

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
March 12-March 18, 2017

### *“Forgive Us, We Pray”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, our first Sunday in Lent, we shared Holy Communion as a family of faith. During the Confession and Pardon, we prayed:

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

These powerful words remind me of the following message shared by Ann Weems in her book *From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light*. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well.

*Forgive our busyness that makes us turn away from this war-pocked world. Forgive our divisiveness that they might say of us again: “How those Christians love one another!” Forgive our controlling ways, our bowing down to power and wealth and greed. Forgive us for making rules we would rather follow than yours. Give us the eyes to see Jesus, the courage to stand up and speak out in His name, the love to feed the hungry, the compassion to heal the sick, the faithfulness to love mercy, the covenant stamina to do justice in your name and, O God, the humility to walk in covenant with You. During this Lenten time, give us hearts to hear your Word and give us, we pray, the only Bread and Wine we need.*

As a family of faith, may we continue to observe a holy Lent and embrace this time of self-examination and repentance. May we acknowledge the power, presence and practice of sin in our lives. May we confess our sins and humbly and gratefully receive God's gift of forgiveness. Thanks be to God for the gift of repentance and the gift of forgiveness to repentant humanity!

Journeying with you,

*Carolyn*

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8-9

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** The Rev. Dr. Christopher Perry, a pastor in our Alabama-West Florida Conference who was serving at Good News United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, passed away in his sleep Saturday night/Sunday morning, March 4/5. He was 42 years old. Please pray for his family, church family and all who grieve this earthly loss.



**Let's Spring Forward!**  
**Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before bed on Saturday, March 11th.**

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
 March 15**

**Menu:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Field Peas, Tomato Slice, Roll & Dessert  
**Program:** Spiritual Formation, Session 4

**Rummage Sale**

**Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m.** we will need mostly male volunteers to assist with moving items into the Sheppard Center. The week of **March 19-25** all volunteers will be welcome to assist with setting up and pricing from 8am-2pm. **(Only these workers will be allowed to make purchases before March 24)**  
 The annual Rummage Sale will be **March 24&25** and open to church members and staff on **Thursday, March 24**. The times will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. If you have any items to be picked up, please call Gene Holsenbeck (334-322-8791).

**Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site  
 Thursday, April 6, 2017**



The A+ Council will sponsor a trip to Tuskegee on Thursday, April 6th. We will meet at 9:00 am at the church to drive in private cars. We plan to tour the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at 10:00 am. We will have lunch (Dutch treat) at the Kellogg Center in Tuskegee followed by a tour of "The Oaks", home of Booker T. Washington at 1:30 pm. We plan to return home by 4:00 pm.  
 Please sign up in the church office by Monday, March 27th. There is no charge for the trip since the museums are under the National Park Service.

**Words of Gratitude**

Dear Whitfield Family,  
 I am greatly blessed and encouraged by the following message, which I received by email on March 6. May this message bless and encourage you, as well.  
*I just wanted to drop a note to say thank you. You don't know me personally, but I wanted to thank you and your staff for your service, commitment and love for this community. It is making an impact. Your work is bearing fruit. So, thank you! Be encouraged. You are making a difference. Keep it up.*  
 With Gratitude,  
 Erika  
 God has used, is using and will use our Whitfield family for His glory and kingdom work. Thanks be to God!  
 In Him,  
 Carolyn

**Our Email Prayer Requests**

The Prayer Request Chains for Whitfield Church have been revised! Please continue to offer intercessory prayers for those who are ill, our bereaved, and those with special requests.  
 To activate Prayer Requests by Email (NO text messages please), notify

- Martha Lee (Friday, Noon – Sunday 467-2027 or [mlee509@charter.net](mailto:mlee509@charter.net))
- Jennifer Andrews (Monday – Friday Noon 281-2467 or [whitumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:whitumc@bellsouth.net))
- Jim Vice, alternate, (Friday Noon – Sunday 354-6139 or [cjvice@charter.net](mailto:cjvice@charter.net)).

If you wish to withdraw from email notices for prayer, please notify Jennifer Andrews, Church Secretary; Martha Lee, secretary to the Church Council; or Jim Vice, Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



The flowers for March 12 are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dan Lindsey by Norma Prater.

**Attendance March 5, 2017**

Sunday School 62 Morning Worship 116

<b>WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS</b>		<b>Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs</b>
<b>Sunday, March 12—Daylight Savings Begins</b>		
Worship Service	8:15 a.m.	3/22 - NO WNS (Rummage Sale)
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	3/29 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 5
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.	4/5 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 6
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.	4/12 - NO WNS (Holy Week)
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	4/19 - Resurrection Celebration
Handbell Practice	4:00 p.m.	4/26 - Al Smith, Renaissance
UMYF	5:00 p.m.	
When Helping Hurts Study ( <b>Susie Peach</b> )	5:00 p.m.	
<b>Monday, March 13</b>		<i><u>In Sympathy</u></i>
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Ena "Mike" Gafford upon her death on Thursday, March 2, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>		<i><u>In Memoriam</u></i>
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	Ena Mae "Mike" Gafford
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.	April 26, 1925-March 2, 1917
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>		<i><u>In Sympathy</u></i>
Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.	We extend our sincere sympathies to Daisy & Elmer Stelk upon the death of Daisy's sister Mary Mellott on Friday, March 3, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland.
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday Night Supper Program	5:30 p.m.	
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.	
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.	
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>		
Personnel Testing	7:00 a.m.	
Romans Study ( <b>Davis Martin</b> )	10:00 a.m.	
Romans Study ( <b>Library</b> )	5:30 p.m.	
<b>Friday, March 17</b>		<b>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS</b>
Personnel Testing	7:00 a.m.	Cereal, Jelly, Canned Veggies and Canned Fruit.
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>		
Lay Leaders Training	9:30 a.m.	

## You Are In Our Prayers!!

### **Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Elmer Rogers, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Joan Rodgers, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Bill Fischer, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Jay Byrd, Thursa Brown, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester

### **Home Bound Members (in-town)**

Lois Payne, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson

### **Home Bound Members (out of town)**

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

### **Friends of Whitfield**

*Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Doug Estes, Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, Mac Macready, Darlene Fox, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Molly Nelson Brantley, Susannah Jones Cleveland, Jerri Reed, Jack Behm, Philip Landry*

### **Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.**

**Note:** Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail (whitumc@bellsouth.net) All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*

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**Church Office Hours:**

8:15-12:30 and 1:30-4:15, M-Th

8:15-12:30 p.m. Friday

**Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**

### **Worship Assistants - March 12 (2nd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,  
Jeannie Anderson, Brownie Brown

**Counters:** Carl Stevenson,  
Steve Duffee

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen,  
Patty Macreay