



April 9, 2021

The Weekender

Becoming like Christ

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

There are seasons in the life of the church. There are cycles. There is change. But there is God's constant love that abides with us and leads us into new ways of living. We are in the Easter season. The Easter season lasts fifty days beyond Easter. It includes Sundays in which we are invited to remember Christ's life, resurrected and real. It is an invitation for us to become like Christ.

Over this Easter season, you are invited to consider what it means to become like Christ. In our worship over the next few Sundays we will hear about ways that the church in Acts, new as it was, set about defining itself as people who follow Christ in their living, loving, and serving. The stories we read in Acts will encourage us as we approach Pentecost—the Sunday in which we celebrate the birth of the church—to live lives worthy of the Gospel.

People find inspiration in different ways. Some are inspired by nature. Some people are inspired by history. Some people are inspired by the way things work. Some people find inspiration from friends, family, or mentors. I believe we all find inspiration for ourselves in the lives of others. As Christians, in particular, we have been gifted the life of faith from people in and outside our family. Our family of faith tells better stories and has given us better stories than we could ever tell on our own. But we get to tell them together. My hope is that over the next few Sundays, we will hear the stories of the early church and be encouraged to become more like Christ.



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021, 11 a.m.

Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after

Becoming Like Christ: Sharing

Acts 4:32-35

Rev. Allyson Lawrence

CURRENT NEWS



Helping our neighbors in Newnan

As the trained first response teams complete the early cleanup of recent tornado damage in Newnan, we are following their direction as we put together our second wave response. Contact [Maggie Clarke](#) or [Thomas Martin](#) to be on the FFUMC response team, ready to move in when they are ready for us. **What can we do now?** Contribute any extra two-handled sturdy carry bags for those affected by the storm's impact to use for donated supplies (not regular plastic bags; only strong, reusable bags needed). Drop them off in the church office as soon as possible.



Bible Story Time for Kids

Live, in-person, and in the church, we have a time for kids on Sundays!

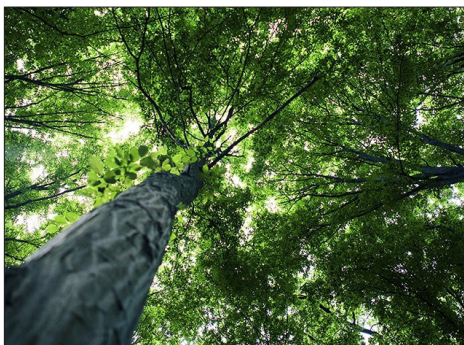
Starting Sunday, April 11 (week after Easter) at 10 a.m. in the gym. As some adult groups are starting to meet before the 11 a.m. service, now whole families with children can have a place to go—church! All sign-in, activities, and sign-out will be from the gym.

As we prepare each week, it will be very helpful if you would email Rev. Carson Thaxton, cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com, or call the church office at (770) 461-4313 by the Wednesday before Sunday to let us know your child(ren) are attending. Nursery available during the 10 a.m. hour for children 3 and under.



Outdoor Worship on April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Come out to The Field and enjoy the evening together. Bring your own chairs, picnic dinner if you want, and worship together outside at 6:30 p.m. Come out early for some activities and organized games for the kids to run around and play together at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now!



UMW offers Spiritual Growth and Social Action Event

The United Methodist Women offers "Climate Justice: We Are Called to Put Love Into Action!" as an online ZOOM event on Saturday, May 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. [Click here for speaker information and a registration link \(deadline is April 23.\)](#)

Want to help our earth right now here in Fayetteville?

Recycle glass and electronics and use a shredding service on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to noon in the City Hall parking lot.



April request list from Fayette Samaritans

Our local community food bank appreciates ALL your donations. [Click here for their complete April needs list.](#) Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

Needed: Beef Stew, Mixed Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Coffee (no K-cups), Tea Bags, Cookies, Jelly, Bar Soap



VBS: Knights of North Castle

June 28-July 2

[Click here to register. Free before June 1!](#)

Each day will be a different age group for in-person activities:

Monday—Rising PreK4 and Kindergarten

Tuesday—Rising 1st

Wednesday—Rising 2nd

Thursday—Rising 3rd and 4th

Friday—Rising 5th and 6th

9:00 a.m. arrival -12:15 p.m. pickup using drive thru.

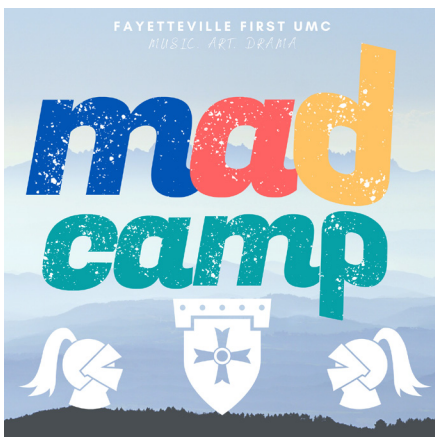
Each assembly time (each morning) will be live streamed.

All are invited to in-person VBS Celebration on Sunday, July 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Cost is FREE before June 1st.

Only 30 campers per age group so sign up early!

Each age group of campers (knights) will represent their “family house” and the Bible theme they bring to slowly reveal how they are all connected to God’s Family House together. Looking at Ephesians 6:10-17, the knights will learn to “armor up with God” and to put on a very different kind of armor (like “belt of truth” and “shield of faith”). Hope you can join in on the epic castle adventure as we learn to love God and others. Armor up!



M.A.D. Camp: MADieval Times

Music, Art, and Drama Camp July 12-16

[Registration open now. Click here!](#)

Yes, that’s right, this year it’s a medieval theme we are calling “MADieval Times.” MAD Campers will learn, experience, and further their skills in music, art, and drama (acting) with specialized coaches in each area.

Cost is \$100 for the week.

Each day is 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

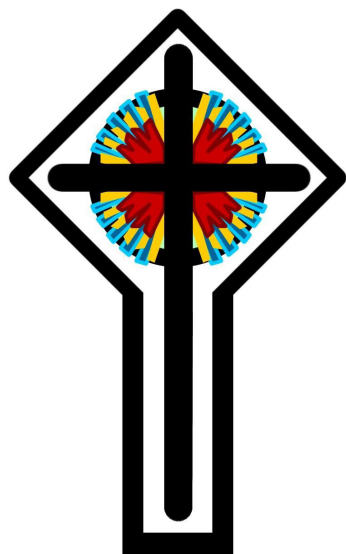
Only 30 campers admitted so sign up early!



Love in Action

NEEDED: Twin box springs
Queen headboard and frame

We appreciate your donations to our Summer Lunch families. If you have an item to donate, just snap a photo of the item and email it to Cindy Hall at harvecin@charter.net or text the photo to 678-656-4117. Appliances, TVs, furniture, bikes, toys, home décor, kitchen items and more have been given in the past. Beds are always needed.



April 8, 2021 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$355,072.62
Year to Date expenses	\$ 310,780.14
Difference	\$44,292.48

Benevolence

\$579.00 received this week.

30 families assisted in 2021 for a total of \$12,165.27

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.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m. lunch)
Closed Fridays

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