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**Let the United Methodist Men provide your Ham
for Christmas this year!**

The spiral sliced smoked hams are 9-12 lbs. and the price is \$50.

**Last day to order a ham is Sunday, December 11.
Date for pick up is Wednesday, December 21, from 9 AM - 12 PM in the
Family Life Center.**

**To order, please fill out a form and place it in the Offering boxes, or give it to a member
of the United Methodist Men. You may also call the church office to place your order.
This is a fundraiser for the missions of the Burns UMM. Thank You!**

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of Burns Memorial United Methodist Church

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On Fire for Christ

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From The Pastor

Rev. Terry Fleming, our beloved former District Superintendent, wrote an article a few weeks ago that I think really describes the Christian life. Here are his words.

“There is a channel of water that connects the Black Sea with the Mediterranean Sea. It is the Bosphorus, also called the Strait of Istanbul. It was (and is) an important route for navigation, and of course sailing ships typically go with the flow – which is southward. But since at least the 8th century, ship’s captains knew that there was ANOTHER current in that strait. It flows northward, deep beneath the surface. They would fill their nets with rocks and lower them several fathoms down and their ships would move – as if by magic – against the stream. No sails, no motor, no oars giving momentum – just sailing against the current.

Today we are awash with the currents of our culture – fear, hostility, conspiracy – we are bathing in all that through social media or mass media. It is simplistic itself to join the lynch mob, left or right; to jump on that bandwagon, and join our voices and our anger in the riot.

I think that the Christian believer should stand apart. We stand rooted – or better yet, we sail - AGAINST the direction of the mob. It is as if we heard the beat of a different drummer, or were warmed by another sun, so we effortlessly swim north while all about us are swimming south. How is this possible? Because of whose we are, because our souls are linked to the vine – Christ himself.

Chesterton gave the famous quote, “A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it (The Everlasting Man).”

This is the key of the Christian life. Faith in Christ – not the words, the real thing – means we are rooted and anchored and attached to the life of Christ. In the surface, we live out our lives materially, physically, bodily. But somehow, some way, our essential soul is connected beyond the veil, to eternity, to heaven, to something and someone BEYOND. In a very real sense, we are called to consider our earthly lives as already dead – certainly dying and passing away – but our essential life “is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).” And there OUGHT to be evidence of that new Christ-life flowing out of us in our behavior, in our words, in our love...and in our calmness, when everyone about us is losing their ever-loving minds!”

Terry’s words remind me of the Henry David Thoreau's quote, “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the


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music which he hears, however measured or far away."

May we have the grace to hear God’s voice, and the courage to follow his direction, even when it means going against the current.

Grace & Peace, Pastor John



COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
CAROLING

The South Augusta Pastors and the Alleluia Community are co-sponsoring a Neighborhood Christmas Caroling Event. We will gather at 5 PM on December 20 at Burns Memorial Methodist Church Family Life Center to sing a few carols together. Then teams of carolers will go out to sing in the area. At 7:30 PM we will meet back at Burns Methodist for fellowship, hot chocolate, etc. Join us to sing, or if you are open to a group of carolers coming by, let us know!



STAFF LOVE
OFFERING

Your SPR Committee would like to do something special for our staff for Christmas.

We would like to invite everyone who feels so inclined, to give a monetary gift to be shared among our Burns staff. Please gift it no later than December 11th, so that we may present it to our staff on December 18th.

If your gift is made by check, please mark it “Love Offering.” If your gift is made by cash, please mark the envelope “Love Offering.” Thank you for your participation in this wonderful thank you for our staff.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 SERVICE
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Invite your friends to church on Sunday, December 11 for the 11 AM Worship Service and our Fellowship Lunch afterward. We will be blessed to have Robbie and Gail Jarrell’s woodwind quintet joining us for a very special service of Lessons and Carols. This beautiful service blends the scripture readings of the birth of Jesus with traditional Christmas carols. This special worship service is a very meaningful way to keep Christ in Christmas.



Family Night Supper

December 21, 2022
Dinner: 6:00 PM

Breakfast for Dinner
Beverages

We will be celebrating Christmas by singing Christmas Carols!

Adults: \$7
Children 4 - 12: \$3
Children 3 and under: Free

Please fill out the sign up form in the bulletin and place it in the offering box on Sunday morning.

EVERY ANGEL IS SPECIAL!


The Fellowship Sunday School Class is offering us the opportunity to help support their mission projects by placing an ANGEL ON THE TREE.

Angels may be designated in **HONOR** or in **MEMORY** of someone special to you by completing the form that will be in the bulletin.

Place the form along with your gift of **\$2** for each listing in one of the offering envelopes, mark your gift and the envelope "ANGEL TREE." Place your envelope in one of the offering boxes. **December 18** is the final day to participate in this Christmas Project.

The Fellowship SS Class appreciates the support given to their mission projects by participation in this lovely event. (Your listing may be given to a member of the Fellowship SS Class if you desire.)

Make Your Check Payable to: Fellowship Sunday School Class





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BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	SHEPHERD
DONKEY	MANGER	STAR
FRANKINCENSE	MARY	WISE MEN

