



Making a Difference NOW: A Strategic Capital Funds Campaign

Situated in the heart of the community we love, our church is called to be a powerful influence for the kingdom of God in Fayetteville. We are launching a campaign to make strategic improvements that will benefit every age and life stage in the church, while strengthening our connection with our neighbors.

*Making a
Difference
NOW*

As a congregation we can Make a Difference NOW in a big and lasting way. How?

Dedicated Youth Space- The Foundry (\$160,000)

Our youth ministry serves nearly 120 youth, but we have no permanent space for them. By

creating The Foundry we set the stage for our youth today, as well as those who come later, to grow God's kingdom. To accomplish this we will renovate rooms C-280 and C-290 to become a large multi-purpose youth area that will also be available for things like VBS and special programs.

Fellowship Hall Renovation and creation of a courtyard (\$140,000)

When the youth have their own space, the Fellowship Hall will be renovated to support all dimensions of the Fayetteville First ministry from Sunday School to Lenten Lunches to wedding receptions and special events. Outside, a handsome courtyard and garden will welcome the community and be an expression of our "FOR Fayetteville" commitment.

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November 2018

November 3

Christmas Marketplace

November 9

Parents Night Out

November 29

SafeHouse Outreach



175 East Lanier Avenue
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fayettevillefirst.com

Our Church Family

Caring for each other and our community



In Memoriam:

Everett Morrow
October 4

Richard Lowe
October 6

David Grainger, Sr.
October 12

Orrie Grainger
October 16

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Marcia Morrow and family upon the death of her husband, Everett Morrow, on October 4.

Ellen and Sarah Kate Lowe, Kyle and Ciara Lowe, and family upon the death of Ellen's husband and Kyle and Sarah Kate's father, Richard Lowe, on October 6.

Andrew and Cindy Rose and family upon the death of Andrew's mother, Rebecca Rose, on October 10.

Ken and Harriett Hazelton upon the death of Ken's sister, Nancy Epstein, on October 11.

Sharon Grainger and Margaret Grainger and family upon the death of Sharon's husband and Margaret's son, David M. Grainger, Sr., on October 12 and Margaret's husband, Orrie Grainger, on October 16.

In Our Prayers:

Billy Arnold
Rhett Blythe
Carolyn Broady
Kassandra Dzenis
Margaret Grainger

Rebecca Greenberg
Martha Hale
Carole Hyder
Joe Hyder
Margaret Panter

Lurlene Perry
Margaret Pettis
Mary Pierson
Joyce Ramsey
Dorothy Swanson

Brenda Tierman
Jane Varner
Jack Wheeler
Brad Wilkinson
Duncan Williamson

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for all your thoughts and kindness, and especially your prayers. You are a wonderful church family.
— Jack and Margie Wheeler

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, presence, and support during this difficult time. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving and caring church family. — The Lowe Family

Church Membership: 1782

Giving (as of October 22)

Year to Date receipts:
\$1,133,859.34

Year to Date expenses:
\$1,256,167.20

Shortfall:
\$122,307.86

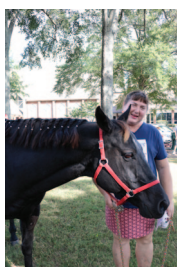
New Members:

Sharon Grainger and the late David Grainger
125 Darwish Drive, McDonough, GA 30252

Transformation NOW: Our 2019 Commitment

To date, we have received 175 pledges for a total of \$781,200.

If you haven't turned in your commitment card, you can mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



CONNECTING AT FAYETTEVILLE FIRST

Six for Supper Is Back!!

Meet new people and eat good food. Join a Six for Supper group and experience church family in a new way.



