

# Happy Valentine's Day!



## The Capleville Messenger

"Let's Do L.I.F.E. Together"  
February 2024

From the desk of Pastor Andy Thompson



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I can't believe that the first month of the year has already passed and Lent is just around the corner. February is going to be a special time. Not only will we begin the journey to the cross, but it is also Black History Month. Throughout the month we will feature stories about contributions made by Black Americans to the church, culture, and society.

A couple of weeks ago the lectionary gave us a passage from the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy as part of our scripture reflection. In the passage, God promises to send a prophet, and not just any prophet but one who come from among their own people and speak just as God commands.

Today we may wonder where those prophets have gone. Where are the great preachers and prophets of old who challenge the establishment and call the people back to faithfulness. The truth is the prophetic voice of God is all around us. It is found in the word of God and revealed to us in the life and ministry of Jesus. Today we don't have the office of prophet, even though we are just as hungry for both a word from God and a mediator. Today, we understand that life-giving and lifesaving mediator to be Christ.

The word of God comes to us in many ways and through a variety of experiences. Martin Luther King Jr. in his "I Have a Dream" speech, offers these words, I think prophetic words...

I have a dream today, I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama... black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

We don't have to worry about where God's prophetic voice is going to come from. God provides the leader and the words spoken, just as he did with Dr. King, just as he had done with the prophets of old and those today. All we must do is listen for God's word and then hope and dream for the time when Christ, the mediator, reveals the glory of the Lord to us. Then and only then will the rough places be made smooth, and the crooked places made straight. Then we shall all see the glory of the Lord together. Thanks be to God. *See you in church!*

**God is Good  
All the Time!**

**Jesus Wept!**

**Jesus Is  
Love!**

**Jesus Is  
Forgiveness!**



Join Mr. Ross Hamilton II

# Bible Land Exploration

February 12 - 21, 2024



**EO**   
Educational Opportunities Tours

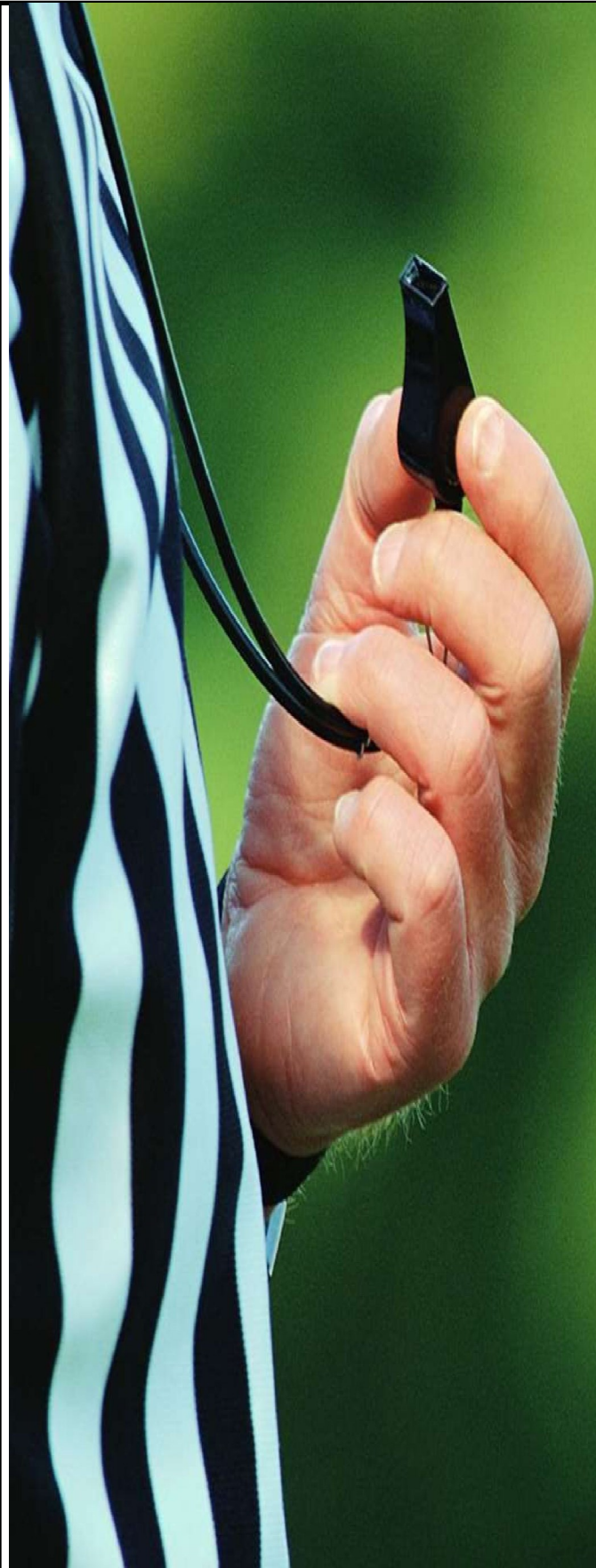
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ANNIVERSARY  
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800-247-0017

