

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"Prayer for the Journey"

Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer

God of our ancestors, You have walked with us through struggle and triumph, through bondage and freedom, through sorrow and joy. As we honor those who came before us, strengthen our steps toward justice and deepen our love for one another. When we grow weary, renew our spirits. When we face obstacles, remind us of the resilience within us. Let us stand boldly in Your grace, rooted in faith, pressing forward in hope. In the name of the One who liberates and redeems, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Requests

- Alton Campbell
- Gordon Edmond (Brother of Stacey Swain & Joel Edmond)
- Clifton Fuller
- Melvin Henderson
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Gary Martin
- Sharon Martin
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Carlton McQuirter (Brother of James McQuirter)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- William Watkins, Jr.

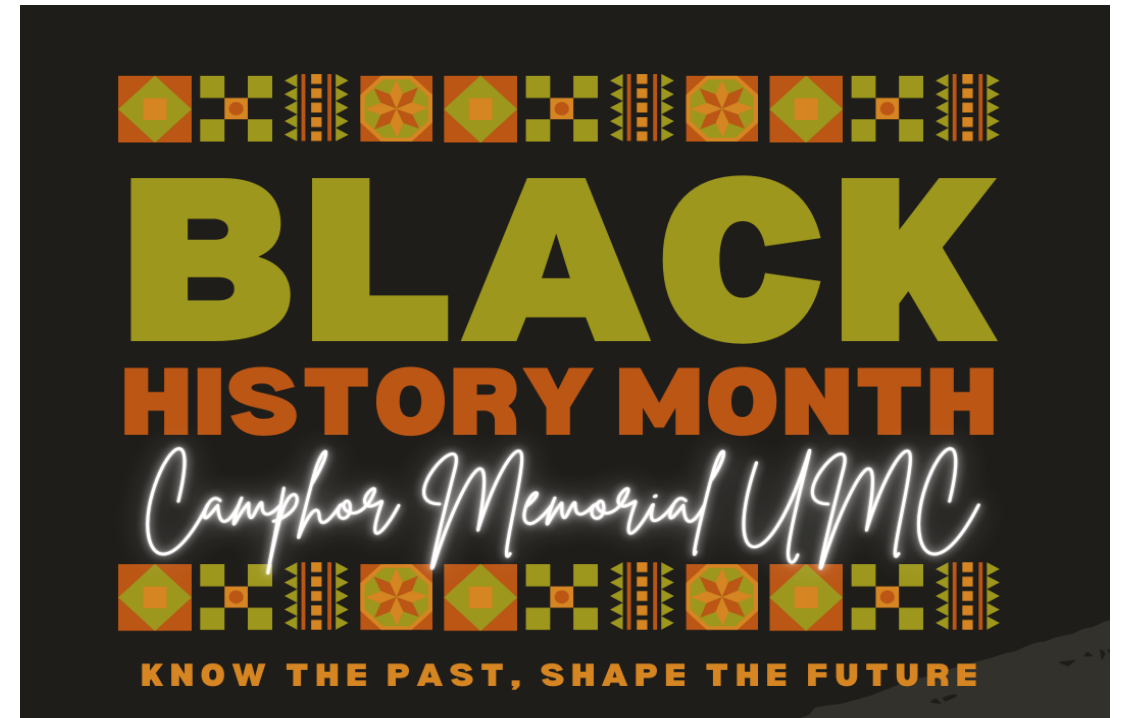
Seniors and Homebound

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- James Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



Loving God. Loving People.

February 2, 2025



**Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Welcome to Camphor!

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online. Whoever you are—you are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

- † All stand
- * Please be Seated

Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out todays passage from
 “Our Daily Bread” to get centered for Worship



Prelude

† Acolyte

† Processional

Welcome

Carlton Garner

Announcements

Mary Louise Archer

Black History Moment

† Call to Worship

Carlton Garner

One: Lord, we have heard of Your mighty deeds!

All: We stand in awe of Your great works!

