



May 2, 2025

The Weekender

Lineage

Rev. Kaylen Short

One of my very favorite things in my office is a "Methodist Lineage of Ordination." Personally, I look at it more often than I look at either my college or seminary degrees, and more often than I look at my own ordination licenses. While I cherish those three documents, there is just something special about the lineage of ordination.

What that beloved framed document shows is the bishop that ordained me, the bishop that ordained her, the bishop that ordained him, and so on all the way back to the 1700s and one John Wesley. Every time I look at that lineage I am reminded of how I not only represent myself, but so many who have poured into me. This includes some who lived even before my great great grandparents and yet who have impacted my life by the nature of leading those who one day led others who one day led me.



Many of us are aware of our family tree to one degree or another. We know our parents, our grandparents, maybe even the names or some details about our great grandparents or our great great grandparents. But how many of us know of our church family tree? Do we ever just take a moment and pause to consider who led us when we first professed belief in Christ and who might have led that person to that same moment all those years before? Eventually we can start to imagine generation upon generation of our own church family tree. Though we know very few of these names, we begin to see the faintest line that runs back not to the 1700s, but to Jesus Christ and his first disciples. Each of those have in some way or another poured a piece of themselves into you through the generations.

Beloved Church, when you are out in the world remember that you not only represent FFUMC, but that you also represent that holy lineage that led right to you.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:45 AM (Chapel)

11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)

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

Acts 9:1-20

"Paul and Ananias"

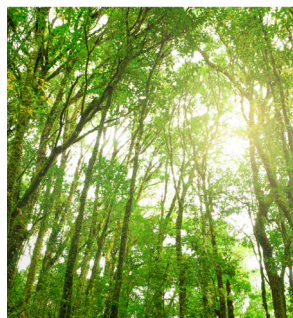
The Rev. Kaylen Short



**Forms due
May 5**

UWF Bethany Circle recognizes Mothers on May 11

A special bulletin insert on Mother's Day will recognize our mothers and those who mother others. The United Women in Faith's Bethany Circle with assistance from Friendship Circle will have a flower in the courtyard on Mother's Day for all those who are recognized. To donate to missions and recognize those who mother us, please use the form and envelope in this Sunday's bulletin and **return it to the offering plate or the church office by May 5 at noon**. Forms are also available in the church office. Proceeds will benefit Bloom, Promise Place and UWF missions. **Please make checks to Bethany Circle** and include names for "In Honor Of" and "In Memory Of" and who is placing the recognition. Questions? Contact Leslie Wade.



Contemplative Retreat
Nearby Calvin Center
May 4

Contemplative Nature Retreat is this Sunday, May 4

A Contemplative Nature Retreat sponsored by FFUMC's Study Class will take place this Sunday, May 4, from 2:30 to 7 PM at the nearby Calvin Center. 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, for more information.



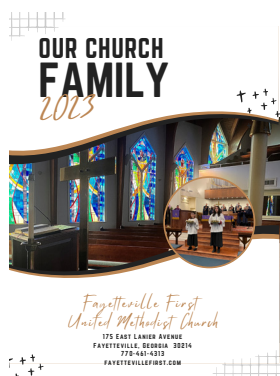
Welcome Kelly Anderson, our new Administrative Assistant

We welcome Kelly Anderson to the Fayetteville First family as our new Administrative Assistant. With a background as an administrative assistant in the private sector, Kelly is excited to begin her work here. "I wanted to work and serve where I could make a difference beyond business growth and prosperity. This position offers the chance to work closely with church leadership, staff, the congregation, and the community, and provide a friendly, caring first impression of FFUMC," she said. We are equally thrilled to have Kelly on the team!

A few personal notes give us a quick glimpse of Kelly. She enjoys her family: husband, Mike, son Duncan (graduating from Berry College this month), and daughters Gretchen (graduating from Starr's Mill High School this month and headed to UGA this fall) and Vivian (junior at Starr's Mill) and her furry family: dog Hermie and cats Toots and Pebbles. Kelly and her family live in Peachtree City and attend Southside Church where Kelly leads a small group for high school girls. Come meet Kelly and welcome her to FFUMC!

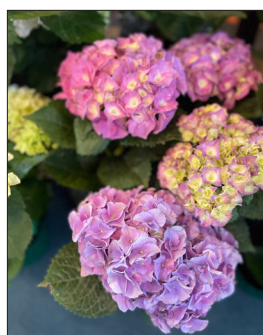


**Register NOW
Praise Team
Bible Study
Decorating Crew**



NEW

2025



Get Ready for VBS 2025: Road Trip

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!"

Photo sessions are next week 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.](#)

Easter Flowers were wonderful

We had a great response to the Easter Flower orders this year. Thank you for all who contributed to make the sanctuary beautiful, honor loved ones, and contribute to the ongoing flower ministry here. The flowers were beautiful ... and very popular. If you contributed to the Easter order, wanted to take a hydrangea with you and found they were all gone, you are invited to call the church office and request that one be provided for you. Contact admin@fayettevillefirst.com by Thursday, May 8.



We celebrate graduates on Sunday, May 18

Congratulations! We will celebrate graduates of preschool, high school, college, and graduate school on Sunday, May 18, in our worship bulletin, at the 11:00 AM worship service and at a churchwide potluck luncheon. To be included in the May 18 Order of Worship, please send your graduate's name, school, degree earned, and a photo to jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com by May 7. *(On Wednesday, May 14, Fayetteville First Preschool holds its graduation at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. These students will be included in the Sunday celebration as well).*

We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2025!



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.



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. *Lunch (\$8)*



ERT and Chainsaw Training in Newnan: Sign up NOW

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 for those who preregistered.

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.](#)



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 New Underwear and summer clothing*



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

The Bradbury House is located at 215 Buckeye Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214

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



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.

May 7: Olive Garden

Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Cheesecake



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.



For the Beauty of the Earth: Rose Show welcomes us to special showing

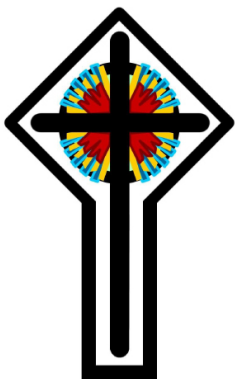
The South Metro Rose Society will be holding its 38th Annual Rose Show on May 17 and 18 in the FFUMC gym. Local rose growers are invited to enter their roses into competition. Entries must be made at the show site by 9:30 AM on May 17 for judging. After judging, the show is free to the public from 1-4 PM on both days to view, smell, and photograph hundreds of exhibited roses and rose arrangements. Rose bouquets will be sold and ARS Consulting Rosarians will be on hand to answer questions.

We are invited to a special showing just for the FFUMC community on Sunday, May 18, after the 11 AM service.



Young choirs celebrate the year on May 14

All are invited to celebrate our youngest singers on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 PM in the chapel. Each choir will share something special about their year as they've learned, rehearsed and had fun together. Let's congratulate these groups and thank them and their leaders for their faithful contributions to our church family and worship experiences: Cherub Choir (Anna Mayhew, Faye Livingston), Junior Choir (Joan Aycock, Nancy Musselwhite), and Fayette Young Singers (Nick Bowden, Judy Hames).



April 28, 2025 Financials

Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$403,363.18
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$375,446.48
Difference	\$27,916.70

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$200.00

68 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$15,818.88

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

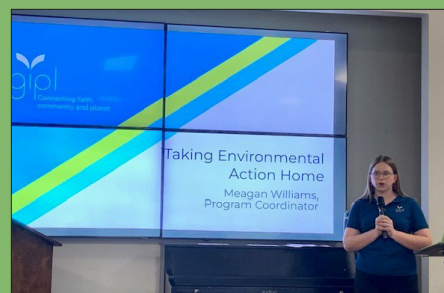
AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays 7:30 AM

NA Meetings: Thursdays 7:30 PM

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FFUMC Green Team celebrates Earth Week

Our FFUMC Green Team has been busy keeping us up to date on caring for our environment. In the last few days, the team promoted the city recycling day and Kids Day at CHaRM, the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials. They continued their regular runs to the CHaRM center to help us recycle since our local options are very limited. The group hosted a presentation by Meghan Williams of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light on how we can take environmental action at home. After a prayer over their work at the services last Sunday, the Green Team handed out informational flyers on the Rs of recycling: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle and Rejoice! along with a poem by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, United Methodist Minister, retired. Would you like to help this group by participating in the visits to CHaRM, providing educational tips to share with others, or helping promote educational opportunities in our area? Just contact the church office and we'll connect you.



***Top:** Susan Burch and Ace Evans share recycling information and Meghan Williams, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, presents in our Fellowship Hall. **Left:** Tami Kemberling and her grandkids are welcomed by Emma and Peggy at CHaRM Kids Day. **Above:** Some members of the FFUMC Green Team receive a prayer of blessing over their efforts.*