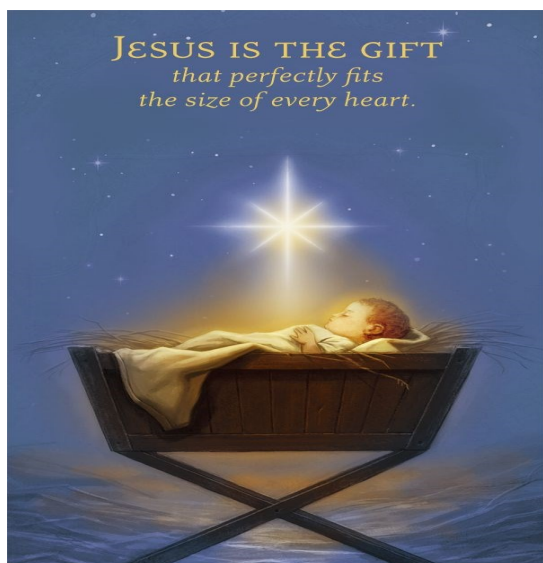
As the year quickly comes to a close,
remember your pledge and help us finish the
year financially strong.

The Church Office will be open Wednesday,
December 29th, for final contributions.
All 2021 contributions sent by mail must be
postmarked by December 31st.



WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This Offering has enabled Methodists to share their blessings with those whose circumstances in life just haven't been fair. These children and young adults certainly didn't sign up to be in the situation they're in and with your support, they have the hope of a much brighter tomorrow. We continue to collect the White Christmas Offering through the end of December.



January Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, January 2, will
be given to All In Sports.

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... SERVICE

Teams Serving in January

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Ed Livingston, John Nettles, Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers, Lee Calame, Larry Jones

Security: William Free, Jamie Thomas, Wood Spivey, Steve Todd, Em Moore

Worship Stewards: Polly Sellier & Em Moore

Collection Counters: Frank Speed and Jim Sims

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement and contact your captain.



As the new year approaches, prayerfully consider ways that you can pray for and serve the Church - your Church. When you volunteer, not only does the Church grow, the Kingdom grows, and you grow.

For more information on areas of service and volunteer needs, contact any of the ministerial staff.

January Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, January 11, at 5:00 pm in the Grist Library

Finance

Thursday, January 27, at 5:00 pm in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, January 27, at 5:45 pm in the Grist Library

Please contact your chairperson or the Church Office if you will not be able to attend.

Dear Church Street Family,
Thank you all very much for the beautiful poinsettia! What a nice surprise and a special gift for us! Our hearts are full of gratitude for the prayers and love from each of you.

Love and God Bless,
Polly & Bill Sellier





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