The Steeple

April 16, 2024



My vows as a United Methodist Elder included a commitment to serve where the Bishop and Cabinet weigh the gifts of clergy alongside the needs of our congregations so we might best serve the larger Church. I trust God to work through the prayerful discernment of our Bishop and Cabinet to match the right pastor with the right church for the right time. With that in mind, on Sunday, April 14, we announced in worship that I have received a new pastoral appointment in the North Georgia Annual Conference for the coming year. On July 1, 2024, I will assume the role of Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church in West Point, GA.

We also recognize and welcome Rev. Jeremy Noffsinger and his family who will be coming to Calhoun First UMC. He is transitioning from Trinity UMC in Clermont, GA and there will be more information to share with you in the weeks ahead. I do want you to know that he is being ordained a Full Connection Elder at this year's Annual Conference and I am excited for the spiritual leadership he will bring to this congregation and the community.

Please know that Lisa and I are thankful for our shared ministry at Calhoun First UMC and for our time together as pastor and congregation. I have many memories of serving with you in ministry and look forward to what the next few months still promise in our journey together for there is much to do. Please keep us and the Noffsingers in your prayers just as we are praying for you through this time of transition and new beginnings.

Peace, Pastor Ed



FREE Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 21 8:00 - 9:30 am

Love offerings accepted for the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Hinton in June.

CHURCH POTLUCK

We hope you will make plans to join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, April 28, at 11:30am following worship in the CAC for a potluck luncheon. The church will provide the main dish and beverages so please bring a favorite dish to share according to the food assignments below:

- A L sides
- M P salads
- Q T desserts
- U Z bread





CALHOUN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, April 22, 2024 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pmin the Gym

All presenting donors will receive a \$10 E-Gift Card to the merchant of your

and a coupon from Chick-fil-A Calhoun. Your name will also be entered into the

to win ONE OF TWO \$7,000 GIFT CARDS. For more information, to schedule an appointment,

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Our Faithfulness Attendance

April	7	14	21	28	
Com- bined	92	108			
Sunday School	47	68			

Giving

Date	Weekly Actual	Prior Year
7	\$4,316	\$7,546
14	\$3,139	\$5,751
21		
28		

April\May Anniversaries

19	Patrick & Amy Quarles		
24	Mike & Tamara Pharr		
27	Ken & Karin Brooks		
5/12	Champ & Lynne Kelly		
5/21	William & Becky Matthews		
5/23	Chuck & Taunya Faulkner		
5/29	Brady & Beth Grubbs		

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

April/May Birthdays

19	Vivian Smith Gina Rawls	
20	Ann Stephens	
21	David Prater Tommy Palmer	
24	Roland Bentley Kyle Smith	
25	Ailene Hutchinson Nancy Worley	
28	Dylan Faulkner	
	May	
5	Gale Thrantham	
8	Dawn Townsend	
9	Mark Leberman	
10	L.P. Owens Rodney Mathis	
13	Banks Hathcox	
15	Todd Anderson	
18	Terry Blair	
20	Dana Hammond Scott Waters	
21	Will Rawls	
23	Sue Haney Max Parrott Ed Moyer	
24	Casey Poole	
26	Matt Rice Carol Outka	
28	Matt Tallent	
30	Marge Ware	
31	Stella Arnold	

We extend our Christian love and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Ross Tipps (Father of JoAnna Mashburn) passed on April 7, 2024

Our prayers of comfort and strength are with all who are grieving.

Prayer List

Names in bold have been added recently. Names are subject to roll off if there are no updates.

Our Members: Richard Arwood family, **Buddy Autry**, Louise Bond family, Jody Bryson, Philip Beamer, Lolita Conley, **Faye Honeycutt**, JoAnn Lewis family, Lee Linn, Amy Massey, Roy Matuska family, Margie McGowan family, Michelle Newton, Cheryl Parrott, Dr. Max Parrott, Angie Prater, Edna Quinn, Diane Rosencrance, Frank & Mary Alice Sullivan, Doug Todd, Larry Trimble Assisted Living:

Calhoun Health Care: Ronald Strickland

- Morning Pointe: Elmo Emily, Barbara Greeson, Sandra Landrum, Julie Moore, Faye Worley
- The Fountains: Ted & Anne Collins, LaBelle Lance, Pat Lewis, Judy Ray, Sid Tankersley, Robert Wages
- The Oaks, Fairmount: Nieta Arwood
 Our Missionaries: Humphrey Kanga (Kenya)

Our Friends: Scot Brown, Betty Butler family, Jerome Carver, Teresa Carver, Lauren Coleman, Rev. Theresa & Bill Coleman, James Coleman family, Nancy Craze family, Phil French, Paula Gilmartin, Steve Gravely, Wanda Guidry family, Ron Harris family, Karen Hart Family, Terry Hicks, Alvan Hite, Jeannie Hobgood, Susan Hyde, Dennis Jones family, J.J. Jones, Johnny Jones, Julian Jones, Ashley Matthews, Wendy Mason, Paul Matuska family, Donna McCauley, David McKenzie family, Shani McKoon, Diana Miller, Mary Mobbs, Gris Montenegro, Maria Morton family, Tonya Nichols, Phillip Nowak, W.A. Parrish family, Wilma Parrish family, Ellen Peterson, Frank Peterson, Henry Phillips family, Joyce Puckett family, Mattie Sue Robbins family, Noah Rose, Bob Scott, Ploy Sintheeanun, Annette Smith family, Marilyn Stearman, Patsy Stephens, Judy Tilley, Ross Tipps family, Jan Williams family, Jana Willingham

General Concerns: World conflicts, our country, the United Methodist Church and its upcoming General Conference, clergy and congregations during this season of moves, missionaries in harm's way, persecuted Church, unspoken/confidential requests

*If you have prayer requests, please let us know by writing them on your Connect Card at worship or email prayer@calhounfirst.com. You can also call the church office at 706-629-2685.



WHO'S GRADUATING?

Graduation Sunday is a time when we recognize our members graduating from both <u>high school</u> and <u>college</u>. This year it will take place on Sunday, May 12.

Please email Chris Agan at chris@calhounfirst.com with the following information no later than May 5.

- The graduate's full name
- A photo of the graduate
- The school they are graduating from
- The degree (if applicable)