



June 17, 2022

The Weekender

Maxey and Solberg in concert at FFUMC: Sunday, June 26, at 3 p.m.

Justin Maxey

I am thrilled to present a concert with my dear friend Daniel Solberg on June 26. Many of you may remember him from our four piano concert at Christmas—he was the performer who operated all the lights from the iPad while playing piano. He also has worked extensively with the Southern Crescent Chorale most recently editing their pandemic videos. Please enjoy reading more about Daniel in his biography below. We are excited to present a program of piano and organ duets interspersed with congregational hymns. The organ and piano has been tuned and you will not want to miss this concert!



Daniel Solberg is a staple in the professional music scene in Atlanta and has earned widespread respect as a pianist, organist, arranger and videographer. At Georgia State University Daniel was collaborative pianist and coach for seven years and served as music director for the opera program. From show choirs to symphonic ensembles, Daniel's orchestrations have been heard across the United States. Daniel regularly writes music for the biggest churches in Atlanta, and most recently his orchestration can be heard on a CD released by the Atlanta Boy Choir. Daniel produced "Christmas on Clairemont" - an

annual Atlanta community Christmas concert that benefits a charitable organization while featuring world-class, Grammy award-winning talent. In 2019 Daniel produced the recording of the first opera written about the immigration controversy and the building of the wall at the Mexican/American border, entitled "The Wall and the Rose." Daniel's musical sensitivity as accompanist has led him to play for many distinguished performers including two-time Grammy award-winning singer, Sylvia McNair. For several years he accompanied La Musica Lirica, a summer opera program in Italy and works for a similar program in Brazil, FIO Americas. After graduating summa cum laude from Millikin University, Daniel earned the title of "youngest director on the high seas" and played for many of the biggest cruise ship entertainers, including Mark Preston from the Letterman Trio. He has also played multiple times under the direction of world-renowned conductor Don Neuen as well as under the direction of several members of the New York Voices. When Daniel is not playing the piano, he enjoys serving as organist at First Baptist Church, Decatur. He has also had the privilege of performing on two of Atlanta's famous organs at Spivey Hall and the Schwartz Center at Emory University. Through DSol Productions, a registered trademark encompassing his freelance video productions, Daniel has produced hundreds of hours of virtual content including promotional messages, virtual choirs, music videos, church services, and concerts.



Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 19, 2022

8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.

[Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after](#)
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

You belong

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

CURRENT NEWS



Save the Date for a very special event "Let's Do Lunch"

Let's share lunch on Saturday, August 13, at noon in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall. All the ladies in our congregation are invited and encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor, and family.

This free event is hosted by the UMW. Details to sign up will come soon.



Create Camp starts Monday: [Sign up now](#)

It's never too late to get creative! Children in grades 3-6 will dive deeper into the lessons and adventures of our VBS Bible stories as they explore ways to develop their own personal leadership skills. Campers will learn music and dances, learn how to create and build set designs, as well as participate in traditional camp crafts and games. June 20-24. \$10/camper



Justin Maxey and Daniel Solberg

In Concert: June 26, 3 p.m.

Justin Maxey and Daniel Solberg will present a program of piano and organ duets interspersed with congregational hymns in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 26, at 3 p.m. Invite a friend and enjoy the afternoon at this free concert.



Congratulations, Dian.

Yes, she is retiring.
She will be missed!

Goodbyes and New Beginnings

After five years of warmth and welcome at the front desk of the church office, Dian Nelson is retiring effective June 30. Her presence and her joy in sharing God's love will be missed. We want to wish her well. In the coming weeks, you will hear of ways in which we can show our appreciation to Dian for her service. For now, we want to celebrate ministry she has shared with us as a member of this staff as she remains a member of this congregation.

Now Hiring

We are looking for a part-time person to work with the Administrative Team here at Fayetteville First UMC. If you or someone you know is interested, just email Thomas (tmartin@fayettevillefirst.com) for a job description. The duties include oversight of room and facility scheduling, working with the staff, knowledge and use of the church database system, and bringing a joyful presence to members of our church, our community, and those who serve in ministry with us here at Fayetteville First.



Recognition on Father's Day

We appreciate our fathers. Tabitha Circle of United Women in Faith will honor our fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, foster dads, uncles, brothers or those men who have stepped in to take care of and play a fatherly role for children who are not their own on Sunday, June 19, after the 11 a.m. service with a Hershey's Kiss and a prayer card. Let's celebrate dads together!



A GREAT place to be: Fayetteville First Preschool

Ready to show love and care to our youngest learners? Fayetteville First Preschool is growing, and we have Lead Teacher, Assistant Teacher, Music, and PE positions available beginning with the 2022-23 school year.



Our preschool provides a caring learning environment grounded in Christian beliefs. Using developmentally appropriate practices we aim to help children grow spiritually, socially and physically to create a firm foundation for future success. The ideal candidate for any of these positions has a love of children, a knowledge of or willingness to learn about developmentally appropriate practices, values collaborating with colleagues and understands the importance of developing relationships with families.

Please send inquiries and resumes to Director Kerry Bleil at kbleil@fayettevillefirst.com.



2022 Summer Lunch continues each week

Thank you for helping provide food stability to families in Fayette County through the Summer Lunch Program. Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. during June and July we'll be packing lunches and delivering them afterward.

You can be a packer, driver or cookie baker any time! Either homemade or store-bought cookies are needed (no nuts, please). Simply mark cookies for "Summer Lunch" and deliver them to the gym kitchen. Weekly packers will place them in servings, so there's no need to individually package them.

Questions? Contact coordinator Virginia Pope at vgail.pope@gmail.com.



Get on the wait list for Vacation Bible School

You still may be able to join the VBS fun! Register and get on the wait list! From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories. July 11-15. [Rising PK3-Rising 6th for Fall 2022. After June 30: \\$10/child.](#)



You'll find Linda Ladd (right) serving throughout the church. Here she is with Lauren Davis.

June's Minute for Missions Features Benevolence

FFUMC member Linda Ladd shared about the benevolence work of our church this past Sunday. She explained that money donated to the Benevolence Fund on communion Sundays and throughout the month helps meet the financial needs of people in our community. To receive funds, applicants must have already seen one other organization such as Fayette Samaritans in the county. Members of the Benevolence Committee spend a few hours each week on a rotating schedule to interview those seeking help. If you'd like to help in this way, contact Dian in the church office and she'll connect you to the committee.

Linda also shared about her work with Fayette Samaritans, a ministry that coordinates efforts between churches and groups to distribute donated clothing, books and food. Current needs are regularly shared in *The Weekender*, but all donations are appreciated. Collection boxes are in the church office and in the hallway by the gym. If you would like to volunteer a few hours a month or even a morning a week at Fayette Samaritans, contact Linda at 770-460-7142.



JUNE Needs List

Fayette Samaritans June needs

Thanks for helping others! Donations for Fayette Samaritans, our community food pantry and clothes closet, may be placed in the hallway cart near the gym or dropped by the church office.

Most Needed in June (but all donations are welcome and appreciated):
Cookies, Chicken Both, Beef Broth, Canned Pasta, Rice, Laundry Detergent
Clothes Closet Needs: Women's underwear size 10 and larger, Men's underwear size large and extra large



Financial Awareness Class for Newly Graduated Seniors and College-Aged Adults

Join this four-week series, led by Rev. Allyson Lawrence, to learn the basics of budgeting, planning, spending, and credit cards. The foundational material for this series is derived from the Saving Grace series available through Cokesbury. There is no cost for this class and materials will be provided. The dates are June 22, 29, July 6, and July 13 starting at 5 p.m. each day.



JUNE 17
City Center Park

Tonight! Flicks on the Green! Encanto, June 17

Calling all kids and your families – come and join FFUMC Kids for the City of Fayetteville's showing of the movie *Encanto*. You will find us at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 17 on the green at the City Center. We'll have a scavenger hunt (with prizes!!) and then watch the movie together when the sun goes down.

FFUMC KIDS Scavenger Hunt with Prizes!

UMW Marie Lamb Circle Sponsors Christmas Shoe Box Drive

The Marie Lamb Circle hopes to make 100 children very happy at Christmas this year. We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoe Box project in cooperation with the United Methodist Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur AL ([Shoe Box Ministry. umdisasterwarehouse.com](http://ShoeBoxMinistry.umdisasterwarehouse.com)). This ministry targets children ages 2-12 in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

[Click here to access the list of required \(and prohibited\) items and extra items as space permits. This size chart may also help.](#) These boxes can be filled at a cost of \$17-22 plus \$5 to cover shipping costs out of the country.



How can you or your small group help?

- Download the list of items to purchase, the size chart, and these instructions.
- Decide what size(s) you want to focus on.
- Decide how many boxes you or your small group can make (please do both boys and girls). Boxes are available in the church office or from Maggie Clarke.
- Purchase items, place them in a Zip-Loc or other bag, and place bag in the donation bin outside the gym or return to the church office. Include a check for \$5 made payable to the church for each box. Be sure to write “Shoebboxes” on the memo line.
- To donate money, toward either the contents or the shipping cost, contact Maggie Clarke, mwclarke195@gmail.com, 404-395-8161.

Members of the Marie Lamb Circle will verify the contents, pack the boxes, and insert the Nativity coloring book provided by the warehouse. All purchased items must be turned in by **July 4, 2022**, so that we can deliver the completed boxes to the warehouse the first week of August.



