



September 16, 2022

## The Weekender

### Better Together

Dr. Thomas Martin

“Where two or more are gathered in my name,  
there I will be also.”

— Matthew 18:19-20

“If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far,  
go together.”

— African Proverb



We are better together. That is not just something we say. It is something we believe. It is scriptural. It is part of our interpretation of our faith. Too often we get tempted to think that by moving quickly we will win. Too often we think that just because we have an answer for everything, we are right. Quickness does not equal winning. Having an answer for everything does not make a person right. Patience is a Christian virtue and it is a fruit of the Spirit. Being together is something that takes effort, commitment, and sacrifice.

We are better together and we will witness that this week in worship. We will have a chance to give to a ministry of our United Methodist Church. Wellroot is a ministry that seeks to place children into safe environments and seeks to get them home. From the Wellroot website:

“Home is a special place. Not just a roof over our head, but a safe, secure, loving environment shared with those we care about most. It might be easy to take this concept for granted, but there are thousands of children and young adults in the foster care system of Georgia who don’t know what a stable home feels like. As an agency of The United Methodist Church in North Georgia, Wellroot Family Services’ programs, Foster Care, Transitional and Independent Living and Family Housing, were designed to change this reality through faith-centered service. With a focus on supporting youth from infancy through early adulthood, we help people reach their God-given potential through the encouragement and love of a healthy home.”

We will also have a chance to hear from the President of United Women in Faith in our church (formally United Methodist Women), Janet Baileys. The mission of that organization is to connect and nurture women so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

These ministries could certainly happen on their own, but united in love, we are able to make more of a difference when we minister in Jesus’ name. This Sunday, we celebrate the good work that we do in Jesus’ name not because we do it alone, but because we do it together.



**15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 18, 2022**

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

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

**Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Luke 16:1-13**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin**

## CURRENT NEWS

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### **Amazing Grace Offering supports children, young adults, and families at Wellroot Family Services**

Your gift to this Sunday's Amazing Grace Offering helps others reach their God-given potential. Wellroot Family Services (formerly The United Methodist Children's Home) provides more loving, compassionate, and nurturing homes through its services which include foster care, transitional and independent living programs, and a multi-faceted family preservation continuum. 100% of your gift goes directly to equip parents, children, teens and their families to make positive changes that last a lifetime. You may give online at [Wellroot.org/amazinggrace](https://www.wellroot.org/amazinggrace) or use the envelope provided in this Sunday's bulletin.



**SafeHouse Outreach**  
*Providing a hand-up not just a hand-out*

### **Serve meal at SafeHouse Outreach**

Want to help serve a meal at SafeHouse? Thursday, September 29, is our next service to the homeless in downtown Atlanta. Contact Randy Riddell, [randyhr8@gmail.com](mailto:randyhr8@gmail.com), for details if you'd like to help prepare food or serve.



### **Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive at FFUMC October 16**

You can help relieve the severe blood shortage by donating at the next American Red Cross Blood drive at FFUMC on October 16 from 8 AM to 1 PM. To reserve a specific donation time and help plan for workers, please schedule at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code FFUMC. For assistance in registering, email [ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com).

A perk is offered for donations at the drive. [Each presenting donor will receive a free \\$5 e-giftcard to a merchant of their choice. Check it out here.](#)

Be sure to note the tips for a successful donation ... and share this invitation with a friend!



## Jump into study opportunities

This is your chance to jump into new study groups this fall.

### Parenting with Mental Health in Mind: Wednesdays, 6 to 7 PM

Parents are invited to their own class while FFUMC KiDS takes care of the kids! Parenting with Mental Health in Mind continues each Wednesday through November. All are welcome any time you can come.

### Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today: Wednesdays, 11 AM to Noon

Adam Hamilton asks: What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules but also a guide to experiencing the good life today? With Rev. Allyson Lawrence explore how these familiar words help us create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, protect us, and guide us each into a deeper relationship with a loving God. 10 week class. [Sign up for Words of Life study here](#)

### Christian Believer: **NEW TIME: Sundays 6 to 8 PM**

Christian Believer is part of the Disciple Bible Studies and focuses on classical teachings of the Christian faith. This 30 week class is for adults of all ages and will be led by Jeff Hansen. [Sign up for Christian Believer here.](#)



## Titus II welcomes The Honorable Judge Thompson October 4

Be informed and encouraged as our own The Honorable Judge Jason Thompson presents the program at our next Titus II. You'll get an update on DUI Court and other initiatives, and maybe a story or two about growing up here at FFUMC! Reserve your meal with Martha Turner by noon on Thursday, September 29, at 770-461-2802. Meal (\$8): Country Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Vegetable, Biscuit, Dessert

*Judge Thompson may have a story to share about Nadine. Let's ask him!*



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*



## Handbell group welcomes you

Bells will be ringing at FFUMC this fall. Do you want to get the details on this group? Contact Judy Hames, [jhames@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhames@bellsouth.net), 770-710-6077, with any questions.



## Register by September 17 for celebration

October 1 marks the 50th annual meeting of the North Georgia United Women in Faith. Join others at Griffin First UMC for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Worship Celebration. Highlights include Word Made Flesh (scripture in word and dance), a message from Dr. Millie Kim, special music from Una Voz (One Voice) and a female choir from Norcross First. Cost: \$20 Lunch and meeting; \$10 Meeting only. [Register by September 17 at https://na.eventscloud.com/709007.](https://na.eventscloud.com/709007)



## Bulloch House SAGE Trip

Senior Adults Going Everywhere will take a trip to the Bulloch House in Warm Springs on Thursday, **September 22 (note date change)**. What does the \$23 cost include? Everything you need for a great day out with friends: transportation, a meal, dessert, and gratuity.

**When:** Thursday, September 22

**Departure from church office:** 10:14 AM!

**Reserve and pay church office:** 770-461-4313



## Fellowship Dinner: Wednesday, September 21

What's for dinner? [Find the weekly menu at FayettevilleFirst.com.](http://FayettevilleFirst.com)

Meals are offered from a local restaurant each week.

**September 21 Meal:** Papa Lou's: Smothered Fried Pork Chop with Gravy, 2 sides: Black-eyed Peas, Green Beans, Fried Okra, and Cornbread/Dinner Roll, Dessert

[Reserve your place here.](#)

## FFUMC KIDS NEWS



## Fall opportunities on Sundays, Wednesdays and more

[Sign up for all children's programs here](#)

**Sunday School — Sunday mornings, 9:45 AM**

**Wonders of Worship — Sunday mornings, 11 AM**

**Club Night — Wednesday nights, 6 - 7 PM**

**Kids Crescendo Music Club, K - 2nd grade**

**Video Game Club and Art Club, 3rd - 5th grade**

**Nursery and playtime — Sundays and Wednesdays**

Movie night, Fall Festival, and more coming in October!

# FFUMC Youth NEWS

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## Middle School / High School Hangouts

Every 1st Sunday of the month, youth will pick where these hangouts are! Meet us out in the community for fun and a deeper dive into what we've been talking about all month at Foundry Fellowship. The first Hangout is Sunday, October 2, from 5-7 PM at the Scarborough Pavillion (135 Rowland Rd, Brooks, GA). This first one will host both middle and high school together before they split off at future hangouts.



## Overnight camping for youth and parents September 24

All youth and their parents are invited on an overnight camping trip to North Georgia. We'll be staying at Cooper Creek Campground (near Suches, GA), with plenty of time for fishing, playing games, hiking as a group to Preacher's Rock, and telling stories around the campfire. It's going to be a great opportunity for building relationships with other youth and parents and spending time out in God's incredible creation as well.

All participants will need to provide their own camping gear (tents, sleeping items, personal coolers, fishing rods, etc.), snacks, and any preferred drinks other than water. FFUMC will provide lunch, dinner, and breakfast at the campsite, along with water and s'mores.

**[Sign up deadline is Friday, September 23 or until all spots are filled.](#)**

\*\*\*This trip is for youth who are 6th-12th grade, their siblings or friends who are also 6th-12th grade, and their parents.



## Early bird registration open for Renovatus

We're headed to Lake Junaluska Camp & Retreat Center for Renovatus 2023 on January 13-16. Lake Junaluska hosts retreat weekends throughout the winter for youth groups across the Southeast. A band and speaker (yet to be announced by Junaluska) will lead us in worship with other church youth groups. PLUS youth will have the opportunity to ski and snowboard. It's a great weekend to connect with God together!

**[Early Bird Registration: Sep 15-Oct 15. \\$190 per youth](#)**

**Regular Registration: Oct 16-Nov 30. \$225 per youth**

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## Fellowship over dinner on Wednesdays

Together is better on Wednesdays, especially if dinner is involved! We meet every week at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall for a meal from a local restaurant. Our rotating menu between Speedi Pig, Georgia Potato Factory, Papa Lou's and Wings & Things offers a variety of good-to-eat food!

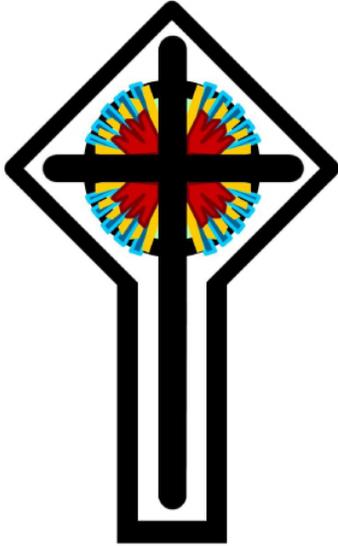
Have you tried it? Just make your reservation by 10 AM on Mondays and you'll be all set. Choose one of these ways to reserve your place:

- Make a permanent reservation. Done!
- Choose specific dates [online at FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com).
- Drop a Fellowship Dinner pew card in the offering plate.
- Call the church office at 770-461-4499.

Check out the [weekly menu at FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com) then come be together for a good meal and good fellowship!



*We serve smiles and good food at Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday evenings. For just a little (\$8 for adults, \$6 for kids) you get a lot! Leave the cooking to someone else and join in!*



## September 14, 2022 Financials

### Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$865,421.98
Year to Date expenses	\$891,111.88
Difference	-\$25,689.90

### Benevolence

Received this month \$1,398.00  
72 families assisted in 2022 for a total of \$23,786.49

### You can continue your financial support in many ways:

Online giving: [Click here.](#)

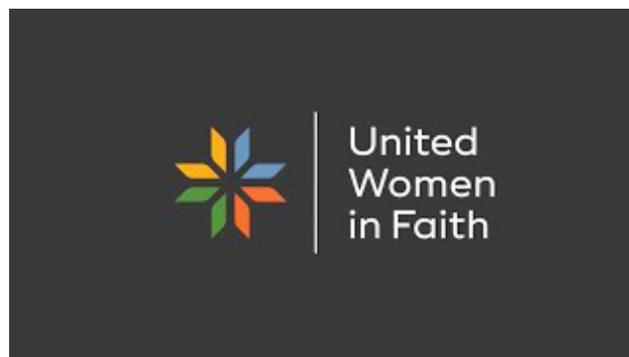
Mail check to church or place it in the drop box at the church office.  
Use electronic funds transfer with your bank.

### 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



Recognizing the contributions of

*United Women in Faith*

Sunday, September 18

8:45 & 11 AM Services

Members are encouraged to wear red