

THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

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AUGUST 2022



Fine folks of Newnan First,

It has been such a joy to be welcomed as your new Associate Pastor! This congregation and this community have already blessed us in so many ways. My wife (Karolyne), my daughter (Sophia), and I are immensely grateful for all of your care and hospitality as we have moved into this new city and this new church. We have enjoyed many coffees at Leaf and Bean, homemade meals prepared with love as part of a welcoming meal train, and countless hopeful and spirit-filled conversations about what God is doing here at Newnan First United Methodist Church.

As I write this sitting on a couch between cardboard boxes in our new home, it seems that there is a theme to this chapter of life: new beginnings. This, of course, aptly describes my family's current situation here in Newnan. But it also applies to so much more- our society as we collectively figure out what life looks like after a worldwide pandemic, our church after the retirement of the wonderful Rev. Charles Robinson and David Kinrade, our students and teachers and families as another academic year begins. There are plenty of new beginnings all around!

How appropriate, then, that our upcoming worship services will be centered on the book of Acts. Picking up right where the gospels leave off, the book of Acts shows us what the new beginning of the church looked like after Jesus's ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. The disciples must quickly shift their formula of what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus- no longer does it entail physically walking where Jesus walks and going where Jesus goes. Now, the disciples must lean on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and become what C. S. Lewis calls "little Christs" themselves, loving God and loving their neighbors in radical ways that usher in the kingdom of God.

The bad news: just like any new beginning, things are messy. The disciples don't always agree on everything. There are forces and powers outside the church that work to undermine them at every turn. There is no clean five-year plan, no financial parachute, no guarantees- just a promise of the Holy Spirit and sinners-made-saints being shaped by it.

The good news: That promise holds true. The Holy Spirit is present as the church's foundation and guide, and ushers the early church into growth beyond what anyone would have imagined.

The great news: Jesus' promise still holds firm today. That same Spirit guides the church here, now. At least, it does when we are watching for it, listening for it, open to it. Where is it now? Have we seen it lately? Have we heard it whisper?

Join with us this month as we look to the Spirit- that same Spirit that is still moving today to make us more like Jesus, more like Love.

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

Oh, 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

AUGUST SERMONS

Acts of the Apostles

AUGUST 7

Curiosity

Acts 3:1-10, 4:13-22

AUGUST 14

Patience

Acts 5:27-42

AUGUST 21

Mercy

Acts 7:44-60

AUGUST 28

Adaptability

Acts 11:1-18

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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MISSION SUNDAY AUGUST 21 | FOOD DRIVE



Our August Mission Ministry is a food drive to support ONE ROOF Ministry's Food Pantry. They are asking for: *Spaghetti, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pork & Beans, Fruit Cups, and Snack Crackers*. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Room throughout the month and on August 21, we will bring the food to the altar for a prayer over the mission and those who will benefit from your generosity.



Mission Sunday donations were plentiful and MJ, our volunteer, had the entire car packed with only the driver's seat open. The July Food Drive was for our local mission partner, ONE ROOF Ministry to help with their community food pantry.



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 13, 2022
6:30PM
PARISH HALL

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


Registration opens in September.

BTG
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Mission Committee partnered with Bridging the Gap for the Summer Lunch Program.

FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

 August 13 | 1:00—4:00pm | \$15

Join One Roof at Unity Baptist, 311 Smokey Rd, in Newnan on August 13th. They will have models showing their clothing, a DJ, an auctioneer, refreshments, and clothing and accessories for sale. Come out with your friends for a unique event. They promise to make it fun! And if you want to model for them, send an email to: Director @OneRoofOutreach.org

Tickets can be purchased through oneroofoutreach.org

Friendship Committee Ministry | Join this Special Ministry!

Newnan First provides a ministry to our shut-ins through personal cards and notes, phone calls and, when possible, visitations. A kind word or thought shared in a card brightens one's day and brings a smile and the joy of knowing that they are being thought of. This special care is essential for our shut-in members to know that they are not forgotten.

This ministry is always in need of volunteers. Currently there are 43 shut-ins on the list. Each committee member takes 2-4 shut-ins to keep in contact with. The committee meets twice a year to gather together, reminding each other why we do what we do, to share updated information of their contacts and to receive an updated list of the shut-ins.

New members are always welcome to serve on this committee. If you want to volunteer or if you know of someone who should be contacted through this ministry, you may contact Karen Oothoudt, chairperson of the committee. Before a person is placed on the contact list, they, or sometimes a family member, are contacted first.

The next meeting is in September. We encourage you to come to the meeting or you can call Karen Oothoudt, chairperson of this committee, if you have any questions 770-301-2551. This meeting will be **Tuesday, September 20, at 10:00am, in the Annex Hall.**

You, as the giver, get as much enjoyment out of this ministry as do the receivers. ~Karen Oothoudt



IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs.

NEW MEMBER



Judith Nickel

Transferring from Loganville, GA UMC

BIRTH



Andrew Bryant Budd II

Born 06.23.22

Parents: Wesley and Lauren Budd Sister: Charley



Andrew with sister, Charley



Chandler Pope and Family

BAPTISM



Chandler Grace Pope

Baptized 07.10.22

Parents: Jeffrey and Ashley Pope Sister: Kathryn

MEMORIAM

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



SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathy is extended to the following people for the death of a loved one.



Robin Mann and family for the loss of her son, Christopher "Drew" Bauch,

on July 20, 2022.

Volunteer Appreciation | Dee Nixon



It's difficult to write in a couple lines, my favorite thoughts or memories of the Swingin' Singin' Seniors over the past 20+ years! There were the bus trips to Irwinton, to Savannah, singing for nursing homes and singing for O Holy Night! I especially recall the tenderness they shared with me at the

time of my husband, Joe's illness and subsequent passing! They transformed my Christmas tree into a beautiful Love tree! We are family...full of love and compassion! If there is a problem or a need, it is addressed! Some might call Tuesday morning (before and after practice) a therapy session! Spending all these years with this special group has been an incredible experience and a huge blessing in my life!

They have so much heart and soul!! I love them and they will forever be a part of me!

Lora Pavlenko from the Ukraine was a guest speaker on July 3. Lora was here with her daughter, Ranata, and granddaughter. They stayed with Don and Julie Chapman for several weeks. Lora and Ranata talked about their experiences with the conflict in the Ukraine. Lora's husband is a pastor and he remains in Kiev to take supplies to the elderly and handicapped.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST | 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY
AUGUST 2 & 16 | 8:30AM | GATHERING ROOM

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

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

August 3 | Room 201

James Shepherd will lead a discussion on the U.S. Constitution. Be sure to polish up on your knowledge by reading the U.S. Constitution with Amendments. James Shepherd is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent Scholar. He is a member of NFUMC and currently an attorney whose practice is focused on capital markets and corporate governance.

CHAINSAW MAINTENANCE AND SHARPENING CLASS

August 13 | 8:00am | Gathering Room

Do you own a chainsaw and wonder how to maintain it? How to sharpen the chain? This class will cover both. This Free Class is open to everyone! Please email Ted Burnett at theoburnett@outlook.com to sign up.



MARTHA CIRCLE

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. In addition to our study, we have a December cookie swap and in May we host a luncheon for the church staff. On **August 15th** we will meet for fellowship and lunch at a local restaurant. Books for our new study will be available then.

We are always open to new members, so please join us. All are welcome. If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more detail.

LUNCH & BINGO

August 16 | 11:30am | Annex Hall | \$10

Come enjoy an afternoon of lunch, Bingo and fellowship. We will meet at 11:30am in the Annex Hall to enjoy a catered lunch of salad, sandwiches and dessert.

This is a White Elephant Bingo! Bring a wrapped item for around \$5 for prizes, Cost is \$10 per person. Sign-up at newnanfumc.org/signups or contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206. RSVP by 8/14/2022.



Our Volunteers are Amazing at Newnan First!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, August 21, 2022 | 12:30 pm | Parish Hall | newnanfumc.org/signups

Guest Speaker: Lee St. John, church member, and local author

Join us on Sunday, August 21 as we recognize and celebrate all of our amazing volunteers! Lee St. John, a church member, and a local author will be our guest speaker. If you volunteer in any way, we want to celebrate you. We will enjoy an afternoon of food, and fellowship and celebrate our volunteers.

