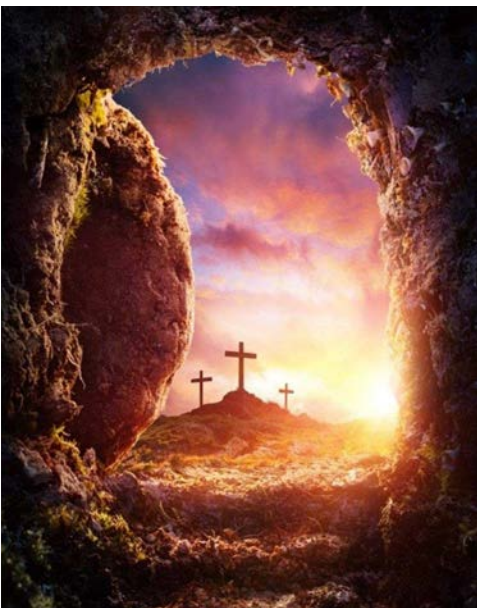


# THE SHEPHERD

The monthly newsletter of Newnan First United Methodist Church

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APRIL 2022



## APRIL SERMONS

**APRIL 3**

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lift Up

(John 12:27-33)

**APRIL 10**

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Sit Up

(Matthew 21:1-11)

**APRIL 14**

HOLY THURSDAY (6:30 PM)

(Charles)

**APRIL 15**

GOOD FRIDAY (12:00 PM)

(Andrew)

**APRIL 17**

EASTER DAY

The Final Enemy

(Luke 24:1-12)

**APRIL 24**

The Throne & The Lamb

(Revelation 5:11-14)

## THE BUCKET LIST

One of my favorite movies is *The Bucket List*, starring Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson. It is about two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and head out on a road trip with a to-do list, things they wish to do before they die. Driving a racecar and skydiving are a couple of items on the list. The title of the movie comes from an old expression for dying...to kick the bucket. I enjoyed the movie that was, for me, very moving and very funny, two characteristics of many good movies.

Most of us, I suppose, have a "Bucket List," though I suspect few of us actually put it on paper. My list would include places I have not yet been, things I have not yet seen, books I have not yet read, and people I've yet to meet. Two items NOT on my list are driving in a NASCAR race and jumping out of an airplane. I am a C.C.C., a Card Carrying Coward. Our youngest son voluntarily jumped out of a plane and that's as close as I ever hope to be to such an experience.

With Holy Week and Easter approaching, I've been wondering or wandering in my mind (don't worry, I can't go too far), if Jesus had a "Bucket List." Matthew 16:21 leads me to believe that He did: "From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Not everyone appreciated Jesus having a "Bucket List." Verses 22 – 23 read: "And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you!' But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'"

"Go to Jerusalem...suffer...and be killed." I can't help but wonder if these items were on Jesus' "Bucket List" when He had begun His ministry a few years earlier. Preaching, teaching, healing, showing up at weddings...that's a more pleasant, less offensive list, isn't it? But that wasn't to be the way that it all unfolded. Those good things happened, more than once. The opposition was not satisfied. Evil is always the other team on the field. And the road to the Cross became necessary. Jesus could have bailed-out at this point. But instead, He re-wrote His "Bucket List" and set His face toward Jerusalem.

"Bucket List" – a) suffering; b) death; c) Resurrection. O my goodness! If "c" happens, what does that say about the need for a "Bucket List?"

HAPPY EASTER!

*Rev. Charles Robinson*

Senior Pastor | [crobinson@newnanfumc.org](mailto:crobinson@newnanfumc.org)





# NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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## ERT MISSION TRIP UPDATE

### KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP – MARCH 23-27, 2022

We began our trip to Madisonville, Kentucky on March 27th with our team which consisted of Theo Burnett (Team Leader), Greg Oothoudt, Allen Bell, Scott Harlan, Eric Harlan, Carter West, Wes Cato and Aileen Burnett. We were welcomed by our host church, Hanson UMC with a dinner and an invitation to their Bible study that evening. During our stay, we were able to assist 4 homeowners with clearing debris and cutting downed/rotten trees. We also cut stumps so they were flush to the ground at the City Park in Dawson Springs. While we were there, we spoke with homeowners and the one common factor was their undying faith in God despite the devastation around them. They remained hopeful and faithful during and after the mass destruction of their town. Riding through Dawson Springs, we saw blocks that had been leveled with the hope of rebuilding. There was a tree in the center of the park which had whirly jigs hanging from it which represented the 17 people who lost their lives during the tornado. We worshipped with our host church yesterday prior to our journey home. Thank you to everyone who supported us on this journey.



## GIVE IT UP FOR LENT

MAR 2 - APR 17

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](http://NewnanFUMC.org/give) to donate to "Give It Up For Lent"

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RIVERLIFE

## GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

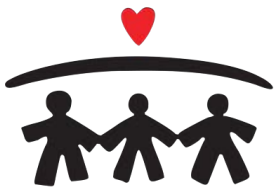
Join us as we serve our community. Signup as a group or an individual! We have a place for everyone.

### SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM - Breakfast & Instruction
- 8:00 AM - Project Work
- 12:30 PM - Return and Dismissal

### SIGN UP

[newnanfumc.org/missions](http://newnanfumc.org/missions)  
Childcare Provided



RUN FOR ANGELS  
20th Anniversary

RUN FOR ANGELS  
THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Angel's House, we'd like to thank Newnan First Methodist for their support of the 20th Anniversary of the Run for Angels. We very much appreciate the long-standing partnership between the church and Angel's House. Thank you to the staff and congregation for all you do for us.

*Kelley Welden, Board Member*



# LENTEN & EASTER SEASON EVENTS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/EASTER

## HOLY WEEK AT NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COME WORSHIP WITH US!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10 | 12:30 PM**

Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch  
Greenville St. Park

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14 | 6:30 PM**

Maundy Thursday Worship  
and Reflection (Sanctuary)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 | 12 PM**

Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

7:00 | Sunrise Service (Greenville St. Park)

8:30 | Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 | Worship (Sanctuary)

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

## Easter Egg Hunt

• GREENVILLE ST PARK •

SUN  
**10**  
APRIL

**APRIL 10**

SUNDAY | 12:30 - 2:00 PM

Let's celebrate Easter with fellowship, food, games, and an Easter egg hunt! Bring chairs, blankets, a basket, and a friend!

**2000 EGGS!**



**LIVE**  
Sermon Videos  
and Podcast Online  
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### EGG HUNT SIGN-UP

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
[NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS](http://NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS)

We need volunteers to help us setup & take down our space at the park, as well as provide some cakes for a cake walk. If you can help us with any of these items, go to our church signups page and click on EGG HUNT VOLUNTEER. Thank you! Email [astuart@newnanfumc.org](mailto:astuart@newnanfumc.org) with questions or to volunteer.





# FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/FIRSTKIDS

**VBS 2022**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

JUNE 20-23



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

We are getting ready for Vacation Bible School! This summer, our theme is Food Truck Party and we invite our children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Let's put June 20-23 on our calendars and be on the lookout for ways to volunteer and to attend. Start making lists of friends you can invite to find out more about Jesus this summer as we get ready to cook up some fun!

*Andrea Stuart*

Director of Children's Ministries  
[astuart@newnanfumc.org](mailto:astuart@newnanfumc.org)



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LEARN TO LEAD  
LEARN TO SERVE  
RISING 11TH-12TH GRADE



**SUMMER CAMP 2022**  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
**GLISSON.ORG**



**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](mailto:astuart@newnanfumc.org)

## NFUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Monday, April 11 @ 9am for Current Families

Monday, April 18 @ 9am for the Public

We have a wonderful program for your children planned this summer. Our Summer Enrichment runs for three separate weeks during the months of June, July, and August. Visit our website and click on Admissions and then Summer Enrichment for all of the details and to sign up. The fee is \$125 per week.

*Nancy Martin*

Preschool Director  
[nmartin@newnanfumc.org](mailto:nmartin@newnanfumc.org)  
770.253.1237



## THE TALE OF THE THREE TREES

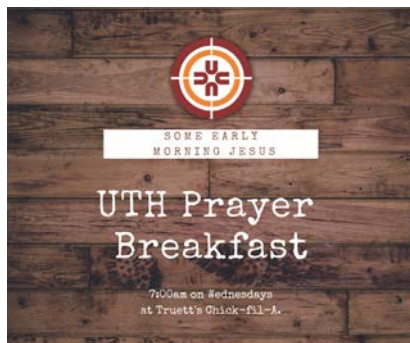
Will be presented by our Carol and Wesley Choirs On Children's Sunday



May 1 at 8:30 and 11:00  
JOIN US AS ALL OUR CHILDREN WILL BE LEADING US IN WORSHIP



# UTH! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## PRAYER BREAKFAST

**WEDNESDAYS | 7 AM | TRUETT'S CHICKFILA**

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

*\*Note the change in location. We will be here after Spring Break for April & May.*



## UTHAPALOOZA!

**SUNDAY, MAY 1 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | LOCATION TBD**

Join us for the final bash of the school year: UTHapalooza! UTHapalooza is a night of fun and games that involve a whole lot of color! We will be meeting offsite for this awesome event. They cost is \$10, and that covers both dinner and the t-shirts they will wear for the event. I hope you will attend! Please sign up by April 17 at [newnanfumc.org/uth](http://newnanfumc.org/uth) to ensure we have a shirt for everyone!



## SENIOR SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 22 | 9:30 AM BREAKFAST | 11:00 AM SERVICE**

Calling all High School Seniors! It's your time to be recognized. We need each of you to visit our website at [newnanfumc.org/uth](http://newnanfumc.org/uth) and click on REGISTER and let us know all about your graduation and future plans. We also have a special morning planned for you and your family, so make sure you RSVP for our Senior Breakfast.

We would love to have you join us!

*Paul Mosley*

Director of Youth Ministries | [pmosley@newnanfumc.org](mailto: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](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.*



## Congrats Graduate!

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

**EMAIL: [MEDIA@NEWNANFUMC.ORG](mailto:MEDIA@NEWNANFUMC.ORG)**

The church wants to recognize our COLLEGE graduates, too! If you have/are a college grad, please send the following info to the church office by May 14! Graduate's name, Parents (and grandparents if members), Degree earned, and Institution graduating from. We would love to let the congregation know and celebrate with you. (Highschoolers - use the link in the UTH section above.)

# 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. April facilitators include Gisela Ware, Bob McKoon, and Warren Budd. Everyone is welcome. **NOTE:** There WILL be a Let's Talk on April 6th.

## 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](http://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. Tickets are \$40 (ticket & transportation). We will leave the church at 1pm. **REGISTRATION OPENS 1/30 and closes 4/15.**



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS | APR 13 - MAY 11 | 9:00 AM | ANNEX HALL**

This is a four-week conversational study on the Fruits of the Spirit led by Shelley Casey. Scriptures, overview, and discussion questions will be included as a handout in the weekly study. They can be emailed or available at the beginning of each study. After four weeks, we will gather with a wrap-up potluck breakfast! To be added to the email group, email [media@newnanfumc.org](mailto:media@newnanfumc.org).

## ARK ENCOUNTER

**DEPARTS SEPTEMBER 26 | CINCINNATI, OHIO**

Come join us on an overnight adventure to The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. We will leave Newnan and make our way to the Cincinnati area for our accommodations. Our trip includes admission to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, Cincinnati Museum Center, BB Riverboats sightseeing cruise along the Ohio River, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, transportation and tip. This trip is 5 days and 4 nights. Cost is \$549 per person double occupancy. Contact Aileen with any questions at [aburnett@newnanfumc.org](mailto:aburnett@newnanfumc.org) or 770-253-7400 x 206.









**FRIDAY, APRIL 1:**

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3:****BEGINNING OF SPRING BREAK**8:30am Worship (S)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship (S)**TUESDAY, APRIL 5:**8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)  
5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:**

6:30pm Let's Talk (201)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7:**12:00pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)  
3:00pm Newnan Reading Circ. (AH)**FRIDAY, APRIL 8:**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10:****PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**8:30am Worship (S)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship (S)  
12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt (Gr. St. Park)  
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, APRIL 11:**9:00am Preschool Summer Reg (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, APRIL 12:**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, APRIL 13:**7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Truett's)  
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, APRIL 14:****HOLY THURSDAY**5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)  
6:30pm Holy Thursday Service (S)**FRIDAY, APRIL 15:****GOOD FRIDAY****PRESCHOOL CLOSED****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

12:00pm Good Friday Service (S)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17:****EASTER SUNDAY**7:00am Sunrise Service (Gr. St. Park)  
8:30am Worship (S)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship (S)**MONDAY, APRIL 18:**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, APRIL 19:**8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)  
9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)  
10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)  
6:30pm LEAP Group (GR)**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20:**7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Truett's)  
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, APRIL 21:**4:00pm Job Fair (PH)  
5:30pm Fear This For Life (CH)  
6:30pm SPRC (200)**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:****LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING**

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24:**8:30am Worship (S)  
9:45am Sunday School/Confirmation  
11:00am Worship (S)  
1:00pm FNF-Legacy Theatre  
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, APRIL 25:**4:30pm Joybells Rehearsal (BR)  
5:45pm Inspirations Rehearsal (CR)  
6:30pm Masterworks Ens. (CH/CR)**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:**9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. (CR)  
10:45am Lord's Prayer Study (200)**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:**7:00am Uth Breakfast (CFA-Truett's)  
9:00am Ladies Bible Study (AH)  
4:00pm Bellissimo (S)  
4:30pm Carol Choir (S)  
Wesley Choir (S)  
5:30pm Girl Scouts (211)  
6:30pm Let's Talk (201)  
6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)**THURSDAY, APRIL 28:**

4:30pm Braves Game

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29:**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30:****GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**

7:30am Great Day of Service (PH)

**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 13**Total Tithes/Income: \$ **268,780**Total Expenses: \$ **347,985**Over/(Under): \$ **(79,205)****TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,615,162****ATTENDANCE: March 27**8:30 Worship: **117**11:00 Worship: **219**Online Viewers: **175**Children/Nurs./Modern: **16****Total: 527****GIVING &  
ATTENDANCE**  
*update*