

# The Singleton Breeze



October 2023 - December 2023

Singleton United Methodist Church

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## A Word From Our Pastor

Fall is in the air. We are moving toward the end of the year. Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. It is a time to give thanks. Singleton UMC has a lot to be thankful. We have been blessed with a year of sharing, celebrating, walking with people in time of grief, struggle and challenges in life. We have shown Christ to many people. We thank God for each in all that is done.

Thanksgiving is near the end of the church year. The new year in the church begins with Advent. We begin to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. It is a time of celebration in the church and with family and friends. We hope this will be a wonderful time for everyone this year.

- Pastor Calvin

## Upcoming Sermons

October	November	December
October 1 – By what authority Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 & Matthew 21:23-32	November 5 – Are you a Pharisee? Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 & Matthew 23:1-12	December 3 – Calling to God Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 & Mark 13:24-37
October 8 – What do we value Psalm 19 & Philippians 3:4-14	November 12 – Receiving Salvation Psalm 78:1-7 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	December 10 – God Delivers Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 & Isaiah 40:1-11
October 15 – Who are you? Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 & Exodus 32:1-14	November 19 – God is calling Psalm 123 & Judges 4:1-7	December 17 – Holy Living Psalm 126 & 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
October 22 – Not perfect, but contagious Psalm 99 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	November 26 – God's Love Psalm 100 & Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	December 24 Morning – Gift of Giving Luke 1:26-38 & Luke 1:47-55
October 29 – Believe Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 & Deuteronomy 34:1-12		December 31 – A Child, an Heir Psalm 148 & Galatians 4:4-7





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ We will be lighting the Advent candles this year on December 3, 10, 17, & 24 (morning and night). If interested in any of these dates, please let the pastor know.
- ❖ We will have the poinsettia tree this year.
- ❖ Watch the announcements for a craft get together time in October. We will be putting the finishing touches on the new Chrismon ornaments for our church Christmas tree.
- ❖ There are still Sundays available to provide the flowers for the church altar. Please sign up on the calendar located on the church bulletin board.
- ❖ United Methodist Men Fish Fry is Saturday October 28 at 5:00
- ❖ Fifth Sunday, October 29 after the service. Baked Potato lunch.
- ❖ Join us each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 10:30 for coffee, and fellowship. Yummy refreshments, good conversation and smiles always! Special thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have provided these delicious treats.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Breakfast and Service at 8:00
- ❖ Christmas Eve service is at 7:00
- ❖ Having device issues? Please call Hunter Stone at H. Stone Digital Solutions at 757-846-3100
- ❖ Singleton Sisterhood wants to help you during your times of need. We are creating a team to provide a meal for you for a short time when you are going through sickness. If you need a meal please let the pastor know. We also have information that can help you long term with food. Bay Aging has meals on wheels. The number for information about this program is 804-493-0238.

Dear Singleton Family,

Bob and I feel so blessed to be a member of this loving and precious community. Your presence has been felt by your prayers, your cards and your phone calls. Bob is progressing in his journey and gets a little better every day. He would love to have you visit and help him in his speech progress. Thank you again for the blessings you have given us.

Faithfully, Susie and Bob Welker



## DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."* Psalm 118:8.

## UMW of Faith - Singleton Sisterhood Unit

Brownie Bartley, President of the Singleton Sisterhood Unit of Women in Faith called the meeting to order. After repeating the traditional purpose of the Women in Faith, Connee Sutton presented the devotion. It was very insightful with touching thoughts of "What I've Learned from Life". We all enjoyed it very much with a few chuckles along the way and heart touching statements. Connee wrote this herself. Thank you Connee.

After reading from the Prayer Calendar,

Brownie reminded us that we now meet every other month with our next meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>. The program will be brought by Donna Griffin, Vice President, and will be the Call to Prayer and World Thank Offering. Also, she gave a reminder that on December 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our yearly Christmas Salad Luncheon. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and to bring a salad to share. Drinks and bread will be provided.

Martha Soles brought the program on our Pledges. Instead of the money going to the third World countries we decided previously to keep the money in our country.

We then reviewed our giving. We went over all the organizations that we have previously donated to and decided to increase each one \$100. The only exception was UMCOR which stayed the same.

A motion was made by Ginger VanAtta to send gift cards to our graduates. We had six graduates this year and will be sending them a one-hundred-dollar gift card. Connee Sutton seconded the motion.

Connee Sutton suggested giving money to Severn Church to help support their ministry. They create gift bags for cancer patients, and deliver them. These bags contain items for both men and women who are going through cancer treatments. They consist of creams, puzzle books and items that cancer patients can use as suggested by the cancer treatment center. The cost of the bags is \$50.00 worth of items. The Joyful Hands circle at Severn Church is actively working this ministry. Joyful Hands also donated money to our ministry for Peasley School where we provided Snack Packs for students in need.

All ladies of the church are invited to join the Singleton Sisterhood. Please come and join us after worship on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Susie Welker

# The 5-Finger Prayer



**Thumb:** Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

**Pointer finger:** Pray for those who point you in the right direction: your teachers, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

**Middle finger (tallest):** Pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership. Pray for guidance and wisdom.

**Ring finger (weakest):** Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble: those most in need.

**Pinkie finger (smallest):** Pray for yourself and your own needs.

## **AN ENCOURAGING WORD (author unknown)**

I have learned to live with answering machines as a necessary part of modernization. But I have often wondered, *"What if God decided to install an automated answering machine?"*

Imagine praying and hearing this: Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following four options: Press 1 for requests. Press 2 for a thanksgiving. Press 3 for complaints. For all other inquiries, press 4. What if God used the familiar excuse: "All the angels are helping other customers right now. Please stay on the line. Your call will be answered in the order it was received."

Can you imagine getting these kinds of responses as you call on God in prayer? "If you'd like to speak with Gabriel, press 1. For Michael, press 2. For an angel, press 3. If you'd like King David to sing a psalm for you, press 6".

"To find out if your relative is here, enter his/her date of death and listen for the list that follows: For reservations at My Father's House, simply press the letters J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 3-1-6. For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, wait till you get here! Our computers show that you called once today already. Please hang up immediately. This office is closed for the weekend. Please call again Monday."

Thank God, you can't call Him too often. You only need to ring once and God hears you. Because of Jesus, you never get a busy signal. God takes each call and knows each caller personally. Then you will call and the Lord will answer – you will cry for help and he will say: Here am I (Isaiah 58:9 NIV)

# Activities

## Ongoing

Worship Service - Sundays at 11:00
Monday Morning Glories – Mondays at 9:30
Wednesday Night Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Fellowship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 10:30
United Methodist Men – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month
Singleton Sisterhood – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after service every other month

October	November	December
<u>October 1 &amp; 15</u> Snac Packing after church	<u>November 1, 8, 15, &amp; 29</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00	<u>December 4, 11, &amp; 18</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30
<u>October 2, 9, 16, 23, &amp; 30</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30	<u>November 6, 13, 20, &amp; 27</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30	<u>December 6, 13, &amp; 20</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00
<u>October 4, 18, &amp; 25</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00	<u>November 12</u> 2nd Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 in the fellowship hall	<u>December 10</u> 2nd Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 in the fellowship hall
<u>October 8</u> 2nd Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 in the fellowship hall	<u>November 12</u> Snac Packing after church	<u>December 10</u> Snac Packing after church
<u>October 8</u> Singleton Sisterhood - after service	<u>November 23</u> Thanksgiving Breakfast & Service – 8:00	<u>December 24</u> Christmas Eve Service – 7 :00
<u>October 21</u> Cleanup Day – 9:30		
<u>October 28</u> United Methodist Men Fish Fry – 5:00		
<u>October 29</u> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Baked Potato Lunch		





SECOND SUNDAY SOCIALS

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Church Picnic  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023