



November 14, 2025

## The Weekender

### In The Market For Good

Rev. Kaylen Short



Two weekends ago, something special happened. Our church property transformed into a bustling marketplace filled with the warmth of community and the spirit of the season. If you were there, you felt it: that wonderful energy that comes when our church family comes together for something bigger than ourselves.

Walking through the doors that Saturday, you couldn't help but smile. Our UWF volunteers greeted everyone like old friends (because many of you are!). The smell of the food from the grill drew people in, while local vendors displayed their beautiful handmade treasures in every nook and cranny. And Timeless Treasures? Pure gold. Abby and I found a Nugget Play Couch that she is absolutely obsessed with crawling all over!

But here's what touched my heart most: all of you who made it all possible. Some of you started preparing months ago. Others showed up the week before to set up, organize, and price. Some of you stayed late into the evening putting everything back together. You sorted donations in your garages, baked cookies in your kitchens, and hauled boxes until your backs ached. You did it all without fanfare, without expecting thanks. You did it because this is your church family, and this is what families do.

The numbers tell part of the story: we raised about \$13,000 for our mission partners. But the real story is what those dollars mean. Picture the relief on a parent's face when they can put food on the table. Imagine the difference this will make for foster families through Bloom. Think about the community programs that will serve even more because we said, "We're with you."

Each donation heading to our partners, with many receiving over \$2,000, carries a message: You're not alone in this work. We see you. We support you.

This is who we are as a church. Whether you welcomed guests, prepared food, shopped for treasures, or worked quietly behind the scenes, you were part of something beautiful. You helped weave together a tapestry of generosity that extends far beyond our walls.

Thank you, church family. Your hands, your hearts, and your dedication are changing lives. Let's keep it up!



## 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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

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

Thessalonians 3: 6-13

"Don't Be Weary"

The Rev. Kaylen Short

## CURRENT NEWS

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Fayetteville, GA

### 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](#) if you'd like to attend!



### 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!

### Intergenerational Sunday School – 5th Sundays in the Gym!

Starting November 30, join our Children's, Youth, and Sunshine Ministries in the Family Life Center Gym for a fun, faith-filled morning for all ages! Enjoy games, music, crafts, a short devotional, and a breakfast potluck (bring something to share). It's a great way to learn, play, and grow together in God's love. Contact Rev. Drew West at [dwest@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:dwest@fayettevillefirst.com) with any questions!





### SAGE Trip – Thursday, November 20

Our next SAGE trip is to Trilith Studios! Payment of \$33 is due by Monday, November 17. Make checks payable to the church and mark “SAGE Trip”. A waiver is required—the Church Office can help. We will meet at the Church Office at 8:15 a.m. and depart at 8:30. The Church vehicles will hold up to 30 folks. Some carpooling might be needed, or you can meet us at Trilith.



## 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](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/FFUMC_Preschool_Thanksgiving)

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

### Angel Tree – Share the Joy of Christmas!

Our annual Angel Tree will have 10 additional ornaments available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, **November 16**. This mission provides an opportunity to share Christmas gifts with Bloom foster children, with gifts distributed at the Bloom Christmas Party.

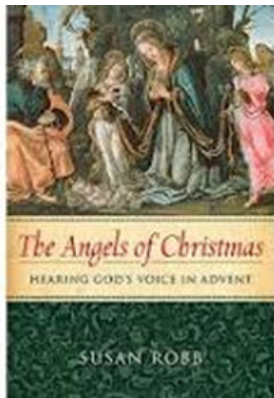
How to Participate:

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](mailto:charlotte.mc2344@gmail.com)





## Advent Bible Study

Join us for our Advent Bible study using *The Angels of Christmas* by Susan Robb, a recently retired United Methodist pastor and gifted Bible teacher. Together we'll explore the angelic messages of Advent and how God speaks hope today.

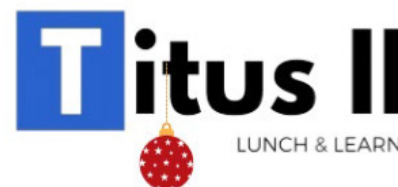
Wednesdays, 3:45 to 5:00 PM in Room C240

Nov. 19; Dec. 3, 10, 17

Sundays, Family Sunday School Class

## Titus II – December 2

Begin December with music and joy! The Inman Elementary Chorus will present Christmas music at the Titus II Lunch & Learn program for our seniors.



When: Tuesday, December 2 at Noon Where: Fellowship Hall

Lunch: \$8 per person (meal from a local restaurant)

Call Martha Turner or the church office to make your reservation by Wednesday, November 26.



United Women in Faith – Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 • 6:00 PM

“Advent Expressions Through Music”

Highlighting the poetry of Ann Weems and featuring favorite singers accompanied by Dr. Judy Hames.

Dinner: Chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, cranberry salad, and chocolate cake

\$10 at the door • Reservations due by Thursday, Dec. 4

Contact Deb Cole at 770-826-7451.

Hosted by Bethany Circle – all are welcome!





## Special Wednesday Night: Thanksgiving Potluck

November 19 • 5:00 PM • Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck! Turkey, Ham, Desserts, & Drinks are provided just bring a side to share. No charge.

Sign up by noon Monday, November 17. Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com), or fill out a Fellowship Dinner pew card.



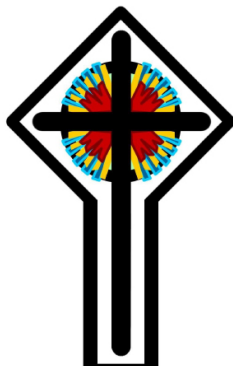
## November is our month! Pantry needs at Fayette Samaritans

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 new underwear.



## November 10, 2025 Financials

### Operating Budget 2025

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| Year-to-Date Receipts | \$992,244.05   |
| Year-to-Date Expenses | \$1,007,760.86 |
| Difference            | -\$15,516.81   |

### Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$825.00

157 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$38,663.00

### 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

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Through My Eyes:  
Our Beloved Home at FFUMC

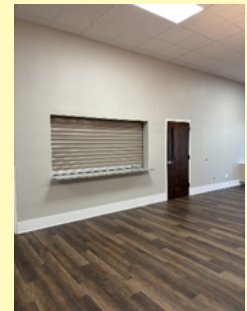
By Jennifer Hickman



Walking through the church this week, I was filled with gratitude for the love and care being poured into our beloved home at FFUMC. The bride's room now shines with new flooring, the fellowship hall wall stands strong again, the bathroom hallway has been refreshed, and our beautifully refurbished chapel doors welcome all who enter with warmth and grace.



All of these repairs and improvements wouldn't have happened without your strong commitment and faithful stewardship to our church. Every act of giving, every bit of effort, and every prayer has helped make these blessings possible.



A special thank-you to RJH Construction and Vestal Painting for completing these projects with care and dedication. Together, we've made our church home stronger, more welcoming, and filled with love — a reflection of the heart of this congregation.

"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Corinthians 16:14

