

THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

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MAY 2022



MAY SERMONS

MAY 1

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

The Tale of the Three Trees
(Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11-13)

MAY 8

MOTHERS DAY

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
(Revelation 7:9-17)

MAY 15

All Things New (Andrew)
(Revelation 21:1-6)

MAY 22

SENIOR SUNDAY

Free Water
(Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21)

MAY 29

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Waiting Rooms & Upper Rooms
(Acts 1:1-14, Ephesians 1:15-23,
Luke 24:46-53)

A few years ago, a colleague and her family gave me a book titled *If Saddlebags Could Talk*. It is a collection of stories from Methodist history compiled by Frederick Maser and Robert Simpson. Chapter two is all about Bishop Francis Asbury and the first section is called "The Secret Greatness..."

"Francis Asbury (1745-1816) was only 5 feet 9 inches tall, but morally and spiritually he was a giant. He was by no means a great preacher, but his impact on the congregations to which he preached and on the people who served under him was without equal.

"His weakness as a preacher can be illustrated by the story of a time when he and Jesse Lee were traveling together. The Bishop had an appointment to preach about 40 miles outside of Philadelphia. When the two men arrived, Bishop Asbury was not feeling well and he asked Lee to substitute for him. Lee was a powerful preacher and after his address the Bishop gave a brief exhortation. Some of the people said that they liked the Bishop's sermon, but they did not care for what the old man after him said. They had mistaken Lee for the Bishop.

"The Bishop's strength lay not in his preaching but in his sincerity and deep prayer life. At one time he set aside three hours each day for prayer. It is said that when folks mocked him, his revenge was a prayer that God would bless them."

It seems to me that Asbury had the attitude and the spirit Paul was recommending in Romans chapter 12..."Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them... Do not repay anyone evil for evil...Beloved, never avenge yourselves...for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine. I will repay, says the Lord'...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

And from Matthew chapter 5, these words of Jesus: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven..."

In one of my former appointments, a brother-in-Christ shared a Richard Blackaby book with me, *Putting A Face On Grace*. Mickey and I have co-led a study of this book in days past and I would strongly recommend it to you and/or your group. It is full of stories and insights about responding to hurtful, mean-spirited people, with grace. Reading the book reminded me of something John Maxwell often says: "Hurting people hurt people."

How will we respond the next time someone hurts us? Will we hurt them back? Or will we choose to keep company with Asbury, Paul, Blackaby...and the nail-scarred One?



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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS | ABURNETT@NEWNANFUMC.ORG

LET'S TALK

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM | ROOM 201

A lively group discussion on various topics, including current events, from a Christian perspective.



MAY 4 | Associate Pastor, Andrew Chappell, will lead a presentation of his trip to the Holy Land.

MAY 11 | Warren Budd will lead a panel discussion on the Holy Trinity.

MAY 18 | David Walls, a veteran law enforcement officer, will lead a discussion on "Life in Law Enforcement today."

May 18 | Gisela Ware will lead a discussion on her childhood in Germany.

***FOR THE SUMMER SCHEDULE, THE GROUP WILL MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**



TUESDAY, MAY 10 | 11:00am to 3:30pm | \$6

Come enjoy lunch and shopping at The Shed at Fitzgerald's Fruit Farm in Woodbury. We will stop for lunch at Lepoma's in Senoia before heading to shop for berries, produce, jams and ice cream. Lunch and shopping on your own. Cost is \$6.00 to cover transportation. Sign-up at newnanfumc.org/signups or email Aileen at aburnett@newnanfumc.org.

Don't forget to bring your reusable bag for your goodies!

MARTHA'S CIRCLE | FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE (Serving Shut-ins) | LADIE'S SERVICE GROUP




LITTLE WHITE HOUSE & THE BULLOCH HOUSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 | 9:00am to 3:30pm | \$15

Come journey back in history as we visit the Little White House in Warm Springs. We will tour the house and grounds of Franklin D. Roosevelt's retreat home where he came for polio treatment. After our tour, we will have lunch at the

Bulloch House (\$). Cost is \$15.00, which includes your ticket to the LWH and bus. We will leave Newnan at 9:00am and return around 3:30pm. Sign-up on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Aileen.

Women's Bible Study

 WEDNESDAYS | 9AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 9AM | ANNEX HALL | **AUGUST THRU MAY**

We are finishing our study on the Fruit of the Spirit. We will have an end of study potluck breakfast on May 11. ALL are welcome, bring something to share if you'd like.

The WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on August 10.

Our next study is a book study titled, *FIND YOUR PEOPLE, Building Deep Community in a Lonely World* by Jennie Allen. We will read the book over the summer and begin with a discussion on it when we resume in August. The book can be purchased online, including Amazon. Questions? Contact Wendy at WendyTFox@gmail.com

NEWNAN FIRST UMC

LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

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ARK ENCOUNTER

DEPARTS SEPTEMBER 26 | CINCINNATI, OHIO

newnanfumc.org/signups

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 or 770-253-7400 x 206.



MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST | 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

MAY 3 & MAY 17 | 8:30AM | GATHERING ROOM

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



NEWNAN FUMC COMMUNICATIONS

Shelley Casey, Director of Communications | media@newnanfumc.org

We would like to take a moment to introduce a new member to the NFUMC staff and family. Shelley Casey has accepted and begun the role as our new Communications Director. Shelley will work closely with the many ministries, pastors, and small groups to keep our congregation and community informed. She will be responsible for our worship bulletin, the IN BETWEEN email, monthly newsletter, social media, and website. Shelley will bring many years of experience in ministry, with the last several in a communications role.

