



November 1, 2024

The Weekender

For All The Saints

Rev. Kaylen Short, Senior Minister

Yuline Knight, Dan Roper, Gene Foster, Michael Bishop, David Pylant, Sherry Phillips, Jack Burgess.... No, I do not expect you to know these names. These are just some of the many names in my Great Cloud of Witnesses. They are names that you've probably never heard, but they are ones that I know dearly. They are not family members, though I have had those saints in my life too. Some of these saints I knew as a kid growing up in church and others as their pastor. Some I knew for many years and others for only a few months. Yet, each left an indelible mark on my life. I golfed with some, drank coffee with others, ate jambalaya and sang hymns with one. Yet, with all I laughed, shared stories, and had my soul lifted by knowing them.

This is what All Saints' Day is all about. It is a day to remember those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant ahead of us. I am sure that you too have had many saints in your life. Some of their names we have read on All Saints' Days past, others we will read Sunday, and still more have never had their names read at FFUMC. Yet, we will carry them with us into worship on Sunday and will honor them all this All Saints'.

I like to believe that All Saints' Day is a "thin" day. A day when the distance between Earth and heaven, between the kingdom of Grace and the kingdom of Glory, is a little thinner than usual. I think that on Sunday the Church Triumphant joins our church and churches throughout the world in glorifying and praising God.

We have days like these so that we might remember and be thankful. We honor the memories of those we love, but we also remember that these great saints still live. They live eternally with God, and a piece of them lives with us. So you may not know very many names in my very large Great Cloud, but in a way you do. You see a part of them, and the mark they've left, every time you see me.



Paradise, painted in 1355 by Nardo di Cione



ALL SAINTS' DAY: NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:45 AM (Chapel) 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)

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

Revelation 21:1-6 "Looking Forward"

Rev. Kaylen Short

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday



Christmas Marketplace 2024: It's Tomorrow!

Christmas Marketplace is here. Our church's largest fundraiser is poised for another record-breaking year. We can use your help! Shop and Share!

SHOP for early Christmas gifts, unique handmade and household items from over 90 vendors.

SHARE the event with family, friends & neighbors. [Here's a flyer to print and share on social media.](#)

Hope to see everyone there!



Cleaning Kits (aka Flood Buckets) for UMCOR Due

The United Methodist Committee on Relief provides cleaning kits to help individuals and communities recover from disasters. [See how you can help out by preparing a cleaning kit!](#) Check out the supplies list on the link to make sure your kit has the most needed items or pick up a bucket with a list inside from the Welcome Center. Valued at approximately \$75, the buckets can be filled by individuals or groups and delivered to the church office by Monday, November 4. Questions? Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence or Maggie Clarke. Donations for a kit cost and/or financial contribution for delivery costs may be made to FFUMC with "UMCOR Cleaning Kits" in the memo line.



Pecan Time!
Holiday Baking
Gifts
Freeze and Enjoy All Year

Pecans! Still only \$8 per bag! Orders due November 3

It's pecan time! You pay \$8 for each 12 oz. bag of pecans: that's no price increase from last year ... what a deal!

Only need a few bags? Buy them at the Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, November 2.

Want to place a larger order for personal use and gifts? [Complete this order form or get one on Sunday next to the bulletin stations.](#) Then drop the form along with your **exact payment** in an envelope marked "Pecan Sales" in the church office or in the collection plate (remember the envelope!) by **Sunday, November 3**. Pecans will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall on November 6 and 7 from 1 to 2 PM and after the 11 AM worship service on November 10. Make out checks to **United Women in Faith or UWF**.

We are committed to raising funds for others as proceeds from the sale go to a worthy cause. With pecans, everybody wins!



Safe Sanctuary Training offered November 7

Safe Sanctuary Training will take place Thursday, November 7, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This training is for church staff and volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Questions? [Contact Rev. Drew West.](#)



Stewardship Consecration and Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, November 17, at both services we will consecrate the financial commitments we have made for 2025. You are invited to bring a commitment card to the service as we look forward to a new year in ministry together.

Fellowship Hall Kitchen Ribbon Cutting

As we celebrate a successful Stewardship Campaign, we also give thanks for a soon-to-be-completed Capital Campaign. Join us in celebration as we cut the ribbon and unveil the Fellowship Hall kitchen following the 11 AM service on Sunday, November 17. Refreshments will be served.

SAGE Trips: **Note changes!**

Our SAGE trip to Chick-Fil-A headquarters has been changed from November 19 to **December 19**. We will gather at the Church Office at 8:30 AM and depart at 8:45 AM; Backstage Tour (which includes the Test Kitchen) will be from 9:30 – 11 AM. We will stop for lunch at a Chick-Fil-A on the way home. Tickets are \$5 and transportation cost is \$2.

We're still getting out in November! Our **November 19** trip will be to the McRitchie-Hollis History Center/Museum in Newnan. We will gather at the Church Office at 9:15 AM and depart at 9:30 AM; Lunch will be at Sprayberry's BBQ in Newnan. Suggested donation at the Museum is \$5 and transportation cost is \$2.

