



Prayer List

Heartfelt sympathy to: the families of Richard Culpepper, Jacqueline Roberts, Claire Williams and Gary O Bullock on the death of their loved ones.

Prayers for: Ben Gordon, Karen Howson, the family of Bo Baker, Ashlyn Hovey, Trey Carter, Leslie Pair (Midway), James (Jamie) Wood, Tom Pohl (Jan & Dave Reynolds son in law), Alysa Stogner, Joan Nelson, David Perry, Ernest & Doris McClendon, Delaney Jackson, Bob Stone, Sally Arnett, (Wil Arnett’s mother), Ted & Brenda McMillian, Laura Hutchinson (friends of Wil & Cathy Arnett), Kathy & Billy Pardue (Robin Newman’s sister & brother in law), pray for our church and her future, Mary Jane Denny Goodson, Carmen & Jimmy Pope, Linda Aitken, Mary Jo Brooks, Buddy Farmer (Charlotte Shackelford’s brother), June Sorrells, Shaun Maddox, Shields Upchurch, Jo McGuire (Jerry Eady’s sister), Beverly & David Parkman, John Trawick, Kevin Ayers, George Archibald, Joe Kroll, Jackie Todd, Greg Lavendar.

Our military and their families: Tyron Sneddon (Kay & David Mecklin’s son-in-law), Chris Hamil, Kevin Ayers, Jonathan Wilbanks, Jason Preston (Harry Preston’s nephew), Dylan & Becca Wood, Matt Landon, Davis Marlar, Robert Geiger, Clayton Couch, Austin Walls, Rob Bennett, Scott McClendon.

Those serving in the mission field: Joy and Wes Griffin, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins, Cameron Teems (Glenda Banks grandson missionary training) Bishop David Thagana, Timothy Thagana (Strong Tower Orphanage & Glory Outreach Assembly, Kenya), Will & Ella Faircloth, our community, our nation and our world around us

Please notify the church office of any changes.

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
Who worship passionately, love sacrificially and witness boldly.

March 3 2024 ▪ 11 a.m. ▪ Third Sunday in Lent

During Lent, the voice of God calls to each of us with these words, ‘Come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion’. Tempted as we might to give up on others and even ourselves, when we feel our Lenten promises are producing no fruit, God never gives up on each of us. God calls us by our name and waits, and waits.



Attendance & Offering

As of 02/25/2024

Attendance:

Sunday School	137
11 Worship	231

Offering:

Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 192,512.48
Year to Date Expenses	\$112,034.92

Pledges 2024

82 received	\$563,296.00
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Church Staff.

Call on us if we can serve you in any way! 770-832-7069

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The Hand on the Plow

Dr. Joel Snider

Luke 9: 57-62

Jesus is heading for Jerusalem, after all. He is going to die in Jerusalem. So he’s looking for someone to take with Him, someone to join the inner circle, someone to whom He can give the keys to His office after He checks out. They could have been heroes. They could have been followers. But they chose instead to be mere admirers. —Mark R. Feldmeir

The Vision of First Methodist of Carrollton:

A congregation in which anyone and everyone can
Connect with Christ ~**Grow** in Faith ~ and
Serve ~ more and more fully in the Spirit of Jesus

Order of Worship

March 3, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome & Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

People: We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses

Leader: He has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.

People: Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Leader: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

✠ProceSSIONAL Hymn #478 *Lead on, O King Eternal*

✠The Confession #730

✠Greet Friends

✠Hymn #46 *How Firm a Foundation (V 1, 2, 4)*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Ancient Word*

Offertory Prayer

✠Doxology #682 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Scripture Lesson Luke 9:57-62

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Hand on the Plow"

Holy Communion

✠Hymn of Response #572 *Amazing Grace (V 1, 2, 4)*

Life of the Church

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

✠ Congregation standing as you are able

Acolytes: Hutch Jennings, Camp Jennings

Ushers: Randy & Julie Sisson, Ben & Pam Gordon, Dennis Albright

Greeters: Dennis Albright, Terry Jones

Tracy Rainwater

Anne Ball

Dr. Joel Snider

Randy Sisson

Dr. Joel Snider

Pat Reynolds

Dr. Joel Snider

Tracy Rainwater

Julie Sisson

Dr. Joel Snider

Dr. Joel Snider

Dr. Joel Snider

Tracy Rainwater



March is Mission Madness Month in the GLOW Kids Ministry.

Today's mission project benefits JoJo's Closet - a place for foster families to receive clothes for children who are in foster care. Today's Pajama Jam allowed GLOW Kids the opportunity to learn about foster care, wear pj's and donate a pair of pj's to JoJo's closet!!

3/17 - Wear Green!

3/24 - Meet in the Gathering Room at 10:45. Children will walk into the 11:00 worship service together waving palm branches.

3/24 - Easter Egg Hunt begins at 4:00 - Smokerise Subdivision Park - 175 Mink Hollow Drive

VBS 2024 - Save the Date and Pray now for all those involved. June 24 - 26, 4:00 - 6:30PM



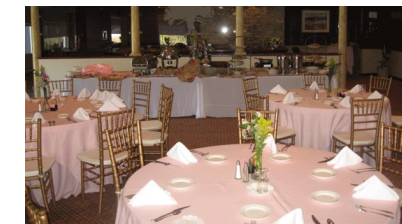
Butterflies for Easter!!

March 3, last Day to order your caterpillars. Be sure to fill out an order form (pink papers located around the church) and return to the church office.



Easter Egg Donation

Easter Egg Hunt is March 24! Please donate empty or filled eggs in collections bins around the church!



Prime Timers Lunch

March 20 at 12 noon

Meet at Sunset Hills Country Club

Cost \$10 per person, call the church office to make your reservation.



Lenten Lunches Feb 28-March 20

Sponsored by Carrollton Ministerial Alliance

each Wednesday at noon At St. Margaret's Episcopal Church sanctuary sack lunch to follow in the Iona Center

March Circle Meeting



The Jackie Preston Fellowship Circle will meet in the Gathering Room, Wednesday, March 6, at 2:00. All women of the church are invited to attend. The meeting usually lasts about an hour to an hour and a half and always begins with a devotional followed by a short business session and a program. The guest speaker for March is Delores Clark, real estate broker with Georgia West Realty.



All in One QR Code: Scan the QR code to record your attendance, send a prayer request, sign up for text messages from the church, and give online. Network: Cfmc-guest password: Cfmc#206

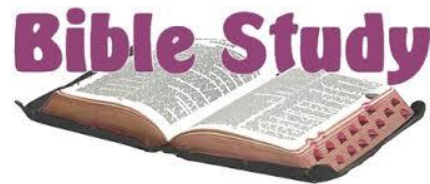


Sadie Ruth Barrett Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors, applications are available outside the church office and the sanctuary. Application is due April 1. All requirements are included in application



Open Hands serves approximately 200 families in our community each week. At the present time, there is a tremendous need for peanut butter, non-condensed soup, canned meat, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Please put your donations in the white bins located at the side entrances. Thank you for your support of this community ministry.



SOULISH VICTORY bible study

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
At the home of Merritt Lane, 112 Sunset Court

The Wesleyan Way by Scott Jones

An 8-week bible study beginning March 3
10 AM Sunday mornings In the Covenant Sunday school class

Pastoral Search Committee Motion,

Carrollton First Administrative Council Meeting 2/19/2024

We propose forming a Pastoral Search Committee tasked with considering and recommending a pastoral candidate to the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) by the process defined in the Doctrines and Discipline. Establishing the Pastoral Search Committee is designed to create a transparent, thorough, and prayerful process in selecting the next pastor to guide and shepherd our congregation.

The Pastoral Search Committee shall work as an ad hoc committee under the SPRC and present a pastoral candidate for consideration and recommendation to the SPRC. After approval by the SPRC, the pastoral candidate shall be presented for consideration and recommendation, including the salary/benefit package, to the Church Conference as defined in Paragraph 336g in the Doctrines and Discipline.

The proposed Pastoral Search Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Travis Studdard - Chair
2. Anne Ball
3. Bart Stone
4. Jill Pierce
5. Woody Cole
6. Sandra Huey
7. Galen Hobbs
8. Gini Reeve
9. Thompson Lewis
10. Tricia Costley

These members have been selected based on their dedication to our church community, their commitment to the values and mission of our church, and their ability to represent our congregation's diverse perspectives and needs. Working with the Center for Healthy Churches, the responsibilities of the Pastoral Search Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitating meetings and discussions to discern the congregation's spiritual direction and leadership needs.
- Collaborating with the Staff Parish Relations and Finance Committee to develop a competitive salary and benefits package for the selected candidate.
- Review and assess potential pastor candidates based on established criteria and qualifications.
- Conducting interviews and reference checks to thoroughly evaluate candidates.
- Presenting a recommended pastor candidate to the SPRC for approval.

We believe forming this committee will honor our commitment to discerning God's will for our congregation and selecting a pastor who will make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love sacrificially and witness boldly.