



## Lent — Plus One Rev. John Barnes

What will we do differently in Lent? Should we change anything? Christians have traditionally practiced special disciplines during Lent because they give us an opportunity to grow in our faith.

Do we have to give something up for Lent or add something to our routine to help us grow spiritually? No, but if giving up chocolate helps us remember Jesus Christ throughout the day I am for it. If giving up a food makes us irritable, then we have a chance to gain insight into how much we are a slave to our appetites: I am for that! I do think that giving up Facebook, TV or Instagram would be a much more significant practice though. Think what we might learn!

We can also add something to grow. During March and April

(Lent and Eastertide) you can accept a Plus One challenge. Could you come to an event and bring someone with you? How about increasing giving by 1 percent? Maybe you could begin a Bible study or devotional series and invite someone to join you in the journey.

Spiritual practices and opportunities in Plus One help us develop habits that we can continue. Volunteering for Parents Night Out may start in Lent, but it can become a habit of volunteering to continue after Eastertide. Reading the Bible may begin in Lent but may become a spiritual practice that strengthens our relationship with Jesus and is appropriate all year long!

Start in Lent, continue for life—Plus One!

## March 2019

**March 3**

**Church Breakfast**

**March 6**

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 8**

**Parents Night Out**

**March 31**

**Blood Drive**

**Lenten Lunches**



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# Our Church Family

*Caring for each other and our community*



**In Memoriam:** Robert Webb  
February 2

## Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Mary Naramor upon the death of her husband, Robert Webb, on February 2.

## In Our Prayers:

Billy Arnold  
Rhett Blythe  
Carolyn Broady  
Annelle Burch  
Quentin Cash

Kassandra Dzenis  
Margaret Grainger  
Rebecca Greenberg  
Martha Hale  
Bill Holcomb

Carole Hyder  
Doris Kerlin  
Margaret Panter  
Lurlene Perry  
Mary Pierson

Joyce Ramsey  
Dorothy Swanson  
Ann Walton  
Jack Wheeler  
Brad Wilkinson

## Notes of Thanks

*For the past 25 years Larry Washburn has served as an 8:30 usher. After giving countless hours to FFUMC, he is stepping aside from weekly service but will continue to "pinch hit" as needed. He will be greatly missed by those he served and his co-workers Rob, Lamar, Lewis, Doug, Fran and Bruce. "Well done, good and faithful servant." — The 8:30 usher team*

*I have no adequate words to describe how much my church family has meant to me during my illness. Thank you so much for the food, flowers, cards, visits ... everything! — Doris Kerlin*

*When Aubrey and Jane Varner moved to Fayetteville in 1955, they were given a "friendly welcome" and found the perfect place to raise their five children. They loved and served this church faithfully as long as they were able. In return, YOU, the church, have loved, encouraged, and supported our family through good and many rough times. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the cards, flowers, acts of love, and many gifts in memory of our mother, Jane Varner. Your love has seen us through. — Deb & Frank Cole*

*Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers, and support you shared during my recent surgery. I am so grateful to be part of such a caring community. — Joyce Mucha*



**New Members: Debra Gulas (Ashley, Penny)**  
240 Bridgestone Cove, Fayetteville, GA 30215

## Connecting@FFUMC -

### New member information class

Want to know more about Fayetteville First United Methodist Church? Interested in joining our membership but not sure where or how to even get started? Come to this information meeting on March 31 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



### Phase 1 Underway!

The first-stage of our Making a Difference NOW capital campaign is underway as initial work has begun on the new space for our youth. Thank you for making this happen!

We are ready now to focus on funds for Phase 2 - The Fellowship Hall and the adjacent outside space. Can you or your group help raise the money needed?

For more information on the campaign or on giving options, contact Rev. John Barnes, senior minister, Phil Mallon, finance chairperson, or Joyce Mucha, administrator.

**Church Membership: 1787**

**Giving**  
**(as of February 19)**

Year to Date receipts:  
\$166,633.05

Year to Date expenses:  
\$172,383.30



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN — 150 YEARS SERVING OTHERS

## Connected Through Relationship | Supporting Women, Children & Youth

United Methodist Women are connected through relationship — united in local circles and then connected more broadly in the LaGrange district, the North Georgia Conference and around the globe. This year marks a milestone of serving and giving. UMW celebrates 150 years of women making a difference in ways they could never accomplish individually. That's special!