Contact the church office to reserve your place. For more information, see [Rev. Charles Robinson](#).



Titus II is **November 12: NOTE DATE CHANGE**

What is our next Titus II all about? It's a MYSTERY complete with a MYSTERY GUEST! Come be surprised -- but note the new date: November 12.

Tuesday, November 12 at Noon, Gym

Lunch provided by local restaurant, \$8 per person

Make lunch reservations with Martha Turner or the church office by Thursday, November 7.



Wednesday Night Suppers at 5 PM **IN GYM**

Enjoy meals on Wednesday nights together!

New time: **5 PM** Temporary location: **Gym**

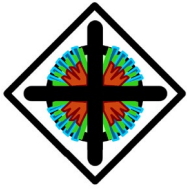
Advantages: **Friendship!** Be with people you really like.

Hassle Free! Enjoy meals from local restaurants.

Affordable! Adults \$10, Children under 13: \$7 (pay at door)

Sign up each week by 4 PM on Mondays. Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, admin@fayettevillefirst.com, or fill out a pew card.

November 6 Menu: Italian Oven Alfredo



Charge Conference set for Saturday, November 16

Meet new District Superintendent Rev. Byron Thomas as we celebrate the work of Fayetteville First and elect leadership for the coming year. Join in our churchwide Charge Conference on Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited.



Love in Action: Thanks for washer ... Dryer needed

Thank you for the washer you donated to a summer lunch family! A dryer is still needed. If you as an individual or group can help, please contact Cindy Hall.



New Needs List: Pantry 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. Volunteers are also needed in the food pantry, clothes closet, receptionist area, and as interviewers with a 3 hour commitment each week.

Most Needed List: *Canned Chicken, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Hamburger Helper, Soup, Cereal, Jelly, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Feminine Products (Pads), Laundry Detergent*



Returning to FFUMC - Nativities from Around the World

During this Advent season, FFUMC will again host a collection of hundreds of unique nativities, curated by Wendy Haymans and her late mother Sharon Bowen as a ministry of focus about the meaning of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. Wendy is the daughter-in-law of our own Gerry and Jim Haymans and is generously making the exhibit available to our community at no charge.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Thursday and Friday, December 5-6, from noon to 7 PM and on Saturday, December 7, from 10 AM – 3 PM. Wednesday, December 4, will be reserved for senior groups and others needing extra time to go through the exhibit.

Please volunteer to help. Two years ago, hundreds came to see the collection and we expect more this year. Hosting the exhibit is a lot of fun, and it also is labor-intensive. The jobs include serving as greeters and monitors and helping with set-up and tear-down.

[You can sign up to volunteer at this Sign-Up Genius link](#) or call the church office.

Donate towels for the Exhibit

Also – we need lots of towels for leveling the exhibit surfaces. Please donate old, raggedy (but clean) towels you have on hand. Any size will do. If you want your towels back, please put your name on them. You can bring them to the church office or put them in a bin in Welcome Center.

Afterward, we will donate unclaimed towels to a local animal shelter.





Flower Ministry encourages others

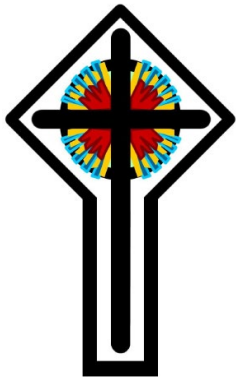
Each week our Flower Ministry volunteers share arrangements with our church family, extending both cheer and encouragement and often passing on the flowers used in worship. YOU can be a part of this!

Supplies Needed Leave donated supplies in the newly established Flower Ministry room located in the hall behind the chapel, Room B240

Wired ribbon (all colors and designs)

Medium size vases (no bud vases needed)

Worship flower donations are another way to enhance the sanctuary experience any Sunday while honoring a loved one or celebrating a special occasion. One or both arrangements may be donated to the Flower Ministry to extend their beauty to someone in our church family. Two arrangements are \$150 and may be scheduled with the church office. **To volunteer** with this ministry, please contact Marilyn Harris.



October 28, 2024 Financials

Operating Budget 2024

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$912,594.59
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$909,101.57
Difference	-\$3,493.02

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week \$151.00

155 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$38,737.70

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

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

NA Meetings: Thursdays 7 PM

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inspired ...

Sharing is S000 much fun!

Candy, costumes and sharing make for a great time together! Thanks for all the decorations, treats, and hours you gave! At **Messy Church**, families enjoyed singing, acting out a story from the Bible, crafting, jumping in the huge bouncy house and getting lots of candy at Trunk-or-Treat. Our first ever sensory sensitive **Storybook Lane** was a unique experience as we opened our doors to the community for low-key fun. This event was organized by Jami Maguire, Director of Special Needs Ministry. These connections are possible because you shared! Thank you.