Scan to  
Travel with Us!



If you are interested in a trip to the Holy Land in February 2024, please contact Pastor Andy 901-363-1859 for details.



CAPLEVILLE UMC IS  
HAVING A  
**SUPER BOWL  
PARTY!**

SPONSORED BY CAPLEVILLE UMM AND UWF

FEBRUARY 11 AT 4:30PM (KICKOFF IS 5PM)  
EVERYONE IS INVITED

EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE FOOTBALL THERE WILL BE GAMES AND  
OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

GREAT FOOD, PRIZES, AND LOADS OF FUN

DRESS IS CASUAL SO WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM ATTIRE



## Ms. Betty Austin

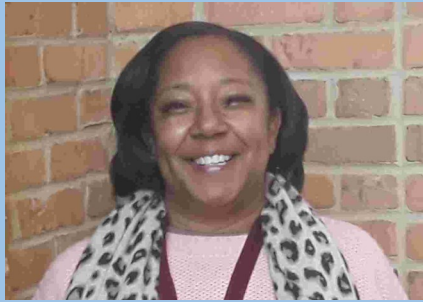


*Betty, relocated to Texas last year to be near her family. We are saddened to announce that she has since passed away.*

*Trust in a golden pathway to heaven. Relying on your own understanding will weigh you down. Trust in Jesus absolutely, and He will make your path straight. John 14:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6*

*The Austin family is planning a memorial service at Capleville U.M.C. Please continue to check your email in the coming weeks for further details.*





♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥

From Church Office

Minnette Michael, Church Secretary

Your 2024 Leadership \*

- Pastor ..... Andy Thompson
- Lay Leader ..... Marilyn Hathaway
- Church Council ..... Shawhn Curry
- Staff Parish Relations Council ..... Erv Walker
- Finance Chair. .... Shari Paige
- Trustee Chair ..... John Roberson
- Church Treasurer ..... Mark Compton



\* All committees were listed in last month's newsletter. Call church office for a copy.

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 11th – Super Bowl Party



“Faith Overrides Imperfections.”



**WANTED:  
LITURGISTS**

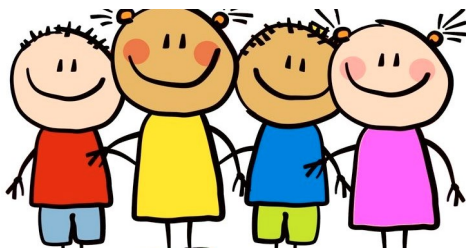
Do you enjoy reading? Do people say you have a good speaking voice? Throughout the year, we will need Liturgists every Sunday. If this sounds like a service you could offer the Lord, please contact the church office at (901)363-1859 or at [caplevilleunited@bellsouth.net](mailto:caplevilleunited@bellsouth.net). Thank-you!

**USHERS ARE NEEDED**

**NEW USHERS** are needed. Ushers will sanitize before and after service, provide masks to worshippers who request them, and assist attendees as needed.