Six for Supper is a great way to form new friendships, get to know others better, meet new people in our church, and deepen relationships with one another. New groups will be forming soon for the months of January, February, and March. How does it work? Three couples (or two couples and two singles or any similar variation) are grouped together for a three-month period. Over the course of the three months, the participants will gather at each other's homes or at a restaurant to share a meal together, perhaps supper, or even breakfast or lunch! Once you sign up, a coordinator will assign the groups and will notify you by email with contact information for other members of your group. Then groups will coordinate details among each other. Sign up at FayettevilleFirst.com or contact the church office at Admin@FayettevilleFirst.com by December 15.

Coffee and Conversations: Creative Faith



Join a small group of new friends for conversation and coffee as we explore our faith through coloring at Gremlin Growlers each Friday morning at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence with questions. Childcare is available with a reservation.

Can't make Friday mornings? How about Wednesday evenings? Join Allyson November 7 and 14 at 6:15 at Gremlin Growlers. They have great coffee, hot chocolate, and root beer!

Looking Forward to More Table Groups in the New Year

More fully experience God and see your day-to-day life through the lens of faith within a small group connection called Table Groups. As you begin to wind down 2018 and are making plans for the New Year, consider intentionally making time for continued spiritual transformation. Enjoy real, honest, and deep conversations about where and how God is active in our world and in our lives. Table Groups are made of 5-12 people who meet at the church or in one another's homes for an hour a week to engage in the Christian journey together. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence, ALawrence@FayettevilleFirst.com, for more information.

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Maintenance Reservation Replenishment. (\$50,000)

As responsible stewards, we plan for regular maintenance but sometimes we are hit with unscheduled needs. So far in 2018, we have spent nearly \$140,000—well above expectations. We have funded some of these repairs out of our reserves, but those reserves are seriously depleted. Our immediate goal is to restore some of those extraordinary costs.

More information is available and will be shared in weeks ahead. We are giving and hope you will give to this opportunity to Make a Difference NOW.

John Barnes
Senior Pastor

Mark Martin
Chairperson
Finance Committee



Confirmation students enjoyed a field trip to Emory's Candler Theological Seminary as part of their year-long confirmation process.

THE FOUNDRY WORSHIP

Youth Ministry | Kena Newkirk

During this month of giving thanks, we have a lot to consider. We have a thriving youth ministry here at FFUMC in part because of our wonderful bus ministry made possible by our volunteers Bill Webb, Wayne Harris, and Jamie McKinley. They ensure our students make it to Wednesday programs and provide an easy way for students to invite friends! A host of fantastic shepherds mentor our young people including Ben Smith, Nick Hansen, Jordan Hart, Bobby Hamil, Evan Trivett, Frieda Everitt, Penny Erbe, Julie Harp, Faye Livingston, Kim Lashley, Tami Kemberling, Katie Blankenship, Lindsay Blythe, and Amanda Lane. However, there is one thing our youth and volunteers are excited about this month that makes this Thanksgiving special!



Ellie and Spencer Kalafut found their way through the corn maze this fall.

Our students are beyond thrilled that the Church Council approved the much anticipated dedicated youth space. The plan is to combine classrooms C-280 and C-290 into a modern worship space with the flexibility of a youth-oriented lounge. The room will be equipped with everything necessary for quality Wednesday contemporary worship in an environment relevant and welcoming to young people.

My family joined the church when I was in 5th grade, and my older brother Spencer was in 8th. For that entire year I would hear amazing stories of the youth program and could not wait for the day I became a youth. That day did not disappoint. In our youth group, I have found a family through Christ. The love and acceptance that our youth group has for each other are endless. We are grateful for all that our whole church has done to support us, welcome us, and treat us as valuable members of the church. We are grateful they understand the need for a space for youth to be loud, silly, and well, youth. A new youth space would be extremely special for us, in that it would be a place in the church for us to strengthen our relationships with each other with the entire church's support. — Youth Leadership Team and Band member Ellie Kalafut

This Thanksgiving, we hope our entire church body can be as thankful as our youth ministry and be able to see God making a difference NOW in the life of our church. We want you to know that your gifts will be met with indescribable thankfulness from our young people!

YOUTH ON THE MOVE!

Our students have been all over Georgia in the last few weeks! While studying the Reformation, our Confirmation Class traveled to Emory University to tour Candler School of Theology to see documents about Martin Luther and we went to Holy Trinity Catholic Church to learn about our Catholic neighbors. Also, our high school girls took a trip to Ponce City Market and the high school guys enjoyed a Falcons football game. Finally, everyone joined together for a good old-fashion corn maze.



Youth girls took a trip to Ponce City Market. The guys shared time together at a Falcons game.

LOOKING AHEAD AND GIVING BACK

Christmas Marketplace – November 3, 8 AM– 3 PM

Trip to SafeHouse Outreach–November 29

Christmas Camp for Children – December 8, 10 AM– 2 PM

FOR FAYETTEVILLE REMINDS US TO LOVE EVERYBODY

Children and Family Ministry | Rev. Carson Thaxton & Allie Hansen

This is Nutter-Butter. He lives at our house and we have loved getting to know him and play with him. Oh, he's totally just a stuffed animal, but as stuffed animals go he has brought some joy and life into our family for sure. We found out a couple weeks ago that he can hold things. While Nutter-Butter is always carrying a nut, he has room for one more important thing. My kids found a FOR Fayetteville card will fit quite snugly in his arms! The back of the card reads, "God is for you, and we are for you too!" Now our stuffed, very cute, rodent friend is a FOR Fayetteville card dispenser. He perches in our living room and subtly reminds us everyday what we need to remember—God loves us so we love others. God is for us and so we are for others. Nutter-Butter never asks anything of us extra or has any other additions; just to take a card and remember who you are. No extra questions, no extra stipulations, no addendum, no pre-requisite, no post-requisite, just remember who you are in God's eyes and look at others as God sees them too. Thank you, Nutter-Butter for the daily reminder. Now comes the hard part....actually living that. We have each other, this body of Christ, we have each other, this family of God, oh and we have cards! So there is always hope. We encourage and pray for each other along the way and continually reach out to let people we meet know we are here for them. So let me practice on you; ready Nutter-Butter, "God is for you, and we are for you too!" — Carson and Nutter-Butter



PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Friday, November 9

Do you have kids? We get it. This church gets it. Let us help you. Free nursery and childcare so you can go out! Please reserve your kid(s) spot by Thursday, November 8. Email Carson Thaxton, CThaxton@FayettevilleFirst.com.

PARENTS DAY OUT: Saturday, December 8

Kids enjoy Christmas Camp while parents have some hours out on Saturday, December 8 from 10 AM - 2 PM with free childcare.

55+ STAY ON THE MOVE

Senior Adult Ministry | Rev. Michael Phillips

SAGE Trip: November 8, 2018 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Take a trip to Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, Georgia, to enjoy the beauty of Japanese Maples and the Wildflower Color Fest along with lunch.

Cost: \$21 plus lunch

Upcoming

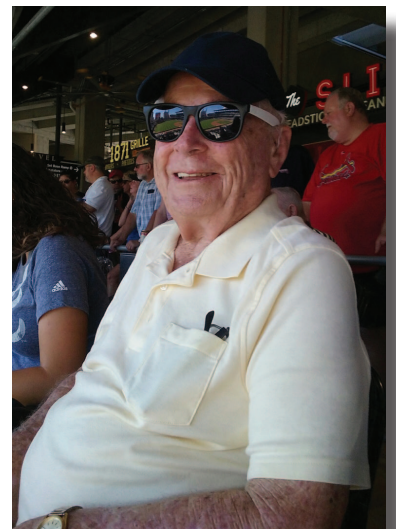
December 13: Hanna Brothers Pinewood Studio Cafe Lunch
Register and pay in church office.

TITUS II: November 6, 2018 Noon

"Go Green for the Holidays" — Tami Kemberling will provide tips for taking care of "God's good green earth."

