

# THE SHEPHERD

The monthly newsletter of Newnan First United Methodist Church

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**JANUARY 2022**

## WE WILL NEVER BE ALONE

### Read Deuteronomy 8:1-10

In this reading, Moses is addressing God's people, the children of Israel, describing their past and anticipating their future in the land beyond the Jordan River. The Scripture passage, like the coming of a New Year, causes us to reflect backward and to contemplate forward.

Verses 2 – 6 are a remembrance of the past. Preacher Moses reminds the congregation of Israel's wandering in the wilderness and interprets God's intentions behind some of the important events of that era. By remembering such things, they are empowered to keep the Commandments. They are told that the 40 years of difficulty were to "humble" them, to test them to see if they would be obedient or not, to teach them that "mortals do not live by bread alone" and to discipline them "as a parent disciplines a child." The difficulties in the wilderness were "to do you good in the end."

In verses 7 – 20 Moses turns from the past to the future, from wilderness memories to the promise of the land. He describes the land of Canaan as well watered, capable of providing food for the people and full of valuable minerals. The response to such abundance will be to "bless the Lord your God for the good land God has given you."

Looking back Moses reminds the people that they have been led, fed, clothed and disciplined by a gracious, all powerful, ever present, God. Looking ahead Moses tells the people they are about to enter a good land, a place where there will be plenty to eat and drink and enough natural resources to provide shelter and meaningful work.

Looking at 2022 there are 4 questions I want us to consider as individuals, as families, as a Church family.

1. Have we sensed God's leading over these past 12 months?
2. Have we been well-fed physically, emotionally and spiritually?
3. Have we been adequately clothed and sheltered?
4. Have we understood how God has disciplined us and why?

Looking back equals trust. Looking ahead equals faith. Looking back on 2021 we recall God's faithfulness and our trust grows stronger. Looking ahead into 2022 assures us that, come what may, God will be with us. We will never be alone. Thanks be to God!

And, "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

*Rev. Charles Robinson*

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## JANUARY SERMONS

### EPHIPHANY SEASON

#### JANUARY 2

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Darkness and Light

(Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

#### JANUARY 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Passing Through the Waters

(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Isaiah 43:1-7)

#### JANUARY 16

Twice Blessed

(John 2:1-11)

#### JANUARY 23

The Joy of The Lord

(Luke 4:14-21, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 )

#### JANUARY 30

A Tough Day For Prophets

(Luke 4:21-30, Jeremiah 1:4-10)

# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS

## MISSIONS SUNDAY

### BAGS OF HOPE BAG PACKING EVENT

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

**IN THE PARISH HALL**

**DINNER @ 5:30 PM**

**PACKING @ 6:30 PM**

**LASAGNA & ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR!**

We are packing a lot into one evening! Please join us for a churchwide Bags of Hope packing event. You can help in three ways:

#### LEARN ABOUT US

Read all about Bags of Hope in our advertisement and pray for this mission.

#### BRING IN SUPPLIES

The list to the right outlines what we need beforehand and where you can drop it off so we can pack the bags.

#### LEND US A HAND

Come to the bag packing event on Sunday, January 30th in the Parish Hall. We will eat a Lasagna Supper, pack some bags, and finish the evening off with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar! (Please RSVP for dinner).

**SIGNUP ONLINE FOR SUPPER:**  
**NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS**



### JANUARY MISSIONS SUNDAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

On Sunday, January 23, we will be collecting the following food items: **spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, jelly, and any food kids like (mac-n-cheese, ravioli, cereal, etc.).** Please bring all items on that Sunday morning and place them at the altar. If for some reason you cannot bring anything that Sunday, bring them by the office the week prior. We have designated drop-off spots in the main hallway outside of the church office and in the Gathering Room to the RIGHT as you walk in the door.



## BAGS of HOPE

*A Newnan FUMC Mission Project*

**GOAL: 500 BAGS**

*The Bags of Hope mission project was started as a way to let patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments know that we are praying for them and their families. Each bag contains special treats and essentials to brighten their day and a special note of encouragement from Newnan FUMC. You can help by providing:*

Small hand lotions  
Small hand sanitizers/wipes  
Chap sticks  
Small Kleenexes  
Small note pads  
Pencils or pens  
Word Searches

Hard wrapped candy  
Suckers  
Spearmint gum  
Cereal bars  
Small bags of snacks  
Water

*There will be boxes set up in the Gathering Room (105). You can make a cash donation online by going to [newnanfumc.org/give](http://newnanfumc.org/give) and selecting Bags of Hope as your option for the memo.*

