

JUNE 2023 THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

Friends of NFUMC,

I spent time this morning thinking of the gift it has been to hear sermons from a variety of folks in May. On May 7, we heard from our children and the story of Jonah and the whale. On May 14, we listened to Rev. Gary Parish share about three portraits of Jesus: the compassionate friend, the calling master, the mighty Lord. May 21 was Senior Sunday, and our Youth Minister Paul shared a word from Joshua 1:6-9, "Be strong and courageous." What a month filled with uplifting and inspiring Sundays. It truly has been an Easter season!

John Wesley spoke of corporate worship as a means of grace. In other words, Sunday service is not a duty or a task to be checked off a list; rather, it is a matter of sustenance. It keeps us grounded and it keeps us going. In any worship service, in any part of the world, when followers of Jesus gather together to participate in hymns, creeds, prayers, and the Lord's meal, God's grace finds its way to us!

In fact, of Wesley's three general rules of Methodism (1743), the third goes like this, "[Attend] upon all the ordinances of God." And the first of these ordinances is "The public worship of God." Theologians have since modernized the language of the third rule to be something like, "Stay in love with God." All of this means that part of loving God is sharing in this public and corporate means of grace.

I hope God has been good to you in the month of May. I hope you have been uplifted and inspired by the many voices that have participated in worship. I hope you feel proud of a church that has so many generations working together to help for the Holy Spirit make its way into our midst.

May God continue to bless your June and your July and the rest of your year. With that, I want to invite you to pray and find time to welcome our newest members to NFUMC:
Shealene and Joe Turnham, Lisa and Cole Cunningham (Chip).

Grace and peace,
Andrew

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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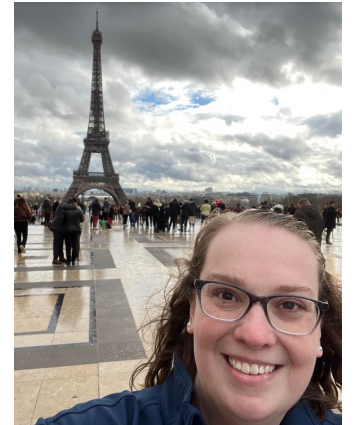
MEET OUR NEW MINISTER OF MUSIC, CAITIE DIXON

Caitlyn (Caitie) Dixon was born and raised in Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania, where her parents, Jim and Lori, still reside. She has one older brother, Ian, who married the love of his life, Julie, in May 2022. Her brother is her best friend and has been her role model for most of her life. Ian's love of music when he joined the band in the fourth grade inspired Caitie to do the same. She hasn't stopped her pursuit of music since then. Caitie grew up as a member of the Spruce Creek United Methodist Church where she was an active participant in the children's music ministry. In high school, Caitie was an active member of the marching band, indoor percussion, and choir programs. From the eighth grade on, Caitie knew that she wanted to teach music. It was this passion that drove her to complete a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education at Susquehanna University, a small, liberal arts college located in Selinsgrove, PA, about two hours from where she grew up.

Following this degree, Caitie chose to continue her education and made her great migration to the South. She completed a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at the University of Southern Mississippi in the spring of 2018. Following this degree, she realized her early dream of teaching music. She taught junior high choral music in Pearl, Mississippi, and then went on to teach high school choral music in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It was during this time that Caitie decided she was ready to return to school. A great opportunity presented itself, and Caitie returned to USM to start her Doctorate of Music Arts (DMA) in Choral Conducting in the fall of 2021. The last two years have been spent improving her craft and praying. It is during this time, through prayer and God opening doors, that she decided to pursue full-time church music. Ever since going to her undergrad, Caitie has served in various roles in church music, including staff singing, interim music director, and part-time minister of music at churches in Central PA and around Hattiesburg, MS. Caitie is coming to Newnan after having served as the Music Minister at Magee First United Methodist Church in Magee, MS.



In addition to her time in church work and music, Caitie is an avid traveler. Whether it be traveling as a member of performing ensembles or on her own adventures, Caitie has found ways to merge her passion for music-making with exploring the globe. She is excited to continue these opportunities at Newnan FUMC. When she is not traveling or music making, Caitie enjoys craft lattes at local coffee shops, playing board games and seeing movies with friends, and relaxing with her dog and best companion, Annie.



NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY



Greetings!

