

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2023



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On Sunday, January 22, I had the opportunity to attend the installation of our new Bishop, Bishop Sharma Lewis. She reminded us that the mission of the church wasn't to sit in the church but to take Jesus to the streets. The church's evangelical call is to the world's lost and not to the righteous sitting in the church. To fulfill that call, we need to take Jesus out of the sanctuary and into a dark world that needs light. How are we doing this as a church? How are you doing this as an individual? I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Doobie Brothers' "Takin' it to the Streets" has been stuck in my head ever since. Let's do what God has asked us to do; this is to take Jesus to the Streets!

~Your Pastor, Bro. Mike~

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Sunday Schedule:</i> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL at The Parish House</p> <p>10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE in the Sanctuary</p> <p>5 PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Chat & Chew with New Bishop Sharma D. Lewis @ Central UMC-Meridian (4 pm-Clergy / 5:30 pm-Laity)</p> <p>6 pm Supper-Team 4 / Hymn Singing</p> <p>7 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 am AA</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p><i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p>  <p><u>Holy Communion</u></p>	<p>6 pm PPRC Meeting</p>	<p>9 am Ladies Growth Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>6 pm Supper-Team 5 (Nora's Cooks for Christ) / Service</p> <p>7 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11 am AA</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p><i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p> <p>5:30 pm - Until Football Fellowship</p>		 <p>9 am Ladies Growth Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>6 pm "Jenny Lynn Valentine's" Special Supper</p> <p>No Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>2023 Festival of Preaching at St. Mark's UMC in Brandon (Thursday - Friday) (Bro. Mike will be attending)</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11 am AA</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p><i>Transfiguration Sunday</i></p>	<p>March Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>9 am Ladies Growth Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Pancake Supper</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>† 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Church Sanctuary</p> <p>No Supper No Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>The Gathering 2023 at Christ UMC in Jackson (Friday - Saturday)</p>	<p>11 am AA</p>
26	27	28				
<p><i>1st Sunday in Lent</i></p>		<p>9 am Ladies Growth Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm AA</p>				

MEMBERS:

C.P. & Annie Crimm, Charles Davis, Rev. Roy Givens, Gloria Graham, Jeff Holland, Rev. Pam Randall, Harriet Waltman

FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:

Adam Andrews, Tina Bonner, Gabby Buford, Cindi Conner, Matthew Conner, Susan Daugherty, Billy Davis, Molly Dedwylder, Tim Evans, Eddie Fulton, The Tyler Green Family, Charles Griffith, John Thomas Hadley, Cammie Harris, Freda McClure, Mark May, Bobby Napp, The Nelson's (Barbara Price's Sister & Brother-In-Law), Sue Owen, Elliott Phillips, Bessie Ruttley, Chloe Shelton, Jeff Volking, Cher Warren, Johnny Warren, Billy Wimberly

NURSING HOMES/SHUT-IN's:

Karen Cockrell, Annette Hutto, Dwight McCarra

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call Susan Lewis, 601-776-3238 or the Church Office at 601-776-2637.

CARE GROUP FOR FEBRUARY

If the Care Group is needed for **FEBRUARY**, please call Chairperson: Susan Brewer, 601-687-0035. Other members are: Martha Brewer, 601-687-5731; Ches Brewer, 601-687-0035; Marcia Sumrall, 601-410-2088; and Emma K. & Bryan Williams, 601-917-7797.

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 5 The Randy & Vicki Impello Lane Family
- 12 William & Elaine Read
- 19 J.C. & Gay Hardeman (By Kaitlyn Harwell)
- 26 Francis & Janice Clark

MEMORIALS

Tyler Green, Harold Sumrall, and David Jace Watkins

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards and support after the death of my brother Chris Cope in late December. Your love and concern have meant the world to me and my family during a very difficult year. Jane Kramer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you so much for the gifts given to each one of us during the Christmas season. The food that was given was delicious and the monetary gifts were greatly appreciated. Your kindness towards us is always overwhelming. We love all of you and pray for God's blessings on everyone and First United Methodist Church.

