



THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

OCTOBER 2022

SERMONS

October 2	An Encouraging Gift	Acts 4:32-37
October 9	A Deceitful Gift	Acts 5:1-11
October 16	A Threat to the Economy	Acts 19:23-41
October 23	Relieving Need	Acts 11:27-30
October 30	The Blessings of Giving	Acts 20:25-38

Friends of Newnan First United Methodist Church,

We are officially in full swing! Football season is here, the weather is slightly cooler, and Advent is just around the corner. It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2022. What a year it has been! I am so thankful for you and for our staff. I'm thankful for the new members who have decided to call this community their home. And I am thankful for the incredible work of this church in our community and in the world. I believe that our church is truly living into that United Methodist slogan from 2001: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

I've always appreciated that statement. A Methodist indeed has an open heart, compassionately embracing those along his or her path. We have open minds, we love to think and ask questions, as reason is part of our heritage and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Our doors will always be open to anyone, as will the Lord's Table at communion.

I do wish that the slogan had added one more phrase, because we are also a people with open hands. We Methodists are a people who never hoard our materials and resources with clenched fists. We know that what we have been given is of God and so we hold our resources **with open hands**, ready to offer them back to God at a moment's notice!

Our series for the month of October is titled, "With Open Hands," and we will focus on what generosity looks like in the early church and how that might guide us today. As we focus on generosity and seek to grow deeper with God and one another, we will be asking two things of you:

First, we ask that you prayerfully consider filling out a pledge card with your estimate of giving for 2023 so that we can be good stewards as we craft our church budget for 2023.

Second, we are initiating a challenge between now and the end of December. We are challenging you to give a one time gift over and above your normal giving to help us close the gap in our current year's budget. We want to finish 2022 well.

We know that this is a big ask! We trust that God will move through the membership of this church because ultimately we believe that God is not done with us yet! This church was God's idea and I believe that remarkable days are ahead of us. In fact, just in the next few weeks, we will be joining together in mission with Stop Hunger Now and our Great Day of Service to serve both this community and the world. You are being used by God to affect hearts and lives for Jesus.

So I invite you to be in prayer as we begin this Generosity Journey "with open hands."

I would also like welcome the following folks who have joined the membership of our church in September:

Amber and Greg Merwitz and their daughter Saydee; Jeanne Peoples; Sandra Johnson; and Caroline and Caleb Thompson, and their daughters Amelia and Annabelle. May God bless these wonderful people as they seek to grow closer to God and each other.



Yours in Christ,

Andrew Chappell

Senior Pastor | achappell@newnanfumc.org

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS & MINISTRY

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS



OCTOBER 13, 2022

6:30PM | Parish Hall

Sign up today! newnfumc.org/signups

Newnan First UMC is hosting a packing event for Rise Against Hunger. Join in the effort to pack 10,000 bags of food.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:30 - 8:00pm | Parish Hall | \$15

We're serving Fiesta Bowls, with your choice of meats and toppings. There will be sides, drinks and our famous NFUMC desserts!

Proceeds to benefit the NFUMC Missions Ministries

Tickets will also be sold after worship services on Oct. 2, Oct. 9
Takeout will be available. The deadline is October 11th

Our Missions committee had the privilege of meeting in the Annex Hall on September 20th for the first time in a while, and the energy in the air was palpable! The chair of our missions committee, Greg Oothoudt, led us through a hope-filled agenda that reinforced the many ways that our congregation is committed to loving our neighbors both near and far. Here are 5 exciting announcements that came out of the meeting:

October 13th- We are hosting our annual meal packing event with **Rise Against Hunger** in the Parish Hall! We hope to pack 10,000 meals that are shared with neighbors around the world. We need at least 60 volunteers to reach our goal- register today!

October 16th- Ansley Campbell and Kelley Welden, with a Fiesta Committee, are hosting a **Fiesta 4 Missions** dinner, featuring Mexican fajita bowls! All proceeds will go to supporting our Missions committee this year. Tickets cost \$15, and will need to be purchased prior to October 11th in order to participate.

October 29th- We are having a fall **Great Day of Service!** We have multiple options and ways to serve that day, ranging from using power tools to cleaning yards or painting. Please register today to help us serve our community!

Winter 2022- Our **Early Response Team (ERT)** is excited about a new trailer full of supplies! Purchased from another United Methodist Church at a substantial discount, the trailer and supplies will greatly improve our ability to respond to needs due to local disasters quickly and effectively.

March 2023- We are planning our first **international mission trip** since 2019- we will be taking a team to Lima, Peru to join our partners, Global Partners in Life, to be in communion with our brothers and sisters abroad and help care for orphans and widows in that community. Dates, costs, and other information will be available soon- email Rev. Connor Bell if you are interested in learning more.

These were are just a few of the noteworthy service opportunities coming up in our church. One thing is clear: the Holy Spirit is moving our hands and feet here at Newnan First UMC! Please consider how you can give the gifts of your time and service as we seek to serve and fulfill God's calling to love our neighbors as ourselves.



Yours in Christ,
Connor Bell
Associate Pastor | cbell@newnanfumc.org



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Newnan First is partnering with RiverLife



OCTOBER 29, 2022

Sign up today! newnfumc.org/signups

Homes - Exterior Painting, Wheelchair Ramps, Yard & Debris Removal

Registration begins at 7:30am for the Great Day of Service.

Go to newnanfumc.org/signups to see how you can serve!

MISSION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 16

FOOD DRIVE

Our September Mission Ministry is a food drive to support ONE ROOF Ministry's Food Pantry. They are asking for:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, any)
- Corn, and chili beans and mixed vegetables in cans
- Canned fruit-cans and individual servings for kids
- Spaghettios for kids
- Ramen noodles...They can use cases of these
- Bagged rice
- Boxed potatoes of any kind
- Pasta of any kind



Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Room throughout the month and on October 16, we will bring the food to the altar for prayer.



NEWNAN FIRST UMC
**PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY**



How would you like to connect in serving with Newnan First?





IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs.

NEW MEMBERS



Greg & Amber Merwitz,
Daughter, Saydee, will be baptized in November
Joined on September 04 , 2022

Jeanne Peoples
Joined on September 11, 2022

Sandra Johnson
Joined on September 25, 2022

Caleb and Caroline Thompson,
and their daughters **Amelia and Annabelle**
Joined on September 25, 2022



Shepherd Jackson Byrum

Great Grandson, Shepherd, is wearing the christening gown that Mrs. Patsy Jackson originally made for her grandchildren, Robert and Lori.

BAPTISM



Shepherd Jackson Byrum
Baptized September 25, 2022
Parents: Dylan and Lori Byrum



Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to honor a life event or family celebration i.e. birthday, anniversary, baptism, or wedding, you are invited to sign up for placing flowers in the sanctuary. This can also be in memory of loved ones who have passed away. Your "in honor of" or "in memoriam of" will be printed in the bulletin. The sign-up sheet & more information is on the closet door by the office workroom.



Poinsettias for Advent

We are decorating the church this December for Advent.

Poinsettias will be available to purchase for dedications and will be displayed throughout the church, including the Sanctuary and Chapel.

*The poinsettias will decorate the church from
December 1 through December 18.*

The poinsettia plants will come in 6.5" pots and the cost is \$10 each. The orders will begin on October 4 through November 4 and can be ordered either through our online order form or paper. The order forms will include an area to indicate "in memory or in honor of."

CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS



October 12
Parish Hall

PLUGGED-IN
newnanfumc.org/signups

Pasta Bake, Salad bar, Bread, Ice Cream Bar
Dinner | 5 - 6:15pm
Let's Talk | ALL Things BBQ | 6:30pm
\$8 Adults, \$5 Children
Takeout is available \$9

A NEW Sunday Morning Gathering!

Young Adults - Married and Singles
9:45am | Room 210 | Annex Building

No need to Sign up...
Fellowship
Bible Study
Guest Speakers

Facilitator: Susan Dieckmann

Sundays @
9:45am

Chill & Chat
Fellowship Hour
Join Us!

Located in the Gathering Room



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST | 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

OCTOBER 4 & 18 | 8:30am | GATHERING ROOM

Join us twice a month for breakfast and a variety of programming.



MERCIER APPLE ORCHARDS | October 6 | 9:00am

It's that time of year for our trip to Mercier Orchards. We will stop at Bub-Ba-Q in Jasper for lunch and then head to Mercier Orchards in Blue Ridge. At Mercier, you will be able to shop for apples, fried pies and much more!. Cost is \$10 for transportation. Lunch and shopping on your own. Space is limited to 34 (taking 2 buses). Please contact Aileen Burnett at 770-253- 7400 x 206

LET'S TALK A lively group discussion on various topics, including current events, from a Christian perspective.



