



April 25, 2025

## The Weekender

### Thanks for Easter People

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

Did you know that our youth have a heart for missions? They plan year round for their summer mission trip with Appalachia Service Project. They do mini-mission fundraisers to support and get ready for their trip. They had two potato bakes, worked with the UMM and UWF for a Lenten Lunch, and served at the Easter Egg Hunt. Some of you have “hired” them to do small jobs around your homes – giving donations to their mission trip fund. They (and their parents!) have worked hard to plan, organize and carry out each fundraising event.

I am deeply proud of them.

And...I am deeply grateful for each of you. Their efforts were greeted with your grace, your love, and your generosity.

They set a goal to raise \$6,500 that would cover the cost of a ten-person team and purchase supplies, travel expenses and lodging. This morning, I looked at the balance in our youth missions account and it is sitting at exactly, not even kidding, \$6,500!

These youth and adults will be traveling to Kentucky June 8 – 15:

Youth: Sophia, Jocelyn, Xander, Glenda, David, James, Patrick, Ethan, Jack

Adults: Anna Mayhew, Austin Baur, Jordan Hart, Nick Hansen

If you're a numbers person, you will see that is more than 10...It's 13! What a joy it is to have more than we planned for. And, what a joy it is to serve a church that years ago had the vision and foresight to create endowment funds for ministries. Because of that endowment fund, a Legacy Grant was awarded to the youth and perfectly covers the final and full cost of the trip!

You are an amazing church family. You are Easter People. You always step up, step in, and walk through whatever is before you, supporting and loving and encouraging those in your midst. Thank you. On behalf of the youth and all their adults who live and work alongside them, thank you. We echo the words of the Apostle Paul. We give thanks for you and the love that you have.

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints. — Colossians 1:3–4*



### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**8:45 AM (Chapel)**

**11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)**

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

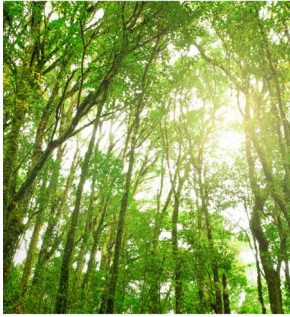
Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32

"Wonder and Awe"

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence

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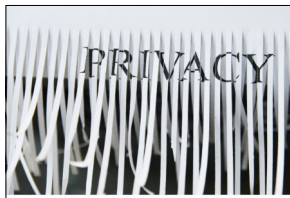
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Contemplative Retreat  
Nearby Calvin Center  
May 4

### Get away at a Spring 2025 Contemplative Retreat on May 4

Is the approaching spring season beckoning you toward renewal? Are you keen on discovering how to incorporate nature into your spiritual practices? Do you consider nature as a gateway to the Divine? If so, join us for a Contemplative Retreat sponsored by FFUMC's Study Class at the Calvin Center on Sunday afternoon, May 4, from 2:30 to 7 PM. Experience the blessings of nature and learn new practices to enrich your life. A light supper will be provided. The session will be guided by Ron Reams, certified in both Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Formation, who will offer new experiences for this retreat which will include communion led by Rev. Allyson Lawrence. There is no charge thanks to a Legacy Grant. [Get details and register now at this link](#) or contact Joan Aycock, [jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com), for more information.



### Shred & Recycle Day at City Center Park

**Saturday, April 26, 9 AM to Noon**

The FFUMC Green Team invites you to bring sensitive papers for shredding along with electronic recyclables for the city's Shred & Recycle Day on Saturday, April 26, from 9 AM to Noon at City Center Park. This free event allows participants to bring up to 10 small boxes or three small bags of paper for shredding and most types of electronics for recycling.

Participants are asked to use the park entrance along Stonewall Avenue West (Highway 54 eastbound) between Fayetteville City Cemetery and Fayetteville City Hall. Vehicles will be queued and directed to the shred and recycling stations. For shredding, only paper is allowed. No binders will be allowed, nor paperclips, CDs, cardboard, etc. Most electronics are accepted; however, please [consider the guidelines on the Fayetteville-ga.gov website](#) before bringing your electronics.



### Taking Environmental Action at Home

**Presented by Georgia Interfaith Power and Light**

**Saturday, April 26, 2-4 PM**

**Fayetteville First UMC Fellowship Hall**

Let's celebrate Earth Day and see how we can make an environmental impact at home! The Fayetteville First Green Team is hosting Georgia Interfaith Power and Light on Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 4 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Taught by GIPL staff, this class provides an overview of opportunities for individuals and families to engage in environmental action at home. Participants will learn about home energy and solar assessments, waste reduction and diversion strategies, and fund opportunities for residents. Free and open to the community. Questions? Contact Tami Kemberling.





**Register NOW  
Praise Team  
Bible Study  
Decorating Crew**



**NEW**

**2025**



## **VBS Road Trip is literally around the corner!**

We're getting ready for our Road Trip VBS adventure June 2-6 with Navigator and Scout (the pup). Contact [Rev. Drew West](#) for more information or with any questions about registration or volunteering.

**Register by May 20** \$10 per family due upon registration, may pay online [I want to go to Road Trip! VBS 2025](#)

### **Learn the stories in advance at a weekly Bible study**

Join Chase Leonard on Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30 PM now through May 21 in Room C200 to get familiar with the stories and make connections.

### **Join the VBS Praise Team**

Are you a rising 3rd grader or older? You're invited to be on the VBS Praise Team. This group will learn music before VBS (May 27-29, 9:30 to 10:30 AM) and be our on-stage leaders during VBS group times. Contact Joan Aycock for details.

### **Help decorate**

Can you help Jami Maguire and Jeannie Cauthen turn our campus into a Road Trip Adventure? They'll be working May 27-29, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, and other times. Your hands can lighten their work! Contact them to say, "Yes! I'll serve on the Road Trip Decorating Crew!"

## **Schedule your photo for NEW church directory**

A new directory will be printed this summer for our church family. Photos will be taken May 8 - 11 (Thursday through Sunday). Sign up for your family portrait today!

Every family who participates in photography/viewing will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app access, and online directory access. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today! We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. They'll make great gifts, too! Thank you for your participation!

[Please click this link to make an appointment today!](#)

If you would like to set an appointment by phone, please call 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360. All appointments and changes to a scheduled appointment will be handled through this number. [Click here for detailed instructions.](#)

## **"May I sign you in?"**

We're looking for a few welcoming greeters to help during our church directory photography sessions. If you enjoy meeting people and sharing a smile, this is the perfect way to serve. Options for 2 or 3 hour sessions are available during our scheduled photography dates May 8-11. Your only job is to greet those coming for their scheduled session and ask them to verify their information to be printed in the directory. That's it! [Pick the time you can help out. Just click here!](#) Contact Joan Aycock at the church office or email [jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com) if you have any questions. And thank you!



## **We celebrate graduates on Sunday, May 18**

We will be celebrating graduates of high school, college, and graduate school on Sunday, May 18, in worship and at a churchwide potluck luncheon.

Graduates will be featured in the May 18 Order of Worship, and we want to recognize graduates in our church family. Please send your graduate's name, school, degree earned, and a photo to [jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com) by May 7 to be included.

We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2025!



**SAGE**  
SENIOR ADULTS  
GOING EVERYWHERE

## **Tour KIA Plant with SAGE**

SAGE offers its next trip on Tuesday, May 20, to the KIA plant in West Point for a tour from 1:30 – 2:30 PM. Meet at the church office at 11:00 AM for an 11:15 departure. Register for the trip in the church office. Lunch is on your own; transportation is \$2; tour is free.

Lunch will be fast food prior to the tour. Prohibited items: No photos/videos inside the plant. Weapons, firearms & knives, are strictly prohibited. Large purses, bags & backpacks are not allowed & will need to be left on the bus. Dress Code: Long pants or skirts required along with fully enclosed (closed toe, closed heel) shoes.



