



Friday, September 21

The Weekender

Connected in Table Groups

We are United Methodist, connected in many ways and connected by many traditions. One of these traditions is that of "Table Groups," where small groups of members come together to hold one another spiritually accountable for each other. Table groups allow us to sit and examine our walk with our God with one another by helping us to answer questions like "How is it with our souls today?" and "What has our walk with God been like this week?"

These groups are designed to be small and to take place not only here at FFUMC, but in places such as our homes, coffee shops and other areas that we may find convenient or comfortable. It gives us a unique opportunity to take the love of our Lord and Savior outside the four walls of our beautiful church to the surrounding area.

Three Table Groups are currently available on Wednesdays at FFUMC: 9:30 a.m. (Allyson), 6 p.m. (Michael) and 7:30 p.m. (Kena), and I would like to encourage members to take part in one of the groups to discuss real questions about what it means to be a Christian in the modern era, through study and practice. The hope is that in the future, participants in these groups will start other groups ... and on it goes.

Through these groups we experience God's love in a meaningful manner together in Christ's name.

In God's love
Pastor Michael



This Sunday in Worship September 23 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Anthems:

Seek the Lord

Be Unto Your Name

Sermon:

"His Love: Our Faith"

Mark 4:35-40

Rev. Michael Phillips preaching (8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.)

CURRENT NEWS



UMW Sunday: September 23

Why connect with United Methodist Women? This Sunday FFUMC unit President Lauren Davis shares why you will want to be a part. Members are reminded to wear red!

Lauren Davis preparing for Christmas Marketplace, our UMW's huge fundraiser coming November 3.



Sunday Focus: Square Foot Ministry

In September, we will highlight five of the ministries FFUMC has been supporting. This Sunday we feature the work of Square Foot Ministry, presented by Doug Higgins. This ministry works to provide safe, affordable housing and offers community support in their building neighborhoods. See more at squarefootministry.org.

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CAMPAIGN**

Only Two Weeks Left for Two Families

30 Days + \$30,000 from individuals + \$30,000 match = \$60,000 to finish two houses! Imagine two low-income families living in new houses by Thanksgiving -- that is what Square Foot Ministry is trying to do. An anonymous donor is willing to match up to \$30,000 from individuals (not churches or other organizations) from now through the end of September to finish the two houses we are building in Griffin. We have families approved and waiting! How can you help?

- 1) Go to squarefootministry.org and click on "Donate."
 - 2) Text HOUSE to 77948 (PayPal or credit card)
 - 3) Send a check or money order to: Square Foot Ministry, PO Box 371, Fayetteville GA 30214.
- Questions? Contact Rev. Michael Phillips.



October 7 – Next Blood Drive

Sign up for this last blood drive of 2018 in the courtyard on Sundays or contact our FFUMC Blood Drive Team at ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com to select a specific donation time. Invite a friend to come along and let's finish the year strong!



Acolyte Information and Training Sessions

October 3 @ 4:30 pm and October 14 @ 3 pm

Calling all fourth graders through seniors in high school --- interested in being a part of leading the congregation through worship on Sunday mornings? Come to one of two Acolyte information and training sessions offered in October. Contact Allyson at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com and let her know you are coming.



Get Your FOR Fayetteville Bling

Soft, comfy t-shirts like PJs! Magnets for the car or fridge. Get your FOR Fayetteville bling in the church office any time. T-shirts: \$10, Magnets: \$5.



Save Timeless Treasures for Christmas Marketplace

It's time to gather your "timeless treasures" to donate to the Christmas Marketplace coming November 3. Proceeds from this UMW fundraiser will go to 14 local charities this year. Save your donations and watch for donation dropoff instructions the last week of October.

Florence Prine, Leslie Wade, Beth Alexander and Carol Taylor helping in Timeless Treasures sale.



Clothing Drive for Bloom Supports Foster Children

How can you help Bloom support foster children? One way is to gather new or gently used clothing donations for the Bloom Closet. Use the donation bins in the Welcome Center and gym for this special collection running through September 30.



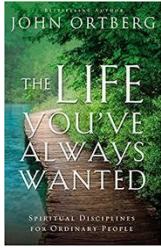
A Way Forward Information Sessions

To assist with understanding the process for proposed changes to the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, FFUMC will hold two information sessions: September 30 and October 14 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to attend either session. Questions? Contact Rev. John Barnes, jbarnes@fayettevillefirst.com.



Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Study parenting as Sandra Watson guides parents of young children through the Love and Logic approach on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. from September 26 to October 24. Register at FayettevilleFirst.com.



Spiritual Disciplines Study Begins September 26

Study spiritual disciplines over 6 sessions to enhance the life you desire as Rev. John Barnes follows John Ortberg's book *The Life You've Always Wanted*. Register at FayettevilleFirst.com.



Friends and Food! Wednesday Night Suppers

Sign up now for Wednesday Night Supper at FayettevilleFirst.com. Select the permanent list if you know you'll be coming every week (once and done!) or make your reservation on a week-by-week basis. *Menu on September 26: Country Fried Steak, Rice, Vegetable or Chicken Tenders or Grilled Chicken Salad. Sign up each week or get on the permanent reservation list at FayettevilleFirst.com. Cost: \$4 ages 10 and under; \$7 over 10; Family Max: \$22*

Upcoming Calendar: Get Details at FayettevilleFirst.com

September

- 23 – UMW Sunday, Celebrating the ministry of our United Methodist Women.
- 26 – Love and Logic, Parenting class with Sandra Watson begins.
- 26 – Living the Life You've Always Wanted, Spiritual disciplines class with Rev. John Barnes begins.
- 30 – Stewardship journey *Transformation NOW* begins as we prepare for our 2019 giving.
- 30 – *A Way Forward* Information Session, a guide to understanding the process, 4 p.m.

October

- 2 – Church Council meeting (rescheduled from September), Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.
- 7 – Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gym, Reserve donation time at ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com.
- 9 – UMM Potluck Dinner (note date change), Meeting speaker: Rev. Michael Phillips, 6:15 p.m.
- 22 – Charge Conference, Providence UMC, 7 p.m.

Current Financials as of September 20, 2018

Year to Date receipts	\$1,010,957.65
Year to Date expenses	\$ 1,112,921.63