

# THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

## MAY 2023

Friends of Newnan FUMC,

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter with so many of you. The entire holy week was beautiful, from our Maundy Thursday to our shared Good Friday at Mt. Olive UMC down the road. The Easter morning egg hunt was so awesome. The music and the choir were astounding!

To be honest, I'm sad that Easter is over. But I need not fear, for Easter is actually a whole season in the life of the church – a whole season remembering that God can turn the torture symbol of a Roman cross into a symbol for forgiveness, mercy, and salvation. And don't forget that God has also undone the power of the tomb, previously a symbol of death and finality. The tomb is now empty and a sign to us that death is defeated and will never again have the last word. God's redemption brings light from the darkness, good from the evil, and finds its home in the redefining and redeeming of all things.

I would be curious to know how you intend on continuing your celebration of Easter. I'm not necessarily talking about eating honey-baked ham and deviled eggs for the next few weeks. I'm not suggesting that the Easter bunny needs to make another visit or two. I mean – how are you going to join God in helping the world find resurrection and redemption?

Honestly, that question feels too big. Maybe there is a better way to ask that same question (but on a smaller and more personal scale). Try this – how can you help to show love and compassion just like Jesus? Or how about this – if you could do one thing to help make your neighbor's life better, what would it be? Or maybe – what talents and skills has God given you that you can use to assist God in helping another person you know?

The message is out. Easter has occurred. He's not in his tomb anymore. Jesus is loose! And he is fixing this world one healed heart at a time. Are you ready to join in? I pray that you are.

A special word of welcome to those who have recently joined in the membership of this church: Marie Norris and Chester (Chet) Bryant, Peter and Ivonne Sheren, Gina Beldon with children Channing, Wilkins, Asher, Richard and William. This Sunday we will welcome Philip and Melynda Stephenson.

Grace and peace,  
Andrew

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# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS



## GIVE IT UP FOR LENT TO BENEFIT BRIDGING THE GAP

The total collected for Bridging the Gap is \$13,242.54! Thank you for your generosity! It will help meet the needs for so many of our community brothers and sisters in Christ through the ministry at Bridging the Gap.



On April 15, we had a wonderful day of service and fellowship with Mt. Olive UMC in Newnan on Saturday. We partnered with members of Mt. Olive and Pastor Yolanda Jones-Colton to assist with the beautification of our sister church.

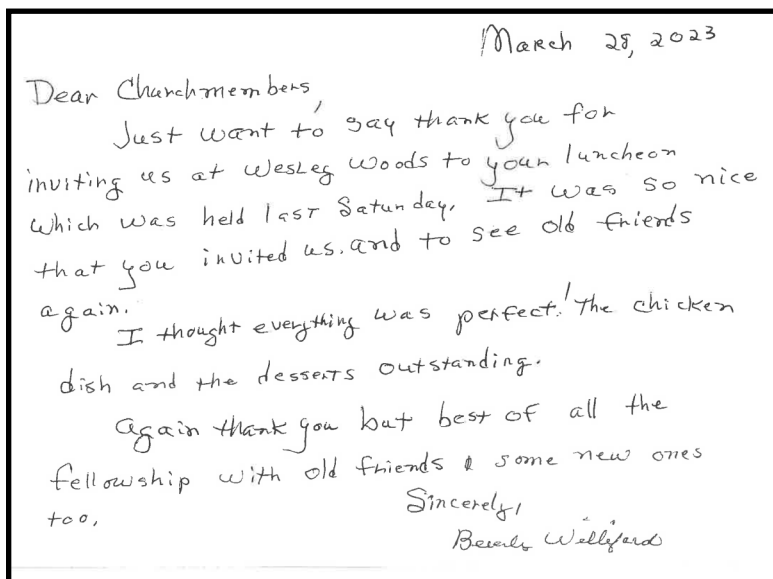


## MISSION SUNDAY | MAY 21

Items needed for the ONE ROOF Food Pantry are:

**Ramen Noodle Soup, boxes of Macaroni & Cheese and Granola Bars.**

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



We received a thank you card from our NFUMC Day of Service



# CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

MAY 2 & 16 | 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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



## PLUGGED-IN | Dinner 5:00pm | Chapel Prayer Service 6:15pm

Come join us for our Plugged-In event. The cost is \$5.00 for children under 10, \$8.00 for adults, and \$9.00 for takeout. Contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206 or [aburnett@newnanfumc.org](mailto:aburnett@newnanfumc.org) with questions. **RSVP Online: [newnanfumc.org/signups](https://newnanfumc.org/signups)**

**Wednesday, May 10** | Our menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink. RSVP by Monday, May 8, 2023.

*We will have 4 summer Plugged-In events which will be June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26. Stay tuned for more details.*

## MARTHA CIRCLE | Monday, May 15 | 9:45am | Room 200

The Martha Circle will meet at 9:45am in room 200. We will finish with our book study, Fearless. All are welcome! If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at [bevwatkins40@charter.net](mailto:bevwatkins40@charter.net) or call the office for more detail.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY | Thursday, May 18 | 10:00am | Gathering Room

Join us on Thursday, April 20 for our next Prayer Shawl Meeting. Would you like to find out more information on this ministry? Contact Beverly Watkins at [bevwatkins40@charter.net](mailto:bevwatkins40@charter.net) or call the office for more detail.

## Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS | 10AM

## WHY by Adam Hamilton | 10:00am | Annex Hall

A 4-week book study with video and group discussions. We will meet on May 3, 10, 17 & 24. Sign up with Shelley Casey by email : [media@newnanfumc.org](mailto:media@newnanfumc.org) .

*Save the date!*

## CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

June 11, 2023 | First Avenue Park

The June 11 Churchwide Picnic will be held at 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Braves Game: Money is due by May 31. You can pay by cash or check with Braves noted on the memo line. Drop off to the church office or Program Office.**



# LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

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## FUN 'N FROLIC

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed an outing to Callaway Gardens where we visited the Butterfly House, Chapel, and the Discovery Center. We had lunch, and some muscadine ice cream, at the Country Kitchen.



On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we saw the Buddy Holly story at The Legacy Theater. What a great performance!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Register online at [newnanfumc.org/signups](http://newnanfumc.org/signups) or contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206.



May 6 | The Cotton Fair



### May 9 | The Shed at Fitzgerald's Farm | Lunch at Big Joes

Enjoy a day of fun and fellowship as we have lunch and head to the Shed at Fitzgerald's Farm to purchase strawberries and of course, ice cream. We will leave the church at approximately 10:45am and have lunch at Big Joe's in Newnan (\$\$). After lunch, we will travel to get our strawberries. We should return to the church around 4:00pm. The cost of the trip will be \$5 for the bus. Don't forget to bring your reusable shopping bag to put your goodies in!



### June 8 | Infantry Museum at Fort Benning

Come spend the day exploring the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. This museum houses many displays and artifacts from many of our country's deployments. After the museum, we will have lunch in the Columbus area. Cost of the trip will be \$10.00 (transportation and donation to museum). We will leave the church at 8:30am and plan to return around 3:30pm. Register by June 1st

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS SUMMER!

### July 13 | Buckner's Peaches.

Cost is \$25 for lunch and the bus. Shopping on your own. 10:00am-4:30pm.

### August 17 | Antiques and lunch.

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



# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7!

- Children's Program | OH, JONAH! ALL Services will be in the Parish Hall!
- Youth Choir singing @ Wesley Woods | 3:30pm

## 2023 YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Choir Tour | June 3 –9

Homecoming Sunday | June 11



# NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

[NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG](http://NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG)

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Our Community Helpers and First Responders from the Newnan Police Department, Newnan Fire Department, and the Coweta county K-9 unit paid a visit to our school! We appreciate their taking the time to help us learn about safety! We thank them for their service!



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Our school year has flown by!! We have had a wonderful year! We will finish out the year with a 4yr Graduation and Kindergarten graduation on May 19. We have approximately 180 students registered for Summer Enrichment, which is amazing! Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool & Kindergarten program! Blessings!

