



The Weekender

September 18, 2026

Speaking of Kindness
By Rev. Charles Robinson

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

One day recently the word kindness kept coming to mind, and before I knew what was happening that old Glen Campbell tune snuck up on me and wouldn't go away...

“If you see your brother standing by the road, with a heavy load from the seeds he sowed. And if you see your sister falling by the way, just stop and say you're going the wrong way...

“You got to try a little kindness, yes show a little kindness, just shine your light for everyone to see. And if you try a little kindness, then you'll overlook the blindness, of the narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets...

“Don't walk around the down and out, lend a helping hand instead of doubt. And the kindness that you show every day, will help someone along their way...”

And then I recalled a story that I've held onto from a little over a decade ago; a story of intentional kindness that happened in front of a global audience. It took place in Brazil. Abbey D'Agostino of the USA was running alongside of Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand when they both fell. According to USA TODAY, D'Agostino gained worldwide approval for her remarkable gesture in helping Hamblin to her feet.

“She did pretty much the opposite of what I told her,” D'Agostino's Coach Mark Coogan said. “And I'm so glad she did.”

Coogan had known D'Agostino for six years, ever since she joined Dartmouth as a freshman and he was the women's cross-country coach there. From the beginning he marveled at her work ethic but also noticed her kindness. “Everyone notices D'Agostino's kindness. Talk to people she knows and the word leaves their mouth within the first sentence.”

Gingy Dunn was D'Agostino's sixth grade teacher in Topsfield, Massachusetts. “She was the same kind, caring, upbeat young woman then, always first to help a peer,” Dunn wrote. “What I best remember about Abbey was her positive attitude, willingness to work hard to achieve her best, and her universal kindness to everyone.”

I have a habit of walking two or three miles most days in the neighborhood where Mickey and I live. And I have noticed that on one of the small flags at the end of a neighbor's driveway these words...”In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind.” If someday folks were to remember only one thing about us, and that one thing was kindness, that would be a good thing, wouldn't it? If KINDNESS were the only fruit on our spiritual trees, this would be a much better world, wouldn't it?



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
8:45 AM 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)
Online link active at 11 AM and after

Exodus 16:2-15
"Heaven Sent"
The Rev. Allison Keith

CURRENT NEWS



Need a New Name Tag?

If you need a new name tag or a replacement, please contact Kelly Anderson admin@fayettevillefirst.com or Jennifer Hickman officemanager@fayettevillefirst.com in the church office. Name tags are \$12.00 each.

Pill Bottles

Our pill bottle ministry is an ongoing ministry, but we would like to make a delivery at the end of November. The bottles will go to Matthew 25 in Ohio.

We are looking to collect as many as possible in these next few weeks.

Please leave them in the right side of the cabinet in the Welcome Center, or in the marked bin in the cabinet behind the Samaritan cart near the gym, or in the church office.

For more information, please contact Virginia Pope or Faye Livingston.



Love in Action

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Love in Action is currently helping a family in need of a washer and dryer. If you have either item to share, please contact Cindy Hall. Thank you for helping us put Love in Action!



Titus II – Tuesday, October 6 at Noon

Join us for Titus II on Tuesday, October 6 at noon! Our guest speaker will be author Mark Maguire, who will share from his book *Father & Special Needs Children*. Lunch will be provided from a local restaurant and is \$8.00.

Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, September 29 by calling the church office or contacting Martha Turner.



SAGE Trips –

Upcoming Adventures!

Thursday, October 8 – Apple Gathering
in Ellijay

Transportation fee: \$2.00

Monday, November 16 – Tour of the
Arthur Blank Soccer Center

Cost: \$20.00

Lunch following each trip: TBD



Coffee & Conversation

Do Sunday mornings call you to relax? Want some coffee and a little talk time?

Whether you're running too late for Sunday School, a bit early for 11:00 worship or simply want to hang out, just drop by the Fellowship Hall any Sunday between 9:45 and 10:45. Join Rev. Kaylen Short for a cup of coffee, a light nibble, and some good conversation before heading to your next thing.

Come as you are, stay as long as you like, and enjoy a little time to connect.



El Salvador Mission Trip April 3-10, 2027

Over the past 30 years, a thriving Evangelical Methodist Church has developed programs of worship, education, and community outreach in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. Salvadoran Mission Projects has been working with the Church in El Salvador since 2010. Fayetteville First UMC has been participating in this mission since 2014.

You can participate in this ministry by joining us as we:

- Worship and pray with people in the community
- Conduct Vacation Bible School for 50-60 elementary school-age children
- Distribute essential food supplies and connect with local families
- Support the expansion of the church's school facilities



You can also participate by providing financial support for the team. Team fees cover the following. Any amount you can provide toward these expenses is greatly appreciated.

- Team member room and board - \$60 per day
- Interpreters - \$20 per day
- Bag of staple food items - \$16 per bag
- VBS Supplies - \$500-\$600 for the week

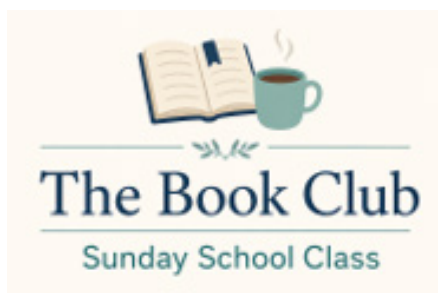
Secure your spot with a \$250 deposit by November 1, 2026.

Make checks payable to and send to:
Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
175 East Lanier Avenue
Fayetteville GA 30214

Save the Date



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11TH
8 AM – 1 PM**



The Book Club Sunday School Class will begin a discussion of *Simply Jesus* by N. T. Wright on Sunday, September 13, 2026. In this accessible and thought-provoking book, Wright explores who Jesus was, what He came to do, and why His life and message continue to matter today.

The class welcomes anyone interested in thoughtful conversation about faith, Scripture, history, and the person of Jesus. You do not need to be an expert or agree with every viewpoint to participate—questions, differing perspectives, and respectful discussion are encouraged. Skeptics are warmly welcome. Room C260.

Wednesday Night Suppers

September 23rd Let's eat together! Time: 5 PM Fellowship Hall

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.

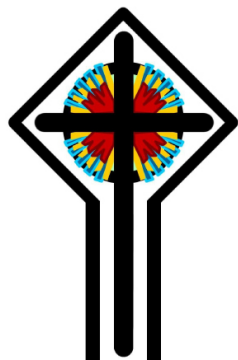
September 23rd - Anthony's Pizza - Pizza, and Dessert.



September Needs!

As we head into September, Fayette Samaritans Inc. is especially in need of the following pantry items: Peanut butter, Canned green beans, Canned mixed vegetables, Canned corn, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Tea, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sauce, Feminine Products.

The Clothes Closet also has a need for new women's socks.



September 14, 2026 Financials

Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$892,530.35
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$865,262.01
Difference	\$27,268.34
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	\$1,305.00
135 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$34,895.56

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

INSPIRED!!!

BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS



