



Friday, September 13, 2019

## The Weekender

### Meaningful Adjacency

I had the opportunity in May to visit the 9/11 memorial in New York City. There, I learned a term: meaningful adjacency. The names at that space are not put there randomly, or alphabetically, but next to other people that had connections with that person who also died as a result of the terrorist attacks that day. Brothers and sisters who served as police or firefighters in different brigades or divisions are placed next to each other. Friends and relatives and roommates and co-workers -- all were placed there with intention to remind those of us who visit about our interconnectedness.

When the shepherd goes looking for the lost sheep, there are 99 others that stay behind. And they stay together. When the woman goes looking for the lost coin, other coins are left in a safe place. The shepherd and the woman go searching, leaving the majority behind to stay together and to stay connected. One missing is worth the wait to the majority because we are knitted together. We might even share that meaningful adjacency.

As we take time this week to reflect on the way in which our world view changed on September 11, 2001, may we as Christians find our meaningful adjacency through the good shepherd and the woman who risks everything for one.

Thomas Martin



**This Sunday in Worship**  
**September 15, 2019**  
**14th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon (8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.)**

*"Lost"*

*Luke 15:1-10*

*The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin*

## CURRENT NEWS



### **Singles Night Out: September 14**

Join in the fun with friends at the Peachtree City Night Market on Saturday, September 14. The Night Market is inspired by the vibrant outdoor markets popular overseas and is a social outdoor event where food, retail, and educational vendors offer a variety of fresh, local street foods, arts and crafts, and excellent local musicians and entertainment. Meet at the church office parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to carpool or meet up at Drake Park around 6:15 p.m.. Either way, let Rev. Allyson Lawrence, [alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com), or Suzie Lusk, [suzielusk49@gmail.com](mailto:suzielusk49@gmail.com), know you are planning to join in.



### **Wednesday Night Suppers: September 18**

Gather for food and conversation **in the Fellowship Hall** at 5 p.m.

September 18: BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad  
**or** OZ Cheese Pizza (adult 2 slices, child 1 slice)

All meals include dessert and drink.

Children 10 and under: \$4, Adults: \$7 Family Maximum: \$22.

[Reserve each week](#) or get on the permanent list.



### **Photos DONE in 15 minutes**

Sign up for a quick 15-minute photo session on a Sunday or Wednesday and you'll be in the new FFUMC directory. Reserve a time on Sundays or Wednesdays through October 13. [Use this link](#) or go to [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com).



### **Connect @ FFUMC: September 29**

Interested in knowing more about the life and ministries of Fayetteville First UMC? This one-time class will give you a chance to enjoy lunch, meet the staff, explore our children, youth and adult ministries, and learn about our passion for missions and connection. September 29, Noon to 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall. RSVPs for lunch are appreciated. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence, [alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com).



### District plans mission trip to El Salvador

FFUMC and our UMC District are planning our next opportunity to serve God's people in connection with the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador. The projected dates for the mission trip are January 18-25, 2020. Please pray about serving on this team with leader Maggie Clarke. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers to serve with her. The plan right now is to engage in children's Bible school and food distribution. A \$100 deposit is due September 30 and the total trip cost is around \$1,500. For more information, contact Maggie Clarke, 404-395-8161.



### Fayette Samaritans needs for September

Fayette Samaritans has particular need of these items; however, any donations are welcome and appreciated. Leave donations in Welcome Center bin.

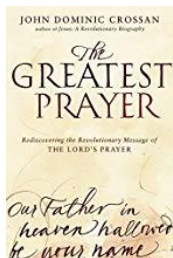
**Needs:** canned tuna, Hamburger Helper, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, boxed mac and cheese, syrup.

**Clothes Closet needs:** Boy's underwear and tee-shirts all sizes. Women's new underwear (sizes 6 - 10). New socks for women (size 9 - 11) and men.



### Welcome the Stotlers at next UMW Unit Meeting

The next United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting features Elliott and Katherine Stotler, missionaries to South Africa, on September 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. FREE! Everyone is invited to bring a salad to share. Drinks and dessert are provided. UMW members should make reservations through their circle by September 15. All others may contact Becca Benefield, [becben03@aol.com](mailto:becben03@aol.com) or 404-483-5624. Please indicate number of children for nursery when reserving.



### Book Club studies "The Greatest Prayer" in two weeks

The Sunday Morning Book Club will be studying John Dominic Crossan's "The Greatest Prayer" this fall. A detailed history of each section of the "Lord's Prayer" will be pursued, followed by a time of prayer and meditation—using both "head" and "heart." The 8-week class begins September 22 in Room C-200 at 9:45 a.m. Please purchase your own copy of the book (available in paperback or digital format on Amazon). Contact Tim Aycock, [timaycock@gmail.com](mailto:timaycock@gmail.com), with any questions.



### Help UMCOR now

The United Methodist Committee on Relief extends aid year-round during disasters. Indicate "UMCOR" on any donations. 100% goes to relief efforts.



### Youth: Reserve ticket for Atlanta United Game

Cheer on Atlanta United on Saturday, September 14! Limited seats have been purchased... first-come, first-served! Contact Kena Newkirk, [knewkirk@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:knewkirk@fayettevillefirst.com), to see if any tickets are still available.



### Brown Bag with Thomas next Wednesday

Got questions? Bring a lunch and your questions to the next "Brown Bag with Thomas" on the third Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall, September 18.



### Children's Choir: Interested?

We are looking for kids ages 4 years to 5th grade who are interested in participating in a children's choir. Practices would likely be on Wednesday evenings. Please [indicate your interest online](#) or contact Rev. Carson Thaxton, [cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com) by Sunday, September 15.



### United Methodist Women Sponsors

#### Churchwide Potluck Lunch on Sunday, September 22

We will celebrate the ministries of the UMW both here and around the world on Sunday, September 22, at all services. In the spirit of hospitality and connection, the UMW is sponsoring a potluck lunch on this day at noon in the gym. Our church family is invited to bring any dish to share. Suggestions for variety: If your last name begins A-K, bring a main dish; L-P, bring a salad or side dish; Q-Z, bring a dessert. We look forward to this time together.



### **Recycling Made Easy: Compliments of Green Team**

Looking for a local place to recycle glass, paint and other hard-to-recycle items? Your Green Team wants to help you and our community be responsible caretakers of our planet. We are targeting five hard-to-recycle materials for a one-morning recycling drive on Saturday, September 28. The five acceptable items are paint, glass, cording/wiring, packing styrofoam, and plastic bags that tear or stretch (such as dry cleaner bags, grocery bags). Drop them off on September 28 between 8 and 11 a.m. in the designated area of the church office lot. The FFUMC Green Team will take them to CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) for you. These items will be accepted at no charge; however, donations of 25 cents per pound of paint are appreciated.

### **September 10, 2019 Financials**

Year to Date receipts	\$914,257.73
Year to Date expenses	\$946,832.37
Shortfall	\$32,574.64

### **Benevolence**

Benevolence receipts this week: \$117.16

71 people assisted in 2019 with total of \$18,803.41 in assistance.

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Difference  
NOW*

### Capital Campaign Update

Received this week:	\$55.00
Total Received:	\$234,061.90
Goal:	\$350,000
Needed to reach goal:	\$115,938.10

### **Phase 2: Fellowship Hall/Community Courtyard**

**Phase 2 Goal: \$140,000**

**Needed to complete Phase 2: \$65,938.10**

*Thank you for your generosity.*