

THE SHEPHERD

The monthly newsletter of Newnan First United Methodist Church

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MARCH 2022

A HEALTHY CHURCH

Allow me to begin with a premise: Healthy things are growing things. This premise applies to individuals and to the Church. When children are small, we don't have to constantly remind them to grow. We know that if we can keep them healthy then they are going to grow. So, we focus on nutrition, exercise, education and prompt medical attention when needed, and then almost overnight (or so it seems) they're all grown-up.

Thinking specifically about the Church now, what are some of the most important characteristics of a healthy Church? And how are we doing in each of these areas?

A) PRAYER: A healthy Church is a praying Church. Nothing of eternal value happens without prayer. We can do a lot of cool things, enjoyable things... We can appear to be extremely busy with worthwhile stuff as God's people, God's Church. But if human hearts are to be changed, transformed, made new in Christ, then we must pray. The really significant happenings in this world can only happen by the power of God. We can do amazing things in partnership with God, but fear often prevents us. A.W. Tozer said, "God is looking for people through whom God can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves." How is our personal prayer life? Is NFUMC a praying Church? The two questions are not unrelated.

B) GENEROSITY: A healthy Church is a generous Church. Sick and dying Churches become tight-fisted thinking they are clutching life when in reality they are choking themselves to death. Healthy Churches are generous Churches realizing that it is God who provides, God who supplies, God whose well will never run dry. Where are we, individually, on the Generosity Scale? Is NFUMC a generous Church? The two questions are not unrelated.

There are other characteristics of healthy Churches that I don't have space to elaborate on at the moment. But I do have space to mention that we are entering, once again, the sacred season of Lent. It is no coincidence that Lent occurs in the Spring of the year, a season of new growth. The Spiritual Disciplines that receive increased attention during these weeks can certainly contribute to our own Spiritual health and, in turn, to the health of the Church.

It is my hope and prayer that all of us will emerge from Lent as stronger and healthier followers of Jesus the Christ. And it is my greater hope and prayer that NFUMC will approach Easter in a state of good health, more ready than ever to grow in our desire to make Disciples.

Have a blessed Lent.
Stay, or get, well!

Rev. Charles Robinson

Senior Pastor | crobinson@newnanfumc.org



MARCH SERMONS

LENTEN SEASON

MARCH 2

ASH WEDNESDAY (6:30PM)

Store Up?

(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

MARCH 6

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Building Your House (Andrew)

(Luke 6:47-49)

MARCH 13

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Take Up

(Matthew 16:21-28)

MARCH 20

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Raise Up

(John 2:13-22)

MARCH 27

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Tuned Up

Music Sunday

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION TRIP

ERT MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY

MARCH 23-27 | MADISONVILLE, KY | NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS

Our ERT (Early Response Team) will be heading to Madisonville, Kentucky March 23-27th. We will be at job sites Thursday to Saturday. Our primary goal is to assist with chainsaw and debris clean-up in areas affected by the tornados. We will be sent out to surrounding areas as Madisonville was not affected by the tornado. Hanson UMC in Madisonville will be providing housing and bagged lunches for our crew. Our team will be led by Ted Burnett along with Aileen Burnett, Allen Bell, Scott Harlan, Eric Harlan, Wes Cato and Greg Oothoudt.

Interested in joining us? Email aburnett@newnanfumc.org

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT

MAR 2 - APR 21

DONATE \$1/DAY OR \$40 PERSON

GOAL: \$10,000

One soda, one snack, a cup of coffee – give it up and feed someone in need!



Donation containers are available in the Narthex, the breezeway door of the Sanctuary, by the Chapel, and near the church office. You also can text "NFUMC" to 73256 to give via text, or visit NewnanFUMC.org/give to donate to "Give It Up For Lent"

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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GREAT DAY OF SERVICE



SAVE THE DATE



RUN FOR ANGELS
20th Anniversary

RUN FOR ANGELS

MARCH 26, 2022 | THEANGELSHOUSE.ORG

The RUN FOR ANGELS has been the annual fundraiser for the Angel's House since its inception in 2003. All proceeds go to the operation of our shelter for teenage girls. Our course is certified as PEACHTREE ROAD RACE QUALIFIER, so the RUN FOR ANGELS is a highly respected and well-attended event attracting hundreds of participants from all over the southeast! Please come out and support our efforts in the community.



MEETING!

**MONDAY, MARCH 7
10:30 AM | GR**

Calling all Ladies Service Group Members! We are having a meeting on March 7. We hope to see everyone in the Gathering Room.



FUNDRAISER

**CAN'T NEVER COULD
APRIL 9TH | 4-7 PM**

We are having another charcuterie event on April 9! Pickup will be in the Preschool drive-thru of our church. Watch our website and Facebook page for ordering details.

LENTEN & EASTER SEASON EVENTS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/EASTER



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM | PARISH HALL

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and pancakes to kick off the Lenten season. The pancake dinner is cooked and served by your very own NFUMC staff members! There is no cost and no need for reservations. We would love to see all of our congregation come out and take part in this wonderful tradition.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us for an evening service of repentance and prayer. All are welcome!



MUSIC SUNDAY - HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Our Chancel Choir will lead us in worship as they present some of your favorite hymns accompanied by a full orchestra and organ. Featured hymns will include "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", "It Is Well", and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." We look forward to seeing you here!

2022 LENTEN WORSHIP/LUNCH SCHEDULE

MAR 2	ST PAUL'S EPIS.	REV. TYLER BROCK (NPC)
MAR 9	CENTRAL BAPTIST	REV. RICK DOUGLAS (FBC)
MAR 16	FIRST BAPTIST	FATH. RANDY MATTOX (STG)
MAR 23	NEWNAN PRES.	REV. HAZEL GLOVER (STP)
MAR 30	NEWNAN FUMC	REV. MATT SAPP (CBC)
APR 6	ST. GEORGE CATH.	REV. CHARLES ROBINSON (NFUMC)

12:00 PM SERVICE
followed by
LUNCH
\$5

*2022 Offering Recipient: Community Tornado Relief Fund (CTRF)
No Reservations Needed.*

Easter Services

7:00 AM SUNRISE | GREENVILLE ST. PARK

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Sunday, April 17th



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 to set up a training.



SAVE THE DATE!

**APRIL 10, 2022
AT 12:30 PM
GREENVILLE
STREET PARK**

**Churchwide Easter Egg Hunt!
Fellowship, Food, Games,
and Easter eggs (of course)**



PRE-K4 ~ 5TH GRADE

We would love to see you!

Children's Worship: 4 Yr - 2nd Gr.

11:00 am Sunday Service

Children's Sunday School: 4 Yr - 5th Gr.

9:45 - 10:45 am Sunday

ROOT 345: Grades 3-5

6-7:30 pm Sunday Night

QUESTIONS?

Email: astuart@newnanfumc.org



NFUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN NEWS

CONSIGNMENT SALE UPDATE

Thank your support of our Consignment Sale. This fundraiser benefits your preschool and allows us to provide affordable education with quality teachers and materials. We had another successful sale that raised \$16,000 towards the school. We tithe 10% of this back to the church in gratitude for all that the Lord has provided. Thank you!

2022/23 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Monday, March 14 @ 9am

Visit our admissions page at nfumcpreschool.org/admissions. When registration becomes live, you will see a link to submit your registration request. All of the details for how our registration works are included on that page. We do give priority to current church members and preschool families.

Questions about our preschool? Contact Nancy!

Nancy Martin

Preschool Director | nmartin@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.1237



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

Confirmation: Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2022. They have spent the year reading Scripture, learning about what makes us Wesleyan, and trying to name as many uses of water as they can think of (just a little game we played). This class is particularly filled with a desire to learn and take chances. They had a knack for stepping out and raising good questions. It was a joy to watch these

kids grow throughout the year. If you run into one of our confirmands, be sure to ask them about Prevenient Grace!



Andrew Chappell

Associate Pastor | achappell@newnanfumc.org

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Myra Grace Conoly
- Reagan Breckinridge Cranford
- William Buchanan Harper
- Colby Gray Goldenberg
- Connor Avery Porras
- Katherin Carlene Collins
- Edith Anne Hines
- Laura Tinsley Sears
- Alexis Brynne Steed
- Andrew Christopher Steed



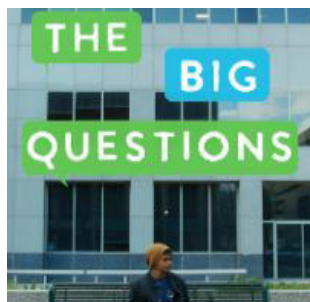
UTH! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



PRAYER BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAYS | 7 AM | POPLAR ROAD CHICKFILA

Join us on Wednesday mornings for prayer breakfast. We will meet at Chick-fil-A on Poplar Rd for breakfast and to dive into the Word. Bring your Bibles!



NEW SERIES - THE BIG QUESTIONS

SUNDAYS | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | UTH LOUNGE

We will be taking a look at the big questions that every student asks themselves along the way to growing up. This is a chance of the church to lean in and help our kids find answers to life's toughest questions.

We would love to have you join us!

Paul Mosley

Director of Youth Ministries | pmosley@newnanfumc.org



**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 FOR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

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



LET'S TALK

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | ROOM 201

Join a lively lay-led discussion as we look at current events from a Christians perspective and grow together in love. March facilitators include Eddie and Karen Tigchelaar, Gisela Ware, Nancy Martin & Bob McKoon. Everyone is welcome. **NOTE:** There will not be a Let's Talk on March 2nd.

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 - choose Sunday Supper. Please let us know the Friday before the supper you plan to attend. The cost is \$5 per person. *UTH and Root students do not have to RSVP.*



ATLANTA BRAVES VS. CHICAGO CUBS

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

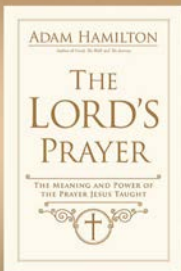
BUS DEPARTS: 4:30 PM | GAME STARTS: 7:20 PM

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 charter bus, ticket and tip. Registration is open now. **DEADLINE: 4/14.**

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.**



LORD'S PRAYER BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS | MAR 8 - APR 26 | 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM | ROOM 200

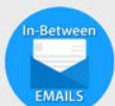
Rev Charles Robinson will be leading a 7-week study on the book "The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning & Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught" by Adam Hamilton. Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? Sign up today!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

MONDAYS | MARCH 7 - APRIL 18 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | CENTRAL BAPTIST

For anyone experiencing any kind of grief or loss. RSVP to Newnan Presbyterian (770.253.4405) npcadmin@newnanpres.org or Central Baptist (770.683.0610) chaynes@centralbaptistnewnan.org. Childcare is provided. No meeting on 4/4 (Spring Break).





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February

IN THE CHURCH

GIVING & ATTENDANCE update

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE

Week 8	
Total Tithes/Income: \$	173,567
Total Expenses: \$	204,645
Over/(Under): \$	(31,078)
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TOTAL BUDGET: \$	1,615,162

ATTENDANCE: February 27

8:30 Worship:	83
11:00 Worship:	201
Online Viewers:	59
Children/Nurs./Modern:	20
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Total:	363

TUESDAY, MARCH 1:

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Bfast (GR)
- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 5:00pm Shrove Pancake Dinner (PH)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:

- 7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Pop Rd.)
- 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 Ash Wednesday Svc (S)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3:

- 12:00pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)
- 3:00pm Reading Circle (AH)
- 6:30pm SPRC Meeting (AH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4:

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5:

- 3:00pm Parent's Night Out (PH)
- 4:00pm Axe Throwing (Offsite)
- 6:00pm Confirm. Vows Dinner (AH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6:**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 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, MARCH 7:

- 10:30am Ladies Svc Grp (GR)
- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd Fl.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)
- 11:30am Angel's House BM. (203)
- 2:30pm Parkinson's Supp. (AH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9:

- 7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Pop Rd.)
- 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)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10:**FNF - ATL HISTORY CENTER**

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 11:**UTH RETREAT - LEAVES (11-13)**

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13:**UTH RETREAT - RETURNS (11-13)**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 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, MARCH 14:

- 9:00am Preschool Registration (OL)
- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd Fl.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15:

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)
- 6:00pm Church Council (AH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16:

- 7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Pop Rd.)
- 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, MARCH 17:**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

- 5:30pm HK SS St. Pat. Party (PH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18:**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20:

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 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, MARCH 21:

- 9:45am Martha Circle (200)
- 4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)
- 5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:00pm Finance Comm. (AH)
- 6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd Fl.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)
- 6:30pm Book Club (Agape SS - AH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23:**KY MISSION TRIP LEAVES (23-27)**

- 7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Pop Rd.)
- 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)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24:

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 25:

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27:**KY MISSION TRIP RETURNS (23-27)
MUSIC 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, MARCH 28:

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 29:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:

- 7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Pop Rd.)
- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 12:00pm Lenten Svc & Lunch (S/PH)
- 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)