One: In our time, O God, renew Your mercy.

All: In our lives, make Your power known.

One: Though trials may come, Your love never fails.

All: We trust in Your justice, and we rest in Your grace. Amen.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Merciful and mighty God, we come before You, humbled by Your greatness and overwhelmed by Your grace. We have heard of Your wondrous deeds—of seas parted, captives freed, and dry bones given life. Yet, O Lord, we long for Your renewing presence in our time. In Your justice, remember mercy. In our weakness, be our strength. Stir our hearts, awaken our spirits, and let Your glory be known. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

*(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)
 (Worshippers May Enter)*

This Week at Camphor UMC

Wednesday February 5th

10 am: United Methodist Men Weekly Bowling (Flaherty’s Arden Bowl)

4 pm Woman’s Chorale Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6 pm: Camphor Connects Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday February 8th

9 am: Praise Dance Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:30 am: UMM Bible Study/Breakfast (Conf. Room)

10 am: UWF Meeting (Lg Sunday School Rm)

10:30 am: UMM Meeting (Conf. Room)

1pm: Woman’s Chorale Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday February 9th

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School (Conf. Room)

10 am: Worship (Sanctuary & Live-Stream)

Camphor Bulletin Board

Ministry Team Highlight: Communion Stewards and Nursery Team

Starting this month, we will be highlighting the various ministries at Camphor, providing an opportunity to learn more and join if you're interested.

Communion Stewards (Ministry Lead: Mr. Harold Golden)

The Communion Stewards are responsible for preparing the Sanctuary for Communion Service on the first Sunday of each month. They also assist with collecting the used and unused cups afterward. If you're interested in becoming one, please speak with Mr. Harold Golden after the service or text him at (763) 442-5806.

Nursery Team (Ministry Lead: Mrs. Barbara Harris-O'Neal)

The Nursery Team cares for children during worship services. They kindly ask that nothing be stored or placed in the room without consulting them first. If you're interested in joining the team or learning more, please contact Mrs. Barbara Harris-O'Neal at guruofyoungminds@gmail.com.

Sermon Notes

sermon title:

key verses:

Notes

Prayers

† Morning Hymn

“Revive Us Again”

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[Verse 1]

**We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.**

[Refrain]

**Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

[Verse 2]

**We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]**

[Verse 3]

**All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed ev'ry stain. [Refrain]**

[Verse 4]

**Revive us again- fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Call to Confession

Carlton Garner

God's mercy is greater than our failures, and His love is deeper than our sins. Though we fall short, He calls us to return, to confess, and to be renewed. Let us now bring our brokenness before the One who is faithful to forgive.

(Offer Silent Prayers to God)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Carlton Garner

Gracious and merciful God, we come before You in need of Your renewing love. We confess that we have doubted Your goodness and ignored Your call to righteousness. In our fear, we have sought control; in our pain, we have turned inward. Forgive us, Lord. Revive Your work in us, that we may walk in Your ways. In Your mercy, make Your strength known. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Carlton Garner

One: Hear the good news! Though we stumble, God's mercy never fails. In Christ, His grace abounds, and His love restores us. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Passing of the Peace

Carlton Garner

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, **"the peace of Christ be with you,"** the response is, **"And also with you!"**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Stewardship Moment

Min. JaNaé Bates

Offertory

† The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

(Worshippers May Enter)

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

† Scripture Lesson

Carlton Garner

Habakkuk 3:2 (NIV)

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ **All: Thanks be to God**)

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

"Mercy, Mercy Me"

Min. JaNaé Bates

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Min. JaNaé Bates

(Those who want to join the church, desire prayer or be anointed with oil may come at this time.)

Service of Word and Table (The Great Thanksgiving)

Min. JaNaé Bates & Rev. Dr. Theresa Mason

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God, and power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen

Giving of The Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

† Benediction with Blessings

Min. JaNaé Bates

**Let the Church say Amen,
Let the Church say Amen
God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen**

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)