



June 3, 2022

The Weekender

Hearing again for the first time

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

Throughout most of my life, I have been fascinated by the prospect of speaking in tongues. Most of that fascination comes from hearing stories about that spiritual gift or stories from the book of Acts, where the Holy Spirit descended on God's people and tongues of fire consumed those who were there. It seems very dramatic, but also very close to God's spirit. I can't say that I've ever really wanted the gift of speaking in tongues. It's just been more of a fascination.

I still have a fascination, but a better appreciation, for what that miracle at Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts truly means. If you read the story closely, you will see that the people weren't so much impressed by the speaking in tongues, it was that they were able to hear: *"And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"* Acts 2:8

This Pentecost passage, in which we celebrate the birth of the church, isn't just a miracle because the Spirit of God descended like a dove; it's a miracle because everyone was able to hear in their own language. Think about that word, "hear." How often do you feel heard? How often are you willing to hear others? Not just hear them, but listen for understanding. One problem I see in our world today is that we have a listening problem. We don't listen to understand. We listen to win an argument or to wait for someone to slip up in what they say because it makes a nice headline.

How much different might our world be if we took the time to listen? What if we really sought understanding in our hearing? What if we, like the early church, find that the miracle isn't just speaking in tongues, but really making room to hear. It might just be like hearing again for the first time.



Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

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

[Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after](#)

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Church

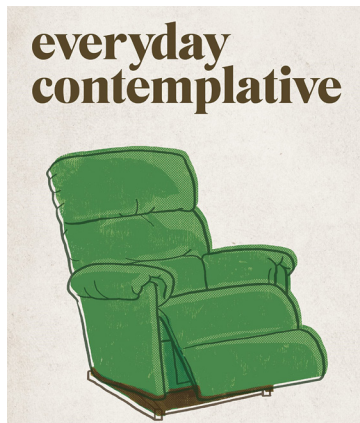
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Pentecost Pool Party, June 5

Luke and Stella Stevens (with a little help from their mom and dad, Rebecca and JR) are hosting our kids ministry at their house for a pool party on Pentecost Sunday, June 5 from 2- 4 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. PreK-4 through 5th graders and their families are invited to join us for a fun time of water games. Bring your floaties or favorite pool toys. Contact Pastor Allyson with questions. The Stevens' address is 202 Chateau Lane, Peachtree City.



New Bible study begins this Sunday, June 5

Join Rev. Thomas in the chapel during the Sunday School hour as we look at the practices that make up our faith, our prayer life, our study and use of scripture, and our walk with God. **The study will begin June 5 and meet through July 31.** We will be using the book, "Everyday Contemplative: A Way of Prayerful Living." Through this eight week study (skipping Sunday, July 3), we will focus on the ways that we can practice our faith in our daily lives. [Link to purchase the book through Amazon.](#)



Time to share cookies for summer lunch

Our Summer Lunch Program will swing into action to provide food stability for many families in Fayette County beginning June 7. We will be packing lunches at 9:30 each Tuesday during June and July and delivering them afterward.

You are invited to help be a packer or driver. Also needed are cookies: either homemade or store-bought (no nuts, please). If store-bought, one suggestion is Fig Newtons. These should be marked for "Summer Lunch" and delivered to the gym kitchen. Weekly packers will place them in appropriate servings, so there's no need to individually package them. *To participate, contact this year's coordinator, Virginia Pope, at vgail.pope@gmail.com.*



Kids in Mission For Our Next iServe Event

Join Pastor Allyson Tuesday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the gym for the kick off of FFUMC's summer lunch packing event and lunch together at Anthony's. Parents are welcome to stay for this family friendly mission day. If you can't stay – no worries! We will be finished and back at the church by 12:30 p.m.. Bring \$5 per person for lunch at Anthony's.



FFUMC KIDS Scavenger Hunt with Prizes!

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.



Minute for Missions this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Ready to serve others? FFUMC member Linda Ladd will share about the benevolence work of our church through the Benevolence Fund and our partnership with other ministries during a **Minute for Missions** time this Sunday. She can answer additional questions after the service or you may contact her at 770-460-7142.

You'll find Linda Ladd (right) serving throughout the church. Here she is with Lauren Davis working out Summer Lunch Program details. Linda also serves in leadership with Fayette Samaritans.



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



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.



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.

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.umdasterwarehouse.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.



Create Camp: [Sign ups now open](#)

Ready to get creative this summer? 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



Good Grief Group

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot....a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. — Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Several women of FFUMC who are moving through life after the death of their spouses, would like to regularly get together to support and uplift women who are also facing this challenging life chapter. We want to be present with each other to offer a smile, a hug, a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, a laugh, and encouragement. If you are moving through this season of life and would like to respond in kind, please plan to join us each month on the **second Thursday**. Our first gathering will be held on June 9 at 6 p.m. at Partner's Pizza in Fayetteville. Everyone will be responsible for their own dinner and beverage. Questions? Contact Janet Baileys at jkbaileys11@gmail.com.



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!



Yoga designed for YOU: Join Senior Yoga

Enjoy the health benefits of yoga safely at Senior Yoga, a brand new offering at Fayetteville First UMC. A gentle flow class with modified poses designed to absorb postures without risk of injury is now offered by Frieda Everritt. Certified in Senior Yoga, Frieda will lead a 30 minute class on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the gym. Cost is \$2 per session. Contact Frieda Everritt for more information, 404-219-0635.



SAGE heads to The Swan House on July 21

Take a trip to Atlanta for a nice lunch with friends (and potential access to nearby attractions) on Thursday, July 21. Senior Adults Going Everywhere will leave the church office lot at 9:30 a.m. A limited number of reservations are available on a first-come basis. Contact Dian in the church office to be placed on the list. Cost: \$5 transportation plus lunch (Lunch details will be announced soon.)



Register for Vacation Bible School

Join the VBS fun! 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.](#)

inspired ...

You Matter at SafeHouseOutreach

For years we have supported SafeHouse Outreach and the message it promotes to its clients who live on the margins in Atlanta: "You Matter."



Safehouse Outreach itself also matters. Recently, Cortland, an Atlanta company focused on multifamily development, enhanced the SHO space by professionally painting the exterior, extending the front porch, building a wheelchair ramp, painting the auditorium and more.

We will have a first-hand look at their renewed space at our next service night on Thursday, June 30, as we prepare more than 100 meals, transport them to their facility, serve it to the clients, and let others know they matter to us.

Want to be a part? Contact Randy Riddell at randyhr8@gmail.com and he'll let you know where you are needed most.

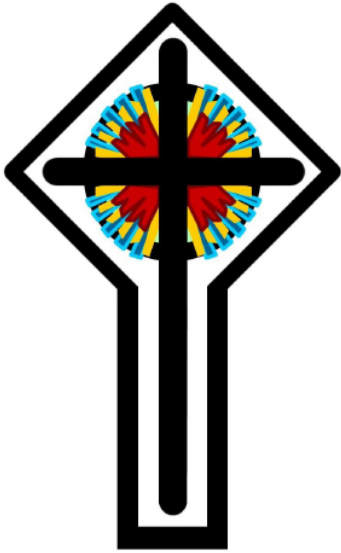


Photos show the enhanced space and the FFUMC team serving at SHO in March. You and your contributions matter!



Thank you, Church Family

Thank you so much for the Easter Lily you brought me. It is still pretty and I think of all of you often. I still miss my church.... Thanks again for your prayers and good memories. — Sara Johnston



June 1, 2022 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$526,743.88
Year to Date expenses	\$497,176.75
Difference	\$29,567.13

Benevolence

Received this week \$124.00

53 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$17,349.05.

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

Fayetteville First UMC 175 East Lanier Avenue Fayetteville, GA 30214
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AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM;

Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM