

This October we begin a new series, **Connected**, inspired by Paul’s words in Colossians 1: “In him all things hold together.” Every prayer prayed, every meal carried to a grieving family, every child baptized at our font, every heart in these pews is held together in Christ. **We’re all connected.**

And God is moving through that connection! In the last three years, we’ve celebrated 61 baptisms. Our children’s choirs have grown to 40+ kids, new families are finding a home here almost every month, and friendships in this church feel more like family every week.

We give thanks for these blessings, and we believe God is calling us to keep growing. Last year, the number of households pledging rose from 158 to 210! **As we prepare for 2027, we’re praying toward a bold goal: 225 pledges totaling \$1.5 million.** You can follow our progress on the chart above.

2027
of Pledges

Overall Target

Overall Total

46

20.4%

2027
PLEDGE \$’s

Target Pledge \$’s

Received Pledge \$’s

GOAL \$1,500,000

Received \$386,035

% met of pledge goal 25.7%

 **The below portion of the bulletin is a tear-off giving card.** Drop it in the offering plate any Sunday, or bring it to the altar on Commitment Sunday, October 25. **You can also pledge online using the QR code to the left.** We hope you’ll join us after the 11am worship service on Sunday, October 25, for a churchwide Commitment Sunday Luncheon in the Parish Hall.

May everything God has given us be offered back, holding this church and our community together in Christ.

2027 TEAROFF PLEDGE CARD

I plan to give \$_____ each ☐ Week ☐ Month ☐ Year

for a total 2027 amount of \$_____.

YOUR NAME

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

CITYSTATEZIP

EMAILPHONE #

EVENTS THIS WEEK & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30am | Worship (S)

9:45am | Sunday School

9:45am | Confirmation (AC)

11:00am | Worship (S)

3:00pm | Religion in the Arts (S)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30pm | Joybells (BR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00am | Fun ‘n Frolic (OS)

9:30am | Celebration Singers (CR)

2:30pm | Parkinsons’s Support (M203)

6:30pm | Sabbath Small Group (A212)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00am | UTH Biscuits & Bibles (OS)

9:30am | Women’s Bible Study (AH)

12:00pm | Breaking Bread (GR)

4:30pm | Bellissimo (BR)

5:00pm | Cherub Choir (M202)

5:00pm | Carol Choir (CR)

5:00-6:30pm | PS Fall Festival (PH)

5:05pm | Evening Prayer Service (CH)

6:30pm | Women’s Bible Study (AH)

6:45pm | Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:30pm | UTH Leave-Fall Retreat (YL)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30am | Worship (S)

9:45am | Sunday School

9:45am | Confirmation (AC)

11:00am | Worship (S)

4:30pm | Youth Ensemble (CR)

5:00pm | Youth Choir (CR)

6:00pm | ROOT345* (AH)

*Supper: Corn dogs & tater tots

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:45am | Martha Circle (M200)

4:30pm | Joybells (BR)

5:45pm | Inspirations (CR)

6:00pm | Finance Committee Mtg (AH)

S: Sanctuary | PH: Parish Hall | PS: Preschool

CR: Choir Room | YL: Youth Lounge | OS: Offsite

BR: Bell Room | CH: Chapel | WR: Work Room

AP: Annex Parking | GR: Gathering Room

CW: Children’s Wing | M#: Main Room

A#: Annex Room | AC: Annex Conference

A3F: Annex 3rd Floor | AH: Annex Hall

If you need assistance registering for events, contact the Church Office!

770.253.7400 or ChurchOffice@Newnanfumc.org.

 Scan the QR code for full calendar details & signups

NewnanFUMC.org/events

FALL SMALL GROUP: SABBATH

Tuesdays | 6:30pm (Annex 212)

Rev. Connor Bell is facilitating a 7-week group, led by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, that will challenge us to see the Sabbath as more than just down time. All are welcome, even if you missed a session!

RELIGION IN THE ARTS

TODAY | 3:00pm (Sanctuary)

Celebrating the creative collaboration of local musicians, artists, poets, and dancers. Reception to follow in Art Ministry Outreach (AMO) Gallery.

FUN ‘N FROLIC TO MERCIER ORCHARDS

October 13 | 8:00am-4:00pm

Meet in the Annex Parking Lot. Bring extra for purchases and lunch at Bigun’s BBQ.

PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 14 | After Choir-6:30pm (Parish Hall)

Games, food, fellowship. Chili, Baked Potatoes, Hot Dogs. \$10/adult, \$5/child. Cash/check only, no reservations needed.

MUNCHKIN MASQUERADE DONATIONS

By October 25 | Church Office

We’re looking for candy donations! Please bring individually wrapped candy (no nuts or nut butters).

PARENTS MORNING OUT

October 24 | 8:00am-Noon (Preschool)

Kids 0-5th grade. \$25/child (\$70 max/family). Space is limited to 20 children.

HOLY GHOST MARSHMALLOW ROAST

October 25 | 6:00-8:00pm (Parish Hall)

ROOT345 & UTH and families are invited to complete a service project for ELEVATE, followed by roasting hot dogs & s’mores.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

November 15 | 9:45am-Noon (Parish Hall)

Ages 4-104 are invited to pack meal kits together in an effort to fulfill the Biblical call to feed the hungry (Matthew 25). The nursery will be open. Register online.



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026



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Order of Worship



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Kelly and Sandy Stephens

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP
God calls us into community.
We belong to God and to one another.
God gathers people from every walk of life.
Together we are the Body of Christ.
Every person matters. Every gift matters.
Let us worship the God who connects us in love. AMEN.

OPENING VOLUNTARY François Couperin
“Thank God from *Mass for the Parishes*”

*OPENING HYMN “The Gift of Love” No. 408

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHE & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “God Whose Giving Knows no Ending” Wayne Wold

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM “Send the Light/This Little Light of Mine” arr. Joseph M. Martin
Celebration Singers

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11:00)
(11:00) Following the Children’s Moment, 4-year-olds through 2nd graders may meet volunteers at the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church. They can be picked up after the service in the Preschool, located on the ground floor of the Parish Hall.

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) “What Shall I Render to My God?” Austin C. Lovelace
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:6-12
The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “In & Through” Rev. Lisa Dempsey

INVITATION

*HYMN “I Love You, Lord” Insert

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE “Spirit Song” No. 347
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

*POSTLUDE “Fanfare on DUKE STREET” John S. Duke

*Please stand as you are able. All music used with permission: CCLI# 1494932
Please silence all cell phones during worship. No food/drinks in the Sanctuary.

 *The flowers in the sanctuary today are given for the
Glory of God and in memory of Emily and Ferrell Parrott,
by Alice and Robin Miller.* 

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Andrew Chappell, Senior Pastor

Bonnie Chahalís, Asst. Director of Music
Seth Crile, Facilities Manager
Dr. Caitlyn Dixon, Minister of Music
Janet Marie Gunnels, Communications Director
Patty Hall, Kitchen Hostess
Tiffany Hanson, Church Sexton
Carol Hartenbower, Administrative Assistant
Jodi Horne, Nursery Coordinator

Rev. Connor Bell, Associate Pastor

Owen Lambert, Finance & Business Director
Dr. Dawn McCord, Organist
Susan Mitchell, Preschool Director
Paul Mosley, Youth Minister
Julie Perkins, Accompanist
Kim Stokes, Finance Secretary
Andrea Stuart, Director of Children’s Ministries
Rachel Yorgey, Pastoral Resident

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US - YOUR FAMILY BELONGS HERE

Children are a gift, please don’t worry about wiggles or noise as they are signs of life and joy in our midst.

Quiet Space for Infants: A dedicated nursing and soothing room is available upstairs for parents and babies.

Busy Bags: Located in the narthex (foyer) & filled with quiet activities.

Nursery Care: Our nursery (0-3yrs) is open 8:25am-12:15pm. Please ask an usher if you need help finding it.

Children’s Church: Pick up in the Preschool after the service. From the door at the front of the sanctuary, follow the sidewalk to the Parish Hall and take the elevator to the first floor.

We are delighted to have your entire family worship with us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER: 5:30-6:30PM

\$5/Child <12, \$8/Adult, \$25/Family (2 Adults, 2 Kids <12)

October 21 | Ken Scott Magic Night

Shepherds Pie, Salad, Dessert

October 28

Brunswick Stew & cornbread

November 14 | STEM Night

Salisbury Steak, mac & cheese, and corn

November 11 | Veteran’s Day

Creamy chicken and beans

RSVP by noon the Tuesday before supper, or email phall@newnanfumc.org.

WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TIME & TALENTS

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how you can serve in the year ahead. Check any areas where you’d like to learn more or get involved, and list your name on the tearoff portion on the back of this page.

☐ Children’s Ministry:

Leading Sunday School, Children’s Church, or Sunday evening ROOT345 (needed urgently!).

☐ Youth Ministry:

Joining UTH on Sunday nights or teaching Sunday School or Confirmation.

☐ Kitchen Ministry:

Prepping, serving, or cleaning up at Wednesday Night Supper or other events. Events & Hospitality: Assisting in big events like the Women’s Gala, decorating the sanctuary, or serving during funeral receptions.

☐ Care Ministry:

Extending compassion through our Cancer Care Ministry or serving homebound communion.

☐ Worship Ministry:

Reading Scripture or serving communion during Sunday worship.

☐ Tech & Media:

Assisting with sound or livestream on Sunday mornings.

☐ Transportation:

Driving the church bus for occasional trips and events.