Go to Atlanta with SAGE on July 21

Take a trip to Atlanta for lunch and an outing with friends on Thursday, July 21. Senior Adults Going Everywhere will leave the church office at 9:30 a.m. A limited number of reservations are available on a first-come basis. Cost is \$14 for a tour of the Atlanta History Center, and lunch at The Swan House ranges from \$12 to \$30 dollars depending on what you order. Contact Dian in the church office to be placed on the list.

iServe: Summer Lunch and Noah's Ark

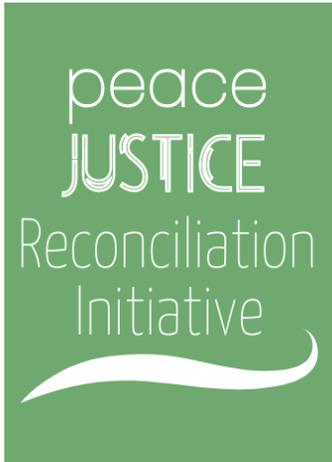
Kids join in mission on Tuesday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m.! Let's serve together at our Summer Lunch packing event and then load up the church van to go to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary in Locust Grove. Noah's Ark is a place for abused, unwanted, and neglected animals. FFUMC will provide a picnic style lunch (which we will pack together before we leave) or you can bring your own lunch. Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary is the mission that this year's VBS will support. Join us and learn more about how this organization helps take care of all of God's creation, enjoy a picnic, walk around the paved pathways and be home by 3:30 p.m. [Let us know you're coming and we'll save you a seat on the van \(click here\).](#)





Serve with Square Foot in Newnan

Square Foot Ministry is looking for volunteers on Saturday, June 25, and Saturday, July 9, at the duplex build in Newnan. Can you help between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.? Experts will be onsite to train you on what is needed, so no special skills are required. [For more information or to sign up, click here.](#)



Next Steps for Reconciliation Initiative: June 29 and July 13

All are invited to continue conversation about racial reconciliation begun earlier this year when Rev. Brian Tillman and Dr. Gary Mason visited our church. On Wednesday evenings June 29 and July 13 at 6:30 p.m., participants will be guided through discussions to explore welcoming diversity and bringing healing to our communities presented by **Be The Bridge**. Links to the materials are available: [Be the Bridge 101](#) (introduction and preparatory guide) and [16 Bridge-Building Tips](#). You don't need to read either paper, but we will discuss items from both at these meetings. If you wish to engage in this initiative, simply come to Room C-240 at 6:30 p.m. on June 29 and July 13. Bring a snack for yourself if you'd like. We will finish at 8 p.m. Questions? Contact Ron Reams, redwolf.reams@gmail.com.



Serve at SafeHouse Outreach

You are invited to serve those who live on the margins in Atlanta on June 30 at SafeHouse Outreach. We'll prepare more than 100 meals, transport them to their facility, serve it to the clients, and let others know we care about them. Contact Randy Riddell at randyhr8@gmail.com and he'll let you know where you are needed most.



Thank you so much!

Shawl Ministry: Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket made by your hands... Your ministry is one that I will always be grateful for as well as this beautiful blanket that will remind me of Mother. This blanket will always be cherished. — Vicki Wallen

Flower Ministry: Thank you for sharing a vase of beautiful flowers and a very thoughtful sentiment with me. I appreciate the continued support of my FFUMC family as I move through grief and the challenging times it brings. Your efforts make a difference and bring smiles! — Janet Baileys



Upcoming: Save the date!

June 26 — Justin Maxey and Daniel Solberg in concert; Sanctuary; 3 p.m.

June 30 — SafeHouse Outreach Night

July 17 — FFUMC Blood Drive

August 13 — Let's Do Lunch! Women's lunch event

August 21 — Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

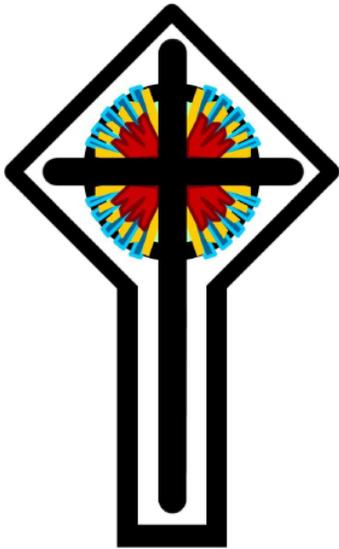
inspired ...

Salty & Lit ... then off to serve

Our youth enjoyed a few days at the beach the first part of June with games, beach walks, good food, lots of laughs ... a GREAT time! A high school group headed to their Appalachia Service Project in Carter County, Tennessee, last Sunday where they are serving this week. The middle school group will serve with YouthWorks at the end of the month. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers!



We LOVE our FFUMC youth!



June 15, 2022 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$588,615.11
Year to Date expenses	\$562,904.62
Difference	\$25,710.49

Benevolence

Received this week \$389.00

55 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$18,153.33

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

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AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM;

Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*