

INFORMED & inspired

CONNECTED AT FAYETTEVILLE FIRST UMC

WE'RE CONNECTED

We are so grateful to be connected with our community of faith everyday, but especially during these uncertain times. While we experience an unexpected rest from what's normal, we want you to know what you can expect over the next few days to help us stay connected:

On Tuesdays: **Informed & Inspired**

We'll email this newsletter to keep us informed and to inspire us as we share our stories.

On Wednesdays: **Thomas Talks**

On FaceBook and YouTube, you'll hear thoughts and reflections of hope, faith, and courage to face the developing challenges.

On Fridays: **The Weekender**

We'll send you a message from Thomas and updates on our regular weekly schedule through email.

On Sundays: **Worship @ FFUMC**

Follow the links sent to you through email or on FaceBook and join in worship together at your convenience or in solidarity with your regular worship group.

24/7: **FayettevilleFirst.com**

The FFUMC website is the BEST option for all the links to the information listed above. Go there anytime!

Let's stay connected! Reach out and let us know if you have any questions or needs.

WE'RE OPEN ... SORT OF

The church office is open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Please handle church business remotely if at all possible. If you need to drop something off, please use the dropbox on the side door. We're trying to keep all of us as safe as we can! Feel free to call us during office hours at 770-461-4313 if we can assist you.



GIVE BLOOD SUNDAY

You can help meet a critical blood shortage by giving at FFUMC this Sunday, March 29.

Here's how:

- Login to redcrossblood.org
- Click on **Find a Drive**
- Enter **FFUMC** as sponsor code
- Make your **appointment**

As of this printing, we have 78 donors ready to give. The Red Cross is working to accommodate as many donors as possible.

Extra precautionary measures:

- Pre-donation temperature screening
- Enhanced sanitation practices
- Social distancing
- Increased educational materials

Note: The process to signup is now fully at redcrossblood.org; however, if you have questions, you may contact our FFUMC team at ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com.

CHECK YOUR REALM PROFILE ... PRETTY PLEASE!

We are asking for EVERYONE to take a few minutes and check your information in Realm, our church database. Here's how:

Go to onrealm.org and sign in. Use the primary email account and password you created when you initially responded to your invitation to connect to Realm. If you have not responded to an invitation, or if you don't remember the email or password, request another invitation at admin@fayettevillefirst.com or call the office during open hours. When you receive your time-limited invitation to create your login and password, please respond quickly.

Check your contact information including the address, phone number(s), and email for each family member. You can make any edits needed to your profiles. Make sure the phone number you wish to be listed for your entire family is marked as **Primary Phone**.

Confirm your **privacy settings** under the **Manage Privacy** tab. This step is very important! Use the pull-down menu and choose "Anyone in the church" or "People in my groups" to have your basic information available to your church family online and in our printed church directory. Your basic profile information is not shared with others outside our church family, and of course, your private information remains private.

If you have any questions, please contact us at admin@fayettevillefirst.com or 770-461-4313. We appreciate your help to keep you connected.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you have any special needs, such as grocery shopping, pharmacy pickup, etc., please contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com. We're ready and willing to help you so reach out!

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I want to share with you, our church family, what others have shared with me. These are some things that have inspired our congregation, and I want you to hear from each other what is meaningful and helpful.

The first is a quote from Fred Craddock, sent by Jeffre Ray:

"I have learned through all these years to piece together a little bit of faith to live by: I just make it out of snippets of things, the question of a child, a burst of laughter, a walk to the mailbox, struggling with the text, a little prayer in the morning, conversation with a friend, an evening meal, coming by the chapel when someone is rehearsing at the organ, listening to the choraliars practice down the hall as I try to think. I just kind of pieced it together really. A whisper here, an aroma there, an intimation there, enough to live by."



The second is a prayer offered by Karen Davis:

*"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Guard me safely through the night,
And wake me in the morning light. Amen."*

May our life, pieced together during these trying times, be reflections of that morning light.

— Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin