



July 29, 2022

## The Weekender

### How much is enough?

Dr. Thomas Martin

In Luke's gospel, Jesus tells a story of a man who was very successful. He had a great yield of abundance in his grain. But his only problem was that he did not have big enough grain silos to store all his wealth. So he went and tore down his grain silos and built bigger ones. He rested. He celebrated himself. Then God came to this man in the parable (I'm going to have to check because I'm not sure that God actually appears in any other of Jesus' parables) and says, "You fool. You can't take it with you."



Jesus told this parable when two sons came to him and asked Jesus to be the arbitrator of their father's will. Jesus, in telling this parable, was trying to teach these sons a lesson: focus on the things that provide you with what you need, not what you want.

Sometimes it is hard to discern between the things that we want versus the things that we need. It's so easy to deceive ourselves into thinking that the things that we want are a priority and gloss over the things that we need.

I feel that there is never enough. Never enough time. Never enough to show for my time. Never enough produced by my time. Yet I am reminded of the Psalm which tells us, "Peace, be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Do we search for God in what we want or do we rest in God's presence with what we need?

Granted, I'm talking about material stuff. Peace is something that we want and that we need. Wholeness is something that we want and something that we need. Those are gifts from God. But so is everything that we have. The question for us to ponder this week in worship as it relates to our stuff, is "How much is enough?" I look forward to worshiping with you this Sunday.



### Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2022

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

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

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

***An Abundant Inheritance***

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

## CURRENT NEWS



### Back to School Blessing this Sunday: July 31

We are grateful for all the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, faculty members, facility, cafeteria, and after school staff members who work hard to make sure the children in our community have a safe, clean and excellent place to learn. If you are associated with the schools (public, private, or post-secondary level) in any way – student through employee – join us in worship **July 31 at 11 a.m. for our Back to School Blessing**. Bring an item for us to pray over, lay it down at the prayer rail and receive a prayer of blessing as you begin the new year. Also, before you leave that day we have a special gift for you to remind you that you are loved.



### Fearless Dialogues - Diving Deeper A Conversation on Racial Justice and Healing District-wide meeting with Rev. Brian Tillman at FFUMC

In a third session, Rev. Brian Tillman, Conference Director of Inclusion and Advocacy, will lead participants in considering concrete steps as we lead our congregations and communities toward racial healing and reconciliation. You do not have to have participated in the first two sessions to take part in this event. Register by calling or emailing the SouthWest District Office (770-227-1074 or [southwest@ngumc.net](mailto:southwest@ngumc.net)) by August 3. This event will be hosted by Fayetteville First UMC on Saturday, August 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Today is last day to register for "Let's Do Lunch"

**Today, July 29, is your last day to reserve a seat for you and your guests** for "Let's Do Lunch," a special event for women on Saturday, August 13. Remember to bring some friends, neighbors and family with you. Participants will enjoy a Chicken Caesar Salad for lunch, as well as the chance to browse all the uniquely decorated tables in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall.

We are delighted to have Debbie Walker as our special guest. You will be blessed to hear her inspirational story. She will also delight us with her beautiful voice, accompanied by Penny Brown.

This event is FREE, but reservations are required. Choose one of these easy ways to make your reservation. You may make reservations for you and your friends at the same time.

1. **Online:** [Click this reservation link](#), fill in the form and press "Submit."
2. **Email:** Send an email to Nancy Dennis at [sewpar21@gmail.com](mailto:sewpar21@gmail.com) with your name, email address, phone number, and the names of anyone coming with you.
3. **Phone:** Call the church office at 770-461-4313.

If you made a reservation but can no longer attend, please be sure to contact Nancy Dennis to cancel.



## Kick Ball Kick Off Cook Out: Eat. Play. Spectate. August 7

Our entire church family is invited to participate in our Kick Ball Kick Off Cook Out on Sunday, August 7 at 4:30 p.m. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, yummy desserts and a friendly, fun-filled kick ball game on The Field. Come to eat. Come to play. Come to spectate. We have something for everyone! Come be family together as we kickoff a new season of fellowship.



### Got vases? We need them!

The Flower Ministry Team has been busy spreading love and encouragement to our church family and community. Can you share some vases to help them in their work?

Small and medium-size vases needed (No bud vases, please)

Any wired ribbon

Drop off donations on Flower Ministry cart in gym kitchen

Thanks for your help. Want to participate more? You can help arrange or deliver flowers as part of the team. Contact Marilyn Harris, 770-313-4646 or [elegmimi52@gmail.com](mailto:elegmimi52@gmail.com), for details.



