



June 16, 2023

The Weekender

Legacy: Faith received and created

Dr. Thomas Martin, Senior Minister

We are all a collection of our past hurts, hopes, and dreams. Everything from our past makes us what we are. Likewise, everything that we put into the present for the future will shape those who come after us. So the question is this: what kind of message are we passing along to others?



It is easy, and often lazy, to look to the past to simpler times. It is okay to reminisce about the way things were, but we do not always remember complexity. Our minds function, in a way, to retain that which was important and good. Are we sharing the good for others who come after us or are we stuck in the past?

Behold, I am making all things new. Those are promises from God's word for us. They should focus our sights and energies on the ways that we are to live in this world. We get to participate in God's new and abundant creation. It may mean changing, but it means changing for the better. It means changing for the good of God.

This week as we celebrate Father's day on the calendar, it gives us a chance to pause and consider the legacy we have been given. It also gives us the chance to look toward the future that we are creating for others. In a sense, we both give and create a legacy by being faithful members of God's church.

This Sunday in church we will hear about ways we can build a legacy for others. Tabitha Circle will recognize fathers and other men in our lives who have shaped our faith. We will have the chance to take up a special offering for Wesley Woods, a ministry partner of the United Methodist Church that cares for older adults who have outlived their means. We will celebrate baptism and members joining our church. We will hear more about the Legacy Fund at our church and the good work that second mile giving is doing for God's kingdom. And back by popular demand, my father, Rev. Tommy Martin, will offer us a word of hope on Father's Day.

It will be a good day to be together as we celebrate our legacy—the faith that we receive and the faith that we create.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 18, 2023

8:45 and 11:00 AM

[Online link active at 11 AM and after](#)

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1; Matthew 9:35-10:8

Dr. Thomas Martin; Rev. Tommy Martin



Wesley Woods Offering this Sunday, June 18

For nearly 50 years, churches of [The North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) have received a special offering for Wesley Woods, most often taken on Mother's Day. This generous support funds financial assistance for meals and housing to residents who have the gift of a long life but may have outlived their resources. It also supports on-site chaplains and an innovative wellness program. This offering will be taken at FFUMC this year on June 18. Please mark any donations as "Wesley Woods."



Reach out at SafeHouse Outreach on June 29

You can be part of the FFUMC team to help those who live on the margins in Atlanta at our next SafeHouse Outreach night on June 29. Volunteers are needed to fill the bus and help serve a lasagna meal (complete with SafeHouse bread provided by Randy Riddell). Leaders on this trip are Mike DeLisle and Chuck Grayson along with Wayne Harris, bus driver. Let Mike know you can help by emailing him at kaprunices@mindspring.com.

Bobby and Kathe Anderson along with grandkids Emma and Eli serving at SHO.



Finishing touch supplies needed by Monday, June 19

VBS is around the corner! Our church community can also help us meet some supplies needs. Just put them in the donation box in the church office or Welcome Portal by **Monday, June 19**.

- Pool noodles
- Old water hoses
- Boxes of facial tissues
- Black lights
- Old-fashioned corded phones (rotary, etc... returned after VBS if desired)
- EL wire
- LED lights
- Rope lights (multicolored if possible)

[Check out this Amazon Wish List if you'd like to order through Amazon.](#)

Questions? Contact Allie Hansen, ahansen@fayettevillefirst.com.



Apples and drivers for Summer Lunch Program

Our Summer Lunch Program is now underway providing food stability for many families in Fayette County. We will be packing lunches at 9:30 AM each Tuesday during June and July and delivering them afterward.

What is needed? Apples! We would like to include an apple in each lunch. If you or your group would like to contribute fruit for a future week, contact coordinator, Virginia Pope, at vgail.pope@gmail.com or 678-361-1722. Also, a few more drivers are needed.



Summer Delights on Wednesday Nights

Enjoy food and fellowship throughout the summer. Meet at the Bus Barn Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Bring a dinner of your choice or order from Hog Pit BBQ right there at the City Center. We can enjoy the nice summer evenings, the ice cream shop, the playground, inside/outside dining, and simply being together all summer long.



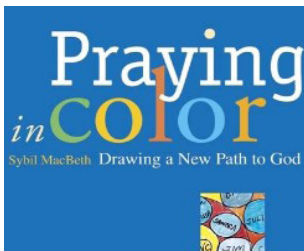
Men and women - Get moving with Pickleball!

Have you wondered what Pickleball is all about? Come find out! Our gym is now equipped with Pickleball nets, paddles and balls. Just come in comfy clothes and shoes and try out the game with a group of enthusiastic and supportive players. You'll want to double-check the schedule on the group text before coming to ensure no adjustments were made. You'll need a door code too. Want to bring a friend along? Great!

Currently playing: Wednesdays, 7 PM
Fridays, Noon

Skill level: 1st time beginner plus more advanced, Men & Women

Info Option: Pickleball Group Texts - contact Lauren Davis at lauren-davis@comcast.net, 770-846-4652



Introduction to Praying in Color this Friday

Join old friends and make new ones at Creative Faith each Friday in June and July at Gremlin Growlers at 11 AM. On Friday, June 16, Joan Aycock will introduce **Praying in Color** as we talk and share our experiences of God. Contact [Pastor Allyson](#) or [Joan Aycock](#) with questions.



Give blood at FFUMC: Sunday, July 16

Donate in a familiar setting at Fayetteville First UMC on Sunday, July 16, from 8 AM to 1 PM.

Go directly to the American Red Cross site at redcrossblood.org and choose our drive ... and encourage others to donate here at FFUMC. **Please sign up to donate in advance if at all possible.** Email ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com for questions or assistance.

[What to do before, during and after your donation? Find out!](#)





United Women in Faith announce mission projects

You are invited to participate in the United Women in Faith Southwest District mission projects for this year which include UMCOR and Rushton's Hope.

UMCOR disaster relief needs boxes of 33-45 gallon heavy duty trash bags and bottles of concentrated liquid household cleaner, 16-40 oz.

Rushton's Hope is a ministry serving the impoverished, homeless, rejected and hurting people in the area of Griffin. They provide for physical needs through food, clothing, toiletries, household items, and furniture, and will take used mattresses as well as monetary donations. They also minister to spiritual needs through a worship service, jail ministry, a crisis pregnancy ministry, and special events through the year.

Rushton's Hope needs jelly, crackers (any kind, either individually wrapped packs or short stacks), microwavable cups of Rice-A-Roni and Mac & Cheese, but other items will be accepted.

A box will be in the Welcome Portal to collect for these two projects through September 1.

For more information on Rushton's Hope or for pick up of large items, please call Faye Livingston at 770-401-9761. If you have furniture to donate, Cindy Hall and Faye Livingston will coordinate with the Summer Lunch Families and Rushton's Hope so that needs are met where they are the greatest.



General music reading and theory

Would you like to read music well enough to play a variety of instruments or sing? Join us this summer on the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for a music reading and basic music theory class. The class will meet during June and July. Questions? Contact Judy Hames, jhames@bellsouth.net.



Let's Do Lunch - Saturday, August 12

We are now accepting reservations for our 2nd Annual Let's Do Lunch! And don't forget to bring a few friends, neighbors and family with you. Don't wait! You have until July 29 to reserve your seat.

This year, we are delighted to have author Pat Elsberry as our special guest. You will be blessed to hear her inspirational story.

Guests will enjoy Chicken Salad for lunch, as well as the chance to browse all the uniquely decorated tables in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost to attend this event, but reservations are required.

3 easy ways to make your reservation:

Online: [Click this reservation link](#), fill in the form & press SUBMIT.

Email: Send an email to Lauren Davis at lauren.davis@comcast.net with your name, email address, phone number, and the names of anyone coming with you.

Phone: Call the church office at 770-461-4313.

You can make reservations for you and your friends at the same time.

If you made a reservation but can no longer attend, please be sure to contact Lauren to cancel.

Donations are accepted to offset the costs of this event. Mark any donation as "UWF-Let's Do Lunch."



Singing through the summer - Try it out!

Want to experience singing in the Chancel Choir? Summer is a great time to give it a go! Rehearsals through the summer are on Sunday mornings only at 9:45 AM from June 11 through September 3. Questions? Contact Justin Maxey, jmaxey@fayettevillefirst.com.



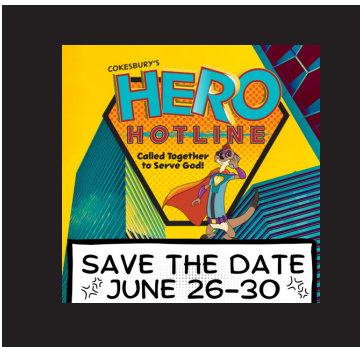
Share through Fayette Samaritans: "Most Needed" List

Donations are one way to help those with food insecurity and other needs. Food and clothing donations may be placed in the hallway cart near the gym or dropped by the church office.

Most Needed List: Canned Fruit, Hamburger Helper, Sweet Green Peas, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti (Dry Pasta), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, Feminine Products

Clothing needs: Men's boxer-style underwear all sizes, women's underwear size extra large, girl's underwear sizes 6-8, girl's socks

FFUMC KIDS NEWS



VBS HERO Hotline: June 26-30 [Register here!](#)

This year's VBS is Hero Hotline, where a team of young superheroes (rising PK3-Rising 5th) with the assistance of the Professor, Super Meer, and Hero Support will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook — the Bible—to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

Older students (Rising 6th and above) may register as volunteers.

June 26-30, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM Registration cost: \$10 per VBSer

FFUMC Youth NEWS



We wish you blessings, Hannah

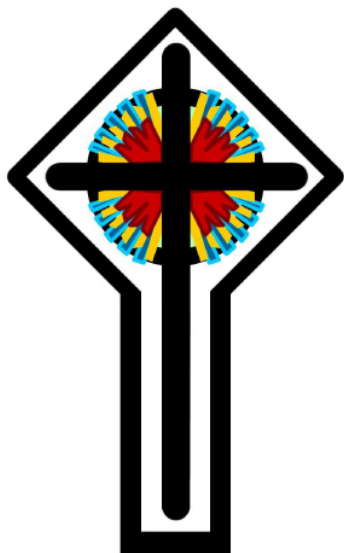
Hannah Vickery has been at Fayetteville First for three years as Director of Youth while serving as a graduate resident with the Center for Youth Ministry Training and a student earning a Master of Arts in Youth Ministry with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She will be with us through June 30 and will then move into a new season of ministry in Healdsburg, California. We are grateful for Hannah's leadership with our youth through COVID and beyond. We would like to show our appreciation to her by receiving a love offering. If you would like to give to that cause, please designate "Vickery Love Offering" on your check or online contribution. We hope to have these donations in by June 25. Thank you, Hannah, for your service with us, and best wishes as you continue in ministry.

Notes of Gratitude



Dear Church Family:

The family of Tommy Tait would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, gifts, visits, donations, and cards.



June 14, 2023 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$530,841.32
Year to Date expenses	\$564,271.62
Difference	-\$33,430.30

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$478.00

71 benevolence clients assisted year to date for a total of \$21,541.03

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)

Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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770-461-4313 FayettevilleFirst.com

AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM; Wednesdays 7 PM;
Fridays 7 PM; Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

inspired ...

Look! And see Create Camp 2023

Look around the FFUMC campus on Sunday and you'll see some of the work of Create Camp 2023. More than 20 children in grades 3-6 explored the upcoming VBS Bible stories and lessons as they developed their own personal leadership skills. Campers learned music and dances, created and built sets, and enjoyed summer group activities and games. Directed by Allie Hansen, Children's Ministry Assistant, and fabulous adult and middle school youth volunteers, the Create Camp week was fun, energetic, and packed full of memories.