October 12 | 6:30pm | Room 201

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10/12 : Warren Budd, Ted Burnett, & Trey Thompson will lead a discussion on all things BBQ!

MARTHA CIRCLE

Monday, October 17 | 9:45am | Room 200

The Martha Circle meets on the third Monday of each month from September through May at 9:45am in room 200. This year we are doing a Bible study called "Fearless". It is about ordinary women of the Bible who do extraordinary things.

If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more detail.



CHRISTMAS MADE IN THE SOUTH | October 28 | 9:00am

As Christmas approaches, what better way to get ready for the holiday season than to stroll the aisles for treasures. This event has amazing craftspeople, outstanding art, and unique gourmet food. Cost will be \$12 which includes ticket and transportation. We will leave Newnan at 9am and return around 3:30pm. Bring along a shopping tote to fill with your purchases. Shopping and lunch on your own. There is a food court onsite. Sign up by October 21.

If you have any questions, contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 9:00am | Annex Hall

Current bible study: *Isaiah - Striving Less and Trusting God* by Melissa Spoelstra. This study on the book of Isaiah will last 7 weeks, which would carry us into November 2.

Contact Shelley Casey at media@newnanfumc.org if you have any questions or would like to join us or be added to our group email list! ALL are welcome!

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

Aileen Burnett, Program Director | aburnett@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x206)



FRESH START - Newnan First 101

October 16 | Annex Hall | 9:45am

This gathering is for our new 2022 members as well as anyone curious about joining Newnan First! Come find out "Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Do It" at NFUMC. ALL are welcome!

Questions? Please contact Pastor Connor at cbell@newnanfumc.org.



Flu Shot Clinic

On September 18th, we hosted a Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Palmetto Pharmacy. There were approximately 50 people who took advantage of getting their flu shots here. Thank you to everyone that participated and to Emily and Joey Burg.



On December 1st, we will be bringing back the gala, renamed Jingle & Mingle. Spend an evening of fun and fellowship as we enjoy a dinner served by the men of the church. Our guest speaker will be Cathy Lee Phillips.

Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, October 16th in the church hallway and in the church office. Tickets are \$25 per person.

We will have table decorating....so start planning your table décor.

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

Bonnie Krider, Interim Minister of Music | bonniekrider@gmail.com | 770.253.7400x205



The Swingin' Singin' Seniors

What a fun and talented group of singers! They meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am to rehearse! They are always looking for new members to join!



The Cherub Choir
Ages 4 & 5



The Wesley Choir
Grades 1 & 2



Bellissimo Handbell Choir

October 16
Youth Fruit Sales begin

December 4
Children's Pageant
O Holy Night

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids

Andrea Stuart, Director of Children's Ministries | astuart@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x209)



Our Fall Retreat at Camp Glisson was amazing! The kids had a blast. Our chaperones, Scott Harlan and Lynn McKibbon were phenomenal! Being near and in the water was the favorite of our campers!



ROOT345! Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:45pm. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! Join the fun!

NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

Nancy Martin, Preschool Director | nmartin@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x212)



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26
4:45pm-6:15pm

Our Fall Festival and Baked Potato/Chili dinner is Wednesday, October 26

We will have Baked potatoes, homemade chili, and hot dogs for the children! There will be lots of games for the children to play!

Join us for this fun family event!!

FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE

Our Children's Consignment Sale was a HUGE success! We grossed \$60,000 and the Preschool will keep 30% of that amount. We have made a contribution of 10% of that amount to our Church.

Thank you for your support of the sale.

NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 7-12

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/UTH

Paul Mosley, Director of Youth Ministries | pmosley@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x219)



Looking for a way to connect with us? We have a GroupMe and Instagram Account to keep you up-to-date. You can get all the details at newnanfumc.org/uth. If you aren't receiving this information from my newsletter in your email, please let me know! I will add you to the list.

SUNDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP SERIES THIS FALL!