Shelley and her husband, Ed Casey, have been attending NFUMC for the last seven months with 3 of their children; Michael (16), Alleigha (15) and Kameron (12). Ed and Shelley have been married for 32 years and have 7 children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, and a grandson. Their family enjoys camping, and traveling and the children are involved in sports and band activities.

We would also like to thank Wendy Fox for her hard work as the Communications Director for the last several years. Her skills and hard work were invaluable, especially when the pandemic started. She was able to integrate everything online while continuing her position at Newnan FUMC Preschool & Kindergarten. She will continue her part-time schedule as the IT Director and Teacher at Newnan FUMC Preschool & Kindergarten.



NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

On Saturday, April 30, we partnered with RiverLife to serve our community in the Great Day of Service. We had 65 people do everything from paint to construction, wheelchair ramps and debris cleanup. We also made sure to spend time thanking our first responders with cookies and cards. Our prayer was that our community might feel a little bit more loved than the day before.

Thank you to everyone who made this a great day!

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MISSION SUNDAY MAY 15 | CLOTHING DRIVE



After such a successful Give It Up for Lent, we are having another mission Sunday this month on May 15. This time, it's a clothing drive! Bring any and all warm weather clothes from kid to adult. Also, One Roof will be hosting a fashion show fundraiser at the end of the summer, so they are also accepting evening wear, nicer work suits, and anything fun like hats, gloves, purses, perfume, etc.



FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids



Andrea Stuart, Director of Children's Ministries | astuart@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x209)

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!



VBS 2022

JUNE 20 - 23

REGISTER TODAY!

\$15 NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS

Volunteers - WE NEED YOU! Youth and Adults of ALL ages!

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING | MAY 15 | 12:15pm | PARISH HALL

We'll serve snacks and talk about where you'd like to serve.

Children participating in VBS and Volunteers use the same link to sign-up.

NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

Nancy Martin, Preschool Director | nmartin@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x212)



Friends,

Our new, renovated playground is amazing! We have already enjoyed it so much! The preschool children (and the teachers!) love the turf! Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Finance Committee and Owen Lambert for being instrumental in procuring the project!



THE PETTING ZOO CAME FOR A VISIT!



NEWNAN FUMC UTH. GRADES 7-12

[NEWNANFUMC.ORG/UTH](http://newnanfumc.org/uth)

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UTH
Newnan First Student Ministries

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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.



BIBLE & BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAYS | 7AM | TRUETTS CHICKFILA | THRU MAY 18

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

SENIOR SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 22 | 9:30AM BREAKFAST | 11:00AM 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 and click on REGISTER and let us know all about your graduation and future plans. We have a special morning planned for you and your family, so make sure you RSVP for our Senior Breakfast.

SENIOR SUNDAY

MAY 22
9:30 BREAKFAST
11:00 SERVICE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 17: UTH POOL PARTY

JULY 17: KICKBALL KOOKOUT

JULY 23: AAA BASEBALL GAME | GWINNETT STRIPERS



UTH CHOIR TOUR 2022

Tour to Colorado | June 4-10



Homecoming Worship | June 12 | 8:30 and 11:00



YOUTH CHOIR at WESLEY WOODS | SUNDAY, MAY 15 | 3:30pm

As our Youth Choir prepares for their 2022 tour to Colorado, they will present their tour program for the residents of Wesley Woods. They look forward to resuming this annual event.

David Kinrade, Minister of Music | dkinrade@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x205)



MANY THANKS!

To all our awesome volunteers for serving so wonderfully this past year. Our music ministry could not function without you. I know that the future is bright with volunteers like you!

- Cherub Choir Director | **Sally Roberts**
- Cherub Choir Accompanist | **Jeri Burnette**
- Cherub Choir Moms | **Jenni Moore, Emily Carnes, Danika Ford**
- Wesley Choir Accompanist | **Julie Perkins**
- Wesley Choir Moms | **Smith Pass, Elizabeth Harlan**
- Carol Choir Accompanist | **Julie Perkins**
- Carol Choir Moms | **Kristy Rossey, Lynn McKibbin, Alicia Porras, Beth Belcher**
- Bellissimo Director | **Lynn McKibbin**
- Swingin' Singin' Seniors Director | **Dee Nixon**



SUNDAY, MAY 1**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)
 6:00pm UTHAPALOOZA (Offsite)

MONDAY, MAY 2

4:30pm Joybells (S)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd FL)

TUESDAY, MAY 3

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast (Cf-A)
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, MAY 5

11:00am Amer. Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)
 3:00pm Newnan Reading Cir. (AH)

FRIDAY, MAY 6

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

SATURDAY, MAY 7

9:30am Summit Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MAY 8**MOTHER'S DAY**

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

MONDAY, MAY 9

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd FL)

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 11:00am FNF- Fitzgerald Farm (OS)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast (Cf-A)
 9:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00 ERT Training (GR)
 9:30am Summit Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 12:15pm VBS Meeting (PH)
 3:30pm UTH Choir (Wesley Woods)

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:45am Martha's Circle (200)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd FL)

TUESDAY, MAY 17

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 5:30pm LEAP Group (GR)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast (Cf-A)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00am Preschool Graduation (S)
 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)
 10:30am Kindergarten Graduation (S)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00am Quilts of Valor (AH)
 9:30am Summit Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MAY 22**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:30am Senior Breakfast (PH)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)
 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR)

MONDAY, MAY 23

7:00pm Boy Scouts (AH-3rd FL)

TUESDAY, MAY 24

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Sen. Lunch (OS)
 6:30pm Agape Book Club (AH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

6:30pm Let's Talk (201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, MAY 27

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28

9:30am Summit Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MAY 29**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm UTH Ensemble (CR)

MONDAY, MAY 30**MEMORIAL DAY**

Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31**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