



# Connections

to fayetteville first united methodist church

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## Coming Up In Worship

July 5: Luke 7:36-50 A woman of the city  
July 12: Acts 5:27-39 Gamaliel  
July 19: Acts 19:23-32 Demetrius the Silversmith  
July 26: Luke 8:1-3 Mary Magdalene

## Attendance:

May 31	June 14
Worship: 519	Worship: 516
Sunday School: 266	Sunday School: 275
June 7	June 21
Worship: 506	Worship: 510
Sunday School: 289	Sunday School: 261
Church Membership: 1997	

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## When July is January Rev. Mark Westmoreland

United Methodists are different. For instance, we have at least two calendars (We could probably come up with several, but let's keep it to two here). There's the one we share with the rest of the world that begins with January, and there's another that begins six months later ... or earlier.

Happy New Year. Or maybe I should say "happy anniversary." July 1 is the official date by which clergy appointments are measured in our conference (even though clergy move in June, but if that's confusing, remember we're Methodists). So, we have officially turned the page on another year, and I have begun my fifth year in ministry here at FFUMC.

I'll leave it to you to answer that quadrennial American question, "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?" (And please remember that my influence upon the economy is limited.) I can only answer for myself by saying that it is good to come home from annual conference to a fifth year with you. I am thankful for the staff with whom I work day in and day out. I am thankful for the lay leadership of this church and the remarkable knowledge and wisdom you bring to our ministry. I am thankful for new faces in our midst, for the hugs of young children, and for the remarkable members of our youth group who are serving even now and growing up into marvelous Christian leaders.

This church heeds so well the admonition of Paul: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). We have stood at gravesides together and gazed into the mystery; we have held babies in the love of our congregation and celebrated the mystery; we have confirmed young people as professing members of the church and joined them in the mystery. We have loved one another and made real the mystery in the midst of life. And the mystery is this, that the Holy Spirit moves in our midst to make real the grace that claims every person through every moment and stage of life.

This church life is good stuff.

As we look to the year ahead, challenges and decisions await us. The Trustees are working on changes to the chancel area of the sanctuary that will enhance our worship experience; another group is studying plans for a campaign to eliminate our debt and improve facilities and ministries; and we have set a goal for ourselves to prepare more people for ministry and church leadership. Those things are going on right now and await our actions in the near future, but other opportunities will arise as well; other challenges will present themselves; and all along the way we will share the stuff, good and bad, that life brings.

That is how life is in the church—January to January, July to July, year to year and moment to moment. We share a journey in the grace of God.

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Thank you so much for the hospitality shown to us on the day of dad's funeral. You served us so well and made everything so nice so we could eat and leave for the burial. We appreciate everything you have done for us!  
- The Starr family

Larry and Linda Croft wish to thank you for your support of prayers, cards, calls, and food at the death of Linda's mother, Dorothy Hudson Adams.

### About Our Church Family

#### In Memoriam:

Robert Starr June 3, 2009	Martha Thomas June 16, 2009
Buddie Drew June 19, 2009	

#### In Sympathy:

Charlotte Bennett upon the death of her father, Robbie Carter, on May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller and family upon the death of their son, James Marion Miller, on May 31, 2009

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morrow and her children upon the death of Marcie's father and the children's grandfather, James Rushton, on June 1, 2009.

Mrs. Abby Starr and family upon the death of her husband, Robert Starr, on June 3, 2009.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Croft upon the death of Linda's mother, Dorothy Adams, on June 9, 2009.

Mrs. Jane Varner in the death of her sister, Thelma Varner on June 16, 2009.

Mrs. Catherine Drew and Michael Drew upon the death of her husband and Michael's father, Buddie Drew, on June 19, 2009.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson upon the death of Asden's brother, Lawson Lewis (Speedy) Wolfe, on June 20, 2009.

A donation to the Building Fund was given by the Fellowship/Discipleship Class in honor of Jack Roberts, and in memory of James Miller and Robert Starr.

