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## It's Growing ... FOR Fayetteville

We've kicked off **FOR Fayetteville**... the movement that celebrates the good all around us. We are FOR Fayetteville because God is FOR Fayetteville.

The truth is we've always been FOR Fayetteville and the county here at FFUMC. We've started, sponsored and supported many local ministries. Your names are all over the list of volunteers at non-profits, jails, service organizations and schools because you care about our neighbors.

That's a part of being the church. It's reaching out, both locally and regionally (like in our work at SafeHouse in Atlanta). It's also about care for those we will never see, like those who will receive the 30,000 meals we packed in August for Rise Against Hunger.

So we celebrate ALL the people in our community with whom we interact. We want to spread simple love everywhere. When we see something good going on, we cheer. Maybe we say, "Thanks!" and leave an extra tip. Maybe we take a photo and post it on social media to praise an individual or business. We hope the t-shirts, stickers, magnets, signs and more will be conversation starters to begin relationships that we can nurture and grow.

So join the celebration to simply share love ... everywhere. And obviously. Go to *FayettevilleFirst.com* to keep up with the movement. **Yes, we are FOR Fayetteville!**

*"By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love FOR one another."* John 13:35

— Rev. John Barnes

## September 2018

### September 5

Table Groups Begin

### September 14

Parents Night Out

### September 23

UMW Sunday



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# Our Church Family

*Caring for each other and our community*



## In Memoriam:

John James, July 11                      Joyce Vinci, August 8

## Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Wayne and Marilyn Harris upon the death of Marilyn's sister-in-law, Billie Ann Stratton, on July 4.  
Phillip and Angela Goodwin upon the death of Angela's father, Thomas Edward Lawrence, on July 4.  
Randy and Jane Riddell upon the death of Randy's father, William Riddell, on July 24.  
Karen Vinci Smith and children Samatha and Drew, Thomas and B.J. Vinci and Paul and Sarah Vinci and families upon the death of Karen, Thomas and Paul's mother, Joyce Vinci, on August 8.

## In Our Prayers:

|                   |                    |                  |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Billy Arnold      | Rebecca Greenberg  | Richard Lowe     | Mary Pierson      |
| Rhett Blythe      | Martha Hale        | Thomasina Miller | Joyce Ramsey      |
| Carolyn Broady    | Chenelle Hernandez | Everett Morrow   | Brenda Tierman    |
| Margaret Grainger | Carole Hyder       | Lurlene Perry    | Brad Wilkinson    |
| Orrie Grainger    | Joe Hyder          | Margaret Pettis  | Duncan Williamson |

## Notes of Thanks

*Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers and prayers at the passing of my dad, William H. Riddell. — Randy Riddell*

*We deeply appreciate the outpouring of love expressed during Patrick's hospital experience in London. Your caring communication and prayerful support helped circumvent our feelings of isolation while aiding in his recovery. — In His love, Don and Karen Neuner*

*I want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, rides, visits, and prayers." — Thomasina Miller*

## GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GIFTS

**Trustees:** Funds from special projects like summer Dinners on the Square, the Clean-It-Out Yard Sale, and the Belk Charity Fundraiser are positive steps toward helping us move forward with important facility projects. The trustees are looking at creative ways to fund necessary upkeep and repairs of existing facilities.

**Operating Budget:** Your regular weekly and monthly donations keep ministry for all ages on track. As we head into the stewardship season this fall, know that all you have done and will continue to do leads us to personal and community transformation. Thank you!

**Church Membership: 1795**

**Giving (as of August 21)**

Year to Date receipts:

\$930,512.41

Year to Date expenses:

\$986,027.60



## WE ARE FOR WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

*We are FOR being together, inflatables and snowcones! See the Wednesday Night Supper menu on page 7 and reserve a place!*



# MISSIONS FOR FAYETTEVILLE

They are FOR our community and we are FOR them!

