



October 31, 2025

The Weekender

Kaylen, Abby, and Trader Joe

Rev Kaylen Short

This week, Abby and I did something fun. We went to the new Trader Joe's on opening day. And wow, it was packed. The parking lot was crazy. People everywhere. But everyone was in such a good mood. We wandered around picking out snacks and frozen meals (way more than we needed, honestly), and before we left, we loaded up on treats for everyone at the office.



And then it hit me, right there between the sample station and the checkout. This feels like All Saints' Day.

I know, I know: that sounds weird. But stay with me. There was just this feeling in the air. Joy. Connection. People kept bumping into friends they hadn't seen in forever. Strangers were smiling at each other. Everyone felt like they were part of something bigger. And I thought, this is it. This is a tiny taste of what heaven might be like. That great reunion where we see everyone who's gone before us and we're all together again, celebrating in God's presence.

That's what All Saints' Day is really about. We're part of this huge family that goes way back and stretches way forward. And every once in a while, we get these little glimpses of it. In a grocery store. Around the dinner table. At the altar for Communion. Little reminders that God is gathering us together, and the best part is still coming.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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

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

Revelation 21:1-6a

"True Sainthood"

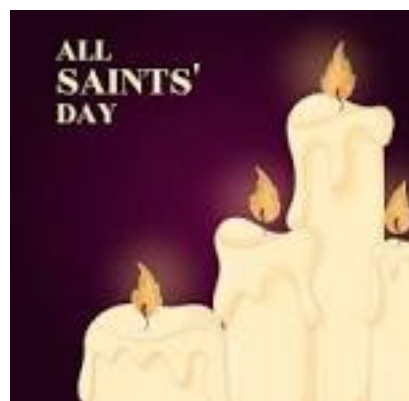
The Rev. Kaylen Short

CURRENT NEWS

All Saints' Worship This Sunday

During both worship services this Sunday, we will remember and give thanks for the members of our church family who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Day. There will also be a special time for you to light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life as you remember those whose love and faith have shaped your journey. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of remembrance and celebration as we remember:

Blanche Babcock, Bettie Smith, James Watkins, Sue Sheddan, Robbie Gray, Ken Hazelton, Sara Morgan, Barbara Williams, Roger Roberts, Pete Towell, Robert Ladd, Jeannie Hixon, Sally Dunham, Dan Springer, and Mildred Fitzgerald.



Christmas Marketplace 2025:

It's Tomorrow!

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Christmas Marketplace is here.

Our church's largest fundraiser is poised for another record-breaking year.

Shop til you drop



Acolyte Training

Incoming 3rd graders are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 AM service on November 2. After lunch, there will be training for acolytes and crucifiers. We invite those who are already serving to join us!



Youth Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for a few helping hands to support our Wednesday youth program:

8th-Period Vehicle Drivers (2:00–4:00 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed to help pick up students from various schools across Fayette County.

8th-Period Room Monitors (4:00–5:00 p.m.) Volunteers are needed to spend time with our youth in The Foundry during their homework hour.

If you're interested in serving or would like more information, please contact youth@fayettevillefirst.com

Organ Dedication – Sunday, November 16

Join us Sunday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Organ Dedication Service! Enjoy an inspiring evening of music featuring Nicholas Bowden and Charlie Higgs on organ, with Daniel Solberg on piano.

Free admission – all are welcome!



Time to Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend—don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep (or coffee!) before worship on Sunday morning!



Love In Action – Furniture Needed

One of our Summer Lunch friends is moving into a new apartment and needs some basic furniture—especially a bed and sofa. If you have gently used items to donate or can help in another way, please contact Cindy Hall harvecin@charter.net

Angel Tree – Share the Joy of Christmas!

Our annual Angel Tree will be available at the Welcome Center on Sundays, starting November 2, 2025. This mission provides an opportunity to share Christmas gifts with Bloom foster children, with gifts distributed at the Bloom Christmas Party.

How to Participate:

1. Choose and sign out an angel ornament from the tree.
2. Purchase the items listed on your angel's wish list.
3. Return the unwrapped gifts and the angel ornament by Sunday, November 23.

Gifts may be returned to the Church Office or the Welcome Center. Someone will be available in the Welcome Center on Sundays to assist you.

For questions, please contact Charlotte McAdams at 404-862-9791 or charlotte.mc2344@gmail.com.



FFUMC Preschool Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser!

