

THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

NOVEMBER 2023

Family and Friends of Newnan FUMC,

As the brilliant tapestry of autumn unfurls around us and the chill in the air deepens, we find ourselves on the threshold of a season dedicated to gratitude, reflection, and togetherness. We begin November with gratitude for those we have lost from our community this year on All Saints' Sunday, and then we conclude the month with Thanksgiving Day.

Ben Rector has a song called, "The Thanksgiving Song." In it, he captures the essence of the holiday with his chorus:

*"So fill your plate and fill your drink, and fill this house with family,
The kind of love a thousand miles can't wash away,
'Cause the older that I get, I see that life is short and bittersweet,
Thank God for this Thanksgiving Day."*

The act of filling our plates and sharing a meal with loved ones is more than just a tradition; it's a symbol of abundance, generosity, and the warmth that comes from gathering together. Of course, in every season of our lives, we are called to give thanks, not only for the joys and abundance but also for the challenges that strengthen our faith. Paul writes that same message in his earliest letter: *"Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

This Thanksgiving, as we gather with family and friends, I hope you will cherish these moments and be thankful for the love and connection that sustain us through the ups and downs of life's journey. Let us fill our plates and fill our homes with the love of family and friends, all while giving thanks to the One who blesses us abundantly.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, love, and gratitude. Thank God for this Thanksgiving Day, and may it be a time of reflection, joy, and spiritual renewal for you and your loved ones.

We also give thanks for our new members: Carol Crook & Ezequiel Vargas, and for the baptism of Chip Cunningham.

P.S. If you have not yet turned in a pledge of giving for the coming year, there is still time! Please be sure to do so. Simply go to our website at newnanfumc.org/give and click on the Pledge link. We also have hard copies available at the church. Email Owen Lambert with any questions. OLambert@newnanfumc.org

*In His Grace and Love,
Andrew Chappell*

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS

MISSION SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE

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

MISSION SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19
**New and Gently Used Coats
for Children & Adults**



For October, we were asked by One Roof to collect cereal. During the drop-off at One Roof, our donations filled 5 shopping carts. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FAITH & BLUE

On October 4th, we gathered together to celebrate our hometown heroes at our annual Faith & Blue dinner. We enjoyed a great evening of fellowship and food together with our local law enforcement.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER[®]

"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?...'"

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'" -Matthew 25:37, 40 CEB

For those who don't have enough, acute hunger and malnutrition are an everyday reality. Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children with malnutrition. A lack of proper nutrients negatively affects the development of children, and hunger also contributes to greater difficulty for families to lead active, healthy lives and provide for their loved ones. Because of this acute need and our Christian calling to love our neighbors, we are grateful for the opportunity for our church to serve alongside Rise Against Hunger, an organization dedicated to alleviating hunger worldwide. We want to give a huge thank-you to all of the volunteers that showed up for our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Thursday, October 26th! We had over 110 volunteers present for the event, and we were able to pack 15,120 nutritious, shelf-stable meals to be shared with those experiencing hunger around the world.

It was a wonderful event that was a vision of the body of Christ at work- laughter and joyful conversation between folks packing the meals; the more youthful and energetic runners sprinting to bring the supplies over to the bag sealers; the veteran servants sealing the bags and packing them to be sent out. When generations serve together to love our neighbors, God smiles.

We are grateful for the success of this event, and plan to do another packing next year!

-Rev. Connor Bell



All Saints

Thank you God for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. Amen.



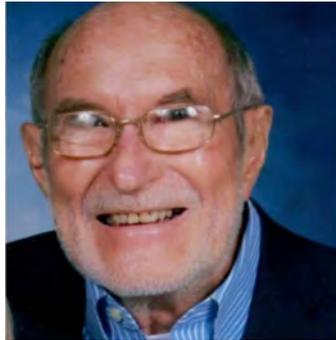
Richard Crawford Brooks
Dec. 13, 1945 ~ Oct. 11, 2022



Francis Tucker Younger
Jul. 25, 1928 ~ Nov. 1, 2022



George Lewis Berry, III
Mar. 25, 1951 ~ Jan. 30, 2023



Herman E. Fletcher
Sep. 21, 1941 ~ Mar. 14, 2023



Tammy Lynn Jones
Aug. 5, 1965 ~ May 27, 2023



Janet McNeil Foote
Jun. 20, 1935 ~ May 29, 2023



Randall Kelley Coggin, Sr.
Sep. 14, 1953 ~ Jun 9, 2023



Frank S. Ervin
May 17, 1941 ~ Jun. 18, 2023



Theodore Richard Askew
Mar. 31, 1947 ~ Aug. 11, 2023



Claude Leon Vickers
Aug. 8, 1943 ~ Aug. 27, 2023



Phyllis Kay Shepherd
Mar. 27, 1958 ~ Sep. 6, 2023



Joan Gray Griffies
Jan. 24, 1940 ~ Sep. 27, 2023



Virginia "Ginny" Smith Parks
Dec. 29, 1920 ~ Oct. 3, 2023

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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Hello all!

As many of you know, I was out for a week in October traveling in Italy on a “trial trip” with a company that could potentially be the host of the choir’s next international adventure. This week was packed with adventures in Siena, Montalcino, Pienza, Montepulciano, Florence, and Rome. Over the course of the week, I had the opportunity to visit some of the most stunning places of worship including the Siena Cathedral, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, and St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. Each of these establishments is an immaculate force of architecture, and I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to experience each of these places during the journey.

However, sitting amongst the elaborate marble structures, surrounded by some of the most ornate stained glass and massive Gothic frescos of medieval times, it’s easy to get caught up in the “pomp and circumstance” of it all. You’re in a space where you can’t help but feel closer to God, but also see the overly ornate façades and wonder if it was really money and effort well spent in times where the needs of the people were so much more than an elaborately adorned building.

We’re blessed to have such a beautiful house of worship here in Newnan, and I’m so grateful for the work Dawn did in preparing the Religion and Art in Newnan presentation last month. This project, which highlighted the beautiful stained glass that we’re surrounded with every week, was a magnificent way to honor the space we worship in every week. While we take in these different architectural beauties, whether they be those in another country or those close to home, we have to remind ourself that the church is not a building. As the hands and feet of Christ, it is our human selves that must be the church.

This reminder couldn’t have come at a more perfect time as we wrap up our month of gratitude for the gifts God has so generously given to us. For me, I am constantly feeling so grateful for everything God has blessed me with in bringing me to Newnan FUMC. I’ve met some of the most wonderful people, and I get to make music all week long in praise to God - How cool is my job?!?!

It seems hard to realize that November is already upon us and advent is around the corner. I cannot wait for all of the music that the choirs and handbell ensembles will share over the coming Advent season. I hope it is a reminder for each of you that, no matter where you worship or how you worship, God is in our midst.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Caitie



Duomo di Siena



**Cathedral of
Santa Maria del Fiore *Florence***



**High Altar at the Vatican
Designed by
Gian Lorenzo Bernini**

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids

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October has been full of fun and we are excited to enter November! Our Bible Verse this month is May the Lord bless you and keep you, Numbers 6:24. This month we are wrapping up the Book of Genesis. We will be learning about amazing stories like Jacob and Esau and Elizabeth and Zechariah. We will be playing games and using our hands to build things while we learn about the Bible and its lessons!

Children's Sunday school is on the Children's floor (upstairs in the Sanctuary building) Pre K 4 to 5th grade children are welcome! Children's Worship is gearing up for the holidays this month! We will be discussing how to serve leading up to stories of the birth of Jesus! We will wiggle and move while we grow closer to God! Children's Worship is on the Children's floor, upstairs in the Sanctuary building.

ROOT345 has been back in full force! We are having fun exploring lessons in the bible that shape our hearts and change our lives! We eat, play games, read the bible, read stories, and share adventures! If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader, please join us Sunday evenings at 6pm to 7:45pm on the Children's floor.

If you have a child that is 4 years old through 6th grade, we want you to sign up for the Christmas pageant! Please sign up online!

If you have any questions about our programs, please let Ms. Andrea Stuart know! astuart@newnanfumc.org



Sunday, December 3
in the Sanctuary
9:45am



NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 6 -12

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/UTH

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We have been having a good fall semester. Lots of great learning and fun. Our confirmation class got off to a great start with a wonderful retreat. It was a pleasure to get to know these wonderful young people and begin this milestone journey with them as they dive into their story and how God has played a major role in it. We have finished up two of our three series this semester. The first, Habits, guided us through the process of creating daily habits in various aspects of our life to connect with God, from brand new habits to new perspectives on old ones. Our second series, Direct Message, focused on prayer and opened up new understandings to how we approach prayer and what we say. We have one more series, and some of our biggest events of the Fall Semester still ahead of us, so we are so excited to have a great rest of the year!

Upcoming Events:

November 17-19: UTH Fall Retreat @ Camp Glisson

December 3: UTH Christmas Party



Underrated Series: Have you ever felt underrated or underestimated because of your age? It's a terrible feeling— as if, because you're still a teenager, you can't get this life or faith thing right yet. In this series, as we look at what was said to a young church leader named Timothy, we'll find that when it comes to our faith, instead of being underrated, we can own it.



JOY TREE | Begins November 12th

You are invited to be a part of Joy Tree this year! Each November-December, NFUMC collects a list of names of foster children in the community, detailing a Christmas list of toys and clothing needs. These needs are placed on tags, and members of our congregation are invited to shop for these items as a way to help provide a blessing for these children during the Christmas season. *Tags can be taken from the tree in the Narthex of the sanctuary :*

Drop-off for items will be in the Annex Hall on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 3rd, 9:30-12:30pm**
- Friday, December 8th, 4:00-6:00pm**
- Saturday, December 9th, 10:00-12:00pm**
- Sunday, December 10th, 9:30-12:30pm**

Please email Linda McCurdy (lindarmccurdy@numail.org) or Kathy Ferguson (kmf2650@yahoo.com) with any questions.



LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP | DINNER & PROGRAMMING

RSVP : newnanfumc.org/signups We look forward to seeing you there!



November 1 – Join us as we welcome our new Kitchen Hostess, Patty Hall and share in a celebration of Commitment Sunday! Enjoy dinner and fellowship prepared and served by the Agape Sunday School class. We will serve ham, pineapple stuffing, veggies, rolls, caramel cake, and drinks. \$5 children 10 and under, \$8 adults, with \$25 max. household

November 15 - Come enjoy dinner and fellowship prepared and served by the Missions Committee. We will enjoy pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, desserts, dessert, and drinks.

Cost: \$5 children 10 and under, \$8 adults, and \$25 household maximum. Please RSVP by 11/13/2023.

Contact the Church Office at 770-253-7400 or churchoffice@newnanfumc.org if you need assistance with signing up or if you have any questions.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

November 7 & 21 | 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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

FUN N' FROLIC | www.newnanfumc.org/signups

Aileen Burnett, Missions and Senior Adult Coordinator | aburnett@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x206)



CHRISTMAS AT THE NIXON CENTRE | December 14 | 6:15PM | \$5

Masterworks Concert at the Nixon Centre on Thursday, December 14th. We will leave the church at 6:15pm and should return around 8:45pm. Cost of the tickets are \$5 and need to be purchased through Aileen. RSVP by 12/7/2023. Please let Aileen know if you are driving to the venue.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!



Join us for Parent's Night Out at Newnan FUMC on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 4 pm to 8 pm. The kids will play, fellowship, and have the option of enjoying a family friendly movie, while you enjoy an evening out on the town! Space is limited to 20 children and payment is non-refundable. Registration ends Wed., November 8, 2023. Children will be checked in through KidCheck upon arrival that evening. nursery@newnanfumc.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY | Thursday, November 16 | 10:00am | Gathering Room

Join us on Thursday, September 21 for our next Prayer Shawl Meeting. Would you like to find out more info on this ministry? Contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office.



MARTHA CIRCLE | Monday, November 20 | 9:45am | Room 200

All are welcome, our current study is Pew Sisters. ! If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more detail.

CHRISTMAS PARTY hosted by the Women's Bible Study | November 29 | 10AM | Annex Hall

Women's Bible Study

Join us in decorating the Annex Hall tree and celebrating the holiday with food and fellowship. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Beverages and laughter will be provided! All are welcome, please contact Shelley Casey for more info at media@newnanfumc.org.

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Charleston and Savannah: On September 25th, we left for 5 days to tour Charleston and Savannah. During our trip, we toured Magnolia Plantation, Charleston bus tour, Fort Sumter, Savannah bus tour, visitors center, River Street, City Market and the Savannah Theater. We enjoyed wonderful meals in both cities. It was a great week filled with fun, fellowship and friendships.



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Mercier Orchards: On October 12th, we took our yearly trip to Mercier Orchards where we shopped for apples and fried pies. We enjoyed lunch at Bub-Ba-Q.



Christmas Made in the South: On October 27th, we ventured to Columbus for Christmas Made in the South. During our trip, we shopped for one-of-a-kind gifts and enjoyed lunch.

Jingle & Mingle
Women's Gala

Thursday, November 30
Entertainment by: L.C. Lane

Doors open at 5:30pm
Dinner: 6:00pm | Parish Hall

Swiss Wine Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Fruit Salad & Desserts

Tickets are available after worship services outside the church office.
Childcare provided | Please contact Lynn McKibbin or the office for more information.
lynnmckibbin46@gmail.com

newnanfumc.org/jingleandmingle **Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 8.**

NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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The preschool had a great time hosting the annual Fall Festival. Food, fun, and fellowship was had by all and the youth helped run the games for the children!



We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving program next month where the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will put on a special production for their parents. We wish Thanksgiving blessings to everyone and hope your Thanksgiving is filled with love and gratitude!

Thank you for your support of our school! -Nancy Martin and Susan Mitchell



The Newnan Fire Department visited the Preschool & Kindergarten students in October



Poinsettias for Advent

We are decorating the church this December for Advent. We will be decorating the church this December with poinsettias.

Please place your order between Nov. 5 - Nov. 19. Order forms will be available in our worship bulletins, throughout the church and online at newnanfumc.org/signups.



The flowers will be displayed throughout the church December 10 - 17. They are in 6.5" pots and the cost is \$15 per flower dedication. You may take the poinsettias home anytime after the 11 a.m. service on Dec. 17 through Wed. Dec. 20.

Please contact the office with any questions.
770.253.7400
churchoffice@newnanfumc.org

FALL JOB FAIR

2023



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 9

4pm to 6pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARISH HALL
33 GREENVILLE ST NEWNAN GA 30263



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs

BAPTISMS



Cole Lee Cunningham II | October 23, 2023
Son of Cole & Lisa Cunningham



"Chip" Cunningham with his parents and our pastors.

NEW MEMBERS



Ezequiel Vargas | October 22, 2023
Carol Crook | October 29, 2023



Ezequiel Vargas



Carol Crook

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



Virginia "Ginny" Smith Parks
December 29, 1920 – October 3, 2023

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



Our sympathies go to Carol Tamplin on the loss of her mother, Mattie Sue Robbins, on October 22, 2023.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Truett's
 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
5:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship (PH)
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (AH)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:15pm Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
 6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 Dinner|Activities
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner|Activities (UL)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

4:30pm Joybells
 5:00pm Preschool Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
 5:45pm Inspirations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A
 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (AH)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00am FnF Tut Exhibit
 4:00pm Community Job Fair (PH)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

4:00pm Fear This For Life class (CH)
 4:00pm Parent's Night Out

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 1:00pm FNF White Christmas @ The Legacy
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
 6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 Dinner|Activities
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner|Activities (UL)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:30pm Joybells
 5:45pm Inspirations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)
 2:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (rm. 201)
 6:00pm Trustees Meeting (AH)
 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 10:00am Dementia Support Mtg (AC)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
5:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship (PH)
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (AH)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting (GR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

UTH Fall Retreat @ Camp Glisson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

UTH Fall Retreat @ Camp Glisson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MISSION SUNDAY

UTH Fall Retreat @ Camp Glisson

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:45am Martha Circle Small Group (rm. 200)
 NO Joybells
 5:45pm Inspirations
 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (AH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)
 NO Masterworks Chorale (CR)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
 6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 Dinner|Activities
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner|Activities (UL)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

4:30pm Joybells
 5:45pm Inspirations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)
 6:15pm Masterworks (CR)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A
 10:00am Christmas Party WBS (AH)
 10:00am Dementia Support Mtg (AC)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:30pm Jingle & Mingle Women's Gala

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

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WEEKLY EMAILS



YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES

Week 43

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **1,023,162**
 Total Expenses: \$ **1,207,365**
 Over/(Under): \$ **(184,203)**

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ **1,616,113**