In September, we are highlighting five ministries with which our church partners. Do your skills, talents and passions align with one or more of them? Can you help meet the needs of our community? If their mission meets your mission, together you can transform the world starting right here in Fayetteville! Use these resources to find out more or contact Randy Riddell, FFUMC Missions Committee Chair, [randyhr@gmail.com](mailto:randyhr@gmail.com).



## Bloom Our Youth

- Foster family support and training
- Clothing and supplies closet for foster children
- FFUMC Contact: Becky Davenport
- [bloomouryouth.org](http://bloomouryouth.org)



## Fayette Samaritans

- Assistance for immediate needs: food, clothing, living
- Donations and volunteers welcome
- FFUMC Contact: Linda Ladd
- [fayettesamaritans.org](http://fayettesamaritans.org)



## Promise Place

- Works to prevent domestic violence
- Provides awareness, education and safe environments
- FFUMC Contact: Leslie Wade
- [promiseplace.org](http://promiseplace.org)



## Square Foot Ministry

- Provides safe, affordable housing "one square foot at a time"
- Brings together volunteers and donors to repair and build homes
- FFUMC Contact: Doug Higgins
- [squarefootministry.org](http://squarefootministry.org)



## SafeHouse Outreach

- Services for the vulnerable and at-risk in Atlanta
- Food (each quarter), encouragement and prayer
- FFUMC Contact: Randy Riddell
- [safehouseoutreach.org](http://safehouseoutreach.org)



Two Hours  
100+ volunteers  
30,000 Meals  
**THANK YOU!**



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Growing in 2018 | Kena Newkirk



We have officially kicked-off “The Foundry,” our new name for Wednesday student programming. “The Foundry” may sound like a cool new coffee place, but it was actually the name of the first Methodist church building. For those who don’t know, John Wesley’s movement first started as a series of small groups. After a while, these small groups decided they wanted to worship together, so they purchased an old foundry building and it became the first place for Methodist worship. The Foundry is where we will focus on the old Methodist traditions of small groups and worship.

Our Foundry series in August was called Squad Goals and focused on the close relationships we have in our lives, specifically our friendships, small group leaders, and parents. We talked a lot about how our youth group and small groups should be supportive and reliable Squads. We become a strong and supportive squad as a whole through these virtues: acceptance, trust, dedication, and honesty.

September begins with a seminar on Cell Phone Safety as we host a guest speaker and hit on the hard topic of social media and cyberbullying. The rest of this month we will talk about the Names of Jesus and how everyone has their own personal experience of the Savior.

### EVENTS

**September 5:** Cell Phone Safety Seminar, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**September 16:** Braves vs Nationals, 12 - 6 p.m., Cost \$10 + Lunch \*

**October 14:** Trip to Corn Maze, 12 p.m., Cost \$10 + Lunch \*

**October 17:** El Salvador Mission Bridge Application Deadline

*\*Register Online\**

## Become a Bridge Partner



Our Methodist district has a mission bridge with The Evangelical Methodist Church in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. Bridge ministries are a way for us to partner with other Methodist congregations so that we can more fully share the love of Jesus Christ. Bridge partnerships are more than mission trips: they build long-term

relationships, empower local communities, and fully immerse partners into the worldview of others.

Students who will be 16-years-old by April 1 may apply to become mission bridge partners. These partners are invited to attend a Bridge Mission Trip to Ahuachapán, El Salvador during spring break 2019. Partners must also complete fundraising, educational study, and mission planning meetings.

Students may become partners by application only. The application includes an essay and two letters of recommendation due October 17, 2018. Applications will be evaluated by the FFUMC Missions Committee, which will determine scholarship recipients. You can get an application in the church office or contact Rev. Michael Phillips, [MPhillips@FayettevilleFirst](mailto:MPhillips@FayettevilleFirst).



*Kena Newkirk enjoyed new friends as a 2018 Bridge Partner earlier this year.*



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

A New Season at FFUMC | Carson Thaxton & Allie Hansen



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.  
Ages PreK3 through 5th grade

## WONDERS OF WORSHIP

Sunday mornings 11 a.m.  
(after children's moment)  
For ages PreK4 through 2nd grade

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT L.i.F.E.

Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Ages PreK4 through 5th grade

The nursery is available Sundays and Wednesdays for all little ones too young for weekly programming.

## EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

### Magic and Balloons!

Wednesday, September 12, 6 p.m.

Get ready for one amazing night full of fun! Mike Clark the Magical Magician and Joan Aycock the Amazing Balloonist will join Wednesday Night L.i.F.E. together! Kids of all ages and any parents are invited!

### Parents Night Out

Friday, September 14, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Free nursery and childcare for babies through 5th grade. The church loves you. The church gets you and where you are in your season of life. Drop off the kids and go have a fun evening!

We would love to talk to you if you have any questions about the Children and Family Ministry or want to get more involved in programs at church. We are always happy to get kids connected and parents connected!

— Carson Thaxton and Allie Hansen, Children and Family Ministry



## Preschool Students Already on Path to Learning



We're off to a great start to a new year. Our students know their classroom routines and our caring staff, and they have all made new friends for the year. This group is full of excitement and enthusiasm for learning! Parent/teacher conferences this month will help us get to know the parents and their expectations for their child. We look forward every year to getting to know our new families and to foster our family atmosphere with those returning. It's going to be another great year!

*Kathy Pace with Everlee, a student in the four-year-old class*

— Drew Greenberg, FFUMC Preschool Director

# CONNECTING AT FAYETTEVILLE FIRST

## Learning and Growing in Small Groups

### Table Groups

Wednesdays beginning September 5



Table Groups — a small group meeting with the goal of spiritual transformation ... a place for real, honest, and deep conversations about life and faith.

Learn to see God in everyday life by joining a Table Group. Join Allyson, Michael or Kena on what Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke call “The most profitable exercise of any: a free inquiry into the state of the heart.” Three Wednesday offerings are available: 9:30 a.m. in Room C-200, 6 p.m. in Room C-250, 7:30 p.m. in Room A-40.

Table Groups: A Wesleyan Tradition — Learn about John Wesley’s Class Meetings and the power of spiritual transformation through these historic gatherings. Discover more about John Wesley, these people called Methodists, and how they transformed the church. Class meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Materials: \$10

### Creative Encouragement

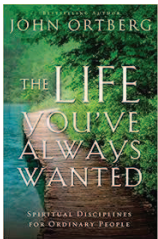
Join with Carol Boronkas and learn to craft encouraging cards for others the first Wednesday of each month beginning September 5 at 6:15 p.m. You’ll learn how to use simple tools and paper to make greeting cards that will cheer a heart and lift a soul.

### Love and Logic



Parents, learn simple and practical techniques for having more fun, having less stress, and raising responsible kids. Join Sandra Watson as she teaches and guides parents through the Love and Logic approach on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., September 26 through October 24. The class meets in Room C-230.

### The Life You’ve Always Wanted



Rev. John Barnes is offering a study of John Ortberg’s *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*. This six-week class will go through the book. You may order the book through [cokebury.com](http://cokebury.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com).

The first session will be the most important and foundational as the class works through the first three chapters. In following sessions they’ll discuss two different disciplines that help develop the “the life you’ve always wanted.” Reading the material ahead of time will make sessions more meaningful. Class begins Wednesday, September 26 at 6 p.m. in Room C-260.

Find out more about groups and classes and sign up at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com). Questions? Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at [ALawrence@FayettevilleFirst.com](mailto:ALawrence@FayettevilleFirst.com).

### Adults in Action LOVE FFUMC

Did you know a new group is connecting adults every Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.? They are called Adults in Action, and they LOVE being at Fayetteville First UMC. You’ll find out more about them next month, but if you are on the campus during the week, be sure to stop by and say welcome!

*Some of the adults from Sunshine VBS 2018 are there each day.*



# What's Happening @ Fayetteville First UMC

Get specific information on happenings and times at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com) or 770-461-4313.

