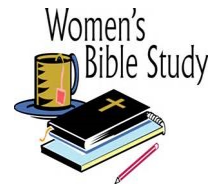


The Messenger

COMING IN JANUARY

Bold, Brave, Bodacious Women of the New Testament

A bible study lead by Reverend Vicki on the following Thursdays, 10:30am—12noon.



**January 7, 21 February 4, 18 March 3, 17, 31
April 7, 21 May 5**

EACH MEETING IS A STAND ALONE LESSON.

PLEASE COME AS YOU ARE ABLE!

PRAYER LIST

Church Members

Alexander Ahendwah
Bill Freeman
Susie Hardin
Pearl Harrelson
Wanda Henry
Tosca Oxford
Carolyn Price
Paulette Rouse
Mary Ann Ward

Friends & Family

Alice Brady
Susan Castillo
The Cox Family
Chelle Paige Harris
Jeffery Henry
Sylvia Hodges
Suzette Reeves
Barry, Elana, Melanie,
Nicole and Amir Rowell
Todd Sinclair
Kerri Strobelt
Sam Tello
Betty von Demfange
Jackie Ward & family
Sandra Williams
Jane Willingham
Clay Zupp, Sr.
Wanda Adams
Jerry & Juanita Aldredge

Shut-ins

Jean Cowden
Zoe Dixon
Skeeter Faulkner
Evelyn Glover
Lavene Grant
Dot Hale
Pearl Harrelson
Harry & Laura Leigh Hicks
Bobbie & Jake Longino
Verna Mills
Jewell Moore
Caroline Rowley



**Our deepest sympathy
to the families of
Mickey King
who died on
December 22nd and
Scott Brown (grandson
of Cecil and Frances
Brown) who died on
December 29th.
Martha & Bill Banks**

A WORD FROM REV. SMITH

Chalking the House

There's an old custom observed on Epiphany called "chalking the house". It's a blessing offered for a house of worship and/ or a personal dwelling. During a brief liturgy with prayer, spoken parts and singing, the letters "CMB" and the year are inscribed in chalk over the doorway of the house in the following manner:

20+C+M+B+16

The letters represent the first initial of the names of the wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. (Both the number and the names of the wise men are a matter of tradition, not scripture.) C M B may also stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this dwelling". Reflecting on the custom of chalking the house and the new year, UM Pastor Jan Richardson (Orlando, FL), wrote the following:

The Year as a House: A Blessing

Think of the year
as a house:
door flung wide
in welcome,
threshold swept
and waiting,
a graced spaciousness
opening and offering itself
to you.

Let it be blessed
in every room.
Let it be hallowed
in every corner.
Let every nook
be a refuge
and every object
set to holy use.

Let it be here
that safety will rest.
Let it be here
that health will make its home.
Let it be here
that peace will show its face.
Let it be here
that love will find its way.
Here

Let it be so
our church

let the weary come

let the aching come
let the lost come
let the sorrowing come.

Here
let them find their rest
and let them find their soothing
and let them find their place
and let them find their delight.

And may it be
in this house of a year
that the seasons will spin in beauty,
and may it be
in these turning days
that time will spiral with joy.
And may it be
that its rooms will fill
with ordinary grace
and light spill from every window
to welcome the stranger home.

for us and
this year!

Happy New Year,
Vicki

January Counters

- Jan. 3: Kathleen Gulley, West Gary
- Jan. 10: Meredith Hodges, Leslie Haskins
- Jan. 17: Janet Deorio, Mary Bieberstein
- Jan. 24: Leslie Haskins
- Jan. 31: Leslie Haskins

January Ushers

- Jan. 3: West Gary, Garland Watkins
- Jan. 10: Meredith and Anna Kathryn Hodges, Garland Watkins
- Jan. 17: Charlotte Ivey, Regi Peaster, Garland Watkins
- Jan. 24: Sallie Nardone, Garland Watkins
- Jan. 31: TBD

Gatekeeper: Garland Watkins

Sunday School Opportunities 10am—11am

Garland Watkins Class—

Meets in the Parlor and is a discussion class

Hambrick Brewster Class—

Meets in the Chapel and is led by Alene Lang, Jimi Hill, Garland Watkins

Young Seekers Class—

Meets in the gym and is led by Chuck Couch and Stuart Gulley

*UMC Youth Class—*Larry Smith teaches the 6th-12th graders upstairs in the Centennial Room.

The Children's Class—

During January Kathleen Gulley will teach The Children's Class, grades PK - 5th (Located downstairs just off the main hall).



