

## FLOWERS



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jonathon Huff on the occasion of his birthday on the 27th, by Ozzie and Jackie Huff.

## STEWARDSHIP

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2018 Requirements thru end Sept.	\$	400,172.
YTD Receipts thru Sept. 23rd	\$	362,618.
Monthly Requirements for Sept.	\$	44,463.
Monthly Receipts thru Sept. 23rd	\$	37,667.
Deficit thru Sept. 23, 2018	\$	37,553.



Reminder-Our website ([www.thomstonfirstumc.org](http://www.thomstonfirstumc.org)) offers online giving for contributions. Go to the home page, choose "Online Giving", page will walk you thru signing up.

## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

8:15am- Chapel-Traditional Service  
9:00am-Fellowship Hall-Contemporary Service  
11:00am-Sanctuary-Traditional Worship Service  
Pastor Eddie Herring

## SUNDAY Sept. 30 ATTENDANCE 09.23.18

<u>11:00 AM GREETERS</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>15</u>
Fellowship & Tumlin	9:00	102
	<u>11:00</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>11:00 AM USHERS</u>	Total	199

Ronald Johnston, Walter Brown, Don Jimerson, Johnny Deen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!



Sept. 27: Jane Varner, Eric Walker, Hallie Zittrouer; Oct. 1: Bill Hightower, Mary Ann Coker, Tristan Smith; 3: Lynn Bickley, Brian Trickel, Sophie Trickel

## Thomaston

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Quickly check event calendar-  
online-<http://2179543.view-events.com>



## WEDNESDAY SEPT. 26, 2018

3:00pm Wonderful Wednesday for Kids BEGINS!!!  
5:30pm Church Family Supper & Devotions/Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel  
9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary  
4:00pm Blessing of Animals/ West Yard of Church  
5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal  
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm Night of Music and Community Worship  
Generation Park

(bring a lawn chair and Join Upson Ministerial Alliance)

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## THE NAVIGATOR

Wednesday September 26, 2018

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 PM is our Blessing of the Animals. All animals great and small are invited to attend. I will share how animals were used in the Bible. I will individually bless each animal. Last year we had a great crowd of people and animals. Please tell your friends about the Blessing of the Animals. They do not have to be a member of First Methodist to attend. Everyone is welcome. The event will take place on the West side of the church. I hope to see you and your animal on Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 PM.

Have a great week.

See you at church on Sunday,  
Pastor Eddie

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

Finance Meeting-Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30pm  
Administrative Council Mtg.-Thursday, Sept. 27,  
6:30

GOLDEN AGE CLUB WILL MEET Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 at 11:00am  
in the Social Hall. Our new Director of Children's Ministry, Megan  
Watson, will be our speaker.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS  
SUNDAY, Sept. 30, 4:00pm  
West Side of church grounds  
All Animals Great and Small  
are Welcome to attend.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY-Priscilla Shirer's

"Discerning the Voice of God"

Begins Wednesday Oct. 3rd, 10:00am-Noon, Church Library.

Please call church office to sign up. Workbooks are \$12.99.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**OUR MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, & LEADERS &  
MISSIONARIES**

**CURRENT REQUESTS** – Anne Griggers-URMC-surgery; Christine Threadgill-  
hip surgery rehab- home; Alex Garrard-URMC-complications w/pancreatitis; Juli  
Greivell-Riverside Nrs. Ctr.; Betty Deen-Riverside Nrs. Ctr.; Al Langham-hip  
surgery rehab.; Charlene Daniel-continuing treatment; Ozzie Huff, Jimmy  
Ellerbee, Bethel Ellerbee

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Mike Hosey-cancer-(friend of Wayne & Sheila Hughes)

**AT HOME:** Margaret Tench, Hilda Andrews, John Logan, Mary Hogan

**OUT OF TOWN:** Martha Mallory, Gertrude Taylor, Jane Salter, Evelyn Sheets,  
Norma Brown, Brenda Jacobs

**WEST VILLAGE:** Betsy White, Ann Britt, Libby Ingram, Mavis Kelly, Sonny  
Peacock, Betty Jordan

**PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE:** Peggy Straughan

**HARBOR VIEW:** Mary Owen

## CHILDREN'S CORNER MEGAN WATSON

### Building Community Across ALL Generations

"There is no Junior Holy Spirit. Since children are  
smaller containers, do they fill up quicker and overflow  
easier to all around them?

- Seth Dahl

There are still places and opportunities to serve with  
the children. If you are interested you can contact Megan  
or feel free to fill out volunteer forms that are on the  
bulletin board outside of the fellowship hall and outside  
of Megan's office.

Phone: 478-993-6865

Email: [watson.megan1994@gmail.com](mailto:watson.megan1994@gmail.com)



### **SOMETHING NEW!**

For Wonderful Wednesday's volunteers, there will now be a bulletin  
board outside of the fellowship hall that will have a monthly schedule. I  
have already placed your name in the schedule based on who helped  
where last month. If I have placed you in a Wednesday or role that  
you are uncomfortable with, let me know and I will be happy to  
change it or contact another volunteer. I will also be sending out the  
same schedule by email.

Again let me know if there is a Wednesday or role you are  
uncomfortable with and we will work something out. I hope that this  
gives all who have offered to volunteer better notice. I am also  
hoping that by doing this the spots where volunteers are still needed can  
be filled a little sooner.

Thank you all who have helped make Wonderful Wednesday's such a  
success already. I could not do it without you.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS JASON WEEMS

B.L.O.G

**BELIEVING. LIVING. OPENLY for GOD**

Saw you at the Pole Rally 6:45 p.m. at North Ridge  
church

**YOUTH THIS SUNDAY 5:00-6:00 LIFE VERSE**

The love I felt from you all Sunday, and in the past years is  
overwhelming, but I have to say Sunday was above amazing!  
God was certainly among us as we talked, laughed and cried. God has  
placed each of us into this story for a profound reason to impact the  
lives of those around us. I read a quote, today that made me think  
deep and hard.

" Do you trust in advance what will only make sense in  
reverse?"

Read that again, only slower,

" Do you trust in advance what will only make sense in  
reverse?"

Let's put it another way, God already sees the last scene in a movie  
before He casts the acting roles, God knows our path before we even  
take the first step. Yes, we do have free will, and we can throw lots of  
curves into the plan by not making Godly choices, not praying and  
staying close to God, but let us not forget who we are dealing with,  
GOD!

No matter how many times we can seemingly derail God's plan,  
God's plan will always happen, and always come to the end He chose  
in advance!

Our biggest problem is that of the question asked above. Do you  
trust enough to go headlong to follow God? Knowing it may seem  
crazy, and so wrong for "your plans" at times. Yet also knowing that  
once you reach the end, it will be so clear and SO WONDERFUL!  
I am at that point and so are you. WE must trust in advance what God  
will reveal to us in reverse. We must step out onto the water,  
regardless of depth or wave, we must focus straight ahead and KEEP  
that focus.

I will see you again, looking from the trust in advance, of the  
sense only brought out by seeing it in reverse,

I LOVE YOU ALL,  
jason

**Supper Chef/ Chaperon** September 30th Gambles  
October-7th EAT OUT-LaFiesta/Bring few dollars for meal