



June 28, 2024

The Weekender

Trust

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

What an incredible week we've had! Vacation Bible School was so much fun. A little exhausting, but so much fun. Our campers learned Bible stories that taught them how they can learn to trust God, even when they are afraid.

Trust. It's a theme that keeps coming up lately.

It's a hard thing to do. Trust.

Ruth and Naomi had to trust. Jacob had to trust. The disciples had to trust. Paul had to trust. I suppose they didn't have to trust. But they all did. When things were difficult, when things were scary, when things were unknown, these ancient heroes trusted. They did hard things. They chose things that were uncomfortable, unfamiliar, uneasy. And they found God was with them. God gave them peace. God made a way. God gave them wisdom. And God gave them joy.

That was what our campers learned this week. Trust.

They learned to trust their Cabin Leaders. They learned to trust themselves. They learned to trust each other. They learned to trust God, because they learned they could trust you. You have stepped in to this week in small and big ways. Some of you took vacation time to be here, some of you rearranged appointments and activities with friends to make this VBS the priority. Some of you have made financial donations and so many of you have been praying.

As Pastor Drew and I have stepped into this week of VBS, what a joy it is to be reminded that we too can trust God, as we are reminded that we, too, can trust you, the faithful saints of Fayetteville First United Methodist Church.

Peace in Christ as we trust in God, together.



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

Psalm 56:2b-9; Luke 2:41-52

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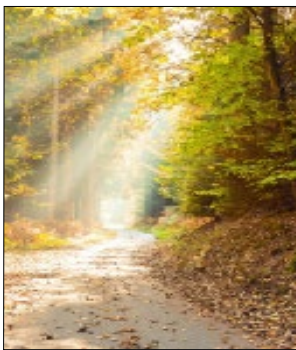
Give Blood Sunday, July 14

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 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 for questions or assistance.

Pictured: Nancy Ricciardi serving through giving!



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.



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.



Christmas Shoeboxes are due this Monday, 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.



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 if you would like to volunteer or need additional information.



Can you help at Summer Lunch?

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.



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, 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.



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!



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. 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.



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 for reservations.



Spread beauty, love and encouragement with flowers

The FFUMC Flower Ministry shares joy through the flowers. Arrangements may be donated to honor or remember a loved one or any special occasion with recognition included in the Sunday bulletin. The cost for two arrangements is \$150. After the service, arrangements may be removed by the donor or one or both may be given to the Flower Ministry. The team will take donated flowers and make them into many beautiful arrangements to be shared with our church family and friends for encouragement and cheer. Contact admin@fayettevillefirst.com to schedule a donation.



Could you lend your voice on Sundays as a Lay Liturgist?

You are invited to participate on Sundays as a Lay Liturgist assisting in reading scripture and creeds. If you would like to share in this part of worship, please contact admin@fayettevillefirst.com or let Rev. Kaylen Short know and we can coordinate a Sunday that works for you.



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



Flower Ministry

Thank you very much for the pretty bouquet of flowers you brought me yesterday. I think it's wonderful for you to deliver the flowers which were in the sanctuary. It means a lot to be a recipient of the flowers and always great to have the nice ladies deliver them. — James Watkins



June 26, 2024 Financials

Operating Budget 2024

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| Year-to-Date Receipts | \$547,664.13 |
| Year-to-Date Expenses | \$579,794.84 |
| Difference | - \$32,130.71 |

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week \$144.00

89 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$22,648.44

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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The church office will be closed next Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

inspired ...

Camp Firelight was a blast!

A few pictures of our VBS fun!!

Be sure to join us Sunday at the 11:00 AM worship as some of our campers share a brief sampling of Camp Firelight VBS. After the service we'll enjoy lemonade and popsicles together!