**Nursery Workers Needed**



If interested please contact Rev. Andy Thompson by calling the church (901-363-1859) Mon-Thurs, 9AM-2PM or by email

*“Your value doesn’t decrease based on someone’s inability to see your worth.” Zig Ziglar*



**“Jesus holds the key!”**



## READING BOX FREE LIBRARY

The Hummingbird Circle is collecting children's books for the

### READING BOX FREE LIBRARY



started by Pastor Autua. The Hummingbirds are committed to keeping this ministry going. Your support will help us continue to encourage reading by the children in our community.

# HOLY



# COMMUNION

If you have not returned to church due to COVID-19 and you are in need of receiving Holy Communion, stop by the church during the week and pick up your communion elements. Join the Capleville YOUTUBE stream on Sunday morning and the Pastor will serve the elements during 1st Sunday worship service.

## Altar Flowers... Sign-up For Your Special Occasion

Flowers are in bloom everywhere!

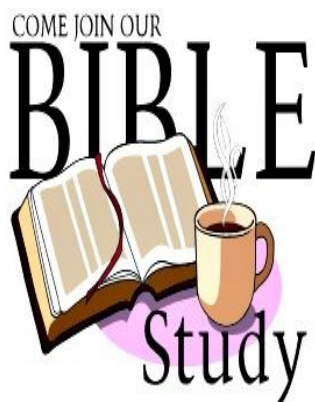
If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, please contact the church office (901-363-1859) to sign up. You may reserve any Sunday this year, except during the Advent season.



## Happy Valentine's Day



"Jesus was lifted up right in front of everyone."



## LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next study is "End Times: Practical Heavenly Mindedness" by R. Paul Stevens. The 13 lessons are divided into two parts: Understanding the end times and Living for the end times. If you would like to join us for this timely study, please let me know as soon as possible so I can order a book for you. We meet at 10:00 am on Tuesdays.

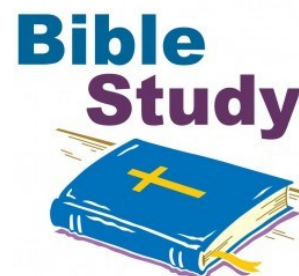
*Please consider joining us !*

Joyce (901) 398-1813    [jpd1937@yahoo.com](mailto:jpd1937@yahoo.com)

## Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Call church office for date & time.

*PLEASE JOIN US !!*



## Capleville UMC Choir

The choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm. If you want to join, please contact Dr. Dena Brown-Vaughan at 901-825-8529 or [dena-brown@live.com](mailto:dena-brown@live.com)



**"After we pray, listen to what God has to say."**





**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

The new mobile app is Vanco Mobile, which should be a free app in your app store.

Thanks, Minette

To give, please mail in your offering to the church: **Capleville UMC, 4725 Riverdale Rd., Memphis 38141** OR go online to <http://www.caplevilleumc.org/> and click on **E-giving** or by downloading the **Vanco** App. The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 9a-2p, if you want to bring your offering to the church.



The United Methodist Men (UMM) have been sponsoring "Project 2020 " Eye Glass Recycling for as long as anyone can remember. The eye glasses are given to 3rd world countries. They still need your help in collecting eye glasses. The collection box is in the Great Hall near the entrance from the parking lot. PLEASE HELP !!

**Hurricane Victims**

Want to help Hurricane and Tornado Victims? Give donations to Capleville UMC and earmark them for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is always one of the first on the scene of a disaster and all donations go to benefit the designated area with nothing taken out for overhead.



**Kroger Cards**

Please designate your Kroger cards to benefit Capleville United Methodist Church. Check your grocery receipts, Capleville UMC should be printed on the bottom.

Please contact church office 901-363-1859 or Erv Walker 901-754-8300 for particulars.





