



February 21, 2025

The Weekender

Allez Cuisine!

Rev. Kaylen Short

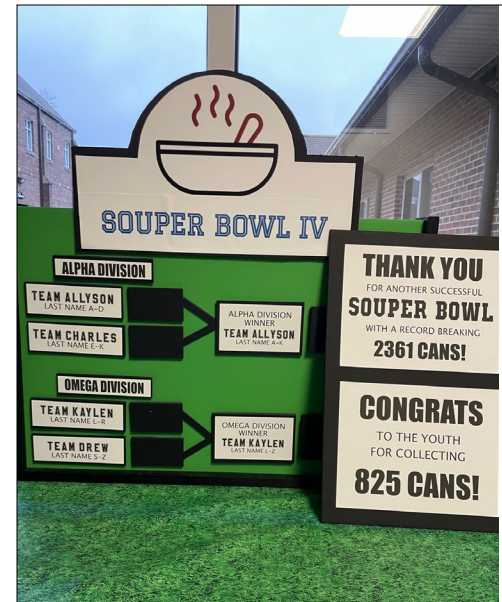
The default channel on our TV is often Food Network. Alli grew up watching cooking shows, but I just watched a lot of sports. Eventually, we settled on competition cooking shows and we've probably watched any of those you can name. But in my opinion, the ultimate cooking show was Iron Chef America.

On Iron Chef, two teams would compete against one another making multiple dishes at the same time. The teams both had a captain and two sous chefs who had typically worked in the same kitchen for years. As a result, it's part competition and part choreographed dance. Every dice and every stir seems as if it's done with precision that only comes with practice. The best teams seem to anticipate each other's needs in a way that creates culinary artistic movement.

Whatever the opposite of that is will happen in our church kitchen on March 19. Why? That's the date our staff will pay off our Wednesday Night Supper. You all exceeded our Souper Bowl collection goal so that means that night the meal is on me and our whole staff is cooking it.

I don't know exactly what our church kitchen will be like on that date with all of us crammed in there, but I know it will not be an artistic culinary dance. I don't know that any of us have ever cooked in the same space before. There may quite literally be too many cooks in the kitchen that day! I also know one more thing about the kitchen that day: it'll be fun.

So pop by the kitchen on March 19 and enjoy a few moments of our chaotic camaraderie and then stick around for supper to experience what we cook up. Sure, it may not be Iron Chef worthy food, but it'll be worth the trip.



7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: FEBRUARY 23, 2025
8:45 AM (Chapel) & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)

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

Luke 6:27-38

"For Those Still Listening"

The Rev. Kaylen Short

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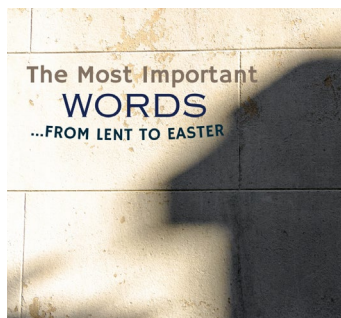
Meet Bishop Robin Dease This Sunday, February 23

Bishop Robin Dease is coming to Fayetteville First on February 23, and you are invited to meet her in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. Bishop Dease was elected bishop in 2022 and began her first assignment as bishop to the North Georgia Episcopal Area on January 1, 2023. On September 1, 2024, she began her next assignment as bishop of the new Georgia Episcopal Area. After our greeting time, Bishop Dease will be with us for the 11:00 AM worship service and will conduct the baptism of Rev. Kaylen and Alli Short's daughter, Abigail.



Great Day of Service: Save the Date - March 29

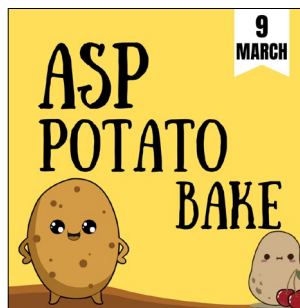
The Great Day of Service is returning this year as we reach out to serve our community on Saturday, March 29. We'll enjoy an early breakfast and communion together before heading out to sites to work from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Volunteers are provided childcare for children six months to 4 years of age during the event. Sign ups and details will begin March 2, but for now be sure to **save the date: March 29!**



The Most Important Words: From Lent to Easter Guide

We explore The Most Important Words this season - simple yet powerful phrases that shape our faith, deepen our relationships, and breathe life into our souls. Our special events, study offerings, and sermon series will reflect on words that open hearts and transform lives. Come be a part of this meaningful journey - because the right words just might change everything.

