



July 3, 2024

## The Weekender



*Happy Independence Day*

from  
**Fayetteville First**



**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**8:45 AM (Chapel) 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)**

[Online link active at 11 AM and after](#)  
Mark 6:7-13 "Serving and Being Served"  
Rev. Kaylen Short

## CURRENT NEWS

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### July 7: Baby Shower for the Short Family

A church-wide baby shower for Alli and Kaylen Short will be hosted by the United Women in Faith's Friendship Circle.

**Sunday, July 7**

**Drop in 3 to 5 PM**

**FFUMC Fellowship Hall**

RSVP to the church office: [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com), 770-461-4313

Link to gift registry: <https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/short>

We will also be collecting donations of small baby items and supplies that will be given to the **Pregnancy Resource Center** in Alli and Kaylen's honor. Please bring these with you to the shower or drop them off in the church office. Needed items: new pacifiers, new onesies 3M-2T, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, diaper cream, socks, bibs, towels, nursing pads, crib sheets, diapers (sizes 5 and 6 only), books for toddlers. Thank you for your care for infants in our community.



### Give Blood Sunday, July 14

**8 AM to 1 PM, Fayetteville First UMC gym**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at FFUMC is Sunday, July 14, in the gym from 8 AM to 1 PM. Signing up is easy!

Go directly to the American Red Cross site at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and choose our drive on July 14 ... and encourage others to donate here at FFUMC. **Please sign up to donate in advance if at all possible.** Email [ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com) for questions or assistance.

*Pictured: Nancy Ricciardi serving through giving!*



### Great ways to cap off the summer!

Believe it or not the summer break is nearly halfway over. Public schools start the beginning of August and teachers and staff go back even earlier than that! Let's celebrate at the end of summer and get ready for the new year!

**Back to School Bash: Saturday, July 27**

We are going to celebrate the ending of summer and the beginning of a new school year with a fun back to school bash on July 27, 3-5 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to join the party!

**Blessing of Backpacks: Sunday, July 28**

On July 28, join us during the 11 AM worship for a blessing of the backpacks as we pray for all those starting a new year.



## Planning for Sunshine VBS in July

Sunshine VBS will be held July 17 - 19, from 5:30 PM - 8 PM. Please contact Susie Arrington (see Realm) or [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com) if you would like to volunteer or need additional information.



## Summer Lunch Continues Through July

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

Lunches packed for 260 students 11 Routes

### Needs:

Cookies, especially homemade, **no nuts**

Substitute drivers

Apples - group or individuals could supply

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. Contact Faye Livingston or the church office to volunteer.



## New session begins Monday, August 19

GriefShare is a program where caring individuals walk with others through the journey of grief. Facilitated by Carol and Bill Webb, classes meet Mondays August 19 through November 18 from 10 AM to 12 PM in Room B350. All are welcome. For more information on the program or to sign up, contact the Webbs at 404-234-1056 or visit [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org).



## G3: Good Grief Gals meet July 11 at 5:30 PM

Encouragement along the path is available for you. Women moving through life after the death of their spouses meet each month to support and uplift each other. If you are also walking through this season of life and would like to be a part of this support network, please plan to join us each month on the SECOND THURSDAY. Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, **July 11, at 5:30 PM** at Partners Pizza in Fayetteville. If you can, please bring baby wipes to share with Prenancy Resource Center. Questions? Contact Janet Baileys or the church office.



## UMCOR Feminine Kits collected by UWF District

United Women in Faith are collecting Feminine Hygiene Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief this summer. You are invited to [check the list of needed items](#) and bring any donations to the church office. The collection is from now through September 3. Bins will be available in the Welcome Center area during August.





## Let's Do Lunch — Reservations are open

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!



## SAGE visits Infantry Museum on July 12

Senior Adults Going Everywhere (SAGE) will be going to the National Infantry Museum on **Friday, July 12.**

Meet at the church office at 8:15 AM & depart at 8:30 AM.

Tour will be from 10:30 AM – 12 PM.

Lunch will be at the Wicked Hen restaurant in Columbus.

Cost: Museum \$5, Transportation \$2, plus lunch.

Please call the church office at 770-461-4313 or email [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com) for reservations.

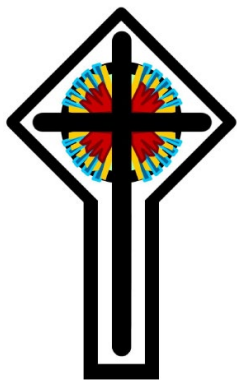


## NEW LIST: July pantry needs from Fayette Samaritans

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 Tuna, Peanut Butter, Green Beans, Dried Beans, Rice, Mac and Cheese, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant (Men's and Women's), Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Bar Soap

***Clothes Closet:*** Men's Boxer Shorts sizes large and extra large



## Financials will be reported next week

[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

The church office will be closed July 4 for the holiday.

**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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## It's always good to be together

The Fellowship-Discipleship Class loves to get together for study AND for fellowship ... even for Bingo with prizes brought by attenders: something FUN for someone else to receive that was just in their home. No one was to buy anything.

Bingo game caller Sidney did her part while Michelle Hill selected how each game would be played. Her creative games ensured all the prizes being given. Betty McKibben started a "swap your prize" game at her table, which was a great idea especially after David Washburn won a cosmetic accessories kit. Joe Goodwin got the grand prize: a gift card to Broadway Diner. James Watkins was deemed "Most Fun" after he sported the lovely straw hat he won. James is famous for saying "If there's food involved, I'll be there." So it was no surprise that he thoroughly enjoyed cake, cookies, and ice cream along with everybody else. This group can study hard and play hard!