Bro. Mike Evans, Kay Moore, and Shirley Grant Lang



Ben and Jessie Donald are proud to announce the birth of

their daughter, Lillian Jane Donald, born on Thursday, January 5, 2023. She is also being welcomed by her big sister, Annie. Grandparents are Jimmy and Lacia Donald. Great-Grandparents are Buddy and Peggy Long. Congratulations are extended to this family!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Potuk (Ann)
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wheat (Cathy)
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Martin (Debra)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Josh Fontenot
- 2 Jill H. Donald, Courtney Turner
- 3 Drew & Gage Watkins
- 5 Marcia Stanley
- 7 William Read, Mary Beth Smith
- 8 Derek Bonner, Jane Kramer
- 9 Dale Bonner, Michael Allen, Bryan Trey Glass
- 10 Kyle Fulcher, Helen Ann Riley, Bethany Williams
- 11 Adam Watkins, Zack O'Neil
- 12 Carl Graham
- 13 Rose Allen, Hannah Hampton
- 14 Tommy Whigham
- 17 Elaine Read
- 18 Adam Roberts, Jane Cockrell, Debra Martin
- 22 Michael Fettinger, Rhonda H. Graham
- 23 Sarah Rose Watkins
- 24 Nick Kramer
- 26 Jake Whigham
- 28 Brody Stephens



WEDNESDAY NIGHT COOKING TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Team 4 Elaine Read, Nancy Donald, Cindy Castle, Cathy Wheat
- 8 Team 5 Nora's Cooks for Christ
- 15 The Jenny Lynn Circle to Host A "Jenny Lynn" Valentine's Special Supper
- 22 ----- Ash Wednesday (No Supper)

CHAT & CHEW

WITH BISHOP SHARMA D. LEWIS

The Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church invites all Laity to attend a Chat & Chew with the new Bishop Sharma D. Lewis at Central United Methodist Church-Meridian on Wednesday, February 1st. This will give everyone an opportunity to meet and greet Bishop Lewis. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a meal and close with prayer around 8:30. If you plan to attend and join in the meal, please let Bro. Mike or the Church Office know. The Meridian District Office will need to be notified of an approximate number attending so they can plan for the fellowship meal.

FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday night, February 12th, we will have a football fellowship in the Parish House. You are invited to come and bring your favorite snacks. For those who do not want to watch the game, there will be several tables available with puzzles or bring your favorite board game. This is a time of fellowship! We'll start at 5:30 and go until it's over. Feel free to come when you want and leave when you want. We will have a devotion at halftime.

JENNY LYNN VALENTINE'S SPECIAL SUPPER

On Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m., the Jenny Lynn Circle will be hosting a Jenny Lynn Valentine's Special Supper. As some of you will remember, Jenny Lynn Sykes was a very beautiful, young woman who lost her life in a tragic automobile accident at the age of 17 on July 9, 1976. She and her family were also active members of First United Methodist Church-Quitman. The Jenny Lynn Circle was later formed, which is led by Patsy Smith. A love offering may be given on that evening but will not be required. Any love offerings received will go towards funding local and UMW missions. Please come and enjoy a delicious supper "special made" by this group.

2023 FESTIVAL OF PREACHING

Bro. Mike will be attending the 2023 Festival of Preaching at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Brandon on Thursday, February 16th. He will return on Friday, February 17th.

SCHEDULING CHANGE

Supper Team 1 will have a pancake supper on Fat Tuesday, February 21st, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The plates will cost \$3.00 each. This will take the place of the Wednesday night supper for that week. We will have our Ash Wednesday Service in the Church Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 22nd, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service.

Copied from www.ash wednesday 2021:

This is a time of the year when Christians observe the first day of Lent and the holy day of prayer, fasting, and penance. Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

What does Ash Wednesday symbolize?

Ash Wednesday also symbolizes the **Christian belief that humans were created from dust** and will return to dust and ash when they die. This belief, however, is offset by the belief that the death of Christ allowed for people to be more than simply dust; it allowed for an eternal life in heaven, outside the body.

THE GATHERING 2023

The Gathering 2023 will be held on Friday, February 24th through Saturday, February 25th at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson. This will be a two-day event for students to celebrate Christ through worship and fellowship. Students in grades 6th – 12 and their leaders will be attending. Alexander Price, Emilia Price, Nolan Williams, and Layla Williams will be the students attending from the church. Nora Price and Emma Kate Williams will be attending as the Adult Leaders.

2023 CHURCH RESOURCE GUIDE

The FUMC Resource Guide for 2023 is currently being updated. If you want to make any changes or additions to names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please contact the Church Office as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure to contact the Church Office if you should have a change of address, as well as a change of name, phone number, or a new email address.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

The monthly Newsletter is also on the Church's Website at <https://www.quitmanfumc.com>. If you have anything you would like printed in the monthly Newsletter, please email the Church Office at quitmanfumc@gmail.com. Be sure to add "Newsletter" to the subject line so your announcement does not go unnoticed.

THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE

Mondays through Thursdays:

*8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Closed for Lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)*

Closed All Day on Fridays and Holidays.