



May 27, 2022

The Weekender

Generosity and love continue in Edward N. Travis Scholarship

We celebrated all our graduates last Sunday and remember these words from the United Methodist Book of Worship: "We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way." That support comes not only from those active in the church today, but also from pillars who laid firm foundations here long ago.

One such community pillar was Edward Travis. For 30 years he operated Travis Hardware on the square in downtown Fayetteville. Known throughout the community for his kind and gentle spirit, he took a genuine interest in others, warmly welcoming children visiting the store and lending a helping hand or assistance to those who needed it. The honors Mr. Travis received included being named Fayette County Kiwanis Man of the Year in 1961, Fayette County Citizen of the Year in 1968, and Business Person of the Year in 1982. He received the James E. West Fellowship Award in 1998 by the Kiwanis Club at the 50th celebration of Boy Scout Troop 71, the oldest troop in the county. Mr. Travis was a member of the Fayetteville Masonic Lodge #711 and belonged to the Fayette County Kiwanis for more than 55 years.

A lifelong member of Fayetteville First UMC and part of the Fellowship-Discipleship Class, Mr. Travis loved his community, his church, his family and friends, and certainly the young people of this community and church. In 1991, Ed Travis and his wife, Shelby, started the Edward N. Travis Scholarship Foundation Fund, providing scholarships for further education to seniors at Fayette County High School. In 2007, they turned the foundation funds over to the Board of Trustees of FFUMC to award a scholarship to a senior who is an active member of FFUMC, with the first award presented in 2008.

On behalf of the Travis family, the Board of Trustees, and the entire church family, Kathe Anderson, Trustee Chair, announces that the recipient of the 2022 Edward N. Travis Scholarship is Ellie Kalafut.

Ellie is graduating from Whitewater High School. She and her family have been active at FFUMC since making this their church home when Ellie was in 5th grade. Assuming leadership roles in the youth group and assisting in worship music, she has shared her love for Christ and her passion for ministry. An honors student, Ellie served as class president all four years of high school. In addition, she shared her talent in musical theatre in numerous school productions and was featured in choral presentations. Ellie embarks on her next adventure this fall as she heads to Texas A&M to pursue a major in Industrial Distribution. We extend our prayers and blessings to Ellie.

Ellie shares this message with her church family: *"I just want to thank this church for everything it has done for me. It is an honor to be this year's recipient, especially knowing the hearts of the girls I am graduating with. FFUMC has provided me with a church home for over 8 years and a strong faith I can carry with me into my next chapter. I will forever be thankful for my FFUMC family!"*





Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

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

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

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Keep Them Coming Back

Rev. Joe Watson

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New Bible Study with Rev. Thomas meets in chapel

Join Rev. Thomas in the chapel during the Sunday School hour as we look at the practices that make up our faith, our prayer life, our study and use of scripture, and our walk with God. **The study will begin June 5 and meet through July 31.** We will be using the book, "Everyday Contemplative: A Way of Prayerful Living." Through this eight week study (skipping Sunday, July 3), we will focus on the ways that we can practice our faith in our daily lives. [Link to purchase the book through Amazon.](#)



Time to share cookies for summer lunch

Our Summer Lunch Program will swing into action to provide food stability for many families in Fayette County beginning June 7. We will be packing lunches at 9:30 each Tuesday during June and July and delivering them afterward.

You are invited to help be a packer or driver. Also needed are cookies: either homemade or store-bought (no nuts, please). If store-bought, one suggestion is Fig Newtons. These should be marked for "Summer Lunch" and delivered to the gym kitchen. Weekly packers will place them in appropriate servings, so there's no need to individually package them. *To participate, contact this year's coordinator, Virginia Pope, at vgail.pope@gmail.com.*



SAGE heads to The Swan House on July 21

Take a trip to Atlanta for a nice lunch with friends (and potential access to nearby attractions) on Thursday, July 21. Senior Adults Going Everywhere will leave the church office lot at 9:30 a.m. A limited number of reservations are available on a first-come basis. Contact Dian in the church office to be placed on the list. Cost: \$5 transportation plus lunch (Lunch details will be announced soon.)



Create Camp: [Sign ups now open](#)

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



Vacation Bible School registration now open

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.](#)



Food donation needs

Thanks for helping others! Donations for Fayette Samaritans, our community food pantry and clothes closet, may be placed in the hallway cart near the gym (new location) or dropped by the church office.

Most Needed in May (but all donations are welcome and appreciated):

Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Corn, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper, Feminine Products

Clothes Closet Needs: All sizes women's underwear, especially large



Brown Bag with Thomas Wednesday, June 1

Bring a lunch and your questions to the gym at noon on Wednesday, June 1, for another Brown Bag with Thomas session. All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin, tmartin@fayettevillefirst.com.



FFUMC leads Azalea Estates Worship, 10 a.m., May 29

You are invited to greet residents and worship at Azalea Estates, a local assisted-living facility, this Sunday, May 29, at 10 a.m. Rev. Allyson Lawrence and Mr. Bill Webb will lead the service. Hope you will join us as we worship together. To better protect the residents of Azalea Estates, the facility is only open to fully vaccinated visitors who wear masks during their visit.



Missions: Ready to serve?

The Missions Committee met recently for an informational meeting to talk about current missions and suggest some new ideas for missions that we can include in our missions program.

Soon we hope to present some of our missions activities in the newsletter and/or during the Sunday services. Are you interested in missions? Please let us know! Contact Suzie Lusk, Missions Chair, 678-333-5386.

Ask Suzie Lusk, Missions Chair, about opportunities for outreach.

UMW Marie Lamb Circle Sponsors Christmas Shoe Box Drive

The Marie Lamb Circle hopes to make 100 children very happy at Christmas this year. We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoe Box project in cooperation with the United Methodist Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur AL ([Shoe Box Ministry. umdisasterwarehouse.com](http://ShoeBoxMinistry.umdisasterwarehouse.com)). This ministry targets children ages 2-12 in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

[Click here to access the list of required \(and prohibited\)](#) items and extra items as space permits. [This size chart may also help.](#) These boxes can be filled at a cost of \$17-22 plus \$5 to cover shipping costs out of the country.



How can you or your small group help?

- Download the list of items to purchase, the size chart, and these instructions.
- Decide what size(s) you want to focus on.
- Decide how many boxes you or your small group can make (please do both boys and girls). Boxes are available in the church office or from Maggie Clarke.
- Purchase items, place them in a Zip-Loc or other bag, and place bag in the donation bin outside the gym or return to the church office. Include a check for \$5 made payable to the church for each box. Be sure to write "Shoeboxes" on the memo line.
- To donate money, toward either the contents or the shipping cost, contact Maggie Clarke, mwclarke195@gmail.com, 404-395-8161.

Members of the Marie Lamb Circle will verify the contents, pack the boxes, and insert the Nativity coloring book provided by the warehouse. All purchased items must be turned in by **July 4, 2022**, so that we can deliver the completed boxes to the warehouse the first week of August.



Financial Awareness Class for Newly Graduated Seniors and College-Aged Adults

Join this four-week series, led by Rev. Allyson Lawrence, to learn the basics of budgeting, planning, spending, and credit cards. The foundational material for this series is derived from the Saving Grace series available through Cokesbury. There is no cost for this class and materials will be provided. The dates are June 22, 29, July 6, and July 13 starting at 5 p.m. each day.

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Graduates sent with with blessing

Graduation Sunday on May 22 offered a special celebration to honor our high school and college graduates. After processing in their regalia before the church and worshipping with the congregation, graduates were celebrated by the United Women in Faith with a donation to mission in each graduate's honor presented by Christie Burton. The choir followed with a choral benediction of *A Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter. A churchwide lunch offered celebration time with graduates and their families along with the announcement of the 2022 Edward N. Travis Scholarship recipient, Ellie Kalafut, by Trustee Chair Kathe Anderson.

Did you miss it? Catch these highlights, and be sure to celebrate all our graduates and keep them in your prayers as they move to new adventures.

[Graduation Celebration honoring Class of 2022](#)

[Graduation Service: May 22, 2022](#)

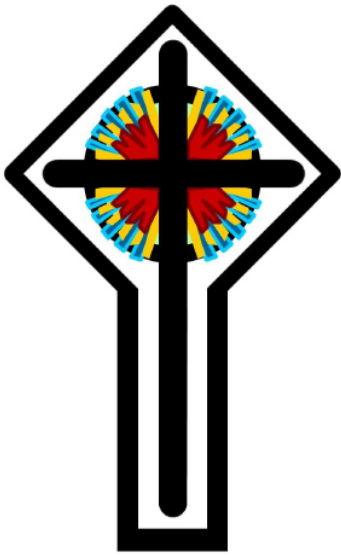


2022 High School Graduates: Ellie Kalafut, Jillian Schartle, Madison Hasty, Jadyn Lawrence



Thank you, Flower Ministry

Dear Flower Ministry: Through your wonderful craft, I am able to see the beauty of God's creation. Thanks so much for your flower arrangement for my home. The creation speaks of God's love with no words at all. Grace and peace to you.
— Jane Gough



May 18, 2022 Financials

(updated financials will be included next week)

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$505,366.94
Year to Date expenses	\$466,818.41
Difference	\$38,548.53

Benevolence

Received this week \$1066.00

46 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$15,066.06

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



The church office will be closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 30