

THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

AUGUST 2023

Friends and Family of NFUMC,

What a summer it has been! Each event and get-together has certainly filled my soul with a feeling of connectedness that I need particularly at this time of the year. Don't get me wrong, summer is a wonderful season. Schools are out, pools are open, and vacations abound. But late July always has me missing the routine a bit.

If you have worshiped with us this summer, you know that our focus has been on some of Jesus' "I AM" statements. It felt important to share in some reflection about what it is that Jesus says about himself! As a frame of reference for that series, Connor and I had some help from Leslie Weatherhead, who preached a similar series a long time ago. If you have not previously read anything by Pastor Weatherhead, I highly recommend it. You can't go wrong.

As we get back into the swing of things in August, we will be sharing in a series focused on what God says about us and who we are called to be. The series will be called BE and it will be built around Micah 6:8:

BE JUST.
KIND.
HUMBLE.
MICAH 6:8

*He has told you, mortal one, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?*

Indeed, this verse will be steering my thoughts and prayers as we embark on another school year, another fall, another Christmas season, and beyond. I hope you will join me in incorporating this scripture into your daily prayer life as we walk through what it means to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. It is truly who God calls us to BE, and who I think we are on the way to being.

Be in prayer for the students, teachers, and administrators of our schools as they get back into their routines. Be in prayer for our mission team that is going to Guatemala soon. And be in prayer for this church as we seek to BE Just, Kind, and Humble believers of God together!

*Grace and peace,
Andrew*

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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Hello all!

Where has the summer gone?! It seems to go by faster every year. I'm particularly excited because the end of summer this year means that the music department gets back into full swing! I couldn't be more excited for what the coming months hold for the music ministry here at Newnan First UMC.

Children's choirs will resume rehearsals this year on Wednesday, August 16, 2023:

- We are excited to welcome Mrs. Emily Evans as the director of Cherub Choir this year. This choir is for children ages 4 and 5, and the group will meet from 4:45-5:15 p.m. in the Chapel.
- Wesley Choir, for students in grades 1 and 2, will meet from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Carol Choir, for students in grades 3-6, will meet from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- We are also excited that Ms. Lynn McKibbin is continuing her work with Bellissimo. This is our handbell group for children grades 4-6. They will meet from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Bell Room.

In addition to Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Ensemble will resume their work on August 6, continuing under the direction of Bonnie Krider. Ensemble will meet from 4:30-5:00 p.m., and then Youth Choir will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m., preceding UTH.

The Children and Youth will always be the future of our ministry here at Newnan FUMC. It is so important that we continue to provide for them a nurturing environment where they can grow spiritually. We are blessed here at Newnan First UMC to have such an established Children's and Youth music program, and I look forward to getting to know all of the kids over the coming months.

If your child is interested in participating in the above ensembles, we encourage you to register as soon as possible at newnanfumc.org/music following the "Sign up now!" links. This will enable us to plan accordingly for the coming months. We cannot wait to have your kids back in worship!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Caitie



NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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Newnan First UMC, let's join together and love our neighbors!

On Saturday, August 26th, volunteers from all over the county will gather next-door to our church at Greenville Street Park to be sent out to love our community. This day, known as "Serve Coweta," will be an awesome way to be a witness of Christ's love to our city and county as we paint houses, provide home maintenance, build wheelchair ramps, and do other tangible projects to improve the well-being of our neighbors.



We will gather at the park at 8AM for a free breakfast and free t-shirt before being sent out to serve, and all projects will be finished by noon. RiverLife has provided a sign up for the event, and we are encouraging folks to sign up through their link. If you are a family or group, please sign up at one time and select the project you would like to work on.

If you have any questions, please contact Aileen Burnett at aburnett@newnanfumc.org.

Sign up today with the QR Code or online at www.servecoweta.com!



From August 12th-20th, fourteen members of Newnan First UMC will be traveling to Panahachel, Guatemala, to serve. Our host partner is a United Methodist organization called Mission Guatemala, and we will be partnering with them in their mission to meet the basic needs and improve the quality of life of under-served and impoverished Guatemalan peoples through health, education, and nutrition initiatives and

missionary service. Our team will be doing construction work related to this mission. Although we don't know the specifics of our project yet, their past projects have included hand washing stations in schools, filtered drinking water fountains for students, and a clinic for affordable, accessible, and quality health care.