[See the guide for opportunities from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.](#)



Potato Bake - A Youth Mission Fundraiser

Sunday, March 9, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a special Sunday lunch hosted by our youth. March 9 at 12:00 PM (immediately after the 11:00 AM worship service) is our Appalachia Service Project Potato Bake Fundraiser. The youth will provide the potatoes, chili, and all the fixings to go along with salad and dessert. We'll also share stories and pictures from last year's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip and answer any questions you may have about the ASP program and mission work. Donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds will directly fund the mission trip costs. RSVP's are not required, but appreciated. [You can let us know you plan to be there by signing up here.](#)

Supports summer youth mission

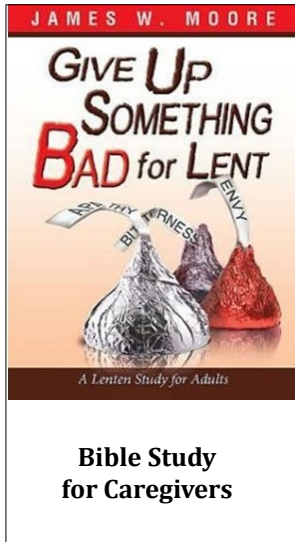


Titus II features music March 4

Hear your favorites at the next Titus II when Danny Beck, Bill Webb and friends bring their musical talents on Tuesday, March 4. Sign up with Martha Turner or contact the church office to reserve your meal by Thursday, February 27.

Note new location: Meet in the Fellowship Hall

\$8 per person



Lenten Bible Study for Caregivers

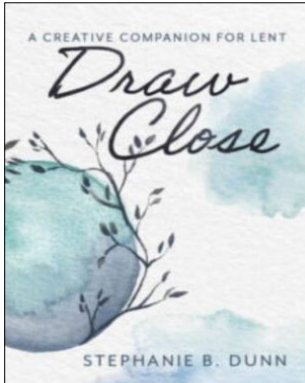
You are invited to participate in a Bible Study for Caregivers exploring *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James W. Moore.

Whether or not you have ever observed the spiritual practice of Lent, this study is less about giving up certain physical things for 40 days than it is about freeing our hearts and minds and focusing more on the Lord every day of our lives. Join Jami Maguire, Director of Special Needs Ministry at FFUMC, for this enlightening and spiritually enriching study. Please RSVP to [Jami Maguire](#) to ensure a book is available for you and [register here to receive complete information about the class](#).

Fridays, February 28 — April 4, 9:15 - 11:00 AM, Room C270

Childcare provided on March 14

Come when you can. Come as you are. All are welcome!



"Draw Close" during Lent: More Info Sessions offered

The season of Lent offers an invitation to go deeper with practices to draw us closer to the Divine ... literally! Join Joan Aycock in a journey through the season with Stephanie Dunn in creative spiritual practices. "Draw Close" offers a prompt each day from a scripture, word, or prayer and some ideas to explore what arises through reflective journaling, lectio divina, art, poetry ... whatever outlet speaks your name each day. [Contact Joan for questions and/or a brief introductory session](#) on Sunday, March 2, at 9:30 AM in Room C-201 (Prayer Room) or Wednesday, March 5, after Lenten Lunch or after the Ash Wednesday service. Intermittent check-in sessions will be determined by the participants.



Wednesday Night Supper February 26

Let's eat together!

Time: **5 PM** Fellowship Hall

Advantages: **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 4 PM on Mondays. Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, admin@fayettevillefirst.com, or fill out a pew card.

February 26: G'Lish Catering (NEW!)

