

The Weekender

June 19, 2026



A Significant Number
By Rev. Charles Robinson

50... A number that we often refer to as Golden. Early in my ministry I was sometimes invited to a couple's Golden Wedding Anniversary (now days I get invited to 60th & 70th Anniversaries!) Early in my ministry... I was first ordained and appointed to a local Church on June 16th, 1976. Actually, it was two local Churches in Haralson County, Waco First (& only) and Poseyville (between Buchanan & Bremen). As of this week that makes 50 years of Ordained Ministry in the UMC. Obviously that Golden number has been taking up a lot of space in my heart recently.

50...I can remember my 50th birthday (no small achievement in & of itself, remembering that far back). The great Staff of the Midway UMC (midway between Cumming & Alpharetta) taunted and tortured me unmercifully. My office resembled a scene from a Boris Karloff, black & white movie, with mobility aids in every corner. My Staff's wacky sense of humor eased the pain and made my day. Another 50 story happened In Royston. There were four of us Pastors who met for breakfast every Tuesday morning. Two of us were in our thirties, one in his forties, and the fourth had just turned 50. The three of us showed no mercy to The Rev. James Gunn from the Royston Church of God. I hope that he has forgotten our unkind words. More importantly I hope that he has forgiven us.

50...One half of a Century...Five Decades in the books, a significant amount of time any way that you slice & dice it. For me it has been a terrific journey and I have met some awesome and some challenging people. Actually, I'm thinking of one challenging person in particular...me! In addition to the places I've already mentioned, I have encountered numerous Saints scattered about in awesome communities (all in Georgia)...Washington, Thomson, Milledgeville, Jonesboro, Stone Mountain/Lilburn, Newnan, and now Fayetteville.

50...Across the years, and the miles, I have been blessed by our UMC appointive system. But it was not that system that brought me to Fayetteville. I was serving in Jonesboro when my first wife, Kay, crossed the Jordan River at the age of 50. Later, I was introduced to a member of Fayetteville First UMC who was deeply involved in the life of her Church. Mickey Seigle had lost her first husband, Jim, in 1997. We married in 2012 and for ten years she accompanied me in full-time ministry. In 2022 we retired and she returned to her home in Fayetteville. I came with her! I credit the Holy Spirit for Mickey being in my life and for my being in Fayetteville.

50...What does the future hold? I don't know, not fully, but to use an oft quoted expression, "I know who holds the future." I'm so grateful to The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin and The Rev. Kaylen Short, and a great Church for the privilege of continuing my ministry. My abiding hope is to first do no harm, and second, to do as much good as I can, whether that be for 50 days, or 50 weeks, or 50 months, or 50...don't push it, Charles!

Amen!



4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 2026

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

Online link active at 11 AM and after

Mark 4:35-41

"Be Silent. Be Still"

Rev. Kaylen Short

CURRENT NEWS



Annual Conference 2026 June 18–20, 2026

Please keep our pastors, and all those attending Annual Conference in your prayers as they gather for worship, learning, fellowship, and important decisions that impact the ministry of our church and conference.

Mary Martha Hope Circle will honor fathers with a small thank you on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. If you would like to honor a father who is special to you, please consider making a contribution to the Benevolence Fund in their honor or memory.



Summer Choir Begins June 21!

Love to sing? Join us for Summer Choir beginning Sunday, June 21! This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who enjoys music and would like to participate in worship through song during the summer months.

For more information or to get involved, contact Nick Bowden at

nbowden@fayettevillefirst.com.

Amazon Prime Days are June 23rd -26th! If you're looking for a simple way to support our preschool, we invite you to check out our classroom wishlist. Many of the items on the list help enrich our learning environments and provide hands-on experiences for our students throughout the year. Every gift, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping us create engaging spaces where children can learn, grow, and thrive!

Check out our wishlist at:

tinyurl.com/PreschoolWishlist26



Vacation Bible School Sunday – June 28

Join us on Sunday, June 28, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service as we celebrate Vacation Bible School! Come support our VBS participants and celebrate all that God has done through this special ministry! We look forward to worshipping with you.

You're Invited! ♥

FAREWELL *Reception* for Rev. Drew West

Please join us as we celebrate the ministry of Rev. Drew West and wish him well as he begins a new appointment.

Drew has been appointed
Associate Pastor at
Boynton United Methodist Church
in Ringgold, Georgia,
beginning in July.

We are grateful for his faithful leadership,
compassionate spirit, and the many ways
he has blessed our church and community.

Come share in this special time of fellowship as we thank
Drew for his ministry among us and send him forth with
our love, gratitude, and best wishes.

You will always be part of our church family! ♥



SAGE Annual Peach Trip – July 7

Join us for our annual SAGE Peach Trip on Tuesday, July 7! We'll enjoy lunch and fellowship at Blackbird Cafe at 11:30 a.m. before heading to Dickey Farms to pick up some fresh Georgia peaches and enjoy this favorite summer tradition.



We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and depart promptly at 10:15 a.m.

Transportation fee: \$2.00

To reserve your spot, please call the church office at 770-461-4313.

Give Blood – Sunday, July 12

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, July 12, from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the FFUMC Gym. Giving blood is one of the simplest ways to make a meaningful difference in someone's life. Signing up is easy—visit redcrossblood.org, select the Fayetteville First UMC drive on July 12, and encourage family and friends to donate as well.

Please sign up in advance if possible.

For questions or assistance,
email ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com



Summer Lunch update

This week we will serve 347 kids.

The menu is hot dogs, chips, carrots, apples, and cookies.

Please keep these kids and the summer lunch program in your prayers.



Coming in July...Flood Bucket Mission Project

July is "Flood Bucket Month" at FFUMC, and we are launching a mission project to support UMCOR's Disaster Response Teams.

Flood bucket supplies will be collected, assembled and delivered to the Conference Disaster Response warehouse in East Point. In partnership with state agencies, the UMC will distribute these buckets to areas of greatest need following natural disasters. This church-wide project is sponsored by the Mission Leadership Team and the FFUMC Youth.

A list of specific items needed for the flood buckets will be available starting July 5 at the Welcome Center. The project will conclude on July 26.





Mission Team Leader Training Available
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) offers online training for people interested in leading mission teams. There will be two opportunities this Fall – September 3-24, 2026, and November 7-21, 2026. The once weekly sessions will be 1.5 – 2 hours long.

Participants must attend all sessions to complete the training. This training is helpful for those wishing to lead teams within the United States and for foreign mission trips (e.g., El Salvador). Click the link for more information. [UMVIM Trainings – UMVIM](#). You can also contact Maggie Clarke mwclarke195@gmail.com or 404-395-8161 or Rev. Kaylen Short for additional information.

Let's Do Lunch: Saturday, August 8

It's time to make reservations for our 5th Annual Let's Do Lunch! All ladies are welcome and remember to bring friends, neighbors and family with you.

This year, we are delighted to have David Widener as our special guest. Get ready for laughter, encouragement and mystery that includes stories from his life and the wonder of magic.

Guests will enjoy a chicken Caesar salad for lunch, as well as the chance to browse all the uniquely decorated dining tables in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost to attend this event, but reservations are required. There are 2 easy ways to make your reservation:

Online: [Click this reservation link, fill in the form & hit Submit.](#)

Phone: Call the church office at 770-461-4313.

Don't wait! Make your reservation today! You may make reservations for you and your friends at the same time. You don't want to miss this special event. When all seats are filled, we will start a waiting list.



**Reservations due:
Saturday, July 25**

Many, Many Thank You's from Susan & Tom Short

10/20/20

Dear Ones -

Thank you all so much for your kindness during my recent diagnosis/surgery. I am honestly overwhelmed with the outpouring of support through your prayers, cards & well wishes. When Kaylen wrapped the prayer blanket around my shoulders following the surgery, I was immediately warmed by the embrace of Christ - through your works. It was a very special moment for me - one I won't soon forget. You indeed are "God's hands." Additionally, I can't begin to tell you how much your support & love for Kaylen, Mli & Abby during this time has meant to both Tom & me. It's meant the world to us & gave us great comfort. It's a beautiful thing - knowing your loved ones are loved & well cared for by their loved church family. Love the "prayer support"! You are indeed, love in action - @ Peace to each of you! Susan & Tom Short



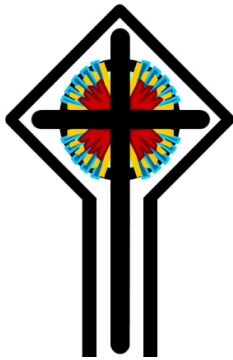
Fayette Samaritans – June Donation Needs

Fayette Samaritans appreciates your continued generosity in supporting neighbors in need throughout our county. Donations of food, clothing, and monetary gifts are always welcome.

For the month of June, the most needed pantry items are:

Hamburger Helper, Canned Corn, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Dried Pasta, Rice (3 lb. bags), Canned Mixed Vegetables, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Products.

The Clothes Closet is also in need of boys' and girls' socks.



June 15, 2026 Financials

Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$636,330.52
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$607,062.91
Difference	\$29,267.61
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	778.00
79 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$21,033.75

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.

Publication Deadlines

Have information to share? Send your submissions for consideration to Jenn Hickman at officemanager@fayettevillefirst.com by noon on Mondays for inclusion in The Weekender weekly e-newsletter.

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

