

## This week at MFUMC

**HOSPITALIZED:** Joanna Berry, Jim Bohart, William O'Quinn

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Gene Jerrel, Gary Schweitzer, Cecil Warfel, Jeannine Smith

**FLOWERS:** The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian S. Nelson by Steve and Merdean Bone, Travis, Cameron, Baker and Vivian Watson and Gregg, Mary, Indy and Fiona Baker.

The flowers in the Gathering Area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Leskoven by Joan Leskoven, Jacquelyn and Brad Leskoven and Megan and Kevin Wagers.

**Today is Scout Sunday.** MFUMC has a vibrant scouting ministry for boys ages 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade through Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 277. Scouts enjoy campouts, pinewood derby, high adventure activities and more! Visit the Family Life Hall today to try your skills on the monkey bridge and enjoy a warm skillet dessert.

**The annual Sunday School Forum this morning.** Dr. Ron Greer will lead a church-wide Sunday School forum today at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The topic will be *The Path of Compassion: Living with Heart, Soul, and Mind*. (Rev. Brian Smith, ext. 840)

**Ash Wednesday** services will held be this week on February 14 at noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Maryland State Boychoir** will join us in both worship services on Sunday, February 18. This outstanding group of men and boys will be in our area participating in a festival with our the Georgia Boychoir, and will sing several anthems as part of our regular worship. (Mark Ridings, ext. 815)

**Support the Youth Missions Program** at the Annual Spaghetti Luncheon on February 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Hall. Come eat and hear about our upcoming trips to Nicaragua and Peru! (Mike Smith, ext. 808)

**The Grief Support Group** begins Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. It will meet for six consecutive weeks and is accompanied by the workbook, *Good Grief*, which will be made available at the first class meeting. The cost of the book is \$15. (Rev. Lori Ethridge, ext. 835)

### Worship Leaders

**Senior Minister:**  
Dr. Sam R. Matthews

**Associate Ministers:**  
Rev. Brian Smith  
Rev. Lori Ethridge

**Director of Music:**  
Mark Ridings

**Organist:**  
Brian Parks

**Music Associate:**  
Judy Jones

**Pianist:**  
Brenda Brent

**9 a.m. Service**  
Acolytes: Amelia Jenkins and Ben Elsey  
Bible Bearer: Luke Elsey

**11:15 a.m. Service:**  
Acolytes: Ryan McKee  
and Nathan McKee

### Join the Senior Adults:

- AARP Safe Driving Course, Monday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room 322. Registration is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members.
- *A Comedy of Tenors* at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Sunday, March 4, 1:30 p.m., Welcome Center. \$20, plus \$10 for a box lunch from Jason's Deli. (Rev. Lori Ethridge, ext. 835)

### From the Children's Ministry:

- March 8-10. Save the date for Little Lambs. Clean out your closets and get ready to sell at Little Lambs children's consignment sale! Sign up to consign and/or volunteer here, visit [www.mariettafumc.org/littlelambs](http://www.mariettafumc.org/littlelambs).
- Fuse Soccer registration is open! Ages 3K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Spring is coming, and it's time to play outside with our most popular sport. The season begins March 11. Sign up at [www.mariettafumc.org/fusesports](http://www.mariettafumc.org/fusesports). (Kelly Duncan, ext. 812)

**MFUMC Weekday Ministry Preschool and Kindergarten registration** is underway for the 2018/2019 school year. Weekday provides a loving, warm, and exciting learning environment for children ages one through five. Visit [www.mariettafumc.org/weekday](http://www.mariettafumc.org/weekday) to learn more and to set up a tour. (Nancy Tatnall ext. 842)

**Lent Bible Study: Gospel of John.** During the season of Lent, Rev. Brian Smith and Rev. Lori Ethridge are joint teaching a Bible Story on the Gospel of John. The class begins Wednesday, February 21. You may register for either morning or evening sessions (10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.) at [www.mariettafumc.org/lent](http://www.mariettafumc.org/lent). (Rev. Brian Smith, ext. 840)



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### THE PATH OF COMPASSION

Recently I ran across an old clipping about air traffic at the Peachtree-DeKalb Airport. As one might guess, the airport authorities receive a number of complaints about noise, the altitude of some planes on their approach, and other issues associated with a busy airport and a congested community. I imagine that most of the complaints arise when a plane tries to take off or land when the scores are being announced, when the newborn finally drops off to sleep, or when the final Jeopardy answer is revealed.

In the month in question, authorities had received some eight-hundred complaints, but the surprise was that over six hundred of the calls were made by just two people! One fellow called over four hundred fifty times and another over two hundred times! That means that the first fellow called every half-hour in an eight hour day and the second fellow called every forty-five minutes. That's incredible! That's tenacity! That's persistence! That's.... silly. And sad.

The callers in question would have benefitted a great deal with some time with Dr. Ron Greer, our guest this morning during the Sunday School hour. Ron, who has been our guest here before, is a United Methodist minister and director of the Pastoral Counseling Service at the Peachtree Road UMC. He is the author of a number of books (*Now That They Are Grown*, *Markings on the Windowsill*, and *If You Know Who You Are, You'll Know What To Do*), and undoubtedly you have heard me quote from those works from the pulpit.

In his latest book, Ron makes the point that we can learn compassion through some intentional choices and he leads us through the process of making those choices ("I have to think, discern, and decide. Then I have to act."). For those of us who think compassion is determined by heredity, the attitudes of those whom we encounter, or merely dependent upon the situations which confront us, his insistence that our own decisions are causative is a great break-through.

I hope you'll join me and the various Sunday School classes this Sunday in the sanctuary at 10:10. In a world of great stress and far too many moving parts, Dr. Greer's words will be a healing balm. I'll see you there.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 11, 2018 • Transfiguration Sunday (*White*)

*†Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES (8:55 am & 11:10 am)

Dr. Sam R. Matthews

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Smith

Leader: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

**All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

**All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him!”**

PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” (*arr. Ron Mallory*)

Handbell Choir

*The ringing of the bell three times symbolizes the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

INTROIT (9:00) “I’m Gonna Sing and Shout” (*Traditional Spiritual*)

Carol Choir

(11:15) “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (*Murry/White*)

Chancel Choir

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881

The Apostles’ Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* universal*

†GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

GREATOREX

**All: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

ANTHEM (9:00) “Come Feel the Joy” (*Robert Leaf*)

Carol Choir

(11:15) “The Light of God’s Love” (*Mark Burrows*)

Chorister Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Dr. Matthews

ANTHEM “Make Our Church One Joyful Choir” (*Jonathan Crutchfield*)

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Lori Ethridge

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Song Without Words” (*Kevin McChesney*)

Handbell Choir

*(11:15) Choir members who sang in the 9:00 service may choose to leave during the Doxology.*

†DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:2-9 (*New Testament, p. 54*)

(9:00) Forrest Krivsky

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

(11:15) Charlie Ervin

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“FOR THY WERE TERRIFIED”

Dr. Matthews

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN NO. 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

ELLACOMBE

COMMISSIONING OF THE ETHIOPIA MISSION TEAM (11:15)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

(9:00)

“Irish Blessing” (*Austin Lovelace*)

Carol Choir

(11:15)

“Amen” (*Jonathan Crutchfield*)

Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G minor” (*J.S. Bach*)

Organist

**GIFTS TO MFUMC:** In memory of Mary Wilson by Karen & Allen Hirons, Janice Harrison, Ann & Wilder Little, Gretchen Vaughan, Judith Bullard, Cheryl & Ronnie Myrick, Michael Rohner and Patsy & Hylton Dupree.

In memory of Bill Matthews by Billie & Micky Blackwell.

In memory of Glenn Graham by Gretchen Vaughan.



*Holy Communion served in the Latimer Chapel at 10:00 a.m.*