Roast Beef, Fried Corn, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Dessert



Water the pianos? Well, yes!

Our pianos (three of them) need one or two volunteers to water them about every two to three weeks. If you are interested in helping to take care of these pianos, please contact [Nick Bowden](#).



Save the Date: VBS 2025 is June 2-6

As your plans for summer fun develop, be sure to save the date for this year's VBS: **Road Trip! On the Go with God**. Save the dates June 2-6 to join the adventure with Navigator and Scout (the pup) on the open road, finding strength in God's presence. Our first meeting for volunteer leaders is Sunday, March 2, at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact [Rev. Drew West](#) for more information.



SAGE to visit "Discovering the World of Jesus"

Step back 2,000 years with SAGE on March 25 at "Discovering the World of Jesus: The Exhibition in Atlanta" at Pullman Yards. Relive the moments that shaped history with hundreds of priceless artifacts from the Holy Land, used by those who walked alongside Jesus and witnessed His miracles. Gather at the church office at 11:45 AM, depart at noon for lunch at the Varsity. (Lunch will be on your own.) The Exhibition tour begins at 2 PM and lasts about one hour. Cost of the Exhibition is \$25, plus \$2 transportation. SAGE will be back in Fayetteville around 4 PM. Visit, call, or email the church office to make reservations: 770-461-4313, admin@fayettevillefirst.com.



Pantry needs from Fayette Samaritans

Donations are one way to help those in our community 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. **Volunteers** are also needed in the food pantry, clothes closet, receptionist area, and as interviewers with a 3 hour commitment each week.

Most Needed List: Canned Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, Cookies

Clothes Closet Needs: Women's socks; Men's Briefs all sizes

Urgent Need: Women's underwear



Love in Action: Washing machine needed

We reach out throughout the year to those in the Summer Lunch Program who need assistance. Right now, someone needs a washing machine. If you can help, please contact Cindy Hall.



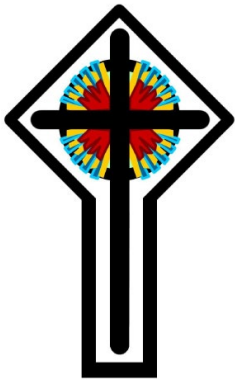
Priority Registration open for Preschool

Priority registration is open for the '25-'26 school year at Fayetteville First Preschool. Church members and current preschool families have a couple weeks of priority to save your spot before registration opens to the public. If you are interested in scheduling a tour or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out via email (fayettevillefirstpreschool@gmail.com). You can [register for next school year online at this link](#) or request paper copies, as needed.



High School Seniors: Apply for Ed Travis Scholarship by March 31

A \$2,500 scholarship is available to a graduating senior at FFUMC entering an accredited college, university or technical school for the upcoming school year. Print off the [Ed Travis Scholarship Instructions](#) and [Ed Travis Scholarship Application](#) here or request a copy from the church office. **Completed applications are due March 31 in the church office.**



February 18, 2024 Financials

Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$149,884.26
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$137,465.82
Difference	\$12,418.44

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$425.00

33 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$8,343.66

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; Thursdays 7:30 AM

NA Meetings: Thursdays 7 PM

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Messy Church: Bread and Love

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

— II Corinthians 13:14

February's Messy Church found us all learning about Communion and remembering God's love for us! Everything about the day was a hands-on learning experience for all ages as we talked about the meaning of Communion, worked as a team to make bread, and produced our own grape juice for our observance of the sacrament together. From start to finish, Messy Church provided a holy and holistic experience of God's love for us and our love for each other.

Messy Church leader Chase Leonard orchestrated this meaningful experience for all and sends a special thank you to Nancy Musselwhite for leading crafts, Joan Aycock for leading music, and Meredith Martin for guiding us in making our own juice for Communion.

For more details, visit our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/messychurchfayettevillega](https://www.facebook.com/messychurchfayettevillega).

Mark your calendars! Our next Messy Church event is on March 15 from 11 AM to 1 PM with an Earth Day theme. We hope to see you there!

