OUT OF THE HOSPITAL: Steve Norris, Joanna Berry, Delinda Kilgore, Ed Allen, Diane Burkett, Ken McDaniel, Linda McMinnon

FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Hodges by Madeline and Fred Knox and family.

SYMPATHY: To Delores Wilkinson at the death of her mother.

There will be a called Charge Conference before the Church Council meeting tomorrow, January 22 for the purpose of electing our 2018 Church Lay Leadership.

Save three lives: Give blood next Sunday, January 28 from 8 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in the Family Life Hall. Red Cross blood supplies are critically low and every pint donated can potentially save three lives. Sign up to donate at www.redcrossblood.com and enter sponsor code mfumc. (Forrest Cate, ext. 806)

Books for Ethiopia: Help support an orphanage in Ethiopia by donating new or gently used books to their library. Our mission team will be taking the books on an upcoming trip. Donation bins are located at the Welcome Center Reception Desk. To learn about the books we need, visit www.mariettafumc.org/books. (Forrest Cate, ext. 806)

From the Youth Ministry: Today is our Fusion Worship Kick-Off at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Hall! Tonight will be full of food, games, and prayer! Jessica Ferguson will be bringing the message as we begin our semester talking about Transformation (Mike Smith, ext. 808)

UMW Presents: An Evening of Women’s Fellowship, Thursday, February 8, 6-8:30 p.m. Benefits Wellspring Living and will feature Mary Frances Bowley (Wellspring Living’s Executive Director) and the Georgia Tech Glee Club. Individual tickets are $30, and tables of eight are $225. For more information and to buy your tickets, visit www.umwatt.org. (Rev. Lori Ethridge, ext. 835)

Help restock the MFUMC food pantry during the month of January. Collection bins will be located at the elevators. For a list of items most needed, visit www.mariettafumc.org/food. (Forrest Cate, ext. 806)

Sign up to help MFUMC work with Park Street Elementary on Friday, January 20 to strengthen its science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program. You will not be required to lead and do not need a background in science. Visit www.mariettafumc.org/STEM to learn more and sign up. (Forrest Cate, ext. 806)

Join the Senior Adults in visiting Pitts Library at Emory University to view the exhibit, “Religion of the Heart: John Wesley and the Legacy of Methodism in America.” We will depart at 11am on Friday, February 9 from the Folk Street lot and eat lunch at Everybody’s in the Emory Village prior to our docent led tour. Rev. Lori Ethridge, ext. 853.

The Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentines Dances will be Friday, February 9 (Dads and Daughters) and Saturday, February 10 (Moms and Sons), both from 6-8 p.m. Dance the night away with your special guy or gal. Cost is $10/person and includes DJ, photo booth, appetizers, flowers and a candy buffet. (Kelly Duncan, ext. 812)

March 8-10. Save the date for Little Lambs. Clean out your closets and get ready to sell at Little Lambs consignment sale! Sale dates are: March 8-10; sign up to consign and/or volunteer here, visit www.mariettafumc.org/littl lambs. (Kelly Duncan, ext. 812)

STORIES

In the early 2000s, National Public Radio had the idea to capture, preserve, and share some of the stories of everyday people from all backgrounds and beliefs. To do so, they developed a programming entitled STORYCORPS. NPR invited people to come and share their experience of life through the medium of interview and radio. STORYCORPS was born in October of 2003 with the opening of a Story Booth in Grand Central Terminal in New York City. Anyone was welcome to come and record a 40-minute interview. The project has expanded and, to this day, they have recorded thousands of interviews. The goal of STORYCORPS is to remind one another of our shared humanity, to strengthen and build the connections between people, to teach the value of listening, and to weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that everyone’s story matters. Some of our church members have even gone to record their story. If you have listened to the program before, then you know that some of the stories will make you laugh, some will make you cry, and some will inspire you.

I love this practice of telling and archiving stories, and we thought it might be a worthwhile venture that we could try in the church. So, we set up a story booth at the church, and we invited anyone to share their stories of how God has been at work in their lives and in the church. We collected about 40 stories on film and we look forward to sharing them with you over the coming months. God is at work in our church and these story booth episodes are evidence of that. We will publish a short video every other week in email and online, and I encourage you to take a moment and watch each one. Some of the stories will make you smile and some might cause you to shed a tear, but most of all they will remind you of how God’s redeeming, unfaithing grace is at work in our church.

Finally, if you did not have the opportunity to share a story, please look for it again this coming fall.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
January 21, 2018 • Third Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)
*Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES (8:55 am & 11:10 am)
Dr. Sam R. Matthews

INVITATION TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 62
Rev. Lori Ethridge
Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, All: for my hope is from God.
Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
All: I shall not be shaken.
Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
All: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Prelude
Chorale Prelude on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (J. Ryan Garber)
The ringing of the bell three times symbolizes the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

INTROIT “Gracious God, I Come Before Thee” (Joachim Neander)
Chancel Choir

†PROCESIONAL HYMN No. 578 “God of Love and God of Power” UNSER HERRSCHER

†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 “Sing a New Song” (Schütz/Jennings) Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Dr. Matthews

†HYMN No. 398 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE
(11:15) Choir members who sang in the 9:00 service may choose to leave during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Rev. 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 Little “Fugue in G Minor” (J.S. Bach) Organist

†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 1:14-20 New Testament, p. 42

SERMON “A CALL WORTHY OF THEIR LIVES” Rev. Brian Smith

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN No. 396 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

†Benediction

†CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be with You till We Meet Again” (Hymnal No. 672) Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (Dieterich Buxtehude) Organist


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