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

## **South West District UWF: Blue Sunday Praise and Prayer**

The South West District United Women in Faith will gather for Blue Sunday Praise and Prayer, a time to think of children who are abused, the people who rescue and care for those children, and for those who are the abusers. Faith communities will unite in prayer for healing, justice, and support for victims and those who help them. This virtual gathering will be an hour and will be open to anyone who feels called to participate. Questions? Contact Kathie Hansen.

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 2 - 3 PM (Virtual)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/dPiKnGSEYmypoFhZ6>



## **Wednesday Night Suppers: 5 PM in Fellowship Hall**

### **Let's have dinner together!**

Adults: \$10; Children under 13: \$7 (pay at door)

Signup for the weekly meal by noon each Monday. Contact the church office at 770-461-4313 or [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com).

April 30: Tim's Country Kitchen

Meatloaf, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler





## Updated pantry needs at Fayette Samaritans

Donations are one way to help those in our community 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, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Dried Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Pasta, Maple Syrup, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Feminine Products*

**Clothes Closet Needs:** *Women's Underwear*



## Mission U at The Bradbury House on May 17

You are invited to Mission U, hosted by Fayetteville First United Women in Faith at The Bradbury House. Large oak trees and a private lake provide the perfect homey setting for this exploration based on the book "Welcome Home." (*Book is not necessary.*) The study helps sort through lived experiences to develop a deeper understanding of abiding and dwelling in God.

Date: May 17, 2025 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Cost: \$10 payable at door Register with Nancy Dennis



## ERT and Chainsaw Training in Newnan: Sign up NOW

Would you like to become a trained volunteer for disaster response (Early Response Teams – ERT)? Newnan First United Methodist Church is hosting a Basic Early Response Team Recertification training class on Saturday, May 3, in the Gathering Room from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Pre-registration is required. [Deadline to register is April 30, 2025.](#)

Newnan First United Methodist Church is also hosting a Chainsaw Class on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Cost of the class is \$20 which includes lunch and materials. Class size is limited to 12. Chainsaws and personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided. If you have your own PPE, feel free to bring it along but make sure it is marked. [Register for the May 17 Chainsaw class here.](#)



May 6

## Next Titus II is May 6

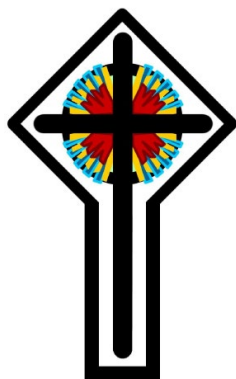
Titus II on May 6 will feature singer Penny Miller from Fayetteville First Baptist Church. She will bring her parents with her and they will share some traditional Gospel music. Sign up (and invite a friend!) and get ready for a great time together.

*Lunch (\$8) Reserve with church office or Martha Turner.*



## Discipleship Training Class offered June 18 and 25

Lay Servant Ministries is a leadership development program in The United Methodist Church focused on equipping and empowering people who want to serve more deeply in mission and ministry. If you would like to know more and to better prepare yourself for ministries in the church and community, please join us for the Basic Lay Servant Ministries course on June 18 and 25 in the FFUMC Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. [Sign up online at this link](#) and choose the "Basic, 6/18, 6/25; 4-9 pm; Fayetteville First UMC." The registration cost is \$40. You will also need to purchase your book: *Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course*, by Sandy and Brian Jackson. Upon completion of the two-day, 10-hour course you will receive your certification through The UMC Discipleship Ministry. Through this process you will increase your knowledge and effectiveness in ministries of care, leading, and teaching. [Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence](#) with questions.



## April 21, 2025 Financials

### Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$370,617.61
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$375,049.50
Difference	-\$4,431.89

### Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$628.00

60 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$14,632.40

### 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, Wednesdays,  
Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays 7:30 AM

**NA Meetings:** Thursdays 7 PM

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**Easter People celebrate the risen Christ!**