## Prayer List

### Let's Pray for our Church Family & Friends

*Sandy Baird, Charlie Mae Benton, Bethany Family, Farel Byrd & Family, Marsha Callicutt, Jack & Diane Cardwell, Daisy Cleaves, Nell Cline, Mary Margaret Clower, Peggy Cole, Mary Ann Coleman, Mark & Bev Compton, Dorothy Cox, Elaine Fountain, Kim Harden, Shepherd Harkness & Family, Stan & Marilyn Hathaway & Family, Cord Irby, Myron & Rexall Johnson, Billie Lawson, Jo Lishley, Ann Mayo, Michael & Connie McGhee, Betsy Morrison, Tru Nicks, Beverly Niter-Cole, Mary Ann Overman & Family, Mary Owen, Thelma Pilbeam, Martin & Rita Pirela, Tashawn Pirela-Kassin, Potts Family, Riddick Family, Judith Roberson, Vicki Sanders, Shania & Twins, Shirey Family, Earl Smith, Carl Todd, Valarie & Family, Kevin Walker, Larry Walker, Robert Weathers, Dawn Wilkinson, Capleville Church Family, Capleville Church Leadership, Capleville Food Pantry Clients, Caregivers, U.S.A. Military, and our Police & Fire Departments & our elected officials.*

**Dear God... We come to you today singing your praises and uplifting your holy name. You know our ills, concerns and needs before we even speak them. We bring them to you and lay them at your feet, knowing that they will be blessed according to your loving will. We thank you for your healing and grace. Amen**



**“The word of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”**



**♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥**

***“Love each other”***



**When we are happy and life's bright and fair,  
we often forget to kneel down in prayer .....**



## Bible Quiz

### Pilgrimage to the Promised Land

Moses was chosen by God to lead the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Select the correct answer to find out how much you know about their journey.

- God gave Moses a great deal of crucial information each time they met on Mount Sinai. Among the information given to Moses was the Ten Commandments and  
**A. How to build the Tabernacle**                      **B. How to become the leader of all nations**
- What did the Israelites do while Moses was on the mountaintop with God?  
**A. They built and worshipped a golden calf**   **B. They prayed**
- Moses sends 12 men to explore and observe the terrain of Canaan (the Promised Land). Only two brought back a good reports about the land, thus the Israelites decided  
**A. They would enter**                                      **B. They would not enter**
- How many years did the Israelites wonder in the desert before reaching the Promised Land because of their disobedience to God.  
**A. 25 years**    **B. 40 years**
- After leading a rebellion against Moses, Korah, Dathan & Abiram were  
**A. Stoned**    **B. Cast down alive into a grave**
- What last act of kindness did God grant Moses before he died?  
**A. A view of the Promised Land**                      **B. Entrance into the Promised Land**

**Answers:** 1. A (Exod. 25&26) 2. A (Exod. 32:1-7) 3. B (Num.13:1-33) 4. B (Num.14:34) 5. B (Num.16:31-33) 6. A (Num.27:12-13)

### Food for Thought

**“Worry ..... empties the day of its strength.”**

**“Better is a little with righteousness, than much gain with injustice.”**



**“ Never Test God ! ”**



CAPLEVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Thank You!

Volunteers and donors are always needed and appreciated. If you want to volunteer, please contact Flo Walker (901-754-5921). We're open on Mondays 10am-11am (to pre-bag) and every Tuesday (to serve) between 11am -1pm. If you are available, we need volunteers to pre-bag every Monday between 10a-11a.

We continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks. Only one client is allowed inside at any given time. Thank you for all your prayers Love and Blessings, Flo and Erv

FOOD PANTRY STATS

During the month of January, the Food Pantry served:

Jan. 2nd .....	25 Families	62 Individuals
Jan. 9th .....	31 Families	68 Individuals
Jan. 16th .....	CLOSED SNOW DAY	
Jan. 23rd .....	26 Families	59 Individuals
Jan. 30th .....	PANTRY CLOSED	

82-Families and 189 -Individuals



When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord and the Lord will pay you back. Proverbs 19:17



*Secret* PAL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Voretta McMillian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Judith Roberson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Sandy Baird

Happy Birthday !!!  
Yolanda Cutler

Happy Birthday !!  
Towanda Young-Thomas

Happy Birthday  
Joyce Young

Happy Birthday !!!  
Jacoby Paige

Happy Birthday !!  
Kailyn Young -Thomas



Capleville Church Family





## Keep-In-Touch

Please keep in touch with your church family members who do not have access to the internet. You can send a card or make a phone call. A list of your Capleville members who do not have access to the internet is below\*:

- Nell Cline ..... Silver Creek Senior Living Community  
6650 Crumpler #333 ..... Olive Branch, MS 38654 ..... 662-895-8952
- Peggy Cole ..... 5936 Snowden Run ..... Southaven, MS 38972 ..... 662-890-1861
- Dorothy Edwards ..... 6737 Regency Park Cir. N. .... Memphis, TN 38115 ..... 901-369-7480
- Shepherd Harkness ... 7008 Apple Creek Dr. .... Memphis, TN 38125 ..... 901-737-4841
- Margaret Hill ..... 8236 Tulip Rose Dr. .... Memphis, TN 38125 ..... 901-774-4917
- Billie Lawson ..... Azalea Nursing Center  
530 Hall St. .... Wiggins, MS 39577 ..... N/A
- Mary Owen ..... c/o Lisa Gallagher  
2240 Shrewsbury ..... Collierville, TN 38017 ..... 901-753-5641
- Tommie Reed ..... 6301 Village Dr. #114 ..... Memphis, TN 38115 ..... 901-518-1623
- Anthony Williams ..... 9305 Stateline #206 ..... Olive Branch, MS 38654 ..... 901-864-7865

\* If an applicable name has been missed, please let me know [flowalk@bellsouth.net](mailto:flowalk@bellsouth.net) or 901-754-5921.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.**

*Mary McLeod Bethune*

**Worship with us on Capleville UMC Face-  
book page via livestream or replay or  
Worship by phone. Our service is live-  
streamed at 11am on Sundays; and the  
playback is also available by calling  
901-522-5545.**

**Missing Sunday School Class ?  
Worship with the Faith Walkers Class at  
9:00am every Sunday morning.  
Email Shawnh Curry at  
[curryshawnh@gmail.com](mailto:curryshawnh@gmail.com)  
to get access directions.**



**“God is with us always!”**



## Homebound Members

### Florence Brown

- 2381 Howard Rd.  
Germantown, TN 39138  
901-309-6546

### Linda Crump

- 177 N. Highland  
Allen Morgan #255  
Mphs 38111

### Shepherd Harkness

7008 Apple Creek Dr.  
Memphis, TN 38125  
901-737-4841

### Billie Lawson

-Azalea Gardens Nursing  
530 Hall St.  
Wiggins, MS 39577

### Mary Owen

- c/o Lisa Gallagher  
2240 Shrewsbury  
Collierville, TN 38017  
901-753-5641

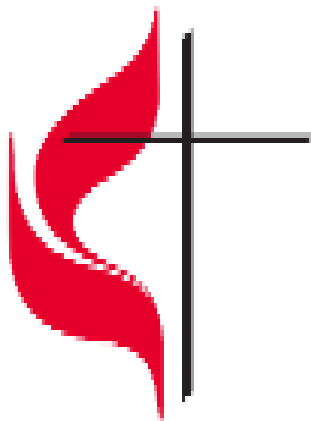


*Our Homebound & Under-the-Weather Members are unable to see you on Sunday morning. You can let them know they are missed by sending a card or placing a call. Keep them in your prayers.*

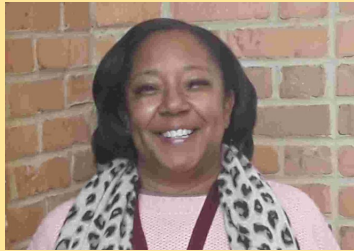
## Under-the-Weather Members

Sandy Baird - 105 McCall Dr.  
Collierville, TN 38017

Johnny Riddick -4570 Stone Park Blvd  
Olive Branch, MS 38654



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**Public Worship:** Capleville has resumed regular public worship with service starting at 11am. Use your own judgement and comfort level in wearing masks, and social distancing.



**Sunday School Classes and Small Groups:** Our leadership has decided that Sunday School Classes and Small Groups may be permitted to meet at the church in the Great Hall or the gym. Meetings must be scheduled with the church office to avoid conflicts. All participants must commit to hygiene practices, including optional mask wearing and personal judgement in social distancing, disinfecting the space used (including bathrooms) and returning any tables and chairs to the supply closet after the meeting. You may also choose to have a meeting outside the building with the same precautions taken.

**Capleville UMC Facebook:** Worship with us on the Capleville UMC Facebook or worship by phone at 11am on Sundays by calling 901-522-5545. The replay is also available throughout the week. We also send the YouTube link by email and post it on our church website.

**Liturgists Needed!** If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for the worship service, please contact Minette Michael, in the church office.

**Communion Sunday:** Communion Sunday is the 1st Sunday each month. If you are still not attending service, please visit the church office before 1st Sunday and pick-up communion elements.

**Church Office:** The church office is open Monday – Thursday 9 am – 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm. CLOSED on fifth Tuesdays. You can give to Capleville UMC anytime by going to [www.caplevilleumc.org](http://www.caplevilleumc.org), click on E-giving or by downloading the Vanco App. You can also mail or bring your offering to the church during office hours, Monday–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.

## The Laugh Zone

### Save the Lion

A big game hunter went on safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One evening, while still deep in the jungle, the wife awoke to find her mother gone. Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her. The hunter picked up his rifle, and began to look for her in the midst of the darkness. In a clearing not far from camp, they came upon a bone-chilling sight: The mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, with a large male lion standing face to face with her. The wife cried, “What are we going to do?” “Nothing,” said the husband. “The lion got himself into this mess; let him get himself out of it.”







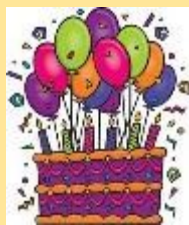
## February Ushers \*

- Feb. 4 - Voretta McMillian, Erv Walker, Shannon Ray, Robert Weathers
- Feb. 11 - Lee Nicks, Shannon Ray, Tashawn Pirela-Kassin, Erv Walker
- Feb. 18 - Dorothy Cox, Voretta McMillian, Robert Weathers, Lee Nicks
- Feb. 25 - Erv Walker, Dorothy Cox, Shannon Ray, Robert Weathers



\*If you are not available on the day you are assigned, someone will stand in for you.

## February Birthdays



Voretta McMillian .....	1st
Joyce Young .....	6th
Kailyn Young Thomas .....	9th
Sandy Baird .....	18th
Towanda Young-Thomas .....	18th
Yolanda Cutler .....	19th
Jacoby Paige .....	25th
Judith Roberson .....	26th

## Every Day is Prayer Day

### Sending up Special Prayers for:



- Sandy Baird
- Jack & Diane Cardwell
- Mary Ann Coleman & Family
- Bev Compton
- Eason-Williams Family
- Pastors Harry & Debbie Mathewson
- Jim Overman
- Dick Pilbeam
- Rita Pirela
- Johnny Riddick & Family
- Judith Roberson
- Vicki Sanders
- Pastor Andy Thompson & Family
- Robert Weathers
- Diana Wilson Lambert

God is with us, always !

Jesus Wept

Jesus Loves Me,  
This I Know

All He asks us to  
do is Love each

Jesus is Love

Worship on YOUTUBE  
or in-person 11am

Join Zoom Sunday School  
9:00am



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3 Tech- ForAll Class
4 Faith Walkers Zoom Sun Sch 9: 00a - Worship by Facebook or attend 11am Worship  <b>Communion</b>	5 Church Ofc. Open 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs	6 - Food Pantry 11a-1p  - Hums Mtg	7 Choir Practice	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 Faith Walk- ers Zoom Sun Sch 9: 00a - Facebook or attend worship 11am svc  <b>Super Bowl</b>	12 Church Ofc. Open 9a -2pm Mon-Thurs	13 Food Pantry 11a-1p  Rosebuds Mtg	 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
18 Faith Walkers Zoom Sun Sch 9: 00a - Facebook or attend 11a worship svc	19 Church Ofc. Open 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs	20- Food Pantry 11a-1p	21 Choir Practice	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 <b>UMM Monthly Meeting</b>
25 Faith Walkers Zoom Sun Sch 9: 00a - Worship by Facebook or attend 11am Worship	26 Church Office open 9a-2p	27 Food Pantry 11a-1p	28 Choir Practice	29 Leap Year		