



The Capleville Messenger

"Let's Do L.I.F.E. Together"

December 2020



But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. - Matthew 25:18

The story is told of a team of engineers who worked for Thomas Edison in his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. For many months, they pursued a line of research that ultimately led them nowhere. What had started out so promising turned out to be a blind alley. In fear and trembling, they went in to see the boss, to tell him of their failure.

Edison surprised them all by congratulating them. True, they had come up with no useful invention, but they had increased the scope of human knowledge. They had eliminated certain possibilities that would, in the future, allow others to direct their own efforts more effectively. Most of all, they had fulfilled their assignment. They had not buried their talent in the ground. They had risked much in a quest for great reward.

The problem with playing it safe is that, all too often, it means not playing at all. The call goes out, in the church, for people to pitch in and help in some way, either financially or by exercising other spiritual gifts. Too often the voice of caution in our heads wins out. "Not me," it says. "I couldn't do that." Or there's the other popular variation: "Not now. Now is not the right time." Always, to these show-stopping objections can be spoken two simple questions: "If not me, who?" and "If not now, when?" *

As we conclude our Stewardship campaign, Six Steps for Generous Living, please consider the commitments you have made to prayer, Bible reading, worship, witness, financial giving and service. We typically consider these as ways that we might pitch in and help the church but these are the ways we trust our generous God with every aspect of our being. These are the activities of faithful discipleship.

Yes, the church needs each of us to pitch in and do our part even if we fail. We cannot fail when we trust God to use us. We cannot fail when we trust God to be with us, to do God's will in us. The only way to fail God is to not try at all, to not grow at all, to bury what has been in vested in us. Our generous God deserves a try from us, so that we may be edified and God glorified!

If not you and me, who? If not now, when?

In the Grip of God's Grace!

Pastor Autura

*Tim Merrill, Homilecticsonline.com



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**God is Good
All the Time !**

**Be Safe
& Keep the Faith**

**Jesus Loves
You**

**Stay Inside if
possible &
Wash your
Hands**



ANNUAL TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

The Capleville Community Food Pantry distributed 125 turkeys on Tuesday, November 24th.

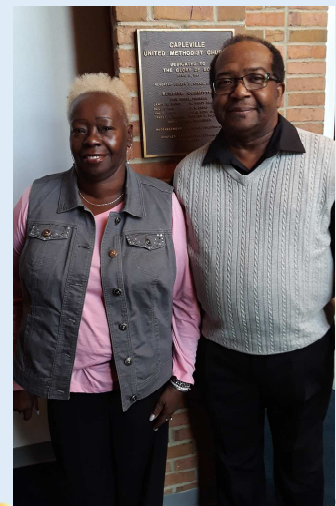
Pictured to the right with the turkey delivery are Mark Compton, Rev. Robert Clark and Robert Weathers.



On the left are the hard working volunteers (from left to right): Daniel Morris, Toni Conley, Robert Weathers, Mark Compton, Charlie Faye Faulkner, John Roberson and Rev. Robert Clark. Erv Walker took the pic.

On Saturday, November 20th, we distributed 25 baskets, loaded with a turkey and all the trimmings. Those baskets were provided by "Feed the Needy". Sponsored by Melvin and Lavern Johnson.

Thank-you so very much, Melvin & Lavern !!!!!



**"This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another." John 13:35**



**DONORS Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you! Because of your over-the-
-top generosity, the Capleville Com-
munity Food Pantry was able to pro-
vide turkeys to 125 families who oth-**

**erwise would have gone without during this holiday period. Your monetary dona-
tions helped us purchase turkeys from the Mid-South Food Bank at an excellent
price. All left over donations will be used to purchase perishable items to distrib-
ute to pantry clients over the coming weeks.**



**Special thanks and appreciation are expressed to the volun-
teers who (in spite of Covid-19 restrictions) packed bags,
hailed turkeys and placed them in the back of client cars.**

**Also, Special Thanks to Lavern and Melvin Johnson who donat-
ed 25 turkey baskets with all the trimmings.**

**Thanks everyone for your continued prayers, support and gen-
erosity. Blessings to you and your families. Flo and Erv**



**When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the LORD,
and the LORD will pay you back. Proverbs 19:17**



Reverse Advent Calendar December 2020

Each day add the listed item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents of the box to the Capleville UMC Community Food Pantry.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Box of Cereal</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Jar of Peanut Butter</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Can of Green beans</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Bag of Rice</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Can of Soup</i>
<i>6</i> <i>Box of Oatmeal</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Bag Of Dry Pasta</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Can of Beef Stew</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Bag of Dry Beans</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Box of Macaroni & Cheese</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Can of Chili</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Jar of Apple-sauce</i>
<i>13</i> <i>Jar of Jelly</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Box of Corn Muffin Mix</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Can of Tuna</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Can of Fruit</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Can of Corn</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Can of Peas</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Bar of Soap</i>
<i>20</i> <i>Box of Dry Milk</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Tooth Brush</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Jar of Pasta Sauce</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Loaf of Bread</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Donate \$20 to the Food Pantry</i>		<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		



DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION PICK-UP



On Saturday December 5th, the communion elements will be distributed, to drive-thru members.

Sunday, December 6th, Pastor Eason-Williams, will serve the elements during our Sunday Facebook service and On-line.

Holy Communion elements will be distributed on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday from 12n-1p every month, until otherwise advised.



Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.



Secret

PALS

I miss seeing you !!!
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
From Your Secret Pal

I MISS YOU
TASHAWN PIRELI
From your Secret Pal

MISS YOU
UNITED METHODIST MEN
Your Secret Pal

I Miss you
Mary Margaret Clower-
From Your Secret Pal

I miss you, Maya Nicholson !!!
From your Secret Pal

I miss you !!!
Capleville Choir
From your Secret Pal

MISS YOU
Shirl Riddick
From your Secret Pal

Guess What ??? I know everyone's Secret Pal. Don't worry, I won't tell. If you want to send your Secret Pal a message let me (Flo) know.

Happy Birthday!!!
Leslie Curry
From your Secret Pal

MISS YOU
Susan Smithmier
From your Secret Pal

I miss seeing your face,
Marsha Callicutt.
Stay Safe !!!
Your Pew Buddy

I Miss You !!!!
Ladies in the Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
From your Secret Pal

I miss you!!
Glenda Clark
From your Secret Pal

I miss you
Jourdan Slater
From your Secret Pal



Keep-In-Touch

Please keep in touch with your church family members, who do not have access to the internet. You can send a card or make a phone call. A list of your Capleville members who do not have access to internet is listed below*:

Bettye Carasso 9201 Lake Shore Dr. Olive Branch, MS 38654 662-890-6889
 Nell Cline Silver Creek Senior Living Community
 6650 Crumpler #333 Olive Branch, MS 38654 662-895-8952
 Peggy Cole 5936 Snowden Run Southaven, MS 38972 662-890-1861
 Dorothy Cox 4769 Lynngate Dr. Memphis, TN 38141 404-275-3116
 Dorothy Edwards 6737 Regency Park Cir. N. Memphis, TN 38115 901-369-7480
 Polly Flowers 5936 Snowden Run Southaven, MS 38972 662-890-1861
 Geneva Fort 1106 Sweetie Ln. Collierville, TN 38017 901-569-5549
 Shepherd Harkness ... 7008 Apple Creek Dr. Memphis, TN 38125 901-737-4841
 Margaret Hill 6301 Village Grove #208 Memphis, TN 38115 901-774-4917
 Billie Lawson Azalea Nursing Center
 530 Hall St. Wiggins, MS 39577 N/A
 Dorothy Meux Hermitage Gardens
 108 Clarington Dr. #404 Southaven, MS 38671 901-818-3847
 Christine Mitchell 2718 Marlene Memphis, TN 38118 901-363-6896
 Mary Owen 7574 Richmond Rd. Memphis, TN 38125 901-753-5641
 Tommie Reed 2990 Hickory Hill #109 Memphis, TN 38115 901-518-1623
 Mary Scranton Shelby Gardens Place
 1535 Appling Care #306 Cordova, TN 38018 901-383-8580
 Anthony Williams 9305 Stateline #206 Olive Branch, MS 38654 901-864-7865
 Millie Wilson 749 Florencewood Cove Collierville, TN 38017 901-861-2396
 Diana Wilson-Davis ... 749 Florencewood Cove Collierville, TN 38017 901-651-1286

* If an applicable name has been missed, please let me know flowalk@bellsouth.net or 901-754-5921.

Worship with us on Capleville UMC Facebook page via livestream or replay or Worship by phone. Our service is live-streamed at 11am on Sundays; and the playback is also available by calling 901-522-5545.

**Missing Sunday School Class ?
 Worship with the Faith Walkers Class at 9:30am every Sunday morning.
 Email Shawnh Curry at curryshawnh@gmail.com to get access directions.**



God says, "I will save those who love me and will protect those who acknowledge me as Lord. When they call me I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them. I will rescue them and honor them, I will reward them with long life; I will save them." Psalms 91:14-16



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Worship: Because Shelby County remains in Phase 2 of the Back to Business plan and considering that the majority of our congregation is in the high-risk group our leadership team has postponed reopening until the community has been in Phase 3 for at least two weeks.

Sunday School Classes and Small Groups: Our leadership has decided that Sunday School Classes and Small Groups may be permitted to meet at the church in the Great Hall or the gym. Meetings must be scheduled with the church office to avoid conflicts. All participants must commit to hygiene practices, including mask wearing and social distancing, disinfecting the space used (including bathrooms) and returning any tables and chairs to the supply closet after the meeting. You may also choose to have a meeting outside the building with the same precautions taken.

Capleville UMC Facebook: Worship with us on the Capleville UMC Facebook or worship by phone at 11am on Sundays by calling 901-522-5545. The replay is also available throughout the week. We also send the YouTube link by email and post it on our church website.

Liturgists Needed! If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for the worship service, please contact Maya Nicholson, in the church office.

Communion Sunday: Communion Sunday will be December 6th. We will have drive through Communion Element Pick-up on Saturday, December 5th, from Noon until 1 pm. If you would like individually packaged communion elements, just drive up to the church on Saturday, December 5th, Noon until 1 pm. A church member will meet you at your car wearing a mask and gloves to distribute how ever many individual communion elements you need.

Church Office: The church office is open Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm, except when there is a fifth Tuesday.

Electronic Giving: You can give to Capleville UMC anytime by going to www.caplevilleumc.org, click on E-giving or by downloading the UMCgo App. You can also mail or bring your offering to the church during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm.

The Laugh Zone

The Christmas Gift

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"



The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a place of safety in times of trouble. Those who know you will trust you; you do not abandon anyone who comes to you.

Psalms 9:9-10

**Bible Quiz****The Birth of Jesus**

The birth of Jesus can be found in the New Testament. How well do you know this narrative? Test your knowledge by answering TRUE, FALSE or BDS (Bible Doesn't Say) to the statements below.

- _____ 1. All four of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) provide a narrative regarding the birth of Jesus.
- _____ 2. The angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a baby, and to call him Jesus.
- _____ 3. Because Mary was pregnant she traveled on a donkey when she and Joseph went to Bethlehem to register for the census.
- _____ 4. After Jesus was born, an angel brought the good news to the shepherds in the field and they traveled to Bethlehem seeking Jesus.
- _____ 5. In Matthew, it is recorded that the three wise men (Magi) from the east were also seeking Jesus.
- _____ 6. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to flee to *Nazareth* with Mary and the infant Jesus to prevent King Herod from killing him.

ANSWERS: 1. False (Only Matt.1:18-25& Luke2:1-20) 2. True (Luke 1:26-31) 3. BDS (It was likely that she did because it was the popular mode of travel during that period). 4. True (Luke 2:8-12) 5. BDS (It is believed to be three, because three gifts were brought to Jesus). 6. False (Matt. 2: 13)

*Food for Thought*

"We celebrate the first Christmas because we know there's a second coming."

Matt Chandler



To know the Son is to know the Father.



Prayer List.

Let's Pray for our Church Family & Friends

Jack & Diane Cardwell, Tommy Conley, Ayanna Hampton, Mark & Beverly Compton, Kevin Walker, Cord Irby, Lavaughn Adams, Marsha Callicutt, Jo Lishley, Jonnie Echols, Ruzell Price, Billie Lawson, Charlene Weakley, Patricia Dubois, Chandra Wilson, Dorothy Cox, Beverly Niter-Cole, Vicki Sanders, Clinton Hill, Loretta Thymes, Sandy Baird, Pastor Autura Eason-Williams and Family, Norma & Carl Todd, Carolyn Miller, Millie Wilson, Diana Wilson-Davis & Family, Deborah Johnson, Eddie Mae Howell, Philander Holland, Lois Edwards, Mary Margaret Clower, Myron & Rexall Johnson, Shirley & Johnny Riddick, Michael McGhee, Betsy Morrison, Betty McNeilly, Mary Ann & Willie Coleman, Steven Flores, Kim Hardin, Bernie McNeilly, Ann Mayo, Mary Owen, Charlie Faye Faulkner, David Walker, Charlie Mae Benton, Homer Stone & Family, Caregivers, U.S.A. Military, and our elected officials.

Merciful Jesus, you are our guide, the joy of our hearts, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking refreshment and peace. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, and grant in us a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence we may learn to abide in you, our Lord and Savior. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen



When we are happy and life's bright and fair, we often forget to kneel down in prayer

Stay inside and be safe. Send your pew buddy a card or make a call. Send cards to the sick and shut-in members. Call members who do not have email and let them know the latest happenings.



Merry Christmas



Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. Psalms 1:1



CAPLEVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



The Capleville Food Pantry would like to thank the Food Pantry Volunteers who have been so faithful during these trying times. It is a very courageous act to venture out in order to help others. Our volunteers who have been available whenever the doors are open are: Robert Weathers, Rev. Robert Clark, Mark Compton, Erv Walker,

Voretta McMillian, Sharon Gray, Charlie Faye Faulkner, Toni Conley, Dorothy Cox, Beverly Niter-Cole, and Carolyn Miller. Also, thanks to Mary Ann Overman for donating hand-made mask for our volunteers and clients.

