


THE  **NEWNAN FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**SHEPHERD**

OCTOBER  
2023

BRIGHT HOPE FOR  
*tomorrow*

GENEROSITY FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Newnan FUMC Friends and Family,

I recently discovered the inspiring story of Thomas Chisholm, a Kentucky school teacher and Methodist minister born in 1866. Despite facing health challenges and financial hardships, he turned to poetry. In 1923, he penned the beloved hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Chisholm's hymn beautifully captures God's unwavering faithfulness, even in life's trials. It reminds us that God's faithfulness endures, offering pardon for sin, lasting peace, "strength for today and **bright hope for tomorrow.**"

This October, we'll explore the spiritual aspect of generosity and how it connects to our faith journey. We invite you to reflect on God's faithfulness in your life and ask, "Where does God want me to be in my giving?"

Sunday, October 29, is Commitment Sunday, we'll invite you to pray and consider your Pledge Giving for 2024, crucial for our Annual Ministry forecast. Your generosity strengthens our church, allows grace to flow, and indeed kindles a bright hope for tomorrow.

Exciting things are happening in our church, and with your support—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—we can continue our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Together, we carry forward the legacy of faithfulness embodied in Chisholm's hymn.

Also, join me in welcoming new members Charlie and Cate Causey.

*In His Grace and Love,*  
*Andrew Chappell*

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# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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For September, we were asked by One Roof to collect peanut butter, oatmeal and canned meats. During the drop-off at One Roof, our donations filled 3 shopping carts and one flatbed dolly. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



## MISSION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 15

Items needed for the ONE ROOF OUTREACH Food Pantry are:

- Cereal

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



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

**OCTOBER 26 | 6:00PM - 8PM**  
**PARISH HALL**

Sign-up is now open for our annual Rise Against Hunger event scheduled for Thursday, October 26th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Our goal this year is to package 15,000 meals. If you need accommodation, please let Aileen know and we will find a position for you. There is a job for every person, and we would love for you to join us! Sign up online at [newnanfumc.org/signups](https://www.newnanfumc.org/signups). We also need assistance with setting up, beginning at 4:30pm.

Sign up with the QR code above, or link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DA8A72BA0FFC70-44490392-rise>.



**BAGS OF HOPE FAMILY PACKING EVENT | October 29 | Parish Hall | 6:00PM**

On October 29, the kids and youth of Newnan First UMC are partnering with their families to pack **Bags of Hope!** We hope the whole family will attend this night of fun and service! Join us at 6:00pm for a family friendly dinner in the Parish Hall. Bag packing will begin around 6:30pm, following which we will be roasting marshmallows and making smores together. **Bring the whole family out to this fun night, ALL are welcome!**

# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

Caitlyn Dixon, Minister of Music | [cdixon@newnanfumc.org](mailto:cdixon@newnanfumc.org) | 770.253.7400 x205



Happy October, all!

Fall is my favorite season. Friday night lights, cooler weather, and the absolute masterpiece God paints in the foliage. I'm sorry summer lovers, but I just don't see how you could like the sweltering heat more. The fall season is often symbolic of change. Needless to say, the music program has seen some changes this year, and it has been such a joy getting to be a part of this season of the church. Whether it be a refreshed choir room, new music, or new members, I am so grateful to serve a church that embraces change, even when it's sometimes hard. We just have to remind ourselves that if we remain centered on what we've learned from Micah 6:8, that doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God often means that we have to embrace this change to further our journey with God. I cannot wait to see what else He has in store.

In September, we launched the Celebration Singers, our new multigenerational daytime choir. We are excited to sing for you this month and look forward to what God has in store for us as we consider our outreach opportunities in the coming months. If you are still looking for a place to plug in, there is room for you! No talent or knowledge is required, just a zeal for God and sharing His love through music.



You've now gotten to hear from all of our children and youth choirs, as well as Bellissimo, and you'll be hearing from Joybells and Inspirations soon as well. We have a full year of great music-making ahead of us, and the music ministry is excited to share that with all of you.

As we celebrate and embrace this season of change both in the calendar year and in the life of the church, it is my prayer that we can continue to do our duty as a congregation of the United Methodist Church in making disciples for Jesus Christ. I pray that each of us feels God's call to be plugged into this church and this community. If there is ever anything I can do for you to help with that journey, don't hesitate to reach out!

As always, blessings upon each of you!



Soli Deo Gloria,  
Caitie

## Religion and Art in Newnan

Guests will experience a time for reflection using images of stained glass, local poets, musicians, and organ music.