UMW leadership at FFUMC is ready to carry on the important work. Kathie Hansen, new UMW president, says, "We are excited to serve in this well-established and active group. God has led me to be in this ministry and to be in relationship with women in our congregation as we connect to women around the world."

So why be in UMW? As the age and stage of life draws women together, relationships of encouragement and support develop that can last a lifetime. These local circles join the efforts of 800,000 other women doing the same in their communities. Together they make an impact: on each other and on the most vulnerable around the globe.

You can help celebrate the 150th anniversary of UMW in a way that honors those who have paved the way before and ensures its future. Through the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, generous donors are matching a portion of gifts received by the Day of Giving on March 23. Visit [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com) to see how you can contribute.

For more information on UMW, contact Kathie Hansen, [hansen.kathie@comcast.net](mailto:hansen.kathie@comcast.net) or 678-592-5177. She would love to share her vision for the future of UMW and help you find your place. She says, "God uses you for things you never thought would be in your path. He takes the impossible and makes it possible." You'll be connected in all kinds of beautiful ways as you serve and grow together.

*UMW Leadership pictured on front (l-r) Nancy Ricciardi, Clara Martin, Sammy Clark, Claudia Rhodes, Kathie Hansen, Becca Benefield, Tami Kemberling, Diane McCartin, Becky Voyles.*

*Below: Bethany Circle recently sent care packages to college students, along with a good measure of prayers and love!*



## LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:30, 9:45, 11 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FIRST LENTEN LUNCH, REV. JOHN BARNES, NOON  
WORSHIP, REV. ALLYSON LAWRENCE, 6:30 PM  
MARCH 6

LENTEN LUNCH  
THURSDAYS, MARCH 14 - APRIL 18, NOON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

LENTEN OFFERING  
BENEFITS RISE AGAINST HUNGER

HOLY WEEK

# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

For the WHOLE Family - Plus One | Rev. Carson Thaxton & Allie Hansen



Here's a challenge — Bring a friend to a church activity with you! These March events would be great ones to consider inviting someone to join you — or to KiDS Sunday School or Wednesday Night LiFE! This month we want

to be FOR new possibilities, new relationships, and new friends. The best way to do that is to invite one person. Can you think of someone you'd like to invite? Then do it and make it +1!

## +1 CHURCH BREAKFAST MARCH 3

There will be no Sunday School for the KiDS on Sunday, March 3: We will all be eating breakfast in the gym as a church! Come enjoy breakfast together! Bring some breakfast food to share if you'd like. Let's make it a Break-feast!

## +1 ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

Want to know what in the world we are doing this day and why we put ashes on our foreheads? This is

### UPCOMING:

EasterPalooza: April 20

*Egg hunt and downtown block party*

VBS: June 24-28

*Space theme this year!*

M.A.D. Camp: July 15-19

*Music, art and drama  
rising K - rising 6th graders*

a sacred day of reminding ourselves of our fragility and mortality and how we can best align our lives with God's purposes for us on earth while we still have breath in our lungs. This life is short. Are we living it well? Are we living it with purpose? Join us as we break down these concepts for the kids before going to the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. All families are invited to participate in this service together.

## +1 PARENTS NIGHT OUT MARCH 8

Invite a friend to an evening of fun AND give their parents a night off as well! Parents should make reservations by Monday, March 4, for free childcare at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com). After March 4 the cost is \$10 per child.

## +1 WEDNESDAY AT THE RIDGE MARCH 20

After school on March 20 come to The Ridge Nature Preserve for a hiking adventure together on this first day of spring! Joining forces with Scouts we will have a campfire, cook our own dinner and worship together. We'll be done by 7:30 pm.



## A PRESCHOOL FULL OF LOVE

What is love? Students from Ms. Melanie's 4 year old class said it is "My friend, Matthew" (John P.) and "Kinsey - because she loves me!" (Thomas S.). Students from Ms. Joan's 3 year old class told me it was "Sharing & caring" (Tecia I.), "Presents" (Jayce R.), and "Stephen" (Charlie B.). Whatever the answer may be, it was apparent that ALL of our preschoolers poured their hearts into making some of the cutest Valentine's Day crafts to ever grace our halls. To top off our month, the entire preschool celebrated Valentine's Day together by having a cookie decorating event with parents. Come visit us when you can! We love to show off our art and to share our love for all things preschool.

— Candice Hawthorne, FFUMC Preschool



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Growing with Plus One | Kena Newkirk

Serving at SafeHouse, building community through a lock-in, and growing spiritually on our Confirmation Retreat: these are just a few of the ministries enjoyed by our youth during the month of February. Not to mention, our parent-student stress seminar aimed at helping to open communication within families.

This will be an exciting month for FFUMC Youth! We are all in on the Plus One movement this spring. Plus One means bringing someone new, trying something different, and digging a little deeper into our relationship with Christ. Over the next two months our youth are looking for ways to go the extra mile.

We kick off this month with our highly anticipated local DNOW retreat. Our students are always eager to invite new friends to this wonderful experience. During DNOW, we extend ourselves a bit and spend our free time Saturday serving people in the community. New this year, students are receiving a month-long devotional book to follow up this year's conference. The devotion book will serve as a fantastic Lenten study and excerpts will be featured on the youth Instagram story to keep us engaged. This is one way to dig deeper into our faith.

During this new season, we hope you will join the youth in thinking about how we can add to our faith and commitment to Jesus.



#### Edward N. Travis Scholarship Available

Graduating seniors, it's time to apply for the Edward N. Travis Scholarship, a one-time \$2,500 scholarship awarded to a FFUMC high school senior. The due date is March 15, so get your application in the Welcome Center or online at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com).



#### Green Team in Action

The Green Team is in action at FFUMC as we seek to take care of God's creation. The team has developed target areas for focus over the next few months. Are you ready to help? See the goals at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com). Contact Tami Kemberling, [tamidale57@gmail.com](mailto:tamidale57@gmail.com) for more information.

**GREEN IDEA:** Have you noticed the Dump and Stack efforts at FFUMC meals? Dumping liquids in a separate container and stacking cups and plates allows for easier cleanup, fewer trash liners, and recycling. Let's do it!



**March 3 9:25 to 10:45 AM**

Let's have a Mardi Gras breakfast together! Come share connection with your church family and community from 9:25 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Want to help? Sign up at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com). Can't help? No worries ... just come!

## FOR: PLUS ONE DURING LENT

A Challenge Full of Opportunity



How can we be FOR and include someone or something new during this holy season? Here are just a few ideas...

### +1 PERSON

Get your ticket and invite a friend to be your *plus one* to events, worship, small group meetings — you name it, we have plenty going on. Be specific when you invite them. Give them the time and date, why you are excited to go, and where to meet you before it starts. When they arrive, be sure to introduce them to others. Share some common connections during your introductions. Grab some church friends and plan to go somewhere after, like a restaurant or coffee shop.

### +1 FOOD & FRIENDSHIP

Can you bring something for the church breakfast on March 3? Or can you pick up a friend to come along? Sharing food and fellowship is always a welcoming way to include others.

### +1 PERCENT

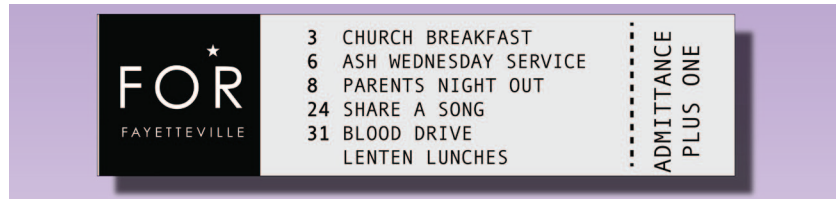
Our +1 challenge spans across Lent and leads us into Easter. Challenge yourself to give an additional 1 percent of your monthly giving during March and April.

### +1 SONG

Can you share a song with someone? Meet at Azalea Estates on March 24 at 5:30 p.m. and sing along at a monthly Share A Song event. Or sing or share a song with anyone, anytime!

### +1 PINT

The blood drive is March 31. If you are physically able to donate, consider giving a pint of your blood to the Red Cross.



## GOD'S KINGDOM NOW

Find a place and connect!