In June, the youth choir is headed out on a grand adventure up the east coast! With performances in Alexandria, VA, Willoughby, OH and Union, KY we will tell our story of the God OF all things, God IN all things, and God THROUGH all things. Please be in prayer for all those traveling June 3-9, especially our adults: Paul Mosley, David Kinrade, Laurie Fambro, Matt & Kristy Rossey. Keep an eye on the church social media for updates - we will be visiting Washington DC, Hershey Park, PA, Niagara Falls NY, and catching a baseball game in Cleveland!



This trip marks the end of my time as interim Music Director at church and what a year it has been! I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your words of encouragement, gracious gifts, weekly compliments, and most of all, your prayers. I am excited to return to my favorite seat in the choir loft and give my email inbox a break. It has been a true joy being part of the staff here. So many of them went above and beyond their normal workload this year, taking on extra responsibilities, to cover things I just couldn't accomplish each day.

When it wasn't the staff stepping in it was the INCREDIBLE volunteers in our music ministry. Not everyone knows exactly how many people are working behind the scenes so I want to take a moment to send them my gratitude. First, thank you to Lynn McKibbin and Kathy Roberts for directing the bell choirs, Dee Nixon for continuing her role with the Swingin' Singin' Seniors, Emily Carnes who directed the Cherub Choir, and our accompanists: Julie Perkins and Jeri Burnett! Then, there are our choir "moms" Elizabeth Harlan, Kristy Rossey, Beth Belcher, Lynn McKibbin, Mary Weaver, Bernice Phelps, Delacey Wilkins, and Christie Garrett, each of whom worked harder than ever this year to make sure I had everything I needed each and every week. Lastly, I need to thank ALL our choir members (and their drivers) who consistently showed up to work hard during rehearsals and made some FANTASTIC music this year! I know you will join me in extending heartfelt thanks to these gracious people who have kept things afloat. We welcome Caitie with open arms and are ready to serve under her leadership. I have no doubt our music ministry will continue to flourish.

Musically Yours,
Bonnie

2023 YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Choir Tour | June 3 –9

Homecoming Sunday | June 11

Join us Sunday, June 11 as we welcome our Youth Choir back from tour. The Youth Choir will lead us through both services.



NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY | OH JONAH! | MAY 7



YOUTH CHOIR @ WESLEY WOODS | MAY 7



IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs

BAPTISMS



May 21 | Weldon Leigh Hunnicutt
Rob and Megan Hunnicutt

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NEW MEMBERS



May 21 | Cole and Lisa Cunningham (Chip)

May 21 | Joe and Shealene Turnham

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Cole and Lisa Cunningham (Chip)



Joe and Shealene Turnham

MEMORIAM



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of the following member of Newnan First United Methodist church.

Tammy Lynn Jones August 5, 1965—May 27, 2023

Janet McNeil Foote June 20, 1935—May 29, 2023

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS



MISSION SUNDAY | JUNE 18

Items needed for the ONE ROOF OUTREACH Food Pantry are:

- Canned tuna & chicken
- Toiletry items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant

These items can be dropped off in the gathering room or brought to the Sanctuary altar on Mission Sunday to pray for the recipients.



Many thanks to Greg and Karen Oothoudt for delivering the May Mission donations to One Roof Outreach.



MISSION GUATEMALA

NFUMC MISSION TRIP
August 12 - 20, 2023



NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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We ended our wonderful school year with our 4-year-old class and Kindergarten class graduations in our Sanctuary. We are looking forward to our first Summer Enrichment session in June. Our June session is a Patriotic theme. We will learn about this great country in which we live, Patriotic symbols like the Statue of Liberty, our Flag, important documents that provide rules for us to live by (Constitution, Declaration of Independence).

We are looking forward to a wonderful week!



Thank you for your support of our school!

-Nancy

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FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

[NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids](http://newnanfumc.org/firstkids)

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VBS is live! Register NOW!

Join our Hero Team and grow closer to God while we sing, dance, and play together!

Register: newnanfumc.org/vbs

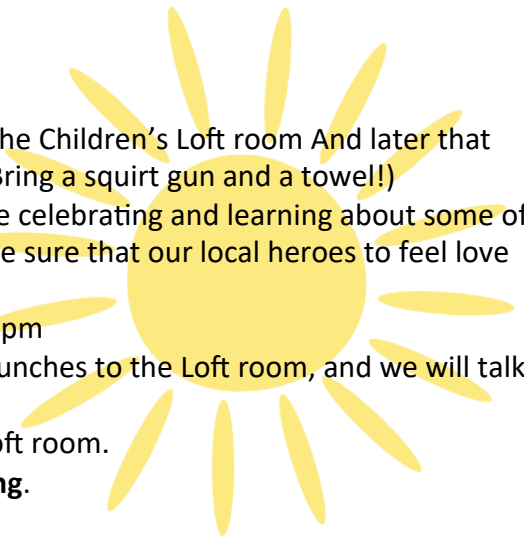
VBS volunteer meeting.

June 10 | 2pm | Parish Hall



Summer Schedule

- ⇒ **June 7**, we will have **Popsicles in the Park**.
- ⇒ **June 14** we will have a **Children's Devotions** from 10-11am in the Children's Loft room And later that day **Water Gun Wars** 6:30-7:30pm in Greenville Street Park . (Bring a squirt gun and a towel!)
- ⇒ **June 19 - 22** is **VBS**. The theme this year is Hero Hotline. We are celebrating and learning about some of the heroes in the bible and in our community. We want to make sure that our local heroes to feel love this VBS.
- ⇒ **June 28** is **Bubble and Brushstrokes** in the Courtyard 6:30-7:30pm
- ⇒ **July 12** we are having a **Lunch Bunch**. Children will bring their lunches to the Loft room, and we will talk about some of our favorite Bible stories.
- ⇒ **July 19** we are having a **Children's Devotion**. 10-11am in the Loft room.
- ⇒ **August 6** is **Promotion Sunday**, and **B2SB** and **Backpack Blessing**.



Sunday School

This month we are emphasizing that God is with us and that can change us and help us with whatever we are facing! We will talk about how an angel helped Peter escape from prison and how Paul became a believer. We are going to focus our month on Faith by trusting what we cannot see because of what we can see.

Our Bible verse this month is *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* - Hebrews 11:1



Children's Worship

Children's Worship is going to continue through the summer and we are going to have a blast wiggling our way closer to God! Every Sunday at the 11am service except the first Sunday of the month so that families can enjoy communion with their family!

NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 6 -12

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/UTH

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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.



We have officially closed out the 2022-2023 school year, and it was an awesome one! From Bite Nite to UTHapalooza we had a lot of fun, but we also learned a ton along the way. UTHapalooza finished our Sunday night meetings and it was so much fun (check out the photos)! We closed out May with Senior Sunday, and it was so wonderful to celebrate these wonderful young adults. We had a ton of help making this day special for our seniors, so thank you to everyone who pitched in! *—Paul Mosley*

The UTH Choir will be out on Choir Tour early in June, so pray for these students as they spread the Good News this summer!

We start **Downtown Devos** the next week on June 14. Meet every Wednesday at 11:30am to talk Bible, then walk to a Downtown restaurant. First up is Oink Joint

Upcoming Summer Adventures are available to register for today! You can find registration links online at the UTH page of the church website or in my emails that go out each month. We have so much planned and hope you will join us.

Callaway Gardens: June 15

UTH Pool Party: June 26

PJ Movie Night: July 14

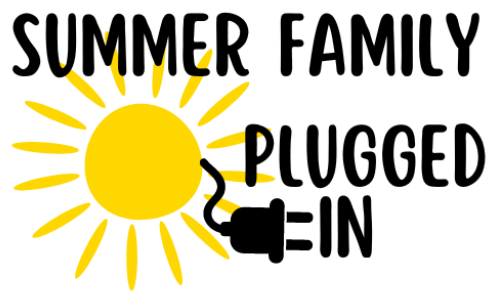
Whitewater Atlanta: July 20

Register at: newnanfumc.org/uth



CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS](http://newnanfumc.org/signups)



6pm - 7:30pm

NEW LOCATION ANNEX HALL

Summer Plugged-In's are back! We will enjoy dinner from 6:00 - 6:45 pm with mid-week service following. There will be activities for the children with Ms. Andrea, Dir. of Children's Ministry!

newnanfumc.org/signups (register 2 weeks prior to each event)

SAVE THE DATES

June 14 | Pizza and Salad Bar

June 28 | Newk's Catering

July 12 | Ellison Brothers BBQ Food Truck

July 26 | Waffle House

If you have any questions, please contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206 or aburnett@newnanfumc.org.



