



ASHBURN, GA FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

The Flame

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Worship Times

Sunday
9:00am – Sycamore
11:00am – Ashburn
Wednesday
6:00pm – Ashburn/ Social Hall

FOLLOW, LOVE, SERVE

From the Pastor.....

Psalm 100:5 - "For the LORD is good; His loving kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations."

The kindness and faithfulness of God is never more evident than when we are at our weakest moments. We have seen God work in amazing ways these last few weeks. Across denominational, socioeconomic, racial, and cultural boundaries the Body of Christ has joined hands, hearts and actions. The Ashburn/Sycamore Circuit has been sharing God's love as faithful followers of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors and serve our community in response to the recent tornado events in our area.

We have all witnessed people working "above and beyond the call of duty" to help those in need. Ashburn First UMC and our sister church Sycamore UMC have been part of the recovery efforts in Turner County. The Missions Committee has been faithfully leading in efforts to organize how our churches can most effectively collect and distribute the resources donated to relief efforts. Prayer teams have

met to lift the victims and recovery teams before the very throne of Grace in prayer. Ashburn First UMC has created the means for financial assistance to be used by the Southwest District and Turner County. God is working, being kind and faithful, through His faithful people.

There is an old hymn that comes to mind as I sit to type this article for The Flame. You might remember it, "Count Your Blessings." Two verses chorus say this:

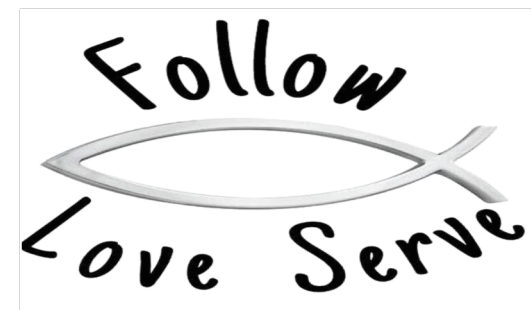
*When upon life's billows you are
tempest-tossed, when you are
discouraged, thinking all is lost, count
your blessings, name them one by
one, and it will surprise you what the
Lord has done.*

*Are you ever burdened with a load of
care? Does the cross seem heavy
you are called to bear? Count your
many blessings every doubt will fly,
and you will keep singing as the days
go by.*

*Count your blessings name them one
by one, count your blessings see
what God has done! Count your
many blessings name them one by
one, and it will surprise you what the
Lord has done!*

I count myself blessed to
serve in ministry with you!

Blessings, Carrie



Our Mission

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the wo



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| Annie Ruth Hopkins | Cary Wood | Mindy Preston |
| Bill Stone | Aubrey Brock | Farrell Brown |
| Steven Young | George Brown | Sherry Whiddon |
| Vera Hobby | Jack Greene | Sylvia Rogers |
| Dolores Gamaras | Bonnie Brown | Darlene Connell |
| Bill Gilbrid | Hazel Hennings | Barbara Wood |
| Willie Joyner | Beverly North | Raymond Adams |
| Teresa Brooks | Laura Holt | Helen Williford |
| Kirsten Lyerly | Christine Brown | Kitty Risher |
| Bill Ivie | Sara Johnson | Carlene Penney |
| Patsy Brown | Gerry Foltz | Joann Shivers |
| Ruth Tanner | Jerry Spike | Preston Wells |
| Larry Dalrymple | Billy Davison | Phyllis Landis |
| Cliff Gibbs | Sybil Hill | Mary Blackwell |
| Stephanie Hortman | Hellyn Jordan | Donna Duke |
| Evelyn Pankratz | Kari Collins | Bill McCann |
| Amy Harrell | Bussey Coker | |
| Tornado Victims | | |

DID YOU KNOW???????

Did you know that in order to give to the building fund, above your normal tithes and offerings, you should designate your financial gift? Our Trustees are working hard to keep our building in good working order.

FINANCIAL

2017 Budget -	\$
Needed to date:	\$
Received General:	\$10704.19
Received Building:	\$1635
Needed weekly:	\$
Average weekly:	\$

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Jesus Christ. Phillipans 4:19

Stewardship Corner

The Finance Committee at Ashburn First UMC will meet during February. The Committee covets your prayers as they work to prepare the proposed budget for 2017. Pray that the wisdom and discernment of the Holy Spirit will pour over them. As always, thank you for your faithful and generous giving as we continue in ministry efforts to Share God’s love as faithful followers of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors and serve our community.



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 - Make one-time contributions
- View your online giving history

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Here is the QR code for our online giving, if you are a tech savy person

February Happenings

February 1st – WNL Family Trivia Night

February 7th – Staff @ 10:30

Youth/Children @ 6:30

UMW @ 7:00

February 15th – The Herald's @ 12:00

February 21st – UMM –

Jeff McDaniel

February 18th – Youth Sweetheart Night, Dinner & Show, @ 6:30

February 23rd – UMW

February 27th – NST @ 6:00

February 28th – Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 6:00pm

March Happenings

March 1st – Ash Wednesday Supper

March 7th – Staff @ 10:30

UMW @ 7:00

March 9th – New Room Conference

March 13th – Finance and Admin Board meeting

March 15th – The Herald's

March 21st - UMM

Ushers & Greeters 2017

If you are interested in being an Usher or Greeter on Sunday mornings there is a calendar sign up sheet on the back information table. As our church grows so do our needs. Thank you for serving Ashburn First UMC!

UMM – UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM held their monthly meeting on January 17th. They were treated to a delicious fish fry, which is always a big hit. Lee Cleghorn, with Cleghorn Financial Operations, was the guest speaker. He spoke about various deductions and the importance of serving our community and being a strong role model for our youth.

In February, Turner County Superintendent of Schools Jeff McDaniel will be the guest speaker on February 21st. Also, in February, the men will be providing pancakes and sausage at the church wide Fat Tuesday celebration, which is scheduled to be on February 28th.

Exciting things are happening with the Methodist Men! Come join us on the third Tuesday of every month!!

UMW – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW night group will meet Tuesday, February 7th @ 7:00pm at the home of Beverly North. The UMW day group will meet Thursday, February 23rd @ 10:00am in the Church office. Ladies you are invited to be part of our UMW. Join us during either of these meetings as we move forward in 2017 as faithful followers of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors and serve our Community!



Music – by Debbie Conner

I can hardly believe that January is over for the year 2017! We started the year with the addition of some very valuable voices. It excites me to see our choir grow. Actually, I value each member of the chancel choir as they serve the Lord each Sunday by using the talents with which they have been blessed. The months of February and March will be dedicated to our routine rehearsals as well as adding rehearsal time for the Easter Celebration. We will be present this cantata on April 2nd during the morning worship service. It isn't too late to join us for this special time of celebration.

Out of curiosity, I did a web search on reasons a choir is valuable to a service of worship. Listed below are a few of these reasons. Please ponder them, pray for choir members and then perhaps consider joining our choir.

1. The choir encourages the congregation with songs that function as prayers or exultation in worship.
2. The choir is also a great encouragement to the worship leaders! (Pastor Carrie mentions this often!)
3. The choir can be an outreach tool for the church in the community.
4. The choir provides a life-long opportunity for people to serve the Lord.
5. The choir assists in the weekly worship service as well as provides seasonal musical worship services.

Practice starts at 7:15 each week. As I've mentioned numerous times before, we have a Fun time too!

Youth and Children at Ashburn First UMC

By Dee Cunningham, Children/Youth Director



Ashburn First United Methodist Church-February

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Jan 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 4pm - Youth -	2	3 7pm - UMW	4 6pm - Small group - 6pm - Small Group - 6pm - Wednesday 7:15pm - Choir	5	6	7
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22 Youth Retreat 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 4pm - Youth -	23	24 9:30am - Staff	25 6pm - Children's 6pm - Small group - 6pm - Small Group - 6pm - Wednesday 7:15pm - Choir	26	27	28 9am - District Day
29 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 4pm - Youth -	30	31 9:30am - Staff	1 6pm - Children's 6pm - Small group - 6pm - Small Group - 6pm - Wednesday 7:15pm - Choir	2	3	4

Ashburn First United Methodist Church-March

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Mar 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 4pm - Youth - Thrive	27 6pm - Next Step Team	28 Duane Campbell's 6pm - Fat Tuesday	1 6pm - Ash Wednesday 7:15pm - Choir Practice	2	3	4
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