

## GROWING WITH HOMER UMC

The church family rejoices over the addition of the following friends as newest members of our family: Sam Meadows and sons, Will and J.A. –the two boys by baptism and their father by transfer of membership; Brady and Betty Brooke, children of Andy and Nichole Marple, by baptism. The Meadows reside in Jefferson, and the Marples live near Lula. Andy and Nichole became members in May. Catie Meadows, mother of Will and J.A., has been a member of the Homer UMC family since childhood. We are so happy to welcome all of these dear ones ‘officially’ into membership and sincerely hope they will love us as we already love them.

**IN THE HOSPITAL** – Chase Brown spent last weekend unexpectedly in the hospital and underwent hip surgery on Monday. He was dismissed from NEGA on Tuesday. Ninety-three-year-old Betty Jean Gordon spent several days recently at Piedmont-Athens following a fall at home and is recovering following leg surgery at The Oaks in Baldwin. Mrs. Gordon is the “Queen Mother” of a family, nearly all of whom are active at Homer Methodist while she, a close friend of our church, maintains her membership in a nearby sister Methodist church.

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP last week:

Offering, 3551 Building Fund, 350 Second Mile, 90

**TOTAL: \$3991**



### Happy Anniversary:

Jerry & Betty Brookshire, June 10

Mike & Peggy Gordon, June 10

Mike & Paige Boomer, June 16

### Happy Birthday:

Betty  
Brooke  
Marple  
\*June 8  
Angie  
Hubbard  
\*June 12



### **LAST SUNDAY REGISTERED FRIENDS:**

Ken & Terri Cato and Kim, Buck & Libby Anderson, Courtney Hanagan, McLendon relatives from Columbus, Dahlonega and Appling

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 10, 2018:**

9:45am Morning Worship

2-4p.m. **MCLENDON RECEPTION**

(drop-in)

**Monday, June 11, 2018: SUMMER FUN TRIP**

UMW 10am

UMM 6:30pm

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018:**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018:**

5:45p.m. UMYF (All Youth)

**Thursday, June 14, 2018:**

4:00p.m. Sisters of the Heart Bible Study

6:30p.m. Rehearsal: Chancel Choir

**Friday, June 15, 2018 :**



### *Summer Fun Trips*

Once again **Jessica Thomas** is doing summer trips with our kids. Last week 13 went bowling. Next up is June 11th, a trip to Laurel Park and Mountain Fresh Creamery. Call **Jessica** for details. Transportation is provided but limited so reserve now!



# The Homer Herald

*Homer United Methodist Church*

James J. McLendon, Pastor  
Helen Caudell, Worship Chairperson  
Judy Thompson, Prayer Leader  
Sandra Smith/Nancy Sullivan, Co-Hostesses  
Mike McLendon, Security  
Chuck & Lisa Enslin, Directors, SON  
Dixie Merck, Nursery Director  
Bill Ratliff, Ret. Pastor/Chaplain

Dianne Cheek, Dir. Ch. Ministries  
Jessica Thomas, Dir. Children/Mid. School  
Bud Reisel, Board/Stewards Chair  
Chuck Enslin, Lay Leader  
Rob Mabry, Worship Ldr, Staff-Parish Chair  
Tim Wilbanks, Board/Trustees Chair  
Darlene Brown, Church Pianist  
Merritta Thompson, Office Manager

June 10, 2018



Please join us as we  
celebrate the

RETIREMENT  
of

Rev. James J. McLendon  
“Brother Jim”

Sunday, June 10, 2018  
2 - 4 P.M.

DROP IN

Don Stewart Hall  
Homer United Methodist Church  
141 Sycamore Street  
Homer, Georgia

*“In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love.”*

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## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

**Bell Ringer:** Michael Krause **Acolytes:** Hunter & Jimmy Cochran, **Cross Bearer:** Annabelle Wilbanks **Communion Assistants:** Hunter & Jimmy Cochran, Lane Seahorn **Welcome:** Bud Reiselt; **Greeters:** Reid & Helen Caudell **Music Special:** Chancel Choir, Judie Wendt, Handbell Choir **Worship Leaders:** Rob Mabry, Dianne Cheek, Darlene Brown **Nursery:** Dixie Merck; **Sound System Engineer:** Fred Wendt, Mike McLendon, Tim Wilbanks.

**USHERS:** Harlee Pearce, Chairperson

Brandon Adams Offering Steward. Mike Callahan, Dustin Chapman, Carl Gibson, Mike Gordon, Bobby Lewallen. **Offering Counters:** Brandon Adams & Usher.

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The "Circle of Prayer" is included in the bulletin each week and updated monthly. Please place on an attendance sheet or email to the church any for whom you would have the whole church pray during the months of May/June in addition to others whose names appear below:

*Brother Jim and Marilyn, Brother Mike, Jim Scalf, Andrew*

*Reiselt, Jay Baumgardner, Rex Thompson, Mark Ledford, Nikki Buffinton, David and Melanie Collins, Gary Wolfenbarger, Santa Fe (Texas) High, Marie Blalock, Karen Sexton, Mandy Allman, Craig Atkinson, Betty Jean Gordon, and Taylor Garner, Chase Brown, Dixie Merck*

## FROM THE PASTOR



I am warmed by the large number of family members and friends across the state and beyond who have taken the time and driven near and far to be present at one of the closing services of Marilyn's and my long pastoral ministry. We love you as we do our Homer Methodist family who has devoted so much toward making these last days and weeks a special time in our lives that we shall cherish forever. But, the McLendons are not finished yet! We still have next Sunday remaining (Father's Day), and I will be preaching on the topic "Things A Child Can Teach Us" (St. Mark 9: 30-37). Soon after that, Marilyn and I will leave our dear Homer UMC for a while and will be looking forward to returning one day. God bless each of us and keep us in his care. See you next Sunday!

(P.S.: I am so happy my final sermon centers around children. They have held a special place in my heart my entire ministry. Rejoice with me!)

## MESSAGE DEDICATED TO "MISS MARILYN"

I wish to dedicate this Sunday's message to my Marilyn without whom I could never have achieved for my Lord and his church most of what I have accomplished during the long years of my ministry. During 61 years as a pastor's wife, she has been there for me – always by my side. She has been both – my best critic and my most loyal cheerleader. We have been a team, she and I. "Together forever," as they say. Thank you, my faithful partner in His ministry – *Your, JIM*



# Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, June 10, 2018 — 9:45A.M.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

## NURSERY AVAILABLE

We offer a Nursery across the street in the Family Life Center which parents may want to consider for their youngest from birth through 3 years. They will be happy there, and parents may enjoy the service more.

## THE GATHERING

## THE RITUAL OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS

*(Please sign the Registration Booklets & Stand when Recognized.)*

## THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

## THE PRELUDE WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES

## THE CHORAL INTROIT

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*THE PROCESSIONAL No. 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostle's Creed

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 71 The Gloria Patri

THE HANDBELLS SPECIAL Edith Cheek Corley Memorial Handbell Choir

## THE BAPTISMS AND RECEPTION

## THE HYMN No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

Judie Wendt

\*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Pastor:** O, God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept the offering of your people.

**People:** Remember in your love those who bring it and those for whom it is given,

**ALL:** and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE OFFERTORY

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD No. 95

The Doxology

## THE MUSIC SPECIAL

The Chancel Choir

## THE SPOKEN WORD

Rev. McLendon

## IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

*(Pew Bible: NT, St. John 6: 60-69, pg.99)*

\*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

*(The Invitation to Christian Discipleship)*

## \*THE CHURCH AT PRAYER WITH BLESSING

*May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

## \*THE TAKING OF LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## \*THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

## \*THE POSTLUDE

*\*Denotes standing if you are able and so desire.*

*(Hymn Note: The first and closing hymns chosen for this service were also selected by the pastor to be sung during his first Homer UMC service on October 26, 1997.)*

## HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYERS

Holy Communion is made available to worshippers each Sunday at 9:45a.m. Worshippers of every Christian denomination are invited to participate and receive the consecrated elements representing the body & blood of our precious Lord. Regular & Gluten-free breads are available.