

MACON MISSION

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR TERRY

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year!



Together, you accomplished many things at Macon UMC last year. A slow, but consistent growth in attendance and membership; increased participation in study groups; a new outreach project of mentoring to the Meridian elementary school children; several outstanding presentations by the choir and so much more!



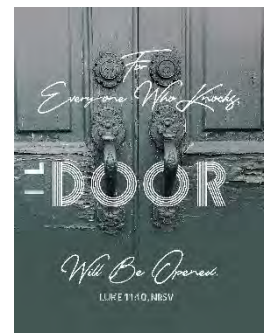
The Board of Trustees continues to take care of the church buildings and grounds, including the installation of new sanctuary and office flooring and painting of the main narthex and other areas. There are two new air conditioning units to keep everyone cool during the summer months.

Together we celebrated 165 years as a faith community with a moving sermon from Bishop Frank Beard. Rice meals were packed for Midwest Mission. A new church brochure was created, a bench was installed outside the elevator entrance, new couches placed in the parlor and new paraments are now in use in the sanctuary. If you have been in the sanctuary during December, you hopefully noticed the Advent banners.

Now, forward to 2025 as the work of discipleship is never finished. There will be lots of activities and opportunities for service. Maybe there will be something new that you would like to participate in or even lead. The call each of us has to serve is ever evolving. So, when you see the list of notices, prayerfully consider being involved. Enclosed is a partial list of the happenings for this year.

As always, my door is always open, so please reach out when you need to in person, by email, phone or text. May God continue to bless each of you and Macon UMC as we go forward together in discipleship to transform the world.

Pastor Terry



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January

05 Darlene Huggins
12 Lindsey (Baker) Mayer
13 Christine Cutler
13 Tim Copenhaver
14 Alex Rappe'
19 Carol Smith
25 Garry and Christine Cutler



February

11 Doug Huggins
20 Grady Mayer
20 Emerson Mayer
20 Billie Poland
22 Henry Moyer
22 Kelsey Stewart
25 Eric and Lori Nixon
26 Cole Rappe'
28 Imogene Bengé



March

02 Russell Hedges
03 Neal Stombaugh
12 Rebekah Miller
16 Cheryl Laskowski
21 Kim Belskamper
22 Dani Craft
22 Eleanor Moyer



KEY DATES FOR 2025:

January 5--Epiphany Sunday
March 5--Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
March 9--First Sunday in Lent
(turn your clocks ahead the night before)
April 13--Palm Sunday
April 20--Easter
June 8--Pentecost



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance/Administrative Council:

Wednesdays: Jan 22; March 26 and May 28 (Finance at 6:30 Ad Council at 7)

Trustees:

Sunday January 26 and March 30--immediately after worship

Worship:

Sunday January 19 and March 16--immediately after worship

SPRC:

Sunday January 12 and April 27--immediately after worship

Outreach:

Sunday February 9 and May 18--immediately after worship.



January is Macon's month to volunteer at the Interchurch Food Pantry. Arrive at 8am

Volunteer schedule:

Jan 4--Darlene Spires, Tim and Charmin Copenhaver, Kim Belskamper
Jan 11--Chad and Sheila Rappe, Christine and Garry Cutler
Jan 18--Lori Nixon, Russell Hedges, Marsha Baker, Donna Hayes
Jan 25--Brad, Denise, Isaac, and Nicholas Hunt