## Regular Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice: 8 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Small Groups: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship in Chapel: 9:45 a.m.  
Choir Practice: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary: 11 a.m.  
Kids Wonders of Worship: 11:30 a.m.  
AA: 3 p.m.  
Financial Peace: 4:30 p.m.

## Regular Monday Schedule

GriefShare: 10 a.m.  
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.  
AA: 7 p.m.

## Regular Tuesday Schedule

Creative Sharing Group: 9:30 a.m.  
Seasoned Singers: 1:30 p.m.\*  
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

## Regular Wednesday Schedule

Table Group: 9:30 a.m.  
Table Group Tradition Class: 10:30 a.m.  
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous: 12 p.m.  
Intercessory Prayer: 12:30 p.m.  
Youth 8th Period: 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Supper: 5 p.m.  
Children's Groups: 6 p.m.  
Youth Groups: 6 p.m.  
Disciple Fast Track: 6 p.m.  
The Life You've Always Wanted: 6 p.m.\*\*  
Love and Logic: 6 p.m.\*\*  
Table Group: 6 p.m.  
American Sign Language: 6:15 p.m.  
Creative Encouragement: 6:15 p.m.  
Table Group: 7:30 p.m.  
Music Rehearsals: 7:30 p.m.  
AA: 8 p.m.

## Regular Thursday Schedule

Yoga: 10 a.m.  
Yoga: 5:45 p.m.  
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

## Regular Friday Schedule

Creative Faith: 10 a.m.  
AA: 7 p.m.

## Regular Saturday Schedule

Narcotics Anon.: 7 p.m.  
AA: 8 p.m.

\* Begins September 11

\* Begins September 26

## Committee Meetings

Trustees: 9/17, 6 p.m.  
Church Council: 10/2, 7 p.m.

## SENIORS IN ACTION

### Senior Adults Going Everywhere

September 19 - Atlanta Braves game  
This trip is full, but a waiting list is available. Call church office.

### Titus II Lunch and Learn

September 11, Noon in Gym  
Danny Beck and Friends share music, stories and fun! Reserve lunch with Martha Turner, 770-461-2802, by noon, September 6.

### Seasoned Singers

New season begins September 11  
1:30 p.m. in Adult Choir Room  
Enjoy time with friends as you learn new music to share in worship and in the community with director Deb Cole.

## A Way Forward Town Hall Meetings

Coming soon. See [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com) for dates and times.

## Discover UMW and UMM

**United Methodist Women:** Enjoy friends, fellowship and ministry and discover a place in the UMW. Groups meet during the day and at night. Upcoming: UMW Sunday on September 23.

**United Methodist Men:** This group begins the season with their usual potluck on September 4 at 6:15 p.m. Bringing food is optional. Come for the meal and/or entertainment by Bill Webb and The Classics.

Look over the options at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com). You'll want to join in!

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOY WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Let's eat at church on Wednesdays! Sign up each week or get on the permanent reservation list at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com). Adults: \$7, Children 10 and under: \$4, Family Max: \$22



September 5: Mexican (Beef Tacos, Chicken Quesadilla), Trimmings, Ice Cream  
September 12: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert  
September 19: Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert  
September 26: Country Fried Steak, Rice, Vegetable, Bread Dessert

Other options each week:

Chicken Tenders/French Fries or Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Tender Salad





# God's Kingdom NOW at FFUMC

*Your church on the square*

## **Pastoral & Program Staff**

### **Senior Minister**

Rev. John Barnes

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### **Associate Minister Emeritus**

Rev. Bob Partridge

## **Minister of Discipleship & Evangelism**

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

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### **Minister of Missions & Membership Care**

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### **of Children & Family Ministry**

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Connie Little

### **Pianist**

Sonia Squires

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### **Communications**

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### **Facilities Manager**

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table  
groups

*be real - stay honest - go deep*

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**Beginning Wednesday, September 5, at 9:30 AM, 6 PM, and 7:30 PM  
Learn the Wesleyan tradition behind Table Groups  
on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Sign up at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com).**

**The most profitable exercise of any  
is a free inquiry into the state of the heart.**

Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke