



April 15, 2022

The Weekender

Maybe...

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

Maybe it was our four year old giggling uncontrollably as she took communion this week with her sister encouraging her on.

Maybe it was watching members of the church kneel at the altar in reverence and worship after communion.

Maybe it was the uplifting music that surrounded our sanctuary and chapel and reminded us of Jesus entering the holy city of Jerusalem.

Maybe it was the spirit in the air at the 11 o'clock service where children were bouncing in their seats in anticipation of the Egg hunt in the Field.

Maybe it was welcoming new members into the life of the church.

Maybe it was something else, but this past Sunday was something else. It was reverent. It was fun. It was good.

I did not know what to expect (and after these last few years of the pandemic who really knows what to expect anymore). But my expectations were met and more not because of all the "maybes" listed above, but because of the truth we proclaim every day: God is with us.

What are the "maybes" you carry into Easter? Maybe you, like those who went to the tomb that first Easter, aren't really expecting much. Maybe you, because you know how the story ends, know that we have great expectations for what God has done and what God can do in our lives. Maybe, if we pay attention, we might see that God is writing the greatest story ever told every day of our lives.

"Maybe" is not a theological category. But maybe it should be. May we all be filled with the love and hope of the resurrected Christ Jesus this Easter Sunday and ever more.



Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.

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

1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

In the Garden

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

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Let's Celebrate! Easter Sunday Schedule

Sunrise Service

The Field 6:45 AM Bring your own chair

Sunrise Breakfast

Gym 7:30 AM Bring a breakfast dish to share

Worship in Sanctuary

8:45 AM, 11:00 AM

Lenten Offering: You are invited to place your Lenten Offering on the chancel rail Easter morning. This year's collection will benefit our Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event later this year.

Decorate the Easter Cross: If you can, bring flowers to decorate the courtyard cross on Easter Sunday. Be sure to bring your camera, too!



Meal WITH A Mission

Meal with a Mission Event: Wednesday, April 20

Let's eat!!! and help youth prepare for missions. A **Meal with a Mission** Event brings us together for good food and an opportunity to learn more about the youth summer mission adventure. Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner next Wednesday, April 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the gym while eager participants share what they are planning and how you can pray for them. [Reservations for the FREE meal are appreciated \(click here\)](#) to help us plan but are not required. Donations for the meal will be accepted and will go toward the trip costs. *Hear about this and other donation opportunities during announcements this Sunday, including Nuts! for Missions, an April 23 Earth Day event, and bond certificates..*



Brown Bag with Thomas

Brown bag with Thomas returns on Wednesday, April 27. Bring your lunch and questions to the Fellowship Hall at noon as we hear updates about our facilities, Fellowship Hall Renovations, music program, and vision for the church. All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin, tmartin@fayettevillefirst.com.



High School Beach Retreat: Sign up by Today: April 15

FFUMC Youth is headed back to the beach June 3-6 for the annual high school beach retreat! Youth will engage in community building activities, devotional time, and more. This retreat is for youth who will have recently completed 9th-12th grade as of June 2022. Deadline to sign up is April 15. [Be sure to secure your spot soon, as there are limited spots available.](#) Use these codes as you need them: GRACE 50% off, LOVE 100% off.



Graduation time is approaching

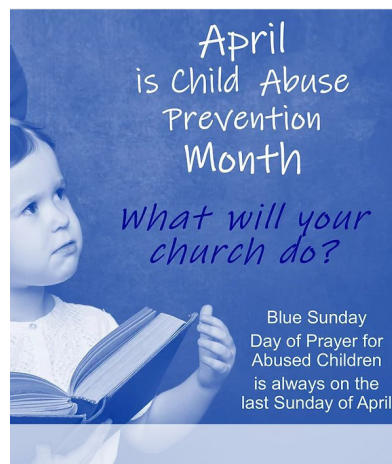
We want to honor all our high school, college and graduate school graduates and celebrate! Our annual graduation publication is being prepared, so we need to hear from you and your loved ones. Send the following information to Joan Aycok, jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com, by **April 30**.

Name of Graduate to be printed

School Name and Degree Name

Plans after graduation if known

Photo



Child Abuse Prevention and Blue Sunday, April 24

April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention month. Would you like to join in prayer for children who are abused and be part of the solution to provide care? You are invited to join with the South West District of United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) for a 30 minute virtual praise and prayer time on Blue Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m. Blue Sunday is a Day of Prayer when churches and groups all over the nation will be in prayer for the victims of child abuse.

For zoom info contact Kathie Hansen at hansen.kathie@comcast.net.

For more information about Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer go to bluesunday.org.



Create Camp: [Sign ups open tomorrow, April 16](#)

Ready to get creative this summer? Children in grades 3-6 will dive deeper into the lessons and adventures of our VBS Bible stories as they explore ways to develop their own personal leadership skills. Campers will learn music and dances, learn how to create and build set designs, as well as participate in traditional camp crafts and games. June 20-24. \$10/camper



Summer Lunch Program begins in June

In just a few weeks, our Summer Lunch Program will swing into action to provide 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 during June and July and delivering them afterward.

Packers and drivers are needed.

To participate, contact this year's coordinator, Virginia Pope, at vgail.pope@gmail.com.



Needs from Summer Lunch families

REQUESTS: Refrigerator

Six refrigerators have been donated. Thanks! Two more needed

Families who are in the Summer Lunch Program have some specific needs. Can you help? If you have what is listed or other items 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.



Vacation Bible School registration opens April 16

Join the VBS fun! From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories. July 11-15.

[Rising PK3-Rising 6th for Fall 2022. After June 30: \\$10/child.](#)



Recycle at City Center Park: Saturday, May 7

Do you have some hard to recycle items? Let's take care of the earth and dispose of them usefully at City Center Park on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Your FFUMC Green Team will be there to help out! Questions? Contact Tami Kemberling, tamidale57@gmail.com.

Here's what to bring:

- Electronics
- Glass
- Aluminum



Pill bottles go to Good Shepherd Clinic

The South West District UMW is collecting pill bottles for the Good Shepherd Clinic, a free medical clinic in Morrow. You are invited to donate empty pill containers in the labeled box located in the cabinet in the portal hall behind the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Cindy Hall at harvecin@charter.net or 678-656-4117.

With Gratitude



Words cannot express how grateful I am to the Square Foot Ministry, the Flower Ministry and the children who came to sing to me at Christmas. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family. — Doris Kerlin



Welcome, New Members

We look forward to getting to know you at Fayetteville First UMC!

Barbara Holverson
Sharon Young

inspired ...

Reverent, fun, and good

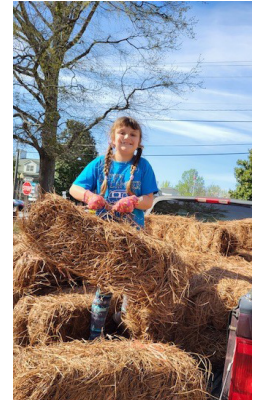
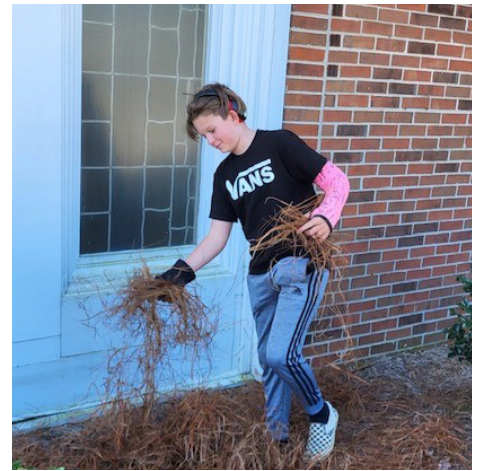
Maybe these photos will help us remember the joy of Palm Sunday and live into the prayer expressed in this week's opening article:

*May we all be filled with the love and hope of the resurrected Christ Jesus
this Easter Sunday and ever more.*



We appreciate you!

Thank you to the crew of volunteers who prepared the church grounds for Holy Week. The FFUMC campus really looks great.



April 13, 2022 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$380,215.39
Year to Date expenses	\$357,898.45
Difference	\$22,316.94

Benevolence

Received this week \$2,786.00
36 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$11,558.62

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.

Regular Church Office Hours:

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

Closed Fridays

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AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM;
Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