PARENT'S MORNING OUT!

Saturday, August 20
9:00am - 1:00pm

newnanfumc.org/signups

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 9:00am | Annex Hall

***We will resume on September 7**

Our next study is a book titled, *FIND YOUR PEOPLE, Building Deep Community in a Lonely World* by Jennie Allen. We will have a 2-week discussion on it when we resume in August. The book can be purchased online, including Amazon. After the book series, we will continue with a study of a book of the Bible. More information to follow. Questions? Contact Shelley Casey at media@newnanfumc.org



October 6 | Mercier Orchards
with lunch at Bubba Q. Sign up early to guarantee your spot.
newnanfumc.org/signups

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

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



CONGREGATIONAL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our new pictorial directory is coming this fall! If you would like to sign up or need assistance, please contact Aileen Burnett @ 770-253-7400 x 206 or stop by the Program Office on Sunday morning.

SEPTEMBER
8 - 13

FUN N' FROLIC



NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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



Children's & Youth CHOIR

Children's & Youth Choir Families,

I'm pleased to announce that I'll be taking on the role of Interim Music Minister while the committee continues to search for someone to fill the full time position. I will be continuing on with the Youth Choir, and taking on the directing role in Wesley and Carol choirs. Ms. Emily Carnes will be joining

Mrs. Jeri teaching the cherub choir this year too! We would love it if you could go ahead and register in order to help us know who's coming to choir when we start up after the first week of school:

- **August 14 for Youth Choir**
- **August 17 for Bellissimo, Cherub, Wesley, & Carol Choirs.**

Please invite your church friends to join you. If you need information on when the choirs meet, or which choir your student is eligible for visit www.newnanfumc.org/music.

See you SOON! -Bonnie Krider

SUNDAYS

Youth Ensemble

Auditioned Small Group
4:30 - 5:00pm

Youth Choir

Grades 7 - 12
5:00 - 6:00pm

Additional Important dates to put on your calendar before they start filling up:

Children's Pageant & Oh Holy Night - December 4

Children's Sunday - May 7, 2023

Youth Choir Tour - June 2-9, 2023

WEDNESDAYS

Bellisimo - Handbell Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | 4th - 6th Grade

Cherub Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | 4 & 5 Year Olds

Wesley Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | Grades 1 & 2

Carol Choir
5:30 - 6:00pm | Grades 3 - 6

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

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

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



If you have a 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader that is interested in going on the fall retreat at Camp Glisson, please fill out the interest form newnanfumc.org/firstkids.
The Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 16-18.

We have had a great time in July from Popsicles in the Parish Hall to Bubbles and Brushstrokes! Kickball to Crafts! Thank you to all the families for making it so special!



August will be an amazing month with a lot of opportunities we won't want to miss!

We will be collecting school supplies for local organizations! Please consider bringing supplies in to help local kids that will be needing our help.



Notable Dates!

- **August 7 | Promotion Sunday** during Sunday School we will be having our promotion Sunday. Don't miss getting recognized for all your hard work last year and for the next year!
- **August 7 | Back to School Bash** - Come and eat, play, fellowship, and bless the backpacks and teachers for the next school year!
- **August 14 | ROOT345 starts back!** All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to come for Food, Fellowship, and Faith time! We will spend a month talking about Priorities! It will be a great month!
- **August 21 | Sunday School Chill and Chat!** Come and see what the kids have been up to in Sunday School! Ms. Andrea is there to answer questions and chat!

The month of August in Sunday School focuses on the Bible Verse John 1:1,
In the beginning, was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.



NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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

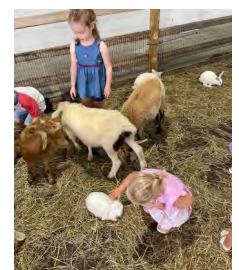


FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE

Registration is open for our upcoming Children's Consignment Sale, September 23 and 24. Consign those items you've cleaned out this summer! Earn some extra money for yourself and benefit the community and the preschool at the same time!