The Learning Academy of College Park

"Nurturing Individuals. Building Community."

TLACP is sending a huge Happy New Year wish!

The staff would like to thank everyone for their support! The center has grown and is thankful for each and every prayer and hand that has assisted in our steady growth.

This month the children hosted a brief musical sharing their favorite holiday songs with family and friends! It was beautiful to see everyone with full smiles and awaiting their little one's performance.

TLACP is looking forward to 2016 as we make our move "back home"! You can follow our move on Facebook.com at The Learning Academy Of College Park. We have a number of events taking place at TLACP throughout the year and we welcome your participation!

Thank you and God Bless!

Ricci Lewis-Johnson

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



We want to know what your committee or group is up to so we can share it with everyone!

The College Park First UMC Messenger is mailed a day or two before the end of the month.

To ensure your information is published each month, please be sure to have all content to the church office by the **22nd of each month**. Contact the church office with any questions at 404-766-6294 or stephanie@cpfirstumc.org.

United Methodist Youth Ministry



In January we will meet on the 10th, the 24th and the 31st from 5-7pm in the gym.

Choir News



Beginning Sunday, January 3rd, the Chancel Choir will rehearse after church each Sunday rather than Wednesday evenings.

There are several reasons for this, but one is that we hope it will allow some new singers to join us that could not schedule the Wednesday evenings. We will do this on a trial basis and see how we like it.

Come join us if you can!

ACPK District Leadership Training Saturday, January 9, 2016

**from 8am to 12:30pm
Peachtree Road UMC**

If you will be serving in a leadership capacity beginning January 1st please register for this training event through the church office

no later than January 4th.

Cost is \$10.00 per person

Altar Flowers



Please stop by the bulletin board in the hallway along the Chapel to sign up for a Sunday when you will contribute the flowers for the chancel area of the Sanctuary.

Each week's flowers are \$50, and you may give them in recognition of a significant event in your life or in honor or memory of a loved one.

To get more information or to sign up for a week if you are unable to come to church contact the church office at 404-766-6294.

Human Relations Sunday is January 17, 2016

Human Relations Sunday is one of the six special Sundays of the United Methodist Church that calls Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential. Offerings received benefit Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.

**Please make contributions directly to
College Park First UMC
with "Human Relations Sunday"
clearly written in the memo.**

Service for Mickey King



January 10th in the sanctuary
Visitation will begin at 2pm
followed by the service at 3pm

Leadership News

Sunday the 24th will be an important day! The 2016 church leadership for 2016 will be installed during the 11am worship service. Immediately following worship church leaders will gather in the fellowship hall for an orientation and planning session. Lunch will be served.

Friends,

A yoga class with Yvonne Oliver is meeting Tuesdays at 8:30am at College Park First UMC in the gym (directly above The Learning Academy of College Park preschool).

Each session will be \$10 and feel free to invite a friend!

Hope to see you in the gym.

Kathleen,

kgulley@gmail.com



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2
3 12noon- Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 7pm- Staff / Parish Committee Meeting	7 10am- Women of the New Testament Study	8	9 8:30am- District Training at Peachtree Rd. UMC
10 12noon- Chancel Choir Rehearsal 2pm- Service for Mickey King 5-7pm Youth Meeting	11 6:30pm- TLA Council Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 Human Relations Sunday! 12noon-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 Martin Luther King Day! Church Office closed!	19	20	21 10am- Women of the New Testament Study	22	23
24 12noon- Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11am- Leadership installation / Orientation 5-7 pm Youth Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 12noon- Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5-7pm Youth Meeting						

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KEY JANUARY DATES

- 1/6 —Staff / Parish Committee Meeting
- 1/9 —District Leadership Training
- 1/11 —TLACP Council Meeting
- 1/24 —Leadership Installation, 11am service; Church Council Planning / Orientation, 12noon



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2	Noelle Ridley	1/14	John Peek
1/3	Merita Hope	1/14	Wanda Hendry
1/5	Doug Gilbert, Jr.	1/19	Johnny Allen
1/5	Joe Murphy, Jr.	1/19	Johnella Rucker
1/7	Emily Collins	1/22	Carlton Neville
1/9	Bob Mayfield	1/24	Sissie Lang
1/10	Beckett Jones	1/25	Madeline Donaldson
1/11	Robert Mayfield	1/27	Jean Cowden
1/12	Lisa Baker	1/28	Harriet Scott
1/13	Tosca Oxford	1/30	Evelyn Glover
1/13	Dee Grant		