### October 15, 2023 Sunday, 3:00 PM

This year's free event is hosted by:  
**Newnan First United Methodist Church**  
33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA 30263

For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn McCord: [dmccord@newnanfumc.org](mailto:dmccord@newnanfumc.org)

## 2023-24 SEASON SAVE-THE-DATES



MASTERWORKS TICKETS

All Performances will be hosted at the  
**Blackbox Theatre**  
Donald W. Nixon Centre for Performing Arts  
1525 Lower Fayetteville Road  
Newnan GA 30265

**THE MOON, THE STARS AND THE EARTH**  
Sunday, October 22, 2023  
2:30PM

**CHRISTMAS AT THE NIXON CENTRE**  
Thursday, December 14, 2023  
7:00PM

**NYC CARNEGIE HALL PREVIEW**  
The Music of Elaine Kagenberg  
Sunday, March 10, 2024  
7:00PM

*Masterworks Chorale*  
a performing group of the Centre for the Performing & Visual Arts

[www.masterworkscommunitychorale.com](http://www.masterworkscommunitychorale.com)

# FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

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

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We had so much fun in September with the Family Bingo night and Children's Retreat! Root has started back, and we have had such a great time planning the year. We cannot wait to have more fun and grow closer to God in October!



The Children's Retreat was so much fun! The theme of the retreat was water. We played games that made us grow stronger and closer to our friends! We crafted together while we talked about the significance of water in our lives. We were so brave ziplining and having fun at the lake. We sang and acted out stories in the Bible. It was an amazing week of fellowship and love! A huge thanks to our volunteer leaders! We could not have done the weekend without Ms. Lynn, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Scott!



This month we will be diving deeper into the book of Genesis in Sunday School! We are going to be learning stories in the Bible about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Esau. We will be doing crafts, reading stories, and playing games! Children's Worship will be crafting, praising, loving, and growing closer to God! ROOT is back and we are going to be starting a series that focuses on shaping our hearts in God's image. We will be learning about the power of God, and how we are made in His image. We will discuss how everyone counts and celebrate who we are! As always, we have dinner from 6 - 6:30 and lessons, games, and praise from 6:30 to 7:45. Stay tuned for October fun as well! We are planning some really cool things!

If you have a 3rd grader through 6th that would like to be an acolyte, please let Ms. Andrea know! If you have any questions regarding anything in the Children's ministry, Ms. Andrea is happy to help!

## HOLY GHOST MARSHMALLOW ROAST

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# NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 6 -12

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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](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 have been growing stronger in our faith and relationships at UTH so far this semester! Our series Habits helped us to identify better, more consistent ways to connect with God as we walk alongside one another in faith. Our study of Proverbs on Wednesday morning has been so insightful as we read and discuss the wisdom of scripture. Confirmation has been a blessing. We have begun this awesome milestone of each young Methodist life and gone on a retreat that taught us much about ourselves and the Lord. And that's just what we have been learning! We've also had a blast with some fun events and adventures with so many more on the horizon. I am excited about the work God is doing in and through the volunteers and students of UTH at Newnan First UMC!



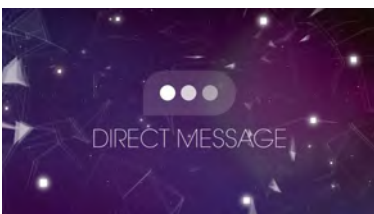
## Mark Your Calendars:

- September 29- October 1: Confirmation Retreat
- October 1: Guys v Girls Game Night
- October 8: No UTH- Fall Break
- October 15: Direct Message Series Starts
- October 29: Holy Ghost Marshmallow Roast



## Biscuits & Bibles:

Join us on Wednesday Mornings during the school year for some good food and even better people! We gather at Truett's Chick-fil-A at 7am every Wednesday morning to dive into the Word. This year's focus is on the book of Proverbs.



## Direct Message UTH Series:

Wouldn't it be great if connecting with God was as simple as sending a direct message? While it may not look just like a DM on Instagram, the good news is that talking to God may be easier than we think. In this series, we'll look at how prayer can help us connect with God in a very real way.

## Fall Retreat:

Our 2023 UTH Fall Retreat is November 17-19, and we are so excited for this chance to pour into our students over an amazing weekend! We will worship and adventure in God's creation at Camp Glisson. Retreats are some of the best memories in UTH, and we can't wait to help your students create them! Sign up today!

Register today at [newnanfumc.org/uth](http://newnanfumc.org/uth)



# NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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Our Children's Consignment Sale was a big success. Thank you for supporting our sale! Our Fall Festival and Baked Potato/Chili Dinner is October 25, Parish Hall, 4:45-6:30. Plan to join us for fun and games and a delicious dinner!

