



September 20, 2024

## The Weekender

### Giving our very best

Nick Bowden, Director of Music & Organist

This Sunday, September 22, is a happy marker in the long history of our church. During worship we will consecrate our new organ to glory of God and for the service of this congregation. This is the culmination of a years-long effort to restore our pipe organ and equip it with the latest technology for, literally, generations to come. A fine pipe organ is both technology and art. Those who build them are master craftsmen in the field who specialize in building organs that will last a lifetime. We have enjoyed in this project the benefit of three such craftsmen: Roger Colby and Co. (console), Walker Digital (electronics) and Dan Angerstein/Anthony Nichols (tonal finishing). These companies together have produced a one-of-a-kind work of art designed to be fully utilized daily for years on end. More than just an organ, this instrument helps to provide a soundtrack for our collective spiritual lives. If you ran into any of these artisans in the halls of the church and asked what they were doing – all, to a person, would say we are here to install this organ – but, most importantly, to give the best we have to Almighty God!



Giving our best to God is what we all have in common! Music plays a vital role in the life of this church. Your commitment of money, time, and goodwill to this community through this active, caring church is extraordinary. Just like these master craftsmen, so you are giving your very best to God in lasting ways. It is appropriate we come together and celebrate God's goodness to us all, his blessing on our efforts, and the reassurance of his promise for the future.

You are the joy of a lifetime for any musician! Thank you for your generous commitment to music in the church. You will be able to see and hear the "fruit of your labor" in technicolor this Sunday! Make sure you are here and bring your friends.



### 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

Psalm 1:1-3; James 3:13-18

"Building on Wisdom"

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

# CURRENT NEWS



## Organ consecration is this Sunday

This Sunday, September 22, we will consecrate the organs to be used in worship: one in the chapel and the newly restored sanctuary pipe organ. This is a celebration moment in our Capital Campaign as we continue to complete the projects and receive final pledges and donations to be attributed to this effort.



## Attention all current and future Acolytes and Crucifers (3rd grade and up):

Join Faye Livingston and Rev. Drew West for a special training session on **Saturday, September 28**, at 3 PM in the sanctuary. Whether you're already serving or looking to start, this session is for you! Acolytes and crucifers play a vital role in worship, carrying on a long-standing tradition that reminds us of God's presence among us and our call to share Christ's message with the world. Children can begin serving as acolytes starting in 3rd grade, and students in 7th grade can serve as crucifers.



**Churchwide  
Trunk or Treat**

## Messy Church Saturday, October 26: Wanna share Treats?

Are you ready for "Spooky Church"? It's coming to Messy Church on Saturday, October 26, from 11 AM to 1 PM. We will dive into II Timothy 1:7: "For God gave us a spirit, not of fear, but of power and love and self-control." This event include Trunk or Treat! All ages are invited to participate.

Join in the fun of Trunk or Treat! Small groups (like Sunday school classes, Circles, Bible study groups, choral groups, everyone!) are invited to get together, decorate your trunk, bring candy or other appropriate treat, and join us for Messy Church Trunk or Treat. Individuals are welcome to host trunks, too, of course! [Let us know you are coming by clicking this link](#). If you are working with a group, only one person needs to fill out the reservation form.

## Give Blood October 6

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

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at FFUMC is Sunday, October 6, in the gym from 8 AM to 1 PM. Signing up is easy!

Go directly to the American Red Cross site at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and choose our drive on October 6 ... 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.



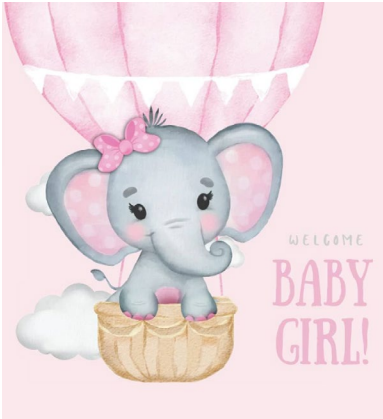


## Pantry needs from Fayette Samaritans

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.

**Most Needed List:** Canned Beef Stew, Canned Fruit, Canned English Peas, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Laundry Detergent, Coffee, Jelly

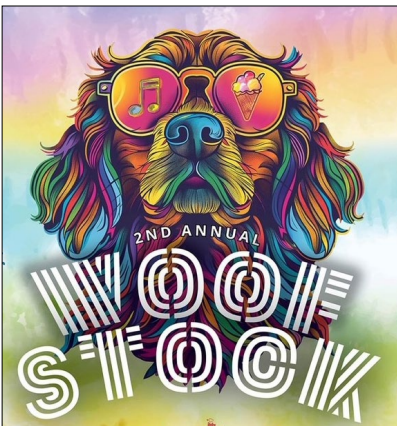
**Clothes Closet:** Women's socks and underwear, men's underwear, and girl's underwear



## Meal Train for Short Family is in motion

A Meal Train sign-up is available for those who would like to provide a meal for Kaylen and Alli Short as they adjust to their new role as parents to Baby Abigail. Meals are scheduled twice a week through Christmas. Please sign up online if you would like to participate. Scheduled meals should be delivered to the church office by 4 PM on their assigned day and we will make sure the Short family receives it. The Meal Train is intended for ready-to-eat meals, and suggestions are provided on the sign-up form. Call the church office if you have questions. Thank you to those who have sent meals already.

Meal Train Link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/010kgz>



## Save the Date for Blessing of the Animals October 12 at City Center Park

Save the date to join us on October 12 as we have a community-wide Blessing of the Animals at the City Center Park. The City of Fayetteville and other community sponsors are hosting Woofstock, a "Dog Friendly Music Festival." There will be lots of ways to show how we all love our pets. So bring your furry (or finned or hooved) friend and plan to be there to be part of the blessing and the fun. More details coming soon!



## Wednesday Night Suppers now at 5 PM

Enjoy meals on Wednesday nights together!

New time: **5 PM** Temporary location: **Gym**

What's the draw?

**Friendship!** Be with people you really like.

**Hassle Free!** Enjoy meals from local restaurants.

**Affordable!** Adults \$10, Children under 13: \$7 (pay at door)

Sign up each week by noon on Monday. Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com), or fill out a pew card.

**September 25 Menu: Piccadilly - Chicken**



**Phil Mallon  
Public Works  
October 1**

## **Titus II welcomes Phil Mallon on October 1**

Come for the meal, fellowship and a special program by Phil Mallon, FFUMC member and Fayette County Public Works Division Director. Phil will speak about what goes on in the world of Public Works and how it impacts us. Make your reservation by calling the church office or Martha Turner no later than noon on Thursday, September 26.

Lunch continues to be \$8, with the meal provided by a local restaurant.



## **Shred & Recycle at City Center Park**

**Saturday, October 19 9 AM to Noon**

**Bring paper for shredding:** Up to 10 small boxes (5 bags) of paper for shredding. The paper must be free of binder clips, binders, CDs, and such.

### **Bring glass for recycling**

The city will not recycle cardboard, electronics, ceramics, windows, or auto glass at this event. Participants will be responsible for reusing or recycling cardboard boxes.

FFUMC's Green Team is sharing this message. It's free!



## **SAGE heads to apple territory on October 17**

Let's take a trip to Ellijay! Take in some breathtaking beauty in the North Georgia mountains with friends as you make your way to Panorama Orchards & Penland's Apple House. Pick up some special apples or apple-related treats and enjoy lunch at the Double "L." It's the perfect way to celebrate fall!

*Meet at church 8:45 AM; Depart 9 AM*

*Reserve in church office.*

*\$2 transportation*

*Treats and lunch on your own*



## **Renovation scheduled: Bathrooms behind sanctuary**

Another Captial Campaign project is set to begin! The bathrooms behind the sanctuary across from the Welcome Center will be closed for up to 3 weeks for renovation beginning Monday, September 30. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please use the bathroom in the bride's room off the Narthex, the bathroom in the music suite (Nick Bowden's office), bathrooms in Building B behind the Chapel, bathrooms adjacent the gym kitchen, and bathrooms upstairs in the C building near room C-270 during this period.

LOVE IN  
ACTION



## Love in Action: Twin beds and curtains needed

Can you help several families in our community who need twin beds? Curtains are also needed to fit one-inch rods that have already been donated. If you as an individual or group can help with these needs, please contact Cindy Hall.

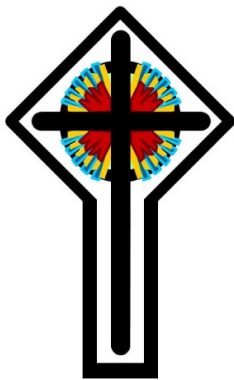


### FFUMC Shawl Ministry:

Thank you for giving faithfully 100% of your apportioned share in 2023. "Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others." I Timothy 6:18 — Bishop Robin Dease, North Georgia Conference

### FFUMC Flower Ministry:

Such a surprise today when I received the beautiful flowers. They really cheer up my apartment.  
— Martha Trice



## September 16, 2024 Financials

### Operating Budget 2024

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$796,289.50
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$829,124.28
Difference	-\$32,824.78

### Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week \$141

130 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$32,269.42

### 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, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,  
Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM

**NA Meetings:** Thursdays 7 PM

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## Celebrating United Women in Faith

Who are those behind-the-scenes workers who so faithfully serve in love? What is one of the first groups who come to mind when an event, project, or ministry needs organized, helping hands? Yes, United Women in Faith is that wonderful group!

The group of more 100 members here at Fayetteville First UMC lead the way in ministry, particularly to serve women and children locally and around the world. Organized in five dynamic small groups called Circles, the United Women in Faith is a community who encourages all to become active in missions, to grow spiritually, and to develop lasting relationships among themselves and with others throughout the broader organization. Whether through the Souper Bowl challenge; our Lenten Lunch series; sock, clothing, food, and UMCOR drives; support for VBS; Baby Recognition Sunday; Christmas Market Place; or countless other opportunities, the UWF finds a way to use all kinds of gifts and talents as they serve as the hands and feet of Christ. There is a circle just right for you! Contact Nancy Dennis, Membership and Outreach Chair, for more information on all the group is doing. This group will be recognized at both services this Sunday.

Pictured: *Above:* Ethel Taylor Circle, *Middle:* Part of the 2025 UWF Leadership Team, Mary Martha Hope Circle, *Bottom:* Bethany Circle



## Purpose of the United Women in Faith:

*We shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.*