SUMMER COFFEE & CHAT

Wednesday, June 14 | 10am | Annex Hall

Come enjoy this time together with friends and light refreshments! This is a great way to stay connected during the summer months! ALL are welcome! Contact Shelley Casey for more info at media@newnanfumc.org

Additional Dates: July 19 and August 16

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

JUNE 11 | 12 - 3PM

1ST AVENUE PARK



Aileen Burnett

770.253.7400 x 206

newnanfumc.org/signups

The June 11 Churchwide Picnic will be held at 1st Avenue Park. The fun will begin after the 11am service. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and games! More details to follow. If you would like to assist, please contact Aileen Burnett at 770-253-7400 x 206.

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

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Overnight Trip:

We are heading to Charleston and Savannah from September 25-29th. The cost of the trip is \$839 per person double occupancy and \$1098 per person single occupancy. Detailed trip flyers are available outside the Program Office. Contact Aileen by June 22nd if you are interested. Feel free to invite a friend to join us.

THE COTTON FAIR



On Saturday, May 6th, we enjoyed a day at The Cotton Fair in Gay. It was a great day of fellowship and shopping. There were lots of one-of-a-kind items purchased.



THE SHED @ FITZGERALD'S FARM



On Tuesday, May 9th, our group had a wonderful day of fellowship and shopping. Our first stop was lunch at Big Joe's and then shopping for strawberries, goodies, and of course, ice cream.

FUN N' FROLIC

Register online at newnanfumc.org/signups or contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206.



June 8 | Infantry Museum



BUCKNER'S AND PEACHES July 13 | 10am - 5pm | \$25

We will enjoy lunch at Buckner's. After lunch, we will shop for peaches at Dickey Farms. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Bring a reusable tote for your goodies. Registration closes 7/6.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 17 | Antiques and lunch

Cost is \$5 for the bus. Lunch on your own. 9:30am-3:30pm.

September 14 | Blue Bell Creamery

Cost is \$5 for the bus. 10:00am-4:00pm

Craft Vendor Fair – October 21st from 9am-3pm.

Contact Aileen Burnett at 770-253-7400 x 206 or aburnett@newnanfumc.org for more information.

Jingle & Mingle – November 30th from 6-8pm. More information to follow.

SWINGIN' SINGIN' SENIORS LUNCHEON



newnanfumc.org/calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Annual N. Georgia UMC Conference (Athens)
12:15pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Annual N. Georgia UMC Conference (Athens)
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Annual N. Georgia UMC Conference (Athens)
Youth Choir Tour

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Youth Choir Tour
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
12:00pm Welcome Reception, Caitie Dixon (PH)

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Youth Choir Tour

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Youth Choir Tour
6:00pm Greeter Team Meeting (GR)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Youth Choir Tour
6:30pm FirstKIDs Popsicles in the Park
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Youth Choir Tour
8:30am Fnf Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

2:00pm VBS Volunteer Meeting (PH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 | CHOIR TOUR HOMECOMING

8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
12:00pm Churchwide Picnic @ 1st Avenue Park

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Preschool Summer Enrichment

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Preschool Summer Enrichment
2:30pm Parkinson's Support (201)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Preschool Summer Enrichment
10:00am Women's Coffee & Chat (AH)
10:00am FirstKIDs Children's Devo (CW)
11:30pm UTH Downtown Devos (UL)
6:00pm FAMILY PLUGGED-IN (AH)
6:30pm FirstKIDs Water Wars
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Preschool Summer Enrichment
9:00am UTH Callaway Gardens
4:00pm Braves Game
5:30pm CASA Training (AC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

4:00pm Fear This for Life (CH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 | MISSION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, JUNE 19

9:30am VBS - Hero Hotline

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

9:30am VBS - Hero Hotline

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

9:30am VBS - Hero Hotline
10:00am Dementia Support Mtg (AC)
11:30pm UTH Downtown Devos (UL)
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:30am VBS - Hero Hotline
5:30pm CASA Training (AC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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

MONDAY, JUNE 26

6:00pm UTH Pool Party

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

11:30pm UTH Downtown Devos (UL)
6:00pm FAMILY PLUGGED-IN (AH)
6:30pm FirstKIDs Bubbles & Brushstrokes
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

5:30pm CASA Training (AC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

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



DIRECTORY UPDATE

The directory is currently being printed and will be available in the new few weeks. Pick up will be in the Program Office. If you have any questions, please contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206 or aburnett@newnanfumc.org.

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WEEKLY EMAILS



YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES

Week 21

Total Tithes/Income: \$ 509,204
Total Expenses: \$ 596,104
Over/(Under): \$ (86,900)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,616,113