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Connected in giving

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

Giving happens in many forms in many ways. We can give a smile. We can give donations. We can give of our time. We can give of our talents. We can give of our treasures. Giving is one of the things that makes us a missional church. It has been at the heart of what we do. From regular to special offerings, from collecting supplies to giving them away, whenever we give to the church it partners us in mission with others. You are a missionary whenever you give.

This week, we have some opportunities to celebrate what it means to be in mission to the world. First, remember that UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is a great way to give financially to those with immediate needs as fires and floods have left many exposed. Every donation goes 100% to help those in need. Second, we are collecting supplies for flood buckets as people begin cleaning up their lives and homes after flooding. You'll find here a list of exact needs for a flood bucket to be assembled. We ask that as you shop for these items, you get the exact requests on the list. If you don't want to shop, you can make a donation to the church and designate the gift "Flood Buckets." Third, Maggie Clarke and I will lead a team to South Georgia for some recovery work October 11-16. If you cannot come the whole week, you can come that Sunday-Tuesday. If you are interested in going, please let me know by tomorrow, Wednesday, September 23.

Because of our connection in ministry, we are collecting an offering this Sunday for Wellroot (formerly the Children's Home). This ministry of the United Methodist Church continues to support children on the margins of society and the families that support them. Look for information in the Weekender this week.

These are just a few of the ways we celebrate our mission to the world. We can always do more, but this is a great place to start. We are able to do much because of our connection to other United Methodists. We serve in ministry to all the world, locally and globally. May we continue to give as we share in Christ's mission and prayer, that all may be one.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS IN THE MAKING

We can get the supplies and pack for you (\$75/bucket) or you are invited to fill your own specifically with these listed items. Mark donations to FFUMC with "Flood Buckets" in the memo. Any donation amount is appreciated.



Exact supplies needed:

- 5-gallon round bucket w/ lid
- 16-40 oz liquid concentrated household cleaner
- 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener (no aerosol)
- 16-34 oz bottle liquid dish soap
- 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent
- or 10-20 wipes (no aerosol)
- Scrub brush, with or without handle
- Reusable cleaning wipes (18/bucket)
- Scouring pads (five/bucket)
- Clothespins (36-40/bucket)
- 50-100 ft clothesline
- Heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon, 24 bucket)
- N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm, five/bucket)
- Kitchen gloves (two/bucket)
- Cotton work gloves, leather palms (one/bucket)

So, what's happening?

Share a Story — Connecting Older Adults and Youth: Are you an older adult (or do you know someone) who would like to get to know one of our amazing youth members at FFUMC? Our care ministries want to connect our young people with our seniors as they swap personal stories and even share a fun and inspirational book together. But we need your help. First, who would like to be part of this fun opportunity? Second, if you want to nominate yourself or an older adult, can you handle (or help facilitate) the video call? Our youth are eager to participate. [Please fill out this form and let us know of your interest \(click here\).](#) Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence with questions at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com.

Outdoor Movie Night September 26: "The Sandlot" movie on The Field with snacks and reserved pizza at 6 p.m.; movie at 7ish p.m. [Click here to order pizza by September 25.](#)

Youth The Foundry YouTube Live: Premieres Sunday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Parent Meeting: Sunday, October 4, 3 to 5 p.m.



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Words of gratitude and love

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the kind words and cards I received from my church family following the passing of my mother. The kindness you all expressed helped me through this very difficult time. — Sandy Cook

Thank you for all you have done for my daughter and me. We really do appreciate it. — Alberta Crysler & Marjorie Garrett

On behalf of my grandmother, Carolyn Broady, my family and I wanted to share our overwhelming gratitude for the beautiful shawl. We have taken it to her at the residence where she resided with my grandfather [Ken] for the last several months. She is able to get the best care there and this shawl has been a perfect addition for her. Thank you! — The Broady Family and granddaughter Meghan Aguilera

Thank you for your calls, cards and prayers over the past several weeks. The outpouring of love has been so comforting. We are so thankful for our wonderful church family. — Kathe and Bobby Anderson

The Caregiver's Prayer

— by Sheila Gosney

Father, today I come asking for a fresh wind of grace from You.

Lead me and guide me in this role of caregiver for the one I love.

Let me gather strength from You hour by hour.

Let me graciously take assistance from others when they offer.

Grant me wisdom from You for any new issues I may face today.

Remind me when I need a break so I can take care of myself as well.

May I remember that I will sometimes get tired and the only perfect caregiver is You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

This prayer on a card from someone at church has often been a source of words when I could not find my own. I shared this with my Dementia Caregivers Group, and I hope it may help someone else in a similar circumstance as a caregiver. The love and care from our church family continues to sustain us. We are immeasurably blessed to have FFUMC with us on this dementia journey. — Janet Baileys