#### Keep Them In Your Prayers

Joe Byers	Mary Pierson
Herman Miller	Tim Horner
Pauline Butler	Jimmy Watkins
Jack Roberts	Millie Arnold
Connie Warren	Robert Kyzer
William F. Smith	Bill Smith
Carolyn Croft	Betty Dorsey
Megan Sams	Gaye Anderson
Dorothy Day	Bill Weinmeister
Annis Harrell	DeLacey Wilkins

God has truly blessed me with His love through the friends and family I have at FFUMC. Thank you for your prayers, concern, cards and calls during the illness and passing of my husband, Don. Your love and support is appreciated more than words can express.  
- Fay DeLoach and Family

Your beautiful cards and wonderful caring, loving, comforting, encouraging words at this time when my heart is breaking mean so much to me. The strength that comes from your friendship sustains me in this dark hour. I love you all.  
- Margaret McDaniel

I am so grateful to have the love and support of this church. Thank you so very much for all the wonderful food, kind words, warm hugs and prayers during the passing of my father.  
- Brooke Byers

#### To Our Church Family,

When Aubrey and Jane Varner first came to this church over 50 years ago, I'm sure they never dreamed the twists and turns their lives would take, or the incredible joys they would experience as a part of this church family. We want to thank you all for continued loving support, encouragement, and comfort especially through these last 12 years, and at the death of our father.  
-The Aubrey Varner Family

We have been so fortunate to have such loving friends whose many expressions of sympathy and concern have helped us enormously during this period of grief because of the death of our son, James, and as we continue with Herman's illness and recuperation.

We know that God has blessed us far beyond expectations and has placed us among such caring friends and in a church that truly lives the life according to the Gospel of Christ.

May He continue to be with you all as you do the work He would have us do.

Thank you, with love in Christ  
- Herman and Thomasina Miller

Thanks so much to everyone here at Fayetteville First. You have been so kind to our family through the years, and especially now at our father's passing. Thank you for the numerous expressions of sympathy, gifts, and delicious food. This will always be our home church no matter where we are.  
- Jeane Brackman and Scotty Smith

#### Our Giving for June:

Budget: \$72,635.79  
Building Fund: \$3,860.00  
2009 Budget: \$1,424,006.00  
Shortfall: \$68,419.99  
Loan Balance: \$790,820.22

### Youth News

#### IMPACT 09

Thanks for all of the support, participation, and prayer that went into making Impact a success again this year! We again had the largest participation of students and adults represented at the event. On Wednesday evening our worship team led worship, our missions team provided dinner, and Rev. Scarborough provided the message. Work was done at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, the Fayette County YMCA, and the Square Foot Legacy Build.

#### Recommended Reading...

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

This is an incredible true account of the life of Greg Mortenson. Greg was a mountain climber that failed in his attempt to conquer K2 in Pakistan. As he came down the mountain he got lost and was on the brink of death when he found his way into a small village. The people took him in and nursed him back to health. Greg fell in love with the people and found that children in the area were going to school outside on rocks in sub zero weather with no teachers. He was appalled and promised the village to one day return and build them a school. He started with nothing and lived in his car. Today Greg is the CEO and co-founder of the Central Asia Institute which has built over 100 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, many of them for girls. He has gained fame for taking this educational approach to ending terrorism and radical Islam. The book is a great read and I would recommend it highly. I wonder if Jesus wouldn't be doing the same thing Greg has been doing with no agenda other than to care for people.

#### Impact 2009 and FFUMC

This year's Impact mission event was a great success, with projects at the Baptist Children's Home, the YMCA and Square Foot Ministry's Legacy Build. Some 56 youth and adults from our church were on hand, working hard and sharing the love of Christ. Also, parents from our congregation delivered lunches; our youth praise band played at worship events; and our United Methodist Women supplied dinner on Wednesday evening. Our youth worked hard and always seemed to have smiles on their faces, even in the heat of the day. Our band, led by Carson Thaxton, was one of the highlights of the four-night event, and our church graciously provided equipment for the week. Without all of this time and commitment, Impact '09 would not have been the success it was.

--Tommy Webb

#### Website is refurbished and waiting for you

The address for the church website is the same—www.fayettevillefirst.com—but the look and content have been updated. On the new site, you can:

- view videos and photos;
- learn quickly about upcoming programs and events;
- opt to receive the church newsletter electronically;
- view the church calendar;
- sign up for church dinners and other events;
- listen to sermons and music from our worship services;
- read a blog by Mark Westmoreland;
- explore ministries in-depth.

Please take some time to ramble around a bit on the site, and feel free to share with the staff your thoughts and comments and any additions you would like to see.

### Kristin's Kids Korner

This year at VBS we learned what it means to live on God's Good Green Earth. We heard the stories of Creation and how God continues to use Creation to bless us today. We learned that we are called to take care of what God has created. Here are just a few ways you can continue the message of God's Good Green Earth in your home:

1) Use both sides of paper before placing it in a recycle bin. Create a paper bin for scrap pieces that you can reuse for notes, messages, doodling, computer printing, etc.

Want to take it a step further? When you buy paper products, look for the recycle symbol, or even better, look for products labeled "post-consumer waste." Purchasing these products helps keep more trees alive!

2) When you order a kids' meal at a fast food restaurant, ask the server to not include the plastic toy. Most plastic toys are not recyclable and may last over 500 years in a landfill.

Want to take it a step further? Use rechargeable batteries. Not only will this lessen the amount of harmful chemicals in our landfills, but it will save you money in the long-run, too!

3) Shop with reusable bags (like the ones we made at VBS) instead of taking the store's plastic/paper bags. Be sure to keep these in your car to use every time you go into any store. If just a quarter of Americans used 10 less plastic bags a month, we'd save over 2.5 billion bags a year! Want to take it a step further? Reduce or reuse Ziploc bags. Plastic bags may stay in a landfill up to 500 years, so to help, either choose reusable containers such as Tupperware, or rinse out bags after each use and leave them to dry in your dish drainer.

4) Turn your lights out (and other appliances such as TVs) when you aren't in the room. It doesn't use any extra electricity to turn them on and off.

Want to take it a step further? Completely shut down your computer each night. Each year, Americans spend \$2.8 billion on excess energy costs related to computers left idle over night (that's 20 million tons of carbon dioxide!).

If your family has any creative ways to help cherish what God has given us, let Pastor Kristin know so it can be featured in the next Kid's Korner!

### Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all the adult and youth volunteers that offered their time and energy to make Vacation Bible School a success this year. We had a wonderful time singing and dancing each morning, making crafts, hearing Bible stories, and learning all about God's Good Green Earth! VBS is a special ministry that reaches out to our church and our community, touching the lives of young and old alike. It truly is a church-wide effort and cannot be done without all of you. Thank you, again, and I hope you had just as much fun as I did! Whoa! This is good!

### Ridin' the Ark Day Camp

Although Wednesday night programs are suspended in the summer, children still have a place for fellowship, learning, imagination and play! Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to join Noah on the ark every Thursday in July from 10 am - 1 pm. We will play games, do crafts, and learn all about Noah, his family, and the special role God called him to fill. The cost is \$5 per day. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center, the kiosks, and at the church office.



### MISSION NOTES:

#### Summer Sack Program

By the time you read this we will be 5 weeks into our 10 week program - almost 800 lunches down and nearly 800 more to make and deliver.

First, I want to extend a tremendous Thank You to all those that have made a financial contribution to the Summer Sack Lunch Program this year. We are serving more children than ever before and your financial support will ensure that each child that requested a lunch will receive one for the entire summer.

Second, to those of you that are volunteering by baking, packing, or driving - THANK YOU! Each week we open our freezer believing that there will be enough home baked goodies for the children and each week we are met with abundance. The packers and drivers are more important now than ever since we have so many lunches to pack, organize, and deliver. Week after week you come and we are grateful!

Thank you to everyone supporting this program! If you would like to get involved please contact Page Ziobro at 678-787-2279 or Brooke Byers at 678-431-2111 to inquire about our current areas of need.

#### Handy Helpers

This program is an excellent way for our congregation to reach out to our senior and in-need community at large. Generally, Handy Helpers work on the 1st Saturday morning of the month (unless there is some major conflict) and perform tasks including light yard work (cutting grass or shrubs and hauling debris) or a variety of inside jobs (changing furnace filters or light bulbs, hanging pictures or curtains, fixing holes in the wall, etc).

Currently, we are revamping and ramping up the program and need your support as a volunteer. Cindy Hall and Harvey Slocumb have generously offered to spearhead this program and they would like to put together a list of everyone who is willing to participate. Because we are starting with a fresh group of volunteers, if we don't get a response from prior Helpers we will assume that you do not want to be included at this time. Also, we have some great new ideas that we want to run past our group of volunteers once we get the 2009 list of active members. Please consider being a part of this team! We are hoping to take this to a higher level and really serve a number of people this year. To be included in the 2009 Handy Helper roster, please contact Cindy Hall at 678-329-4184 or harvecin@peoplepc.com.

### Announcements and Special Events



#### Wedding Shower!

Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Kristin Scarboro and Chris Heiden -- Sunday, July 19  
Drop by the Fellowship Hall between 3 and 5 p.m.  
Given with love by the Trinity Circle and Staff Parish Relations Committee

#### POTLUCK SUPPER IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM

Do you miss seeing everyone on Wednesday nights? We miss seeing you!! Prepare a dish, bring a watermelon, pick up your favorite side dish, dessert, or meat, and come join us for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship on July 15 at 5:30 p.m. We will provide the drinks and paper products. Don't forget to invite friends, family, and neighbors. You could even ask someone on Sunday morning if you can give them a ride.