Growing in grace and connection

### Ongoing:

Sunday school classes  
Children and youth programs  
United Methodist Men and Women  
Six for Supper  
Table Groups  
Short-term studies  
Exercise classes  
Senior adult program



Events and service that take us outside ourselves

### Coming Up:

DNOW Youth - March 1-3  
Blood Drive - March 31  
EasterPalooza - April 20  
Vacation Bible School - June 24-28  
Music, Art, Drama - July 15-19



Looking in and looking up

### Sundays

8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.

### Wednesdays

Youth 6 p.m.

### Tuesday Church

March 26, 12:30 p.m.

### Looking Ahead:

Ash Wednesday - March 6  
Lenten Lunches - March 6+  
Holy Week - April 14  
Easter - April 21



# What's Happening @ Fayetteville First UMC

Get specific information on happenings and times at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com) or 770-461-4313.

## Regular Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice: 8 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.  
Coffee & Donuts: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Small Groups: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship in Chapel: 9:45 a.m.  
Choir Practice: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship in Sanctuary: 11 a.m.  
Kids Wonders of Worship: 11:30 a.m.  
AA: 3 p.m.

## Regular Monday Schedule

GriefShare: 10 a.m.  
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.  
AA: 7 p.m.

## Regular Tuesday Schedule

Card Ministry: 9:30 a.m.  
Seasoned Singers: 1:30 p.m.  
Cocaine Anon.: 7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

## Regular Wednesday Schedule

Table Group: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.  
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous: 12 p.m.  
Intercessory Prayer: 12:30 p.m.  
8th Period Youth: 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Supper: 5:15 p.m.  
Children's Groups: 6 p.m.  
Youth Groups: 6 p.m.

Gremlin Growlers Table Group: 6 p.m.  
American Sign Language: 6:15 p.m.  
Creative Encouragement: 6:15 p.m.\*  
Music Rehearsals: 7:30 p.m.  
AA: 8 p.m.

*\*meets 1st, 3rd Wednesdays*

## Regular Thursday Schedule

Table Group: 10 a.m.  
Yoga: 10 a.m.  
Yoga: 5:45 p.m.  
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

## Regular Friday Schedule

Gremlin Growlers Table Group: 10 a.m.  
AA: 7 p.m.

## Regular Saturday Schedule

Narcotics Anon.: 7 p.m.  
AA: 8 p.m.

## Committee March Meetings

Trustees, 3/18: 6 p.m.  
Finance, 3/26: 6 p.m.  
Church Council, 3/26: 7 p.m.

## Other Meetings

Titus II, 3/5: 12 p.m.  
United Methodist Men: 3/5, 6:15 p.m.  
Square Foot Ministry, 3/14: 6:30 p.m.  
UMW Book Club 3/14: 1:30 p.m.  
SAGE, 3/21: 7:45 a.m.

## Blood Drive March 31

Gym, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Reserve a time at  
[ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com](mailto:ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com).  
*Bobby Arrington shared a pint at our last drive.*



## FRIENDS & DONUTS!

**The Family Class invites you to get a donut and coffee or drink in the gym each Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. Get to know someone new and join in! Proceeds go to missions.**

## SENIORS GET TOGETHER: HERE AND THERE

**Senior Adults Going Everywhere:** March 21, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Visit the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville. \$10 group tour with guide. Lunch at Swheat Market Deli. 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Titus II Lunch Program:** March 5, Noon, Gym, Reserve with Martha Turner, 770-461-2802. Get an update on the Fayetteville Main Street project from Brian Wismer. *Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad*



## MARCH WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Let's eat at church on Wednesdays. Sign up each week or get on the permanent reservation list at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com). Adults: \$7, Children 10 and under: \$4, Family Max: \$22

March 6: Meat Loaf, Fried Okra, Butter Beans  
March 13: Fried Chicken, Rice/Gravy, Vegetable  
March 20: Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, Trimmings  
March 27: Lasagna, Salad

Other options each week:  
Chicken Tenders/French Fries or Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Tender Salad

*101 + 99 years strong! Mildred Fitzgerald and James Watkins enjoy dinner at church on a recent Wednesday.*



# God's Kingdom NOW at FFUMC

Your church on the square

## Pastoral & Program Staff

### Senior Minister

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# Plus One

YOU'RE INVITED, SO BRING A FRIEND

MARCH EVENTS



3 CHURCH BREAKFAST  
6 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
8 PARENTS NIGHT OUT  
24 SHARE A SONG  
31 BLOOD DRIVE  
LENTEN LUNCHES