Our team has been prayerfully preparing for this trip in the months leading up to our departure, and we have felt the Holy Spirit moving in the midst of our preparations. God is at work in Guatemala, and we are excited to join in with that kingdom-work through an organization that is intentionally loving their neighbors so well. We covet your prayers as we go on our mission journey, and we look forward to how God will shape us through our days in Guatemala!

*Grace and Peace,
Connor Bell*



Many thanks to continued generosity and support for the July. Mission donations to One Roof Outreach.



MISSION SUNDAY | AUGUST 20

Items needed for the ONE ROOF OUTREACH Food Pantry are:

- **Plastic grocery bags for distribution**
- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Macaroni & Cheese**

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

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids

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I cannot believe we are getting geared up for a new school year! This time of year is super busy and can be filled with nervous and excited feelings! We have had a lot of fun this summer at VBS, painting, water gun fun, eating with church families, and attending awesome Sunday School classes. We will continue the fun this fall with some time honored traditions and new fun!! August will be filled with drawing closer to God and our community. Sunday School is a canvas to create! We will be talking about creation, and all the wonderful things God puts in our lives. ROOT345 comes back to Sunday evenings and we will be walking through lessons of the bible and starting the new year at school!

We have a lot of fun things coming up in the next couple of months. Please mark your calendars! -Andrea Stuart



August 6th we will celebrate the new school year. We will recognize all the kids and teachers' hard work. 2 year olds and 1st graders will receive Bibles. After the

Recognition, we will head to the Gathering Room for snacks and fellowship with our amazing Sunday School Leaders!

Later that day we will celebrate and have a blast on jumpers, slides, dunk tank, playing games all while we eat! We will end our time with the time honored tradition of the backpack and teacher blessing!



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JOIN US SUNDAY NIGHTS!

ROOT345 starts back on August 13th! All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to the weekly Sunday evening program. This fun program is full of fellowship, games, and lessons from the bible! We use those lessons to apply to our daily living while growing closer to God!

FALL RETREAT!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders sign up for the Children's Retreat September 15-17. We will be heading to Camp Glisson for the weekend! The focus that weekend on Faith and we will have fun doing all kinds of activities that encourage us to grow our relationship with God.

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.

Looking Back on the Summer:

This summer we had a blast in times of fellowship, study, and service. Over the summer, we went on choir tour, volunteered at VBS, and met every week on Wednesday to dive into the book of Ruth and grab lunch together at local restaurants. The summer was also filled with simple fun. The UTH had a pool party (a big thank you to the Harlans for hosting us), played on Aqua Island at Callaway Gardens, and hosted a PJ movie night in the UTH Lounge. This summer has been amazing, and we are so looking forward to the upcoming school year! —Paul Mosley

YOUTH MINISTRY



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 6: **Back to School Bash, 3-5pm**
- August 13: **Bite Nite, 6-8:30pm**
- August 20: **UTH Parents Meeting, 4-5pm**
- August 20: **UTH on Sundays Starts, 6-8pm**
- August 23: **Bible & Biscuits @ Chick-fil-A**
- September 10: **Confirmation Kicks off**
- September 29- October 1: **Confirmation Retreat**
- November 18-20: **UTH Fall Retreat**



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 6 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 13, is our **Bite Nite**: a photo scavenger hunt where teams of six accomplish tasks around Downtown Newnan. Sign up today!

Then on Sunday, August 20, our first **UTH on Sundays** 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 20 from 4:00pm in the UTH Lounge.

Confirmation:

We are preparing for the **2023-2024 Confirmation Class** to get started **this September**. We are so excited for this milestone in each of these student's lives. We want to collect information about who all will be participating this year, so follow the link below. Once you fill out the information, I will follow up with each of you then. Confirmation starts **September 10th**, and our Confirmation Retreat is **September 29 through October 1st**. Mark your calendars for these awesome events!



NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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For our July session of Summer Enrichment, we welcomed 70 children! We had a great time learning about all things Rainforest! Our August session is a Creepy Crawly theme. We are looking forward to another fun session.



Our first day of school is September 5.

We will be welcoming 25 teachers and 150 students to our school this year!

Our Children's Consignment Sale is approaching September 22 and 23. Registration to consign is open. Visit our website for more information regarding our upcoming sale!

Blessings! -Nancy



Cheers and Tears! Preschool/Kindergarten Parents!

Please join us on September 5 in the Annex Hall at 8:45 am (right after drop-off) for a coffee and chat celebration of school beginning! This is a great way to meet other moms and enjoy a little time together!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

CONNECTING @ NEWNAN FIRST UMC

RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

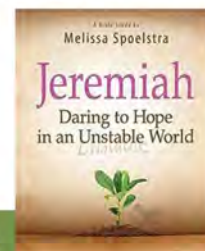


All are welcome! If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more details.

JEREMIAH by Melissa Spoelstra

Daring to Hope in an Unstable World

Women's Bible Study



7-WEEK STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6

WEDNESDAYS | 10AM | ANNEX HALL

Books can be purchased online through AMAZON | LIFEWAY | COKESBURY

Sign up with Shelley Casey email : media@newnanfumc.org .

Women's

SUMMER COFFEE & CHAT

AUGUST 16

10 - 11AM

ANNEX HALL



RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 5 & 19 | 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

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FUN 'N FROLIC

We traveled to Dickey Farms and enjoyed lunch at Buckner's restaurant in Jackson. Lots of peaches were purchased and we enjoyed ice cream. It was a beautiful but hot day for fun and fellowship.



ANTIQUES & LUNCH

On August 17, we are going to Griffin to the Antique Block and there will be an opportunity to go to the Sock Shoppe. We will enjoy lunch in the Griffin area. Cost of the trip is \$5 and lunch is on your own. We will leave at 9am and return around 3:30pm.

BLUE BELL CREAMERY

On September 14, we will be heading to Sylacauga, Alabama to tour Blue Bell Creamery, Country Store, Ice Cream Parlor and enjoy lunch in Sylacauga. Cost of the trip is \$10 and lunch is on your own. We will leave at 8am and return around 4pm. *Note time change from originally published time of 10am.*

CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Free Admission, Free Parking
**NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH PARISH HALL**
33 Greenville St., Newnan, GA
For more information, contact
Aileen Burnett at 770-253-7400 x 206 or
scan the code below for the application



Wednesday Night Supper:

Wednesday Night Suppers will start back on September 6 in the Parish Hall and will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's. Dinner will be served from 5pm-6:15pm. Prayer service will begin at 6:15pm in the Chapel. RSVPs are strongly encouraged so that we prepare enough food for everyone.

Dinner will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under, and \$25 household maximum.

Contact Aileen if you would like to be placed on the permanent list for dinner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 12 | Mercier Orchards and lunch.

October 21 | Craft/Vendor Fair in the Parish Hall.

October 27 | Christmas Made in the South.

November 30 | Jingle & Mingle with music by LC Lane. Be on the lookout for more information.

Our annual trip to **Mercier Orchards** is scheduled for October 12th. We will leave the church at 9am and plan to return around 6pm. The cost of the trip is \$10 and lunch is on your own at Bub-Ba-Q. Bring along your reusable shopping bag to bring your goodies home. Reserve your seat early!

newnanfumc.org/calendar

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
12:15pm Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Promotion Sunday (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
3:00pm Back to School Bash (PH | 3-5pm)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
Preschool Summer Enrichment
6:30pm Worship Committee Mtg (GR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
Preschool Summer Enrichment
2:30pm Parkinson's Support (201)
6:00pm Trustees Mtg. (AH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
Preschool Summer Enrichment
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
Preschool Summer Enrichment

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
MISSION GUATEMALA
4:00pm Fear This for Life (CH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
MISSION GUATEMALA
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 FirstKIDs ROOT345 (CW)
6:00pm UTH BITE NITE

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
MISSION GUATEMALA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
MISSION GUATEMALA
7:00pm Church Council (AH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
MISSION GUATEMALA
10:00am Women's Coffee & Chat (AH)
10:00am Dementia Support Mtg (AC)
4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
MISSION GUATEMALA
9:00am FnF Antiques & Lunch

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
MISSION GUATEMALA
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
MISSION GUATEMALA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 | MISSION SUNDAY
MISSION GUATEMALA
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
4:00pm UTH Fall Parent's Meeting (UL)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 (CW)
6:00pm UTH Group (UL)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg. (AH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A
4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
4:45pm Cherub Choir (CH)
4:30pm Wesley Choir (CR)
5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
8:00am #SERVE COWETA Service Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am 5th Sunday Fellowship (AH)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 (CW)
6:00pm UTH Group (UL)

MONDAY, AUGUST 28
9:00am Preschool Teacher Pre-Planning

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
9:00am Preschool CPR Certification

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A
9:00am Preschool Teacher Pre-Planning
4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)
4:45pm Wesley Choir (CR)
5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
9:00am Preschool Teacher Pre-Planning

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 30

Total Tithes/Income: \$ 677,578

Total Expenses: \$ 833,192

Over/(Under): \$ (155,614)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,616,113