**Chistmas Tour of Homes 2009**

FFUMC will again sponsor a Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Plans are now in the process to make this another great event for the entire Fayette community. There will be many opportunities for you to be part of this event such as serving as a host or hostess, ticket sales, assisting with events at the church, or assisting with parking. We are planning in advance this year due to unknowns with the economy. Accordingly, we would appreciate you signing up early to assist. Email jackwheeler3966@comcast.net or call 770- 712-8090. We look forward to having you on the team, and thank you in advance!!

**Join the Recording Ministry**

Are you interested in learning how to use the sound system in the sanctuary? If so, Jon Wade will conduct a training session on Sunday, July 12 immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Jon will instruct us on how to operate the system and how to record Sunday worship services. If you feel called to participate in this ministry, please join us on July 12.

**A Grand New Day: Women of Faith at Phillips Arena - August 28 & 29**

A 2 day event where you will laugh... cry...and realize that you're not alone. Heart-felt messages, gripping drama and amazing music - it will be an experience like no other. You can join us just for the event or you can plan to go and stay downtown. Some of the speakers and worship leaders include: Steven Curtis Chapman, Steve Arterburn, Lisa Whelchel, Shelia Walsh, Mandisa, Sandy Patty, Luci Swindol, Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, and Marilyn Meberg. To find out more visit [www.womenoffaith.com/atlanta](http://www.womenoffaith.com/atlanta). Deadline to register is July 15. (We will take more if there are slots available at a later time, but they tend to sell out fairly quickly.) \$99 for the event (price includes 2 full days and 2 box lunches). Lodging at Hilton Atlanta is \$140 per room - up to 4 in a room. Friday 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. (with a nice afternoon break). Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**BODY RECALL:  
New session begins July 6**

Experience better fitness for yourself. Body Recall participants say that soon into the ten-week session they have more energy and stamina, can sleep easier, and just feel better. These benefits are demonstrated every day in Body Recall classes throughout 48 states and Canada. Body Recall combines wellness education and exercise as participants learn about their bodies, how they work, and the importance of daily movement. The cost for a ten week session is \$50. That is less than \$2 a class. Textbooks are available for \$28. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to try it out before committing, come by and join us. We would love to have you. NOTE: The Fellowship Hall door off of Jack D. Dettmering Way (was Lee Street) is unlocked for class.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sponsored by our Older Adult Ministry (all ages are welcome!)

July 7 -- Noon  
Larry's Subs in the Fellowship Hall.  
Brief presentation from the Senior Advisory Group Subs, drinks and chips included. Cost is \$5 - bring a dessert to share. Call Sara James or Laura Cox by Friday, July 3 so we know how much to order.

July 9 -- 9 a.m.  
Booth Western Museum - Cartersville, Georgia  
Depart 9 a.m. Return at 4 p.m.

July 14 -- 1:30 p.m.  
Older Adult Council in room A-40.

August 4 -- Noon  
Meet at Frank's at the Old Mill for lunch.

**July @ Fayetteville First UMC**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 (See left for normal schedule) AA-3	6 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 Emmanuel Board Meeting: AA-8 ALANON: 8	7 Summer Lunch Program: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sq. Foot Ministries: 6:30	8 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Body Recall: 10:30 Ch. Summer Emb.: 10:30 Ch. Music/Vol. Show Reh.: 11 Yoga: 6:30 Chancel Choir: 7:30 AA: 8	9 Ride the Ark Day Camp: 10 Walking Group: 1 Sq. Foot Ministries: 6:30 AA: 8	10 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 7	11 AA: 8
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19 (See left for normal schedule) Blood Drive 8 AA-3	20 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 ALANON: 8	21 Summer Lunch Program: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Shawn Ministries: 9:30 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Square Ft. Ministries: 6:30	22 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Body Recall: 10:30 Yoga: 6:30 Chancel Choir: 7:30 AA: 8	23 Ride the Ark Day Camp: 10 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8	24 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 7	25 AA: 8
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**Normal Sunday Schedule**

- Choir Practice: 7:50
- Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30
- Sunday School: 9:40
- Worship in Chapel: 9:45
- Orchestra Practice: 10
- Choir Practice: 10:15
- Worship in Sanctuary: 11
- Worship Team Rehearsal: 2

**Normal Wednesday Schedule**

- YOGA: 6:30
- Chancel Choir: 7:30