



Friday, November 3

The Weekender

A Few Things...

Christmas Marketplace

First there was a wonderful Fall Festival and now a wonderful Christmas Marketplace. I rejoiced to see so many of our members working together for others. I've been in churches where all the money they raised they kept. I am proud that we do all that work on behalf of others. Congratulations on a job well done!

All Saints Day

This past Sunday we also celebrated All Saints Day. It was a moving service for me. The hymn "For All the Saints" moves me every time I sing it. The song reminds me of the faithfulness of so many. People have suffered for their faith and remained true. The scriptures from the Book of Revelation also move me. John reminds us of the faithfulness of God and the hope for all who are in Christ. It was a glorious Sunday.

Questioning God

I am still planning a sermon series at the beginning of the year. I think I am going to call it *Questioning God*. We'll have a Bible study by the same name. The sermon series lasts five weeks. The Bible study will last nine weeks.

You'll see more in upcoming bulletins. But for now you can send me an email and ask your question. I'd give you examples, but I don't want to limit your creativity. What are things you've wrestled with? What are questions you've been afraid to raise in Sunday school? Our God is a big God and he can handle any hard questions. And our faith is a deep and thoughtful faith that can handle the most difficult questions.

See you Sunday!

In Christ,

John

This Sunday in Worship November 12 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Anthems:

Hear Me Now, O Lord (8:30 a.m.)

Ancient Waters Warmed With Life (11:00 a.m.)

Sermon:

Walk This Way (Psalm 1)

Rev. John Barnes preaching (8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.)

Order NOW! Today is last day to order your name badge.

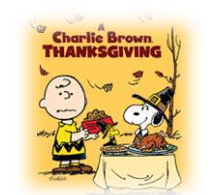
Be sure to get your FFUMC name badge. [Click here to go directly to the on-line order form.](#) The cost is \$5 per name badge.

Pre-ordered Pecans Ready for Pickup This Sunday



If you ordered pecans from the UMW, you may pick up your order from the Welcome Center this Sunday and next Sunday between services. PRE-ORDERED PECANS ONLY will be available.

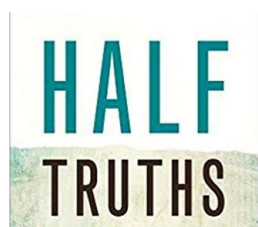
Thankful Night with ffumcKIDS on November 15



“Great is Thy faithfulness, so great is our thankfulness!” Join ffumcKIDS for an outdoor party with popcorn, field games and the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving movie. Meet Carson Thaxton and friends on the lawn following 5:55 Worship on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:15 p.m. Invite your friends and come share thankfulness, food and fun!

Morning Bible Studies on Mondays and Wednesdays

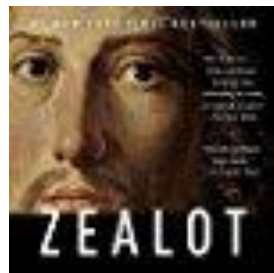
Creative Faith — Mondays at 9:15 a.m. Enjoy coffee and ongoing fellowship on Monday mornings (when school is in session) at this creative Bible study, currently studying Mary. Room C-280.



Half Truths — Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy lively discussions and a book/DVD-based study by Adam Hamilton with Rev. Allyson Lawrence exploring topics attributed to God that may not be in the Bible like “God helps those who help themselves” and “God doesn’t give you more than you can handle.” Room C-250.

For more information on these and other studies, contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at alanrence@fayettevillefirst.com.

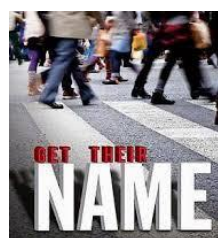
Preview for “Matthew The Writer and His Gospel” Is This Sunday



Get a preview of a new Study Class as David Hobson presents “Matthew The Writer and His Gospel” at 9:45 a.m. in Room C-230. Matthew was a writer, a storyteller who drew upon various sources to write his gospel, his version of the good news. This study will explore some of the possible sources he used in creating what is the first gospel in the New Testament but not likely the very first gospel given some widespread use. Come join if you wish to explore what those sources might have been and how the Gospel of Matthew might have come to be written. The main book for the class is

Zealot by Reza Aslan. The orientation class is this Sunday, November 12, at 9:30 a.m. in Room C-230. Class sessions will begin January 7, 2018.

“Get Their Name” Workshop Opportunity

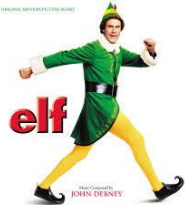


As we seek to help others know God through Fayetteville First UMC we often ask the question “How do we develop relationships with unchurched people? How do I share my own story or experience of Jesus with others? How can my church build a culture of invitation? And how do we know if we as a church are ready to receive those we invite?”

If you would like to be part of a growing ministry to reach new people for Jesus, come join us at the “Get Their Name” Workshop at Wesley Chapel UMC in McDonough on

Sunday, November 12, from 2 p.m. to 6 pm. Register by clicking here: [Get Their Name](#). Nationally known United Methodist author, coach and speaker, Kay Kotan will be leading the workshop to help participants discover their story, prepare them to share their stories outside the church, and ready your church to receive guests.

Partner with MainStreet -- Orange Shirt Time!



On **Friday, November 17** the city is showing the movie “Elf” on the courthouse lawn. What a great opportunity for us to bring our families and friends, watch a movie and get to know more people in our community. Also, on **Saturday, December 2**, the city is hosting the annual Fayetteville Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Our church is invited to participate and give out some free popcorn. These are just two more great opportunities to bring out our orange shirts and share a little of God’s love (and popcorn)! If you are interested in being a welcoming force from FFUMC contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com.

Worship Together This Thanksgiving

You are invited to a combined Thanksgiving Celebration for the seven churches in our LaGrange Sub-District on Sunday, November 19, at 5 p.m. at New Hope UMC located at 272 Weldon Road in Fayetteville. Rev. Alpheia Murray will preach, and a special offering will be collected for UMCOR. Bring a dessert or snacks to share during the fellowship time after the service. Let’s get to know members of other United Methodist Churches in our area and give thanks.

Help College Students Through Finals



UMW’s Bethany Circle will be sending college care packages to our students during finals. Boxes will be mailed the week of finals and addresses are needed. To ensure your student receives a package from FFUMC, please contact Laurie Brooks, blbrooks92@gmail.com, by November 12.

Upcoming: For more information, visit fayettevillefirst.com or 770-461-4313.

December 5 — Titus II, Inman Elementary Chorus, noon

December 7 — UMW Unit Christmas Banquet and Officer Installation, Appetizers at 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:40 p.m., Entertainment: Sam Burch, soloist, Reservations due by December 3 through UMW circle chairs or Tammy Cook at tamrarcook@gmail.com or 770-712-9748, Meal (\$8): Ritzzy Chicken Salad entree.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Menu



Order your meal for this week’s Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper by noon on Monday, November 13. Sign up each week or for the entire 2017-2018 season. Just go to fayettevillefirst.com, e-mail admin@fayettevillefirst.com, complete a pew card, or call the church office at 770-461-4313.
November 15 Menu: Thanksgiving Dinner or Chicken Tenders Meal or Grilled Chicken Salad Meal.

Financial Update for November 10

Income: \$1,177,073.94

Expenses: \$1,247,451.29

Christmas Marketplace Congratulations!

\$12,850 was raised for charities just in time for Christmas.

Thank You!