It's a WIN-WIN for everyone!

Go to www.nfumcpreschool.org and click on "Consignment Sale"



Summer Enrichment:

Our last session, **August 8 -11**, will be all things "Sports"!

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.



Looking Back on the Summer:

This summer we had a blast in times of fellowship, worship, and service. Over the summer, we volunteered at VBS, participated in the Plugged in Prayer services, packed Bags of Hope, and met every week on Wednesday to dive into the Psalms and grab lunch together. The summer was also filled with simple fun. The UTH had a pool party (a big thank you to Julie Chapman for hosting us), had a kickball tournament, and attended a Gwinnett Stripers AAA Baseball Game. This summer has been amazing, and we are so looking forward to the upcoming school year!



The Start of School and Beyond:

We are kicking off the school year with some of the best fun and discipleship. The Back to School Bash is on August 7 from 6-8pm. The UTH will both get to work and play at this event. Come have an awesome time and be blessed! The next Sunday, August 14, is out Bite Nite: a photo scavenger hunt where teams of six accomplish tasks around Downtown Newnan. Sign up today! Then on Sunday, August 21, our first UTH of the year kicks off. We will have dinner, worship, a lesson, and small group time. We are so excited for the upcoming year. To find out more about the upcoming year, come to our UTH Parents Meeting on August 21 from 4:00pm in the UTH Lounge.

Mark Your Calendars:

- August 7: Back to School Bash, 6-8pm
- August 14: Bite Nite, 6-8:30pm
- August 21: UTH Parents Meeting, 4-5pm
- August 21: UTH Starts, 6-8pm
- September 11: Confirmation Kicks off
- September 30- October 2: Confirmation Retreat
- November 18-20: UTH Fall Retreat



CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS! A New Confirmation Class Begins

Contact Paul Mosley at pmosley@newnanfumc.org



Parent's of sixth graders and those youth who haven't been confirmed yet, we hope that you will join in this year's confirmation class. Confirmation is a focused study on the fundamentals of what we believe as Christians and United Methodist. During this time, your child will learn about the United Methodist Church's founding and how it works as well as our core beliefs; ultimately, ending with them being confirmed and joining the United Methodist Church. This is such a huge part of your child's spiritual development because this gives them their first chance to step out and confirm their faith, really owning it for themselves. This is a pivotal point in their lives, and we are so excited to partner with you in it. Confirmation will take place during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am). We are looking to start Confirmation on September 11 with an Introduction into Confirmation. This will offer our students and families an opportunity to meet, distribute the materials needed, and give us a chance to go over the schedule for Confirmation. If you have any questions, please reach out. We have more information we would love to share with you about this great milestone for your child's life.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
5:30pm LEAP Group (GR or CY)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
6:30pm Let's Talk (Rm 201)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
10:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am FirstKids Promotion Service
11:00am Worship (S)
6:00pm Back to School Bash

MONDAY, AUGUST 8
Preschool Summer Enrichment

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
Preschool Summer Enrichment
7:00pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
Preschool Summer Enrichment
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11
Preschool Summer Enrichment
5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
8:00am Chainsaw Maintenance Class (GR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
6:00pm Root 345 (AH)
6:00pm UTH Bite Nite

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
12:00pm Martha Circle Lunch
6:30pm Worship Committee (GR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
11:30am Lunch & Bingo | \$10 (AH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
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, AUGUST 18

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
9:00am Parent's Morning Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
12:00pm Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (PH)
4:00pm UTH Parent's Meeting (UL)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
6:00pm Root 345 (AH)
6:00pm UTH Group (YL)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
6:30pm Book Club | Agape SS (AH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
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, AUGUST 25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
6:00pm Root 345 (AH)
6:00pm UTH Group (YL)

MONDAY, AUGUST 29
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
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)

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 30

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **612,457**

Total Expenses: \$ **872,604**

Over/(Under): \$ **(260,148)**

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ **1,615,162**

GIVING & ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE: July 26

8:30 Worship: **77**

11:00 Worship: **151**

Online Viewers: **16**

Children/Nurs./Other: **20**

Total: **264**



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