



November 10, 2023

The Weekender

Going far together

Dr. Thomas Martin, Senior Minister

Thank you!

Last week was an amazing Sunday where we read names of saints, worshipped together in prayer and song, came to the communion table, and laid our pledges and gifts on the altar and considered the saints in our lives. It was a wonderful day to be reminded that there is no where that we can go that God's love has not gone for us.

But the journey doesn't stop here. As we collect the pledges and begin to plan for the future, we can continue to consider the purpose that God has for us. Purpose for a hope and a future. If you did not get a chance to turn in your pledge card, it's not too late to do so. This not only connects us to God in our faith, it helps us be faithful with our finances. We remember Paul's words, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

Over the next few weeks you will hear about the funds raised from Christmas Marketplace. You will hear about the pledges received so far for the operating budget. You will hear about the pledges received for the capital campaign. And you will hear how we have been and continue to be the church.

The future is bright. We are hopeful. This is God's purpose for us. I hope that above all else, you will keep the ministries and mission of this church in mind and in your prayers. There is an old saying: "If you want to go fast, go alone. But if you want to go far, go together." May we be bound together by Christ's love in the coming days so that we might fulfill the mission of going far for the kingdom of God.



24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:45 and 11:00 AM

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

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Special Wednesday Night: Thanksgiving Potluck

Let's celebrate being together for a Thanksgiving Potluck on November 15!

The meat, dessert and drinks will be provided. **You only need to bring a side dish to share (no additional charge)**. Sign up by noon on Monday so we will know how many places to set up. Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, admin@fayettevillefirst.com, or fill out a Fellowship Dinner pew card.

November 15 at 5:15 PM in Fellowship Hall: Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Special night! Bring a side dish to share (no additional charge)

Meat, dessert, drinks provided!

Photo from last year's potluck feast. Join in!



Save the date for Christmas Caroling...Wednesday, December 13

It's almost that time again. Save the date for Christmas caroling and spreading cheer. More details will be coming soon.



Messy Church Check-in Lunch, November 12, noon-1:30

Now that we have had three Messy Church services we would like to check-in and hear team members' ideas and thoughts. How do you think it is going? What are our celebrations? What are our concerns? What have we done well? What needs work? What do we need to drop? How can we plan better? Do better? You are invited to a free lunch on November 12 in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. to share our collective thoughts and address any questions. We will have Broadway Diner's chicken fettuccini, salad and desert. Who's invited? Anyone who has helped with Messy Church, prayed for Messy Church, or has any lingering questions about what Messy Church is. [Please RSVP here so we can plan enough food.](#)

Team Member

Check-in Lunch



Treats for Troops - Leftover candy for a cause

To show our troops how much we care, this Veteran's Day the United Women in Faith is taking up a collection of unwanted, leftover candy to donate to Treats for Troops, a collection organized by Soldiers' Angels, an organization dedicated to assisting military and their families in a number of different ways. If you have extra leftover candy that you would rather

donate than throw away, please **simply drop it in the box in the welcome portal near the Sanctuary by Sunday, November 19**. If you would like to contribute but have no candy, please consider donating a few dollars to help pay for shipping costs. Make your donation directly to "United Women in Faith" and designate "Treats for Troops" in the memo. You may place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office.

Club 555



Our children's ministry, named Club 555 because we start Wednesdays at 5:55 (clever, isn't it!?), has had an amazing fall. Our Kindergarten through 5th graders have music club, game club, Bible story club, craft club and service club. Music club happens every week. The other clubs rotate through so we have each one once a month. During September, all our club nights focused on prayer. October's focus was on service. And now, November is focused on giving. We will meet each Wednesday in November (except for the week of Thanksgiving). We will talk about giving through service, kind words, food, sharing our belongings, and giving of our money. Our scripture for the month is Matthew 25:35-40. Hope you'll join us as we continue to learn to respond to God's grace through prayer, service and giving.



New November needs from Fayette Samaritans

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: Laundry Detergent, Canned Fruit, Soup (not Cream of Chicken or Mushroom), Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Rice - 2 lb. bags, Coffee, Feminine Products, Jello

December 2 is our Christmas Messy Church

Sign up to serve at Messy Church on December 2 from 11 – 1 p.m. You won't want to miss this great fresh expression of church as we share in the birth story of Christ with old and new friends alike.

[Click here to see where you can serve.](#)

Also, if you would like to donate to the meal, we are looking for **Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes**. These sweet treats can sometimes sell out quickly during the holiday season and we want to have enough of them to offer as our desert on December 2. If you find some, you can bring them to the church office. Contact [Rev. Allyson Lawrence](#) with any questions.



See "3 Redneck Tenors" with SAGE on December 3

'Tis the season to enjoy music and comedy with friends! Go with our Senior Adults Going Everywhere to see "3 Redneck Tenors" at The Nixon Centre in Newnan on Sunday, December 3.

Gather at church by 1:45 PM; Bus departs at 2 PM; Show begins at 3 PM

Cost: \$17 (payable in advance at the church office),

plus dinner after the show at Partners II Pizza in Newnan around 5 PM



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Christmas Marketplace 2023 - Thanks!

What makes Christmas Marketplace a success each year? YOU!
YOU! YOU!

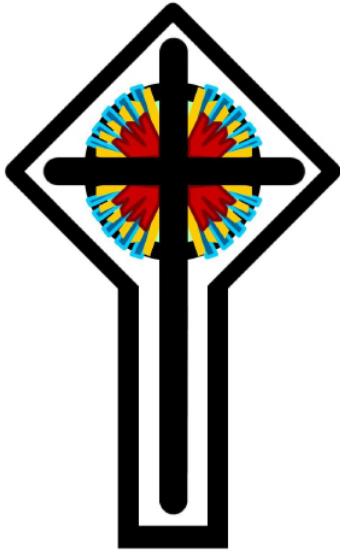
Before the event you planned, organized, baked, cooked, sorted, arranged, priced, taped, invited.... On November 4, you volunteered, welcomed, tallied, helped, cleaned up.... Your amazing efforts raised more than \$12,000 for local charities. That's certainly something we all can celebrate!





Respectful Honor

Would you like to help with placing flags on our church campus on special occasions? A group currently puts them out for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4, September 11, and Veterans Day. If you would like to help the team, please contact Jo Springer, 770-378-7876.



November 8, 2023 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$1,034,569.95
Year to Date expenses	\$1,030,143.88
Difference	\$4,426.07

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week \$3,714.00

151 benevolence clients assisted year to date for a total of \$44,850.68

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 until further notice

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

Fridays 7 PM; Saturdays 7 PM

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We recognize and honor our veterans.

Thank you for your service.