



August 12, 2022

## The Weekender

### Hearing versus listening

Dr. Thomas Martin

“Don’t forget your coat.” “Don’t cross your eyes.” “Always wash your hands before you eat.” “Look both ways before crossing the street.”

There are things we say to our kids (and I remember my parents saying these to me) that we want them to follow and obey. It’s not that we are seeking obedience alone. It’s that there is something deeper at work. “Don’t forget your coat because it’s cold out there and we don’t want you to get wet or sick.” “Don’t cross your eyes because they’ll get stuck like that” (I actually left my eyes crossed for too long as a small child and they didn’t exactly get stuck permanently, but they did stay in that position for longer than was comfortable). “Always wash your hands before you eat because it helps keep you from getting sick.” “Look both ways before crossing the street so you don’t get hit or hurt.”



Oftentimes, we give instructions without explanation. Sometimes, even Jesus gives us instructions without explanation. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Why Jesus? “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might and with all your strength.” Why Jesus? “Cast aside your nets and follow me.” Why Jesus?

Jesus is good about giving us instructions but not explanations.

Then Jesus says difficult things like, “Those who do not sell all their possessions and give the money away cannot be my disciple.” Why Jesus? “Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Why Jesus?

Jesus gives us his words because Jesus is the Word made flesh. He gives us rules but not always explanations. We can hear Jesus, but to listen to him means that we seek a deeper understanding. Just like we hope our kids hear us when we give instructions, we want them to listen so that there is a deeper understanding. I don’t think that Jesus is calling us to bring division. I think Jesus is saying that he, himself, will be divisive. When we hear the hard words of Jesus, we must also listen for the Holy Spirit to interpret how we act so we live in a way that not only hears Jesus calling, but listens to the very Word made flesh.



### Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2022

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

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

Hebrews 12:1-2 and Luke 12:49-56

**Family Values**

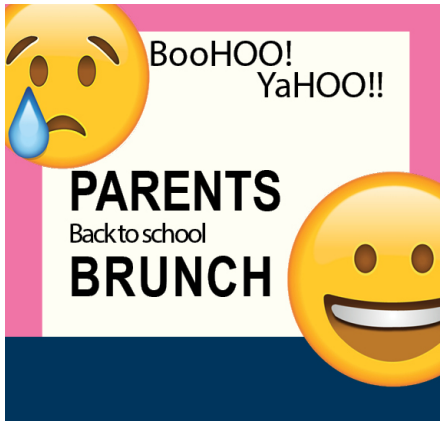
Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

## CURRENT NEWS



### New classes begin August 15

GriefShare is a program where caring individuals walk with others through the journey of grief. Facilitated by Carol and Bill Webb, classes meet Mondays August 15 through November 14 for a 13-week session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Room B350. (No class on Labor Day). All are welcome. For more information on the program or to sign up, contact the Webbs at 404-234-1056 or visit [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org).



### BooHOO! YaHOO! August 15 at 9 a.m.

How does the start of school find you? We're here for you either way! Put your feet up, enjoy breakfast and share back-to-school BooHOO! and YaHOO! moments with other parents or just sit in silence in a space where no one needs anything. We'll have tissues, food, and smiles in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 15, from 9 to 10 a.m. Contact [Rev. Allyson Lawrence](#) for more information.



### Rise Against Hunger: Only 1 week away: August 21

Invite a friend to help you and come 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!***





## 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? **Gather what you can from your home stash or pick up some from a thrift or dollar store.** As long as they are clean, they'll work just fine!

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.



## End of Summer, School's a Bummer Youth Lake Day

### August 27

Youth are invited to join FFUMC Youth on the lake for a last summer hurrah before we welcome fall. This event on August 27 is free for youth, but **sign up is required to go**, as there are limited spots available. [Click this link to sign up.](#)



Needs List

## 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. **Please donate only new, unopened items.**

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

*Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joe), Pasta Sauce, Jellies and Jams, Peanut Butter, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Juice, Canned Fruits, Dried Beans, Boxed Potatoes, Rice, Canned Vegetables, and Soup*

*Clothes Closet Needs: Socks for girls and women, any children's clothing, ladies small underwear*



## Titus II Returns on September 6, Noon

It's time to gather again for Titus II. Come enjoy a meal together (\$8.00) in the gym and a musical program by Danny Beck and Bill Webb. Reservations should be made by calling Martha Turner (770-461-2802) by noon on Thursday, September 1. We look to meeting together once again!



## Handy helper needed

Are you a little bit handy? We could use you! We need new stands to hold our signs. Our current stands are made of old coffee cans and a bit of concrete with a short PVC pipe in the bottom. Can you help? If you are interested in knowing more about how we could use your help to refurbish our stands please contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at [alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com).



## Youth Mission Trip Thank You Lunch September 11, 12:30-2 p.m. in The Foundry

Did you support the youth summer mission trips financially and/or prayerfully? We want to thank you for your kind contributions and support! Join mission trip participants in conversation and ask us your questions as we share more about our stories and experiences while having lunch together. [RSVP is not required, but appreciated \(click here\).](#)



**Wednesdays  
LIGHT UP  
beginning  
September 7!**

## Coming soon ... Wednesdays at FFUMC!

It's coming soon ... Wednesday night opportunities begin September 7. Watch for details soon! *Nursery is available with reservations (babies through PreK4).* Contact the church office at 770-461-4313.

### **5:30 to 6 PM**

Wednesday Night Supper — You'll love it!

### **5:30 to 7 PM**

Video Game Club: 3rd - 5th Grade

### **6 to 7 PM**

Children's Choir: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Parenting Class: All parents invited

### **6 to 8 PM**

Youth Foundry Fellowship

Christian Believer: Adult study

### **7 to 9 PM**

Chancel Choir Rehearsal



## SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Marketplace is November 5

Get ready to shop for Christmas and help support local non-profits and ministries in our area at the 2022 Christmas Marketplace. Save the date for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 5.



## September 6: Deadline for college addresses

UMW's Bethany Circle is sending Back to School care packages to the undergraduate and graduate college students of our church. To ensure your student receives a package, please share your student's mailing address and cell number (if you would like your student to receive a text that a package has been sent) by Tuesday, September 6. The FFUMC church family is invited to participate in this project! Anyone wishing to take part in or support this effort, please contact Karen Neuner at 404-538-4528 or [neunernotes@gmail.com](mailto:neunernotes@gmail.com).

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## Kick Ball Kick Off Cook Out

Getting back together after the summer break was GREAT! We enjoyed a fun game of kick ball (where everybody is *Number 1*), good conversation and a tasty cook out. Thanks for all the great food you shared ... we enjoyed it all in the cool air of the gym!

### A HUGE thanks to

United Methodist Men — Burgers and Hot Dogs

Children and families — Chips

Youth — Drinks

United Women in Faith — Yummy desserts

Everybody who prepared The Field, set up and cleaned up

**EVERYONE who came for fellowship and connection!**





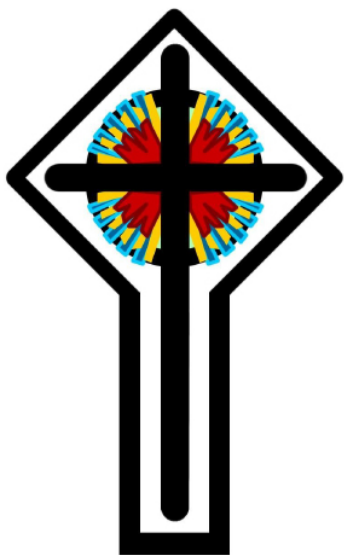
## Thank you

### Flower Ministry:

*The flowers you brought from church are so beautiful! I miss my church friends, fellowship, and "lessons" learned. — Ada Hewell*

### Church Family:

*The family of Thelma McMillan extends our sincere gratitude for all the care and love shown during this difficult time. We appreciate all the many acts of kindness. —Sheryl Collins and entire family*



## August 10, 2022 Financials

### Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$749,015.94
Year to Date expenses	\$772,734.13
Difference	-\$23,718.13

### Benevolence

Received this week \$2,340.00

66 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$22,248.97

### 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

Fayetteville First UMC 175 East Lanier Avenue Fayetteville, GA 30214  
770-461-4313 [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com)

AA Meetings: Sundays 3 PM; Mondays 7 PM;

Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM