



May 24, 2024

The Weekender

Goals VS Intentions

Rev. Kaylen Short

I was probably 7 or 8 around the time my older sister and I made a deal: for my 18th birthday (which was just after her 21st birthday) we would go skydiving. I am quite certain she only made the deal because she never thought I would remember for 10+ years. I remembered. Shortly after my 18th birthday, my sister, my dad, my uncle, and I all jumped out of a perfectly good airplane and survived to tell the tale. The one thing I think my big sis forgot is that I have always loved a goal.

I believe goals are absolutely essential so I set personal goals often. This year I had a goal of reading 34 books before my 35th birthday. One book for each of my 34 years. I am currently on book 35. I also set a goal this month to ride 350 miles on my Peloton bike before my 35th birthday. As of now, I am on schedule. Not all of my goals succeed, of course. I often set ambitious goals that I fall desperately short of. Yet, I think striving toward a goal and falling short is better than not pursuing one in the first place. That is because I believe goals are specific things that you are willing to work toward to accomplish. In the case of skydiving, I worked at this by bringing it up occasionally for 10+ years and arranging the details when the time finally arrived. Goals are specific and are followed by action.



That's what differentiates goals from intentions. I intended to drink less coffee while Alli is pregnant and can't drink it, but any of you who see me before church every Sunday with a giant Dunkin' cup in my hand know how well those intentions are working out. My intention wasn't specific (how much less coffee?) and I wasn't willing to follow it with action.

I share all of this because I'd love to know what your goals are for our church. Many of you likely know of our Lay Leader Florence's goal for our church: to welcome in 40 new members this year. This is a wonderful goal for us and one that we currently have a great chance of reaching and surpassing due in large part to Florence's prayerful leadership and willingness to establish that goal.

So yes, I'd love to know your goals for our church! Call or email me and share what they are. Let's dream and plot together. But when you share your goals, make sure they're goals you're willing to work toward and not just good intentions. Otherwise, you might learn what my big sister did: sharing a goal with me can require a giant leap of faith.



TRINITY SUNDAY

8:45 AM (Chapel) 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)

[Online link active at 11 AM and after](#)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *"Resurrection only comes after..."*

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CURRENT NEWS



General Conference 2024

The United Methodist General Conference met the last week of April and first week of May in Charlotte, North Carolina. For a brief update on the specific legislation passed, please watch this video from our North GA Conference Bishop Robin Dease: <https://vimeo.com/942483052>

Additionally, if you have questions about specific pieces of legislation that passed please contact Rev. Kaylen Short to set up a time to ask those. If you would prefer to hear a brief informational update on General Conference, you can attend our next church council meeting on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 PM.



Great start to summer: Pops Concert at FFUMC June 9

Kick off summer with your church family. Join the Chancel Choir and guest musicians Sunday, June 9, at 7 PM in the Fayetteville First UMC Sanctuary for a Pops Concert. This inspiring event will include performances of Battle Hymn of the Republic by Peter Wilhousky, God Bless America by Ovid You, and many pop favorites. Plan to attend and bring family, friends, and neighbors to this free event. Dessert reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact the church office at admin@fayettevillefirst.com or 770-461-4313.



Let's Do Lunch — Save the Date!

Saturday, August 10, at Noon

Special Guest: Jinny Henson

Lunch: Grilled Chicken Salad Cost: FREE

Reservations required. [Click here to make your reservations NOW!](#)

Don't miss this event!



Look for more Capital Campaign information soon

Our Hope and a Future Capital Campaign is underway as we seek to minister to those touched by Fayetteville First UMC both now and in the future. Follow these links to information already presented and look for more information coming your way very soon.

[See the Capital Campaign Case Statement](#)

[View the updated Capital Campaign Presentation](#)

Since many members could not attend the presentation on April 17, the Capital Campaign Committee will host a **congregation-wide lunch and presentation on Sunday, June 2**, following the 11 a.m. service. Reservations for the lunch are not required; however if you plan to attend, it will be helpful if you let us know. Email admin@fayettevillefirst.com or call the office at 770-461-4313.



Serving at SafeHouse Outreach: May 30

Our upcoming meal service at SafeHouse is on Thursday, May 30. Please mark your calendars! Chuck Grayson and Faye Livingston will be leading the preparation and helping Jane Davis in the kitchen on Thursday. We serve meals, prayer cards, devotionals and dignity. All volunteers should arrive by 4 PM. Wayne Harris will be driving and holiday traffic will be heavy, so we need to have the minibus loaded up and ready to go by 4:30 PM.

If you'd like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Randy Riddell or the church office.



Summer Delights on Wednesday Nights

You're invited to gather on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 PM with your FFUMC friends. Those who want to meet up should gather at Line Creek Brewing Company at the Bus Barn behind Fayetteville City Hall, 200 City Center Parkway. Be sure to wear your nametag (if you can) to help newcomers find you. Pack a meal from home or pick up some delicious food or a treat on site and stay connected through the summer until Wednesday Night Suppers resume at the church in September.



Time for Summer Lunch - help and donations needed

Our Summer Lunch Program will swing into action to provide food stability for many families in Fayette County beginning June 4. We will be packing lunches at 9:30 AM each Tuesday during June and July and delivering them afterward. Contact Faye Livingston if you'd like to pack or be a driver.

What is needed now? Cookies, either homemade or store-bought (no nuts, please). Feel free to pre-package two cookies per baggie or leave that for our weekly packers. This year we are also looking for donations of fruit. For the first week, we are requesting apples. All donations should be marked for "Summer Lunch" and delivered to the Fellowship Hall, placed on the counter or in the food refrigerator by Monday of each week. We are very appreciative of the opportunity to serve our community. Questions? Contact this year's coordinator, Faye Livingston, or the church office.



Christmas Shoeboxes prepared now through July 1

United Women in Faith (UWF) are sponsoring the third annual Christmas Shoebox drive in cooperation with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Warehouse in Decatur, AL. This project helps spread the joy and love of Christmas to children ages 2-12 in Central America.

The Christmas Tree in the Welcome Center has 100 ornaments for girls and boys of various ages listing the items needed as well as 20 ornaments for monetary donations.

Put the items in a bag and place the bag under the tree or return it to the church office **no later than July 1, 2024**. Monetary donations should be marked "Christmas Shoeboxes" and sent to the church office or given online through Realm and will be used for shipping costs and the bulk items (e.g. underwear, pencils, crayons, etc.) the UWF has purchased.

Very Important – Put the ornament in the bag with the items so that we will know what age group the items are for. Members of the UWF will pack the boxes by the end of July (date to be decided later) and deliver them to the warehouse no later than August 22, 2024. Questions? Contact Maggie Clarke.



Start the Patriotic Season at National Infantry Museum

On Thursday June 20, SAGE (Senior Adults Going Everywhere) is traveling to the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, GA. Experience the museum's collection of more than 70,000 artifacts from the last 240 years of American military history. SAGE will participate in a guided tour to experience all the museum has to offer. Gather at the church office at 8:15 AM, depart at 8:30 AM. Cost for the museum is \$5.00/person and transportation is \$2.00/person. Lunch location TBD. Lunch cost is on your own. Please call the church office at 770-461-4313 or email admin@fayettevillefirst.com for reservations.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Park + Snack FFUMC Kids

Summer is here ... What in the world do I do with my preschool and elementary age kid(s)?? Join Rev. Drew West (dad of Oliver who is 2 and Lillian who is 6) on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the FFUMC playground June 3, 10, and 17. At these playdates we will play on the playground together and fellowship as well as eat. Please BYO snack/lunch. For more information contact Drew at 770-461-4313 or dwest@fayettevillefirst.com.

YOUTH NEWS



High School Beach Retreat May 31 – June 3

High Schoolers (rising 9th graders through graduating seniors) -- Your beach retreat is here!!!! Save the date: May 31 through June 3! Cost per student will be \$250 plus some spending money for two meals on the road. We will be going to Port St. Joe, Florida. We will have beach time and shopping time; we will cook together, play together and worship together. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com. You can [sign up at this link](#).



Commissioning service for youth summer missions: June 4

FFUMC Youth are excited as they prepare for our youth summer mission trip with Appalachian Service Project June 9 – 15. Last year, teams from FFUMC and Inman UMC served in Breathitt County, Kentucky, which had been damaged from major flooding. Two teams repaired floors and put in a new kitchen while another team installed a new roof for a family. This year's projects have not yet been assigned, but the youth are eager to again partner with Inman UMC as they experience and share in God's gracious love. The church is invited to a **commissioning service for this group on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 PM** in the FFUMC chapel.



LOVE In Action: Thanks for mower ... furniture, washer needed

Thank you for helping those on the margins with your donations. A lawn mower was donated last week. Thank you! What is currently needed? **Living Room Furniture, Washing Machine.** Contact Cindy Hall with donations or questions.

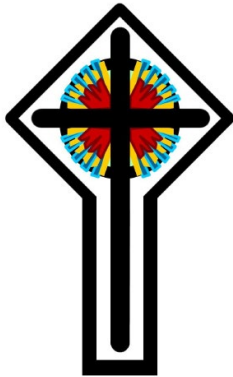


June pantry needs from Fayette Samaritans

Donations are one way to help those with food insecurity and other needs. Food and clothing donations may be placed in the hallway cart near the gym or dropped by the church office.

New Most Needed List: Canned Chicken, Canned Beef Stew, Tuna, Canned Beans (Black, Pinto, Navy, etc.), Mixed Vegetables, Mac and Cheese, Canned Corn, Jelly, Dried Spaghetti Pasta, Coffee

Clothes Closet: Women's socks, women's underwear sizes 5-9 and larger than 10; Men's tube socks in dark colors.



May 22, 2024 Financials

Operating Budget 2024

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$459,217.58
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$464,740.28
Difference	- \$5, 522.70

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week \$699.00
78 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total given \$19,379.24

You can continue your financial support in many ways:

Online giving: [Click here.](#)

Mail check to church or place it in the drop box at the church office.
Use electronic funds transfer with your bank.

Regular Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m. lunch)
Closed Fridays

AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM; Wednesdays 7 PM;
Fridays 7 PM; Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 PM

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Congrats to Grads!

We celebrate all our graduates! Some are pictured here and a more complete list is in our [Graduation Sunday recognition program](#). Emma Autry (shown above and group photo top left) was awarded the \$2,500 Edward N. Travis Scholarship by Trustee representative Dr. George McKelvy. Congratulations to all!

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

— Jeremiah 29:11