-Nancy



# FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

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

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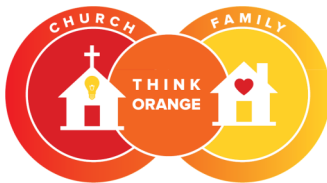
This month is a great month for the Children's Ministry! We have so much coming up and we are so glad to have everyone involved! This theme this month in the Children's Ministry we are talking about "Raising our Game" and playing with confidence!

**Hebrews 13:6 tells us "So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."**

When we know that with confidence, we can live like we believe God is with us...Because he is! And because God is always with us we know that we can share God's love with others through treating them how we want to be treated and filling a need! We have games and crafts. We have stories and adventures! We want you to join us for a fun-filled May! - *Andrea*

## Sunday School

Sunday School is from 9:45 am to 10:45 am every Sunday! This month we are going to learn about some wonderful stories of people being commissioned to do wonderful things for God, Stories about people receiving the help they needed from the Holy Spirit. We will learn about Peter and John going and talking to a large group of people and how an important official was transported by a chariot and the exciting thing that happened to him!



## Children's Worship

Children's Worship takes place during the 11:00am worship service and we dismiss all 4-year-olds to 2nd graders to come and praise, pray, and wiggle for God! The only time we do not meet is the first Sunday of the month for families to receive communion together.

**ROOT345's** last Sunday is May 7, 2023. We will have our summer kick-off party! Don't miss the fun! As summer quickly approaches and school winds down, do not worry, we will have summer fun things on Wednesday evenings in June!



VBS is live! Register NOW!  
Join our Hero Team and grow closer to God while we sing, dance, and play together!

[newnanfumc.org/vbs](http://newnanfumc.org/vbs)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If your child would like to join as an acolyte, we would love for you to join in this wonderful tradition! Let Ms. Andrea know and we can get you started!

# NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 6 -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](http://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 are closing out the semester here with UTH at Newnan First UMC. We had our final regular UTH of the School Year on April 30th, and it was a great chance to celebrate our seniors and all they have been working so hard for. They placed their handprints on the walls signifying the end of their time in youth. It was a wonderful yet sad moment. We love these young adults so much and can't wait to see what they will be up to next year. Don't worry though, there is still an opportunity for the whole church to celebrate with these awesome young people on Senior Sunday! Join us on May 21 for a Sunday with all our awesome graduates and their families. –Paul Mosley

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:30 SENIOR BREAKFAST

11:00 WORSHIP



REGISTER YOUR SENIOR TODAY!

[newnanfumc.org/signups](http://newnanfumc.org/signups)



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- May 7: UTHapalooza
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 21: Senior Sunday
- May 28: Memorial Day Weekend

### Senior Sunday Registration

The end of the school year is fast approaching and for our oldest UTH that means graduation. We want to collect some information from you so we can honor your seniors this Senior Sunday (May 21). Please follow the QR code or go to [newnanfumc.org/signups](http://newnanfumc.org/signups) and answer as much of it as you can. We understand that their future plans and details may change leading up to Senior Sunday, and we will update them as necessary.

We need everyone registered by May 7th, so that we can prepare for that awesome Sunday Morning!



### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

We close out the year with **UTHapalooza** on May 7th. We will be at Camp Welcome for our end-of-the-year bash: an all-out Color War. We hope to see all of you out there, ready to get messy! We will have a bus transport students to Wesley Woods earlier that day for the Choir Tour's first run, and then it will transport them to Camp Welcome. Parents, we do ask that you pick your children up from camp welcome following **UTHapalooza**.





# IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

*Loving one another through life's ups and downs*

## BAPTISMS



April 2 | Alexander Fox Palmer  
Son of Bo and Elisabeth Palmer



## NEW MEMBERS



- April 16 Gina Beldon, with her children  
Channing, Wilkins, Asher, Richard & William
- April 23 Marie Norris
- April 23 Chester "Chet" Bryant
- April 23 Peter and Ivonne Sheren
- April 30 Philip and Melynda Stephenson



WESLEY WOODS  
MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



cherish every moment

The Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering provides charitable financial assistance, pastoral care, and wellness programming to older adults living in Wesley Woods communities. Support is provided to residents in need of financial assistance to remain in their Wesley Woods homes. A robust wellness program includes fitness classes and on-site nurses to enhance the well-being of residents, enabling them to live independently longer. Wesley Woods chaplains provide ministry through personal visits, pastoral support, Bible study, and worship. Help create hope and spread joy with a gift to Wesley Woods.