We are practicing social distancing and wearing mask at the food pantry. Only one client is allowed inside at any time. Volunteers and donors are always appreciated. If you want to volunteer, please contact Flo or Erv. We're open on Tuesdays between 11am -1pm. If you are available, we need volunteers to pre-bag every Monday between 10-11.

Thank you for the wonderful work you have done in the past and for what you will continue to do going forward.

Love and Blessings, Flo and Erv



During the month of November,
the Capleville Community Food Pantry served 123
families, consisting of 315 individuals.
150 turkeys were distributed



May the Lord answer you when you are in trouble! Psalms 20:1



To give, please mail in your offering to the church: **Capleville UMC, 4725 Riverdale Rd., Memphis 38141** OR

go online to <http://www.caplevilleumc.org/> and click on **E-giving** or by downloading the **UMCgo** App.

The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 9a-2p, if you want to bring your offering to the church.



The United Methodist Men (UMM) have been sponsoring "Project 2020 " Eye glass Recycling for as long as anyone can remember. The eye glasses are given to 3rd world countries.

They still need your help in collecting eye glasses. The collection box is in the Great Hall near the entrance from the parking lot. Please Help!!!

Hurricane Victims

Want to help Hurricane Victims? Give donations to Capleville UMC and earmark them for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is always one of the first on the scene of a disaster and all donations go to benefit the designated area with nothing taken out for overhead.



Kroger Cards

Please designate your Kroger cards to benefit Capleville United Methodist Church. Check your grocery receipts, Capleville UMC should be printed on the bottom.

If you need help contact church office, 901-363-1859.





Homebound Members

Mary Ann Coleman

-3775 Isherwood Cv.
Mphs 38125
901-755-4162

Linda Crump

-Germantown Plantation
9293 Poplar Ave. #318,
Germantown, TN 38138

Clinton Hill

- David Webb Senior Living Cmplx
15520 S Kedsie #220
Markham , ILL 60428

Billie Lawson

-Azalea Gardens Nursing
530 Hall St.
Wiggins, MS 39577

Dorothy Meux

-Hermitage Gardens
108 Clarington #404
Southaven, MS 38671
901-818-3847

Christine Mitchell

-2718 Marlene
Mphs 38118
901-363-6896

Mary Owen

-7574 Richmond
Mphs 38125
901-753-5641



Our Homebound & Under-the-Weather

Members are unable to see you on Sunday morning. You can let them know they are missed by sending a card or placing a call. Keep them in your prayers.

Under-the-Weather Members

Polly Flowers -5936 Snowden Run
Southaven, MS 38672

Betsy Morrison -4386 Germantown Rd. S.
Memphis, TN 38125

Shannon Ray -2116 Carrollton
Southaven, MS 38671

Johnny Riddick - 4570 Stone Park Blvd
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Willie Coleman -3773 Isherwood Cv.
Memphis, TN 38125

Norma Todd -7111 Snyder
Memphis, TN 38125





Ushers - Schedule will be on hold until we're safe .

**Be Ready
Be Safe**



December Birthdays

Rexall Allen Johnson	1st
Dot Meux	3rd
Donna Vo	6th
Jourdan Slater	9th
Cassandra Howell	13th
Alexia Ratliff Wilson	14 th
Ara Perry	15th
Reggie Smith	15th
John Riddick	16th
Leslie Curry	16th
Harry McMillian	22nd
Willie Coleman	29th
Kylen Martin	23rd
Quiouna Poole	29th

Every Day is Prayer Day

Sending up Special Prayers for:



Lavaugh Adams
Betty Austin
Sandy Baird
Marsha Callicutt
Jack & Diane Cardwell
Mary Margaret Clower
Willie & Mary Ann Coleman
Mark & Beverly Compton
Polly Flowers
Bernie McNeilly
Betsy Morrison
Shannon Ray
Johnny & Shirley Riddick
Vickie Sanders
Mary Scranton
Carl & Norma Todd
Darrell & Pastor Autura Eason-Williams Family
The Capleville Church Family

God is with us !

**Merry Christmas
12/25**

**Worship on
Facebook 11am**

**Join Zoom Sunday School
9:30am**

STAY INSIDE - BE SAFE- STAY INSIDE - BE SAFE - STAY INSIDE



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Food Pantry 11-1p</i>	2 <i>Church Office Opn 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs</i>	3 <i>Church Office Opn 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs</i>	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Rosebud Zoom Book Study</i>
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27 <i>Faith Walkers Zoom Sun Sch 9: 30a - Worship by Facebook 11am</i>	28 <i>Church Office Opn 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs</i>	29 <i>Food Pantry Closed</i>	30 <i>Church Office Opn 9a-2pm Mon-Thurs</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		