

# First United Methodist Church

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Join us for worship  
this Sunday and invite a  
friend!

Informal Cokesbury Service  
8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service  
10:55 a.m. - Sanctuary

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my  
name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20

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“Making a Difference in the Heart of Troy”

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As the saying goes, “Words cannot express” what we feel about this church, the time we have shared our music here, and the beautiful expression of your love which was shown to us on Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon with speeches, gifts, flowers, and a reception beyond words! In this limited space, let us say that we hope you know our joy in being on the church staff and working among you. You are a special and caring congregation, and we wish for you the best in years to come. We will enjoy staying with you and participating in other capacities in the church, with our first love being the music program. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this wonderful day, including all who attended in spite of the freezing weather.

Love, Jerry and Lyra

## Within the Church Family

### Remember in Prayer

Willetta Hatcher, Rhae Swisher, Fran Ford, Phyllis Rollins, Joe Fagiolo, Ron Sutton, Ralph Ford, Burton Green, Erin "EB" Johnson, Norma Wood, Johnny Stroud, Nina Kieras, Jeannie Marie Sanders, Chris Wade, Zac Etheridge, Angela Smith, Kaye Stinson, LaMena Browning, Mike Welty, Helton Fowler, Carla Guthrie, Robert and Dovie Crapps, Mae Penn, Bill Blount, Amy Spurlock, George Bennett, Riley Stewart, Bob Goins, Dale Griffin, Becky Wallace, Leo Tatum, Hubert Davis, Joanne Bentley, Stacy Smith, Rex Grant, Trudy Healy, Jim Terry, Dena Rogers, Alex Morgan, Robert Grice, our "adopted" solders (Donal Dunbar, James Petry) and our nation and leaders.

**\*Just a reminder...If you add a name to the prayer list please call the church office with updates on their condition or if they need to be removed from the list.**

### Words of Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who helped provide Christmas for the children in DHR's care. Christmas was made a lot brighter for several children because of your generous giving.

The Outreach Committee

Thanks to the Chancel Choir for the Call to Worship and the anthem last Sunday, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

➡ Our mission emphasis this month is Troy's Salvation Army. We will be receiving non-perishable food items and paper products for their food pantry as well as monetary donations to assist their clients. Collections boxes for food/paper products are located in the Fellowship Hall and in the Annie B. Green classroom.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Sunday, January 17

Informal Cokesbury Service .....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Refreshments .....10:40 a.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal .....10:40 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Children's Council Meeting .....4:00 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting .....6:00 p.m.  
Jr. and Sr. High MYF .....5:30 p.m.  
The Common Meal .....6:30 p.m.

### Monday, January 18

Boy Scouts .....6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 19

Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) .....6:15 a.m.  
UMW Circle B Meeting (Conference Room) ...10:00 a.m.  
A Covenant Group (Conference Room) .....12:00 p.m.  
Juvenile Redirection Program (Youth Room) ...6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 20

After School FaithWeaver Friends Program .....3:00 p.m.  
Preschool Friends.....4:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Meal.....5:00 p.m.

(Menu: Hook's BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Beverages)

Children's Handbells (Choir Room) .....5:45 p.m.  
Helping Hands Ministry .....6:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, January 21

Young at Heart Luncheon .....12:00 noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous.....7:00 p.m.

📣 Just a Reminder...

### Sunday, January 17

**Nursery:** Judy Creek  
**Preschool Volunteer:** Jane Segars  
**K-2nd Grades:** Elly Reeves  
**3rd-5th Grades:** Trish McVay  
**Children's Church:** Elly Reeves/Jennifer Giles

### Sunday, January 24

**Nursery:** Carol Spurlock  
**Preschool Volunteer:** Needed  
**K-2nd Grades:** Jennifer Dunn  
**3rd-5th Grades:** Trish McVay  
**Children's Church:** Richelle Jefcoat/Kerry Loflin

# It's As Easy As ABC

This New Year let's all remember our alphabet!

Avoid negative people, places, things and habits.

Believe in yourself.

Care enough about yourself to be the best you can be.

Don't give up and don't give in.

Enjoy life today: yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.

Family and friends are hidden treasures. Spend time with them and enjoy their riches.

Give to others and express gratitude to those who give to you.

Hold onto your dreams! They belong to you.

Ignore those who try to discourage you.

Just do it!

Keep on trying. No matter how hard it may seem, it will be worth the effort.

Live, love, and experience life!

Make it happen! No excuses.

Never lie, cheat, or steal. Always strive to be fair.

Open your heart, mind, and eyes...see things as they really are.

Practice patience and send positive messages to children and other loved ones.

Quietly reflect upon each day and think positive thoughts.

Read, study, and learn about everything life has to offer.

Stop procrastinating.

Take control of your own thoughts.

Visualize success!

You are unique - celebrate your uniqueness!

Zero in on your goals and go for it!