We have started a new series at UTH called *Explained*. This series is a dive into the Bible itself. Complicated. Long. Conflicting. Outdated. Contradictory. When it comes to the Bible, you've probably heard all that and more. That's because, for so many of us, the Bible just seems to cause more confusion than clarity. Middle and High school are a great time for students to ask questions, express doubts, and wrestle with what they believe in order to develop a personal faith. And maybe nothing brings up more of these types of faith questions than the Bible. What is it? How does it work? And why does everybody say it's helpful when it doesn't always feel that way? That's why, in this series we'll take a closer look at the documents that make up the Bible, why we trust them, how we use them and why we believe they can be trusted. In other words, we're talking about the Bible...explained. Our *Explained* series will continue on Sunday Nights through the end of October, so join us for this awesome series.



UTH Bible & Biscuits is still going strong on Wednesday mornings at Truett's Chick-fil-A. We meet at 7:00am before school to discuss the Book of Romans. All are welcome to join in the good food and great discussion!



BOUND | Our Youth Led Praise Band



Wiffle Ball @ Greenville Street Park

Fall Calendar

October

- 9: No UTH
- 26: Preschool Fall Festival (UTH Volunteer)
- 30: Bags of Hope & Holy Ghost Marshmallow Roast (With Root345 & Families)

November

- 6: Family Matters UTH Series Starts
- 18: UTH Fall Retreat
- 20: No UTH

December

- 4: O Holy Night
- 11: UTH Christmas Party

UTH & Kids Family Night:

Bags of Hope & Holy Ghost Marshmallow Roast
On October 30, the kids and youth of Newnan First UMC are partnering with their families to pack Bags of Hope! We hope the whole family will attend this night of fun and service! Join us at 6:00pm for a family friendly dinner in the Parish Hall. Bag packing will begin around 6:30pm, following which we will be roasting marshmallows and making smores together. Bring the whole family out to this fun night!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

*Confirmation Retreat UTH - Camp Glisson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 World Communion Day

*Confirmation Retreat UTH - Camp Glisson

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Chill & Chat Fellowship (GR)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Night (CW)
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner & Night (UL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)
 6:30pm Missions | NEST Meeting (AH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00am UTH Bibles & Biscuits—Chick-fil-A
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00am FnF Mercier Apple Orchard
 10:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)
 3:30pm Agape SS Reading Club

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Chill & Chat Fellowship (GR)
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AH)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 NO Youth Choir
 NO Root 345
 NO UTH Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

NO Joybells OR Inspirations

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00am UTH Bibles & Biscuits—Chick-fil-A
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
5:00pm Plugged-In Dinner (PH)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (rm. 201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**6:30pm RISE AGAINST HUNGER Packing Event (PH)****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Fresh Start—NFUMC 101 New Members (AH)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Chill & Chat Fellowship (GR)
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
5:30pm Fiesta 4 Missions Dinner
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Night (PH/CW)
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner & Night (PH/UL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:45am Martha Circle (rm. 200)
 4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00am UTH Bibles & Biscuits—Chick-fil-A
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

4:00pm Community Job Fair (PH)
 5:30pm Fear this for Life Driving Class (CH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Chill & Chat Fellowship (GR)
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Night (CW)
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner & Night (UL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)
 6:30pm Agape SS Reading Club (AH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00am UTH Bibles & Biscuits—Chick-fil-A
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
4:45pm Fall Festival & Baked Potato-Chili Dinner (PH)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:00am FnF Christmas Made in the South
 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**7:30am GREAT DAY OF SERVICE (Registration PH)****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Chill & Chat Fellowship (GR)
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
**6:00pm UTH, Kids & Family Night—Bags of Hope
 Holy Ghost Marshmallow Roast**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS:

S: Sanctuary | PH: Parish Hall | PS: Preschool (lower level of PH) | CR: Choir Room | YL: Youth Lounge | A###: Annex Building
 AC: Annex Conference Room (1st floor) | A3F: Annex 3rd Floor | AH: Annex Hall | AP: Annex Parking Lot | BR: Bell Room | CH: Chapel
 1## or 2##: Main Building (1st or 2nd floors) | OL: Online | GR: Gathering Room | OS: Offsite

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE**Week 39**

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **803,161**
 Total Expenses: \$ **1,117,673**
 Over/(Under): \$ **(314,512)**

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ **1,615,162****GIVING & ATTENDANCE****ATTENDANCE: September 25**

8:30 Worship: **100**
 11:00 Worship: **175**
 Online Viewers: **91**
 Children/Nurs./Other: **17**

Total: **383**