*Thank you for your support of our school! -Nancy*



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 4:45pm-6:30pm**

**\$8 for Adults, \$4 for Children. No RSVP is needed.**

*Plan to join us for fun and games and a delicious dinner!*

**GAMES | KIDS & YOUTH, Wear your costumes!**



## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs



### NEW MEMBERS

September 24 | Charlie and Cate Causey



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

**Phyllis Kay Shepherd**

March 27, 1958 - September 6, 2023

**Joan Gray Griffies**

January 24, 1940 - September 27, 2023

# LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP | DINNER & WORSHIP

**October 4** – Come enjoy dinner and fellowship as we share a meal prepared and served by the Friendship Sunday School class. We will be celebrating the Newnan Police and Coweta County Sheriff's Departments. We will enjoy All-In-One dinner, salad bar, roll and butter, cake, and drink. Cost: \$5 children 10 and under, \$8 adults, and \$25 household maximum. Please RSVP by 10/02/23. Contact the church office at 770-253-7400 or churchoffice@newnanfumc.org



**October 18**—Come enjoy dinner and fellowship as we share a meal together. We will enjoy pulled pork, potato salad, salad bar, roll and butter, cookies and cream brownies, and drink. Cost: \$5 children 10 and under, \$8 adults, and \$25 household maximum. Mid-week prayer service will follow in the Chapel. Please RSVP by 10/16/2023. 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

**October 3 & 17 | 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS | ANNEX HALL | October 25 - November 15

**Common Ground** by Amberly Neese

*We're adding a new evening opportunity!*

**A.M.:** 9:30am optional video | 10am Study Session

**P.M.:** 6:30pm optional video | 7pm Study Session

Join us for our next study of the fall!

This is a 4-week book study with optional video and group discussions.

Books can be purchased online through Amazon, Lifeway, or Cokesbury.

Please contact Shelley Casey with any questions and to sign up! [media@newnanfumc.org](mailto:media@newnanfumc.org)



## FUN N' FROLIC | [www.newnanfumc.org/signups](http://www.newnanfumc.org/signups)

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

**October 12 | Mercier Orchards**, We will leave at 9am and return around 6pm. We will enjoy lunch at Bub-Ba-Q in Jasper. The cost of the trip is \$10. Lunch on your own. Bring along a reusable shopping bag to put your goodies in.

**October 27 | Christmas Made in the South**, We will leave at 9am and return around 3:30pm. Lunch is available at the venue. The cost is \$12. Bring along a reusable shopping bag to put your goodies in.



## MARTHA CIRCLE | Monday, October 16 | 9:45am | Room 200

All are welcome, our current study is Pew Sisters. ! 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, October 18 | 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](mailto:bevwatkins40@charter.net) or call the office.



## 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP | OCTOBER 29 | 9:30AM | PARISH HALL

Join us in this potluck fellowship hour between worship services! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

*Jingle & Mingle*  
Women's Gala

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

Swiss Wine Chicken, Rive, 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](mailto:lynnmckibbin46@gmail.com)

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

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

# newnanfumc.org/calendar

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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 ROOT345 Dinner|Activities (CW)  
 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner|Activities (UL)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:30pm Joybells  
 5:45pm Inspirations

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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)**  
**Faith & Blue**  
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:15pm Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30am Worship (S)  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship (S)  
 NO Children's or Youth Activities

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:30pm Joybells  
 5:45pm Inspirations

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)  
 2:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (rm. 201)  
 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)  
 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Study (AH)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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)  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am FnF Mercier Orchards

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

### MISSION SUNDAY

8:30am Worship (S)  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC)  
 11:00am Worship (S)  
**3:00pm Religion & The Arts Event (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, OCTOBER 16

9:45am Martha Circle Small Group (rm. 200)  
 4:30pm Joybells  
 5:45pm Inspirations  
 6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg. (AH)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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 Dinner|Worship(PH)  
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting (GR)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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, OCTOBER 23

4:30pm Joybells  
 5:45pm Inspirations

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)  
 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)  
 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Study (AH)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A  
 9:30am Women's Bible Study (AH)  
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)  
 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH)  
**4:45pm Preschool Fall Festival (PH)**  
 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)  
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (AH)  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

**6:00pm Rise Against Hunger Mission Event (PH)**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00am FnF Christmas Made in the South  
 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30am Worship (S)  
**9:30am 5th Sunday Fellowship (PH)**  
 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 Holy Ghost Marshmallow Roast (PH)  
 Dinner & Bags of Hope packing event

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:30pm Joybells  
 5:45pm Inspirations

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)  
 NO Masterworks

### 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 39

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **871,082**  
 Total Expenses: \$ **1,095,111**  
 Over/(Under): \$ **(224,029)**

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