You may give online at [wesleywoods.org/donate](https://wesleywoods.org/donate).

To make gifts of stock or to place Wesley Woods in your estate plans, please call Kelli Naughton at 404-728-6857. Thank you for helping to ensure seniors living at Wesley Woods continue to thrive.

## YOUTH & SUMMER JOBS

2023 JOB FAIR



THURSDAY  
MAY 11, 2023

4PM—6PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—PARISH HALL  
33 GREENVILLE ST. NEWNAN GA

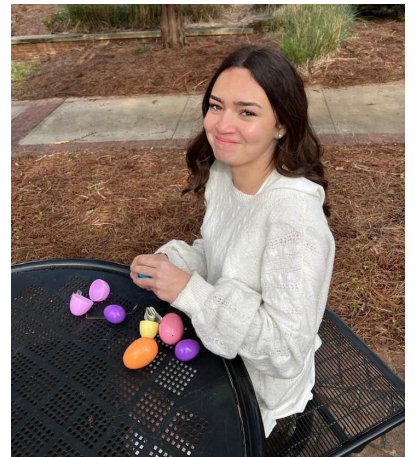


Goodwill SOUTHERN RIVERS

[goodwillr.org](https://goodwillr.org)



# EASTER EGG HUNT





# EASTER SUNDAY





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## MONDAY, MAY 1

5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

## TUESDAY, MAY 2

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast at Doba's Cafe

10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)

4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)

4:30pm Cherub & Wesley Choirs (CH/CR)

5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)

5:30pm Girl Scouts (JAM)

6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

12:15pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00am FNF The Cotton Fair

4:00pm Fear This For Life driving class (CH)

## SUNDAY, MAY 7 | CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

*\*ALL Worship Services in Parish Hall*

8:30am Worship\*

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)

11:00am Worship\*

3:30pm Youth Choir @ Wesley Woods

6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)

6:00pm UTHAPALOOZA @ Camp Welcome

## MONDAY, MAY 8

5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)

10:45am FNF Lunch & Berries

2:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (AH)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)

4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)

4:30pm Cherub & Wesley Choirs (CH/CR)

5:00pm PLUGGED-IN Dinner (PH)

5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)

6:15pm PLUGGED-IN Prayer Service (CH)

6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

7:30pm UTH Sticky Faith at Paul Mosley's home

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

4:00pm Youth Job Fair (PH)

## FRIDAY, MAY 12

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

## SUNDAY, MAY 14 | MOTHER'S DAY

8:30am Worship (S)

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)

11:00am Worship (S)

4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)

5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)

## MONDAY, MAY 15

9:45am Martha Circle (rm. 200)

5:45pm Inspirations

## TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)

11:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors EOY Party

6:00pm Trustee's Mtg. (AC)

7:00pm Church Council Mtg. (AH)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)

10:00am Dementia Support Group (AC)

5:30pm Girl Scouts (JAM)

6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

10:00am Prayer Shawl Mtg (GR)

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

9:00am NFUMC Preschool Graduation (S)

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

10:30am NFUMC Kindergarten Graduation (S)

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

## SUNDAY, MAY 21 | MISSION SUNDAY

### SENIOR GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:30am Worship (S)

9:30am Senior Graduation Breakfast (PH)

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)

11:00am Worship (S)

4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)

5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)

## MONDAY, MAY 22

5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

6:00pm Finance Meeting (AH)

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)

6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

## SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:30am Worship (S)

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)

11:00am Worship (S)

NO Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)

NO Youth Choir (CR)

## MONDAY, MAY 29 | MEMORIAL DAY

*Office Closed*

## TUESDAY, MAY 30

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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

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WEEKLY EMAILS



## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES

### Week 17

Total Tithes/Income: \$ 398,710

Total Expenses: \$ 479,409

Over/(Under): \$ (80,699)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,616,113