Upcoming:

December 4 — Holiday Music by Inman Elementary Chorus
Lunch reservations: Martha Turner, 770-461-2802 Thursday before each event



Bill McKibben enjoyed watching the Braves with friends on a SAGE trip.

WE WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER

Special Services and Opportunities | Rev. Allyson Lawrence

Celebrate the Saints on November 4

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for the saints. According to our New Testament understandings, saints are all Christian people of every time and place. So on November 4 at all three worship services we will celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our church family. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year will be read and remembered as a holy moment of celebration of their lives in Christ and our eternal communion with all believers. Please join us for this sacred and special worship.

Usher Appreciation and Kickoff, November 11

Thank you to our amazing usher teams who serve all three services, all 52+ services of the year. Have you thanked an usher lately? If not, I hope you will. To help celebrate this ministry, all ushers are invited to attend a lunch on November 11 immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in room A-40. All ushers serving at any of our services, please know you are cordially invited to attend this fun celebration of ... you!

This will not only be a great opportunity to celebrate our current ushers, but it also will be a wonderful chance to find out more about this particular ministry of service. If you are interested in knowing more about how to serve during worship, you too are invited to come and join the team.

Let Rev. Allyson Lawrence know you are coming with an RSVP at FayettevilleFirst.com or email her at ALawrence@FayettevilleFirst.com.

Worship at The Ridge with Adults in Action

Join with friends as we enjoy nature and worship together at The Ridge Nature Preserve on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:45 p.m.



Advent Devotional Gathering Begins in November

Join Rev. Allyson Lawrence on Wednesday evenings in the chapel at 6:15 p.m. for a walk through Luke as we share and experience the advent of Christ in our lives. Meeting dates are November 28, December 5, 12 and 19.

PRESCHOOL AND FIRE SAFETY

Last month we celebrated fire safety with a fire truck visit for all students and a trip to the fire station for our four year olds. The Firemen talked to us about how to keep ourselves and our families safe in case of a fire at home. Fall pumpkins and parties are on our schedule now as we celebrate the season and get creative.

— Drew Greenberg, Preschool Director

*Teachers Connie Little and Jill LaLicata
with students from the two-year-old class.*



What's Happening @ Fayetteville First UMC

Get specific information on happenings and times at 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.

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.
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.

Thanksgiving Schedule

No regular programs November 21-23.
Church office closed November 21
at 1 p.m. through November 23.

Meetings

Joy Circle: 11/3, 6 p.m.
UMM: 11/6, 6:15 p.m.
Mary Martha Hope Circle: 11/15, 10 a.m.
UMW Board: 11/15, 6:30 p.m.
Ethel Taylor Circle: 11/6, 7 p.m.
UMW Book Club: 11/8, 1:30 p.m.
Trustees: 11/26, 6 p.m.
Finance: 11/27, 6 p.m.
Leadership: 11/27, 7 p.m.

Other Happenings

Christmas Marketplace: 11/3, 9 a.m.
Titus II: 11/6, 12 p.m.
SAGE: 11/8, 8:30 a.m.
Parents Night Out: 11/9, 5:30 p.m.
SafeHouse Outreach: 11/29

STAYING CONNECTED

In addition to the Connections newsletter, these resources can keep you connected at Fayetteville First UMC all the time. Check it out!

Weekender — our weekly e-letter for details on upcoming events

FayettevilleFirst.com — our website. Search by theme or ages and know what is happening NOW.

Facebook — Like us!

FOR Fayetteville - Post on Instagram at #ForFayettevilleGA

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS TOGETHER

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

November 7: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert
November 14: Thanksgiving Dinner (no salads)
November 21: No Wednesday Night Dinner or Programs
November 28: Baked Pork Chops, Fried Okra, Creamed Corn, Lima Beans, Bread Dessert

Other options most weeks:

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





God's Kingdom NOW at FFUMC

Your church on the square

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The Grill

Gingerbread House

Timeless Treasures

Marketplace