*If you are in a bind and need someone to pick up items OR have additional questions contact Betsy Conoly at 770-301-6360*

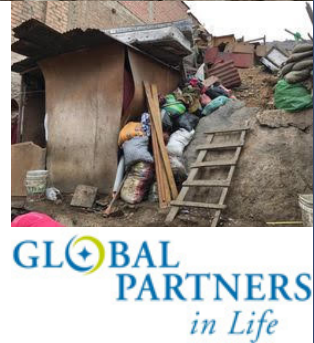




## GLOBAL PARTNERS IN LIFE

### UPDATE FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Beau Sides runs an organization called Global Partners in Life. We have been a financial partner with them for a few years. Global Partners in Life works around the world. Most recently, they have been building homes for widows in Peru. The week before Thanksgiving, they built a home for a widow with four children. Beau recently reached out to us to thank Newnan First UMC for its partnership. We are helping some wonderful people do some life changing work!



## NEST

### NEWMAN EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM



We are partnering with the NEST: Newnan Emergency Shelter Team. This team exists to provide shelter for vulnerable folks when the temperatures get too low. Newnan City Church offers its facility as this shelter and we are always looking for volunteers to help us care for this population. If you would like to know more information, sign up online at [newnanfumc.org/missions](http://newnanfumc.org/missions).



Instagram: @nfumcmusic

## CHOIRS RESUME!

### CHERUB CHOIR

Wednesday / Jan 5 / 4:15pm / CH

### WESLEY CHOIR

Wednesday / Jan 5 / 4:15pm / CR

### BELLISSIMO

Wednesday / Jan 5 / 4:15pm / BR

### CAROL CHOIR

Wednesday / Jan 5 / 5:15pm / CR

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesday / Jan 5 / 6:45pm / CR

### YOUTH CHOIR ENSEMBLE

Sunday / Jan 9 / 4:30pm / CR

### YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday / Jan 9 / 5:00pm / CR

### JOYBELLS

Monday / Jan 10 / 4:30pm / BR

### INSPIRATIONS

Monday / Jan 10 / 5:45pm / CR

### SWINGIN' SINGIN' SENIORS

Tuesday / Jan 11 / 9:30am / CR

## SUNDAY SUPPER

**PARISH HALL | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Join us for Sunday Supper! Our menu is posted on the signup at [newnanfumc.org/signups](http://newnanfumc.org/signups) - choose Sunday Supper. Please let us know the Friday before the supper you plan to attend. The cost is \$5 per person. Upcoming dates are January 9, 23 & 30 and February 6 & 27.

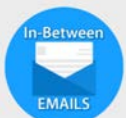


**FEB  
25-26**

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# LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

SIGNUP: [NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS](http://NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS) | QUESTIONS: [ABURNETT@NEWNANFUMC.ORG](mailto:ABURNETT@NEWNANFUMC.ORG)



## NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 | COLUMBUS, GA | \$12 + LUNCH**

Come take a walk back in time as we visit the National Civil War Naval Museum. This museum houses many artifacts to include the largest surviving Confederate warship. Tour at your own pace with the tour lasting approximately 1.5 hours. Lunch at Minnie's Uptown (\$). We will leave the church at 8:45 am and return around 3:30 pm. Payment is due when signing up. **DEADLINE: 1/4.**

## BOOTH WESTERN MUSEUM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | CARTERSVILLE, GA | \$15**

We will visit the museum which opened in 2003. It houses the largest permanent exhibition space for Western American art in the country. There is a Presidential Gallery with portraits of each US President and some original artifacts for each president. The featured exhibition is Mammals in Glacier: Nancy Dunlop Cawdrey & Waterfalls in Yellowstone: M.C. Poulsen. After the museum, lunch will be on your own in downtown Cartersville. We will leave at 8:30 am and return around 4:30 pm. Payment is due when registering. **DEADLINE: 2/1.**



## ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER/SWAN COACH HOUSE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10 | ATLANTA, GA | \$20**

Come tour the Atlanta History Center's many exhibitions including Cyclorama which is a 132 year old hand painted work of art. You can also view many other exhibits while we tour the facility. Afterwards, we will head over to the Swan Coach House for lunch (\$) and browse through the gift shop. We will leave Newnan at 9am and return around 3:30pm. Cost is \$20 (ticket and transportation). **REGISTRATION OPENS 1/16 and closes 3/1.**

