



## The Weekender

### What lies ahead

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)*

Do you ever just wish you could forget the past? Do you often think that it would be easier to move on if we didn't have the memories that held us back? I wonder, then, why so much time is spent trying to recreate what was. Why do I want to go back to a simpler time?

Paul calls us to press on not for ourselves but for the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Perhaps we spend so much emotional energy trying to go back because we forget what is before us. God has something greater for us. God's blessings are in front of us, if we would have the courage to proceed in faith.

I am honored that tomorrow the appointments for clergy in the North Georgia annual conference will be fixed by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson. My family and I are delighted to be "returning" to Fayetteville First to begin our third year here together in ministry.

There are certainly things that I want to forget about these past 15 months or so. However, I do not believe that we are to forget. We are to remember because that past made us who we are. We are not to remember too long, pining for simpler days. We are to remember to give thanks for what lies ahead.

Life brings about many changes. We are invited to move through those changes, to press on, and to follow the course in faith. May we all press on toward the calling of God in Christ Jesus now and ever more.



**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 6, 2021, 11 a.m.**

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

***Trying to be like Jesus***

***Mark 3:20-35***

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# CURRENT NEWS



## Informed & Inspired joins The Weekender

Our regular Tuesday publication *Informed & Inspired* is now included in The Weekender. Read all the **INFORMATION** about what's happening and be *inspired* by your church family each week in The Weekender.



## Let's build a good wall tomorrow!

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](mailto:timaycock@gmail.com).

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



## Recognition on Father's Day

Mary Martha Hope and Tabitha Circles of Fayetteville First United Methodist Women are happy to offer a way to honor your fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, foster dads, uncles, brothers or those men who have stepped in to take care of and play a fatherly role for children who are not their own. When you make a donation to the UMW Father's Day Fund your loved one's name will be included in a special bulletin insert. If the honorees are unable to attend church in person, an insert can be sent directly to them.

The proceeds of UMW Father's Day Fund will be given as a gift to support United Methodist Women ministries around the world and also to Square Foot Ministries here in Fayetteville. Expressing your love and admiration to the "fathers" in your life will be far reaching when you honor them with a donation to the UMW Father's Day Fund. A collection envelope and form will be provided in the June 13 Order of Worship or [you may print your own from this link](#). [Please make checks payable to UMW and mark "UMW Father's Day Fund" in the memo.](#) Cash is also accepted. Forms may be placed in the offering baskets or the church office.



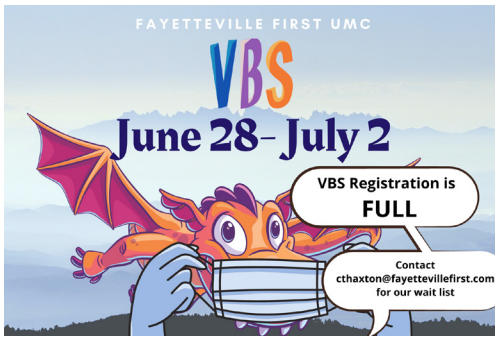
## Summer Lunch Program begins next Tuesday, June 8

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.



## 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](mailto: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.

### VBS Worship Team Invitation

As we gear up for VBS: Knights of North Castle, we have an exciting opportunity.

Want to be part of the VBS Stage Team by joining the VBS Worship Team? Kids, youth, adults, from rising 3rd grade and older are invited to participate. This worship team will learn the VBS songs and motions early to help lead all the campers during the week in VBS assembly times.

We will have three rehearsals leading up to the big week.

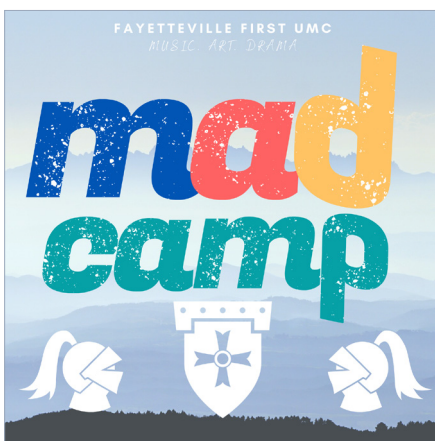
Wednesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We will meet in the Sanctuary and also utilize the Kids Gathering Room next to chapel where VBS Music Rotation will be located. We ask that you try to make at least two of these rehearsals if possible.

If this is something you, your child, or youth would be interested in, please [email Rev. Carson Thaxton](mailto:cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com) so we can arrange to get you the VBS music even before the first rehearsal to get started. Thank you!



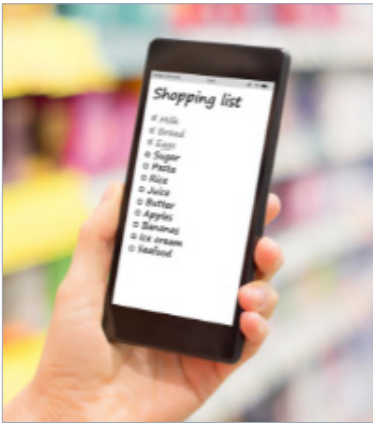
### M.A.D. Camp: MADieval Times Music, Art, and Drama Camp July 12—16 [Registration open now. Click here!](#)

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.



### Summer Table Group starts Tuesday, June 8 6 p.m. at Gremlin Growlers

Join for one day or make all four of this four-week long Table Group. Together we will dig a little deeper in our faith journey and meet new friends. No need to register - just drop in when you can on June 8, 15, 22, and 29. Contact Rev. Lawrence at [alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com) with questions.



## 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.



## 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. 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.



### 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.



### Pilates offered through June 18

Join Faye Livingston for pilates sessions 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.](#)





## Children and Family Ministry Announcements

### Outdoor Movie Night: Friday, June 11

The Field at FFUMC opens at 8 p.m.

Movie "The Princess Bride" begins at sunset.

### The Monthly Lifeline: June edition is out

See what all is happening for children and families this month. [See the monthly newsletter here.](#)

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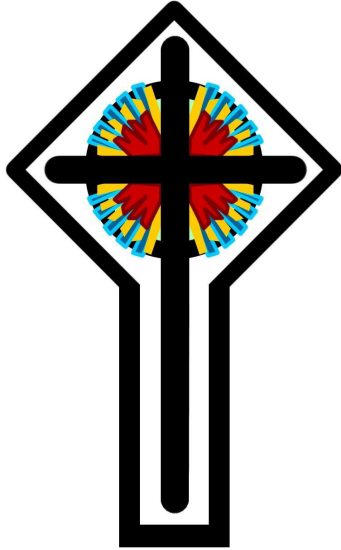
## Taking a look at a good year in Children and Family Ministry

What an amazing year we had in spite of the Covid Chaos. We are so grateful for the times and fun we had together even during the midst of a pandemic. Our God is truly awesome in power and always at work within us. Spread Joy ... Spread Love, not Covid. Happy Summer!

— Rev. Carson Thaxton & Allie Hansen

[Click here to view the video on our YouTube Channel](#) (Fayetteville First UMC - Fayetteville, GA) or go to our website at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com).





## June 2, 2021 Financials

### Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$ 523,641.37
Year to Date expenses	\$ 484,829.80
Difference	\$ 38,811.57

### Benevolence

Received this week \$289.00

42 families assisted in 2021 for a total of \$15,627.42

### 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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