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The monthly newsletter of Newnan First United Methodist Church

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FEBRUARY 2022



DOING WHAT WE CAN

I believe that it was President Theodore Roosevelt who first said: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." There is an old English proverb that says: "Everyone must row with the oars she or he has been given." There are other ways of saying the same thing...

a) Play the hand you're dealt; b) Bloom where you are planted; c) Arrange whatever pieces come your way.

***Doing What We Can** – It is so easy to dwell on our inabilities or disabilities instead of focusing on what we can do, on what our God given opportunities and abilities are. Here are a few suggestions for those of us who are leaders, members, friends of NFUMC...

- Use your influence to encourage and build others up.
- Use your time to show others that being "at Church" matters. It shows whose side we are on.
- Use your financial resources to undergird all the ministries we are attempting.

***With What We've Got** – Worrying about what we don't have can lead to paralysis. Knowing what we have and employing these gifts for the Glory of God frees us up to make a difference. And it is certainly not necessary that we all have the same abilities and the same resources. Truth is, it is not intended to be that way. One of the New Testament images of the Church is the Body of Christ. If we were all noses, how would we see? If we were all arms, how would we walk?

***Where We Are** – There are days for all of us when we wish we were elsewhere, far away from the hindrances, the headaches, the heartbreaks. But everybody has to be somewhere and here we are. What has God called us to do right here, right now? Feeling inadequate about who we are and what we have to offer? Let's remember that the outcome is up to God.

Soren Kierkegaard tells of a needle worker who was asked by her Priest to make a new altar cloth. She was honored by the request and then frustrated by the work. It had to be just right. And she put into this altar cloth flowers and morning dew, stars and clouds and skies of blue. She was a masterful worker but something was missing.

The Priest called and said, "I must have it." / "It isn't finished!" / "Bring it!" / She brought it apologetically. The Priest took it and with a prayer of dedication placed it on the altar. And lo, it was beautiful and it was complete. And she saw that the final act was not hers.

Doing what we can, with what we've got, where we are. It seems so inadequate. But when we place it in the hands of Jesus it can become more than enough.

Rev. Charles Robinson

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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FEBRUARY MISSIONS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

On Sunday, February 20, we will be collecting the following food items: **Mac n Cheese, Cereal, Apple Juice, Jelly, Snack Crackers/Fruit Cups**. Please bring all items on that Sunday morning and place them at the altar. If for some reason you cannot bring anything that Sunday, bring them by the office the week prior. We have designated drop-off spots in the main hallway outside of the church office and in the Gathering Room to the RIGHT as you walk in the door.



NEST

NEWNAN EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM



We are partnering with the NEST: Newnan Emergency Shelter Team. This team exists to provide shelter for vulnerable folks when the temperatures get too low. Newnan City Church offers its facility as this shelter and we are always looking for volunteers to help us care for this population. If you would like to know more information, sign up online at newnanfumc.org/missions.

ERT (EARLY RESPONSE TEAM) TRAINING

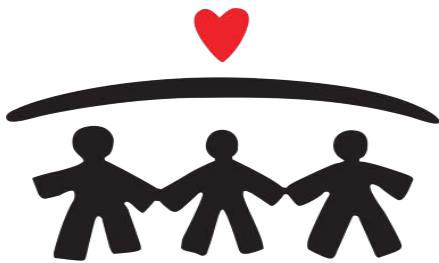
FEBRUARY 26 | LAGRANGE FIRST UMC

Join us on Saturday, February 26, 2022, from 8:30am – 4:00 pm at LaGrange First UMC (401 Broad Street, Methodist Ministry Center) for ERT (Early Response Team Training). Please pre-register by February 22 at this link: <https://na.eventcloud.com/655771> or contact the District Office at 770-227-1074 or southwest@ngumc.net. For information about ERT at Newnan First, please visit our missions page at newnanfumc.org/missions.

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



RUN FOR
ANGELS
20th Anniversary

RUN FOR ANGELS - FUNDRAISER FOR ANGEL'S HOUSE

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.

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT is just around the corner! We are gearing up to give a special offering this year to Bridging the Gap. This organization gives so much to our community and we are so glad to be able to give back to them. Please prayerfully consider how your family will contribute!



FEBRUARY SERMONS

EPHIPHANY SEASON

FEBRUARY 6

Called While Unworthy
(Luke 5:1-11, Isaiah 6:1-8)

FEBRUARY 13

Planted By The Waters
(Luke 6:17-26, Jeremiah 17:5-10)

FEBRUARY 20

The Measure You Give
(Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Luke 6:27-38)

FEBRUARY 27

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
And As He Was Praying
(Luke 9:28-36)

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.



PRE-K4 ~ 5TH GRADE

We would love to see you!

Children's Worship: 4 Yr - 2nd Grade
11:00 am Sunday Service

ROOT 345: Grades 3-5
6-7:30 pm Sunday Night

Children's Sunday School: 4 Yr - 5th Grade
9:45 - 10:45 am Sunday

QUESTIONS?

Email: astuart@newnanfumc.org

PRESCHOOL NEWS



NFUMC Preschool & Kindergarten

CONSIGNMENT SALE

Sale dates: February 25 (9am-5pm) & 26 (8am-12pm)

A great opportunity to clean out, earn some extra money, and help our preschool!

Registration for the upcoming children's consignment sale is open! Visit the preschool website at NFUMCPreschool.org and click on "Consignment Sale" at the top of the page. Teachers with a valid school ID get in early on preview night right after we let in our consignors! Bring your own shopping bag, Cash or Check Only. **NOTE: We do not allow children under the age of 13 in the building on preview night.**

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 any these or any other events?

Please contact Nancy Martin, Preschool Director: nmartin@newnanfumc.org or 770.253.1237

LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

SIGNUP: NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS | QUESTIONS: ABURNETT@NEWNANFUMC.ORG

FUN 'N FROLIC - BINGO & LUNCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM | \$5

Come enjoy lunch of soup, salad and dessert while we have fun playing BINGO! Cost is \$5.00 for lunch. Sign up online, email aburnett@newnanfumc.org or call 770-253-7400 x 206.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

SAT., MARCH 5 | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM | NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS

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 and payment is non-refundable. \$25/first child; \$20/second child; \$20/third child. Family maximum of \$65.

AXE THROWING

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 | NEWNAN, GA | 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$25

Come spend the afternoon At Black Bear Axe Throwing right here in Newnan. Cost will be \$25 which will include 2 hours of axe throwing, lane coach and snacks/drinks. If you need childcare, please sign up on the Parent's Night Out event for the same evening (SEE ABOVE). We look forward to a fun afternoon of fellowship. **DEADLINE: 2/27.**



ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER/SWAN COACH HOUSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 | ATLANTA, GA | \$20

Come tour the Atlanta History Center's many exhibitions including Cyclorama which is a 132 year old hand painted work of art. You can also view many other exhibits while we tour the facility. Afterwards, we will head over to the Swan Coach House for lunch (\$) and browse through the gift shop. We will leave Newnan at 9am and return around 3:30pm. Cost is \$20 (ticket and transportation). **REGISTRATION OPENS 1/16 and closes 3/1.**

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.**



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.**





LET'S TALK

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY | 6:30 PM | ROOM 201

Charles will be bringing us a study on Courage and the call to have a brave faith. This is a four week series. Please come and bring a friend to these informative sessions! Everyone is welcome.

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. Upcoming dates are February 6 & 27.



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.

The word shrove comes from the term shrive which means to give absolution after a confession is heard. Hence, Shrove Tuesday is all about people confessing and preparing themselves for the Lent or holy week which starts the next day after this event which is Ash Wednesday.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO TIFFANY HANSON AND LOUANNE CARROLL. THEY JOB-SHARE THE CHURCH SEXTON POSITION!

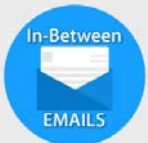


Tiffany is married to Eric and has two girls, Kate (9) and Kaleigh (17), she has been here since October of 2020. She loves the outdoors and her family loves to hike and explore trails, they raise chickens, are active in their church and Tiffany is involved with the Youth and is Secretary of the Ladies Ministry there. She is also involved with the PTO at Atkinson.

Louanne started in September, 2021. She is recently widowed and has four grown children and 8 grandchildren. Louanne is an amazing gardener and loves to plant and landscape with flowers and hardscapes. She is also active in her church as VBS Director, Sunday School teacher and Kids Life Teacher (Awana).



Tiffany is here M-W-F and Louanne is here Tu/Thurs and other times for special projects like weddings, receptions, etc. They are doing a great job for the Church and Preschool -- if you see them around campus, introduce yourself, they are wonderful ladies!



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UTH! Mark Your Calendar for These Events:

- **Sunday, February 6:** Spring Parents Meeting (4:30-5:30pm)- Join us in the UTH Lounge to discuss the Spring Semester and plans for the Summer! Special guest appearance by David to discuss Choir Tour as well!
- **Sunday, February 20:** Bowling Night at Junction Lanes- The UTH will be taking to the lanes for a night of fun and fellowship! Join us at Junction Lanes from 6:00-8:00pm; the church will cover the cost of lanes. Students will just need to cover the cost of shoes and if they want to eat at the bowling alley.
- **Wednesday, February 23:** Prayer Breakfast (7:00am)- We will be kicking off a new weekly activity every Wednesday morning this semester. We will meet at Chick-fil-A for breakfast and a time of bible study and prayer. We plan to meet at 7:00am and be done by 7:30 to ensure everyone makes it to school on time. The UTH Student Leadership Team is still deciding on which CFA, but we will let you know as soon as we do.
- **Friday, March 11 through Sunday March 13:** Spiritual Life Retreat @ Camp Glisson- Our next big trip is a retreat to the beautiful North Georgia mountains. We will go as a youth group and join other youth from around the conference for a weekend of worship and spiritual growth alongside an awesome time! We plan to leave at 4:30pm on Friday and will return by 3:00pm on Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$155. Registration and more details can be found at newnanfumc.org/signups and click on Uth Retreat.



If there is anything you need or want to see happen, please let me know! I am open and want us to pursue the best youth ministry possible here at Newnan First UMC together with you. I hope you will join with me in that endeavor!

Also, we have finally moved to town! We are so excited to be in the community we are serving. Now that I am here, if your students have activities that I can attend, please let me know. Soccer game, dance recitals, plays, or competitions: I would love to come and support them in the things they are passionate about!

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.*





**BAGS
of
HOPE**

*Dear Friend,
Know that you are loved
and that we lift you up in
prayer. Please receive this
\$5.00 Comfort and
Encouragement from your
sisterhood at Newman First
United Methodist Church.*

NEED TO RESERVE A BUS OR A SPACE?

NEWMANFUMC.ORG/FACILITIES

Please fill out our handy form online! We can add you to the calendar and reserve your spot!



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)
- 6:30pm Tech Comm Mtg (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

- 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)
- 10:00am Kind. Open House (PH)
- 4:15pm Bellissimo (BR)
Cherub Choir (CH)
Wesley Choir (CR)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR)
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts (211)
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4:

- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

- 8:30am Traditional Worship (S)
- 9:45am Sunday School/Confirm.
- 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, FEBRUARY 7:

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 11:30am Angel's House BM. (200)
- 2:30pm Parkinson's Supp. (AH)
- 6:00pm Trustees (AH)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

- 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, FEBRUARY 10:

- 9:30am Q & U Wedding (S)
- 5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

START OF WINTER BREAK

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

- 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
- 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

- 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

MISSIONS 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 (Junction Lanes)
Root 345 (AH)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

- 9:45am Martha Circle (200)

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

- 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)
- 6:30pm Book Club (Agape SS - AH)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

- 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, FEBRUARY 24:

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

- 9:00am Preschool Cons. Sale (PH)
- 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

- 8:00am Preschool Cons. Sale (PH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

- 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, FEBRUARY 28:

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

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

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE

Week 5

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **107,747**

Total Expenses: \$ **108,290**

Over/(Under): \$ **(543)**

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ **1,615,162**

ATTENDANCE: January 30

8:30 Worship: **84**

11:00 Worship: **167**

Online Viewers: **65**

Children/Nurs./Modern: **12**

Total: **328**

**GIVING &
ATTENDANCE**
update