## BRIGHT STAR @ THE LEGACY THEATRE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 | TYRONE, GA | \$40**

Come enjoy an afternoon as we attend the play Bright Star at the Legacy Theater in Tyrone. This play was inspired by a true story and features Tony-award winning score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. It is a tale of love and redemption in the American South in the 1920's and 40's. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tightly in its grasp, BRIGHT STAR is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful. Tickets are \$40 (ticket & transportation). We will leave the church at 1pm. **REGISTRATION OPENS 1/30 and closes 4/15.**



## ATLANTA BRAVES VS. CHICAGO CUBS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | ATLANTA, GA | \$50**

**BUS DEPARTS: 4:30 PM | GAME STARTS: 7:20 PM**

Come join us as we go see the World Series Champion Atlanta Braves play the Chicago Cubs on April 28, 2022. Game starts at 7:20pm and we will leave the church at 4:30pm. Tickets will be \$50 per person which includes bus, ticket and tip. Registration is open now. **DEADLINE: 4/14.**





## ACOLYTES NEEDED

**3RD - 6TH GRADERS | [ASTUART@NEWNANFUMC.ORG](mailto:ASTUART@NEWNANFUMC.ORG)**

Calling all 3rd through 6th graders! Acolytes Needed! Want to serve? Want to be one of the coolest parts of the service? Come be an Acolyte - Contact Ms. Andrea at [astuart@newnanfumc.org](mailto:astuart@newnanfumc.org) to set up a training.



## LET'S TALK

**WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 12, 19, 26 | 6:30 PM | ROOM 201**

John Wesley: The Good, The Bad, and the Bizarre. Andrew will be bringing us a study on the life of John Wesley. This is a three week series. Please come and bring a friend to these informative sessions! Everyone is welcome.

## WORD GO BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS | 9:00 AM | ANNEX HALL**

Our ladies bible study will return on Wednesday, January 5th with a study of the book of Joshua. WordGo delivers daily study plans straight to your phone, helping you connect with God through His Word. Join us for a session or for the whole year as we study the books of the bible. No signup necessary. Questions: [wendyTfox@gmail.com](mailto:wendyTfox@gmail.com).

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## CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT NFUMC













**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1:****NEW YEARS DAY****SUNDAY, JANUARY 2:**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (S)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3:**

- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CR/CH)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4:****PRESCHOOL RESUMES**

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5:**

- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 4:15pm Bellissimo (BR)
- Cherub Choir (CH)
- Wesley Choir (CR)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts (211)
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6:**

- 12:00pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7:**

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (S)
- 4:30pm Youth Choir Ensemble (CR)
- 5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 5:30pm Sunday Supper (PH)
- 6:00pm UTH (UL)
- Root 345 (AH)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10:**

- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:**

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 11:30am Angel's House BM. (200)
- 2:30pm Parkinson's Supp. (AH)
- 6:00pm Church Council (AH)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:**

- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 4:15pm Bellissimo (BR)
- Cherub Choir (CH)
- Wesley Choir (CR)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts (211)
- 6:00pm Trustees (AH)
- 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13:****FNF - CIVIL WAR MUSEUM**

- 5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14:****UTH SKI TRIP**

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH -2 FL)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:****UTH SKI TRIP**

- 9:00am Parents Morning Out (PH)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:****UTH SKI TRIP**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (S)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17:****MLK HOLIDAY | OFFICE CLOSED****UTH SKI TRIP**

- 9:45am Martha Circle (200)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18:**

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)
- 6:30pm Worship Committee (GR)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19:**

- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 4:15pm Bellissimo (BR)
- Cherub Choir (CH)
- Wesley Choir (CR)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts (211)
- 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20:**

- 5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21:**

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH -2 FL)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23:****MISSIONS SUNDAY**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (S)
- 4:30pm Youth Choir Ensemble (CR)
- 5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 5:30pm Sunday Supper (PH)
- 6:00pm UTH (UL)
- Root 345 (AH)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24:**

- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:00pm Finance Committee (AH)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25:**

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 6:30pm Book Club (Agape SS - AH)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26:**

- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 4:15pm Bellissimo (BR)
- Cherub Choir (CH)
- Wesley Choir (CR)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
- 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28:**

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30:**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (S)
- 4:30pm Youth Choir Ensemble (CR)
- 5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 5:30pm Sunday Supper (PH)
- 6:00pm UTH (UL)
- Root 345 (AH)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31:**

- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/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

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE**  
**Week 51**

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **1,160,263**  
 Total Expenses: \$ **1,351,934**  
 Over/(Under): \$ **(191,671)**

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ **1,656,842**

**ATTENDANCE: DECEMBER 26**

10:00 Worship: **54**  
 Online Viewers: **60**

Total: **114**

**GIVING &  
 ATTENDANCE**  
*update*