Get ready for the holidays and support our preschool! From November 1–30, 2025, you can help us reach our fundraising goal by purchasing a delicious Honey Baked Ham—or any of their other tasty goodies—through our special link below.

Whether you're planning a family feast or looking for the perfect gift, every order helps our preschool thrive!

📄 Order here: https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/FFUMC_Preschool_Thanksgiving

Thank you for supporting FFUMC Preschool and making this holiday season extra sweet!"



Titus II - November 4

Start the season on an upbeat note! Glenda Martinez will present a program on The Little Drummer Boy.

Menu: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, and dessert.



Messy Church Goes Vintage at Azalea Estates! – November 15

Messy Church is hitting the road for a Vintage Messy Church experience at Azalea Estates on Saturday, November 15, from 3 to 5 pm. We'll bring all the joy of Messy Church to our friends there as we craft together, sing, and celebrate the importance of giving thanks in this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love across generations in a meaningful and joy-filled way.

Want to join the fun? Email [Rev. Drew West](mailto:Rev.Drew.West@fayettevillechurch.com) if you'd like to attend!



Pecans! Still only \$8 per bag!

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 1.

To place a large order for personal use and gifts, [complete this order form](#) or get one on Sunday. Then drop the form along with your **exact payment in an envelope marked "Pecan Sales"** at the church office or in the collection plate by **Sunday, November 2**. Pecans will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall on November 6 and 7 from 1 to 2 PM and at 12 noon on November 9. Make checks out to United Women in Faith or UWF.

Pecan Time!

*Holiday Baking
Gifts
Freeze & Enjoy*

We are committed to raising funds for others. All proceeds will go to a worthy cause supported by UWF. With pecans, everybody wins!

SAGE
SENIOR ADULTS
GOING EVERYWHERE



Our next SAGE (Senior Adults Going Everywhere) is scheduled for Thursday November 20th. We are going to Trilith Studios here in Fayetteville. The maximum number of folks that we can accommodate is 36. Presently we are over that number and have started a waiting list (in case anyone has to cancel). Also, we will plan another trip in the Spring for those who couldn't make it in November. Those who are signed up need to go ahead and pay their \$33.00 by Monday November 17th. Make checks payable to the Church and mark for SAGE Trip. Also, you will need to sign a waiver to attend. The Church Office can assist you with this.



Wednesday Night Supper 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Let's eat together! Adults: \$10 Children under 13: \$7

Sign up for the weekly meal by noon each Monday. Contact the church office at 770-461-4313 or admin@fayettevillefirst.com.

November 5 - Tim's Country Kitchen - Fellowship Hall

Pork Chops, Dressing with Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls & Apple Cobbler for dessert



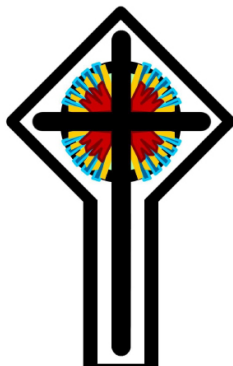
November is our month! Pantry needs at Fayette Samaritans

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, Canned Fruit, Beef Stew, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix Cornbread, Coffee

Clothes Pantry Needs: All sizes of women's and girl's underwear.



October 27, 2025 Financials

Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$935,579.05
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$957,165.49
Difference	-\$21,586.44

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$2,667.00

149 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$36,641.77

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 AM to 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM lunch)
Closed Fridays

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

NA Meetings: Thursdays 7:30 PM

inspired ...

Messy Church Trunk or Treat, Thank you!

What an incredible day we shared at our Spooky Messy Church and Trunk or Treat! Our church was filled with laughter, costumes, and the joyful chaos of families connecting and celebrating together. From creative crafts, Interactive Celebrations time, to sweet treats and warm fellowship, it was truly a Messy to remember. We were blessed to welcome and serve over 50 attendees from our church and community!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made this event possible! Whether you donated candy, decorated your trunk, lent your vehicle, handed out treats, or helped with setup and cleanup, your efforts helped create a welcoming space where families could



experience the love and joy of Christ in a fun, family-friendly way.

Events like this remind us that when our church comes together with each person offering their own time, creativity, and gifts, amazing things happen! Thank you for being a church that opens its arms wide to our community and shares God's light in every season (even the spooky ones!).



We can't wait to see you at our upcoming Messy Church services:

A Special Messy Vintage – November 15 at 2:00 PM,

as we take Messy on the road to Azalea Estates

Messy Christmas – December 6 at 11:00 AM in our Gym and Chapel

