



The Weekender

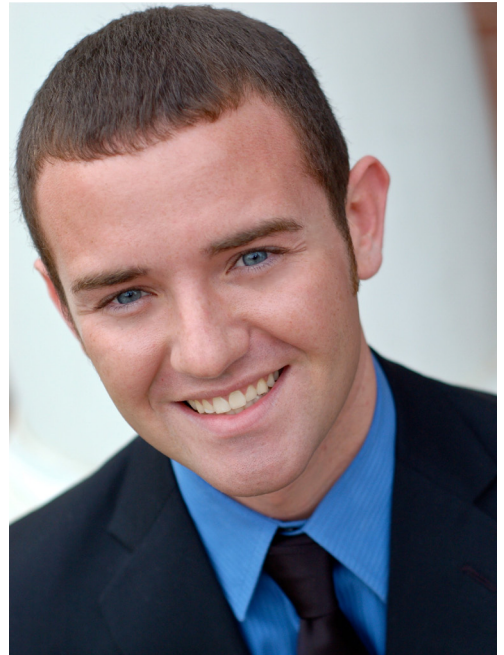
Welcome, Justin

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

We are reminded in the Book of Discipline that the church exists for the maintenance of worship and the edification of believers. Worship is certainly not the only thing that we do at Fayetteville First UMC, but it is important. It is important not because we bring glory to ourselves but we bring glory to God. That is our prayer every time we gather for worship.

Music is an important part of that worship. We have been blessed through the years with wonderful music in worship that allows us to experience the presence of God.

I am excited about Justin Maxey's gifts of music that he will share with us here at FFUMC as he joins the staff as Director of Music. For those of you who have experienced worship with us during the month of May, you see what a gift and passion he has for leading the music of worship. It not only enhances what we give to God, it helps "tune our hearts to sing God's grace" (lyrics from *Come Thou Fount*).



When we gather together for mission, for ministry, or for worship we know that we do so because it brings us closer to God's presence. I hope that you will find time to join us in worship and that we can find ways to edify each other together here at Fayetteville First UMC.

[Read more about Justin here](#) and subscribe to his YouTube channel to explore his recordings.



Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021, 11 a.m.

[Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after](#)

Becoming Like Christ: Sent

Isaiah 6:1-8

Rev. Carson Thaxton

CURRENT NEWS

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Informed & Inspired joins The Weekender

Our regular Tuesday publication *Informed & Inspired* will be included in *The Weekender* beginning in June for one weekly publication.

Be on the lookout for INFORMATION and *inspiration* every Friday in ***The Weekender***. Where have you seen Spirit at work? Where are hope and love blossoming in your family or neighborhood? Just send your thoughts (along with photos if you can) to Joan Aycock at jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com to share encouragement and invite others to participate in the ministries that bless you.



Let's build a good wall!

Here's an opportunity to build a wall to help Square Foot Ministry in an upcoming home project on Saturday, June 5. Project time is 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Providence UMC. [Just click here to sign up if you want to participate.](#) Questions? Contact Tim Aycock at timaycock@gmail.com.

Tami Kemberling, Faye Livingston and Penny Erbe helped build walls on a prep day at FFUMC last year.



Bethany Circle donates \$1,900 to local ministries

Bethany Circle thanks you for your heartfelt love to our mothers on Mother's Day. Through your generosity we were able to donate \$950 to Bloom and \$950 to Promise Place to help women and children in our community.



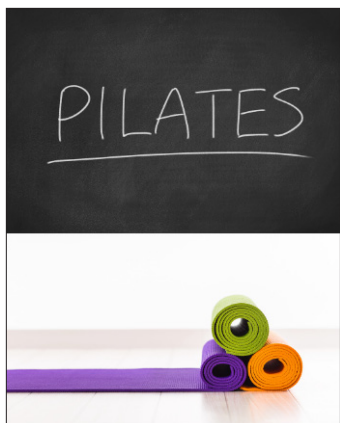
Summer Lunch Program begins June 8

In just a few weeks, our Summer Lunch Program will swing into action, providing food stability for many families in Fayette County while school is out for the summer. We will be packing lunches at 9:30 each Tuesday beginning June 8 and delivering them afterward.

Packers and drivers are needed.

CHANGE to COOKIE REQUEST: Please provide only store-bought, nut-free cookies in boxes or bulk (such as vanilla wafers). The lunch packers will individually package them for you to reduce risk of transferring germs unintentionally.

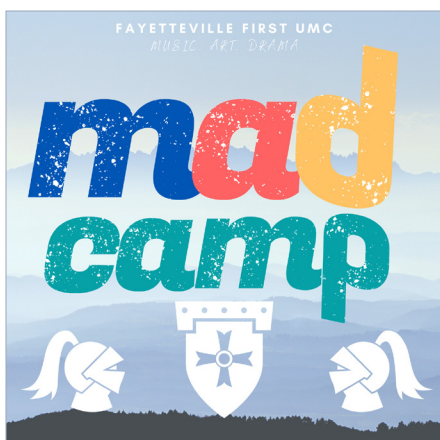
To participate, contact this year's coordinator, Virginia Pope, at 678-361-1722.



Pilates and Stretching with Faye

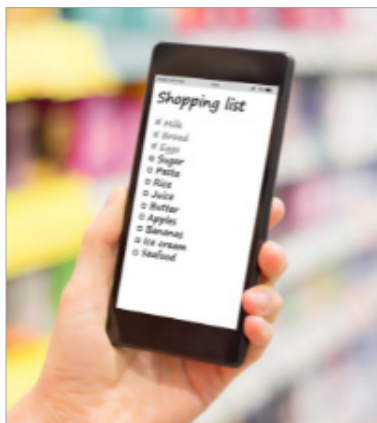
Increase your strength and flexibility through a 7-week low impact stretching class. Faye Livingston, in conjunction with our COUCH 2 5K initiative, is offering two weekly classes of pilates and stretching. Classes are being offered Friday mornings at 10 a.m. and Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall through June 18. [These classes are free. Let Faye know you are coming by registering here.](#)

Can't make those dates? Did you know Frieda Everitt offers a yoga class on Thursdays at 9 a.m.? Frieda's classes are ongoing. Contact the church office to get more information.



M.A.D. Camp: MADieval Times Music, Art, and Drama Camp July 12—16 [Registration open now. Click here!](#)

July 12-16 is Music, Art, and Drama Camp! This specialty camp is designed for elementary school kids to learn, experience, and further their artistic skills in the areas of music, art, and drama (acting). This year will feature a medieval theme at camp. Castles, dragons, princesses, knights, minstrels, jokers, and more! With specialized coaches in each area campers will get to experience each one as well as focus in a particular area based on their interest. Cost of this camp is \$100 for the week. (Savings for multiple campers). Registration is now open, but we have a limited capacity. Register today!



New! June request list from Fayette Samaritans

Our local community food bank appreciates ALL your donations. [Click here for a list of most needed items for June.](#) Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

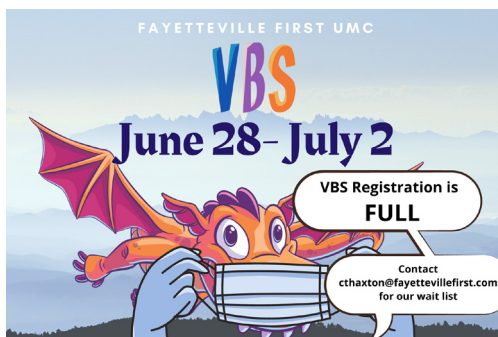
Most Needed: Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Canned Tuna, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent

Normal operations for Fayette Samaritans will resume July 6. The Clothes Closet will reopen in July. Bed linens will no longer be accepted; however, summer clothes and tee shirts of all sizes for men, women and children are needed.



Life Line Screening offered at FFUMC

Preventive steps can lead toward staying healthy and active. Discover important information about your body affordably through Life Line Screening. This group will offer screening packages in the FFUMC Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. [Get more information here](#) or call 888-653-6450 for more information and to register.



VBS IS FULL June 28—July 2

We have reached capacity for students for VBS. If you would like to be placed on a VBS waiting list, please contact Rev. Carson Thaxton at cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com.

Volunteer a day or two or all week at VBS: [Click here for volunteer registration](#)

Interested in volunteering? We would love for you to support this ministry for children and their families by serving at VBS. There are many ways to volunteer at VBS this year to fit your schedule, physical ability, and area of interest. Above all else, please pray for everyone involved in VBS this year as we learn to put on the armor of God and walk in the way of Jesus.



Many Mini Missions for Youth July 12 -16

[Registration deadline: June 25](#)

One mission or educational project each day in the local community

Ready to GO out and serve others? God invites you, yes YOU, to partner with God in God's kingdom work here on earth. Join us in our Many Mini Missions Week this July! You can come all days or as many as you can make it. We'll have worship together before heading out into the community to

serve and be in relationship with our neighbors. Then, we'll come back to debrief and discuss our experiences together. And who knows, maybe we'll even grab some ice cream one, two, or maybe all days afterwards!! Full details and tentative schedule in registration link. Mission projects will be announced once they're finalized.

IN BRIEF



College Sunday School

Come and join other college-aged young adults on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in room C-200 beginning this Sunday, May 30.



Couch 2 5K Celebration

June 19, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
Lake Horton



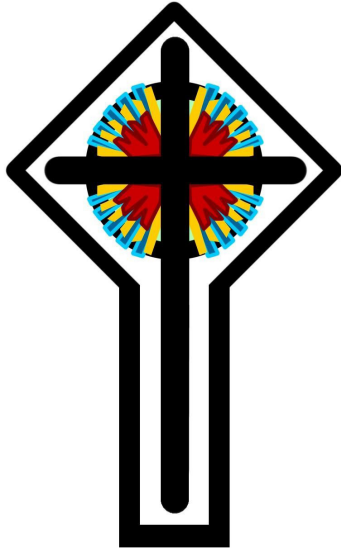
Next FFUMC Blood Drive

July 18, 2021



Rise Against Hunger: Save the Date!

August 22: 1 - 3 p.m.



May 26, 2021 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$ 501,672.47
Year to Date expenses	\$ 445,748.17
Difference	\$ 55,924.30

Benevolence

Received this week \$4,645.00

40 families assisted in 2021 for a total of \$14,722.42

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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