## Register now for meal packing event on August 21

You're invited to help fight hunger by preparing highly nutritious, dehydrated meals for use in crisis areas or school feeding programs around the world at the Rise Against Hunger Packing Event on August 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fayetteville First UMC gym.

### What can you do?

[Sign up online for the packing event with Rise Against Hunger.](#)

Donate funds to pay for meals. Our packing event will prepare 30,000 meals (Cost of \$11,409.12 has been paid to RAH. We want to replenish our mission accounts here at FFUMC). Mark check or [online donations given to FFUMC](#) for the event as "Rise Against Hunger."

Fill a table with friends and family! Invite others to join you in this effort for two-hours of packing fun!

Want to be part of a pre-event lunch? We will enjoy a prebagged light lunch. Contact the church office, [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com) or 770-461-4313, to reserve lunches for you, your packing group, and your family by August 15. We'll move from the Fellowship Hall lunch at noon to the packing event at 1 p.m. Questions? Contact Suzie Lusk, [suzielusk49@gmail.com](mailto:suzielusk49@gmail.com) or text 678-333-5386. A nursery will be available with reservation by August 15: contact the church office.

***All ages (from 4 years up) can help! Label bags, fill meal packets, seal, box — There is a job for you!***







## Fayette Samaritans list

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 or dropped by the church office.

### ***Most Needed (but all donations are welcome and appreciated):***

*Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Laundry Detergent, Cookies, Pop Tarts, Ketchup, Mustard, Shampoo*

*Clothes Closet Needs: Women's underwear size extra large and all sizes of men's boxer shorts*



## Movin' On Up! Promotion Sunday, August 7

Sunday, August 7 is promotion Sunday and the day that we celebrate our rising 2nd graders by giving them a Bible of their very own. [Please let us know if you have a second grader in your household by filling out this simple form.](#) Then, be sure to join us in worship August 7 at 11 a.m. so we, as members of Fayetteville FUMC, can honor your student as they continue along their own personal journey of faith.



## Can you share a little extra?

Many in our community are facing some bumps in their road and find a need for financial assistance. Our dedicated Benevolence Committee coordinates with Fayette Samaritans, The Real Life Center, and St. Vincent de Paul to vet the needs and share resources.

You can support this ministry any time by designating "Benevolence" on your check or online gift. Also, when we share communion, usually on the first Sunday of each month, gifts for Benevolence Fund may be left at the altar rail. Thanks for reaching out to others as you can.



## SAGE Trip, anyone?

Our Senior Adults Going Everywhere (SAGE) are ready for an August adventure!

**Where:** Nic & Norman's in Senoia for lunch and Gregg's Peach Orchard after

**When:** Thursday, August 11, leaving church office parking lot at 11 a.m.

**Reservations:** Call the church office by Tuesday, August 9 (770-461-4313)

**Questions:** Contact Joe Watson, [jwatson@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jwatson@fayettevillefirst.com)



## Thank you, Flower Ministry

*Thank you very much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers you brought me this past Monday. You sure know how to perk an old fellow up. I appreciate your kindness very much. — James Watkins*



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## Feeding our community: Summer Lunch 2022

During June and July volunteers gathered to pack lunches for families in our community who may have experienced food scarcity this summer while school was out. What happened?

About 260 sandwiches made each week

About 218 lunches packed every week

Weekly deliveries were made on 8 routes

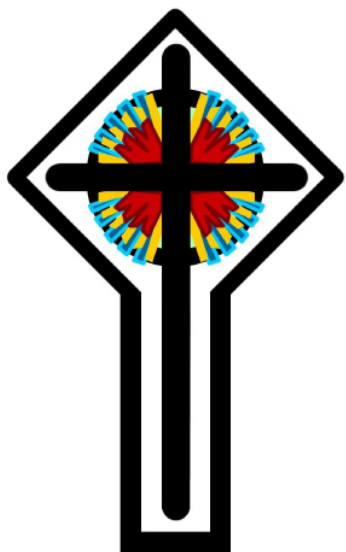
25 volunteers helped each week

Church family and friends provided cookies and fruit

Volunteers from FFUMC, Southside, Providence UMC, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and others participated

This year's Summer Lunch coordinators want to thank all those helped throughout the summer. You made a difference in our community!





## July 27, 2022 Financials

### Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$707,713.68
Year to Date expenses	\$716,955.24
Difference	-\$9,241.56

### Benevolence

Received this week \$241.00

65 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$22,168.62

### 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