THE **EPHERD** SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER 2023

Friends and Family of NFUMC,

I recently spoke to our Church Council and I outlined my hope and vision for the year. If you remember from last year, I hoped that we would: add 50 new families to our church, see 5 adult professions of faith, and that all of you might invite 5 people to church.

Well friends, you have risen to the challenge and we have indeed added many new and wonderful families to our flock. We have seen our community grow and change and include many from all different backgrounds. And for that I say thanks be to God!

During my time with the church council, I asked everyone in the room to raise their hand if they had invited someone to church this past year. Everybody raised their hands! I'm sure many of you have invited folks as well. And because of that, because of your invitational spirit, we have welcomed many into this church. I am so grateful that people feel at home in this community. You are doing something right! I am reminded of the verse in Hebrews:

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Now that I know that we can add to the flock and invite people to church, I want to encourage you to continue to invite people! But I also want to extend a new challenge. The challenge begins with our theme verse for August and for the year, Micah 6:8: *And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

In the coming year we will no doubt face challenges. Our community, our church, our country, and our world will all encounter some forms of conflict and hardship. Whatever comes, may you be just, kind, and humble in all that you say and do. Whether in joy or pain, in the highs and lows, may those values of justice, kindness, and humility take hold of you and shape you more and more into a disciple who walks closely with Jesus.

That is my prayer and that is my challenge for this year. Be just. Be kind. And be humble!

Grace and Peace, Andrew

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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

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Many thanks to continued generosity and support for the August Mission donations to One Roof Outreach.



MISSION SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17 Items needed for the ONE ROOF OUTREACH Food Pantry are:



Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat
Plastic grocery bags for distribution

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





GIVING SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 17! For financial support, Please add "Wellroot" to the memo of your check or you can give online atnewnanfumc.org/give and select Wellroot Family Services from the drop-down menu.

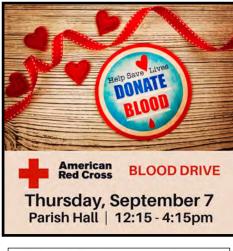
With a focus on the whole family and 150 years of faith-centered service, Wellroot's programs are designed to keep families together whenever possible, provide short-term foster families when needed, and nurture and educate teens and young adults to break the cycle of trauma in their lives.

Saying "yes" to a contribution to the Amazing Grace Offering, enables Wellroot to restore children and families through Jesus Christ. Support our mission to expand family support programs, equip foster families to meet the needs of the children they care for, and support and house young adults transitioning out of foster care on their journey to adulthood.



FLU SHOT CLINIC Sunday, September 24 9AM - 12PM | GATHERING ROOM

This is sponsored by Emily and Joey Burg from Palmetto Pharmacy. Paperwork will be available that morning. Contact Aileen with any questions. aburnett@newnanfumc.org





Newnan First UMC is hosting a packing event for Rise Against Hunger. Join in the effort to pack 15,000 bags of food.

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August 12th-20th, we had 14 members from our church fly to Guatemala to serve a local nonprofit organization focused on the health and wellness of the indigenous Mayan community. Working with rebar, concrete, and elbow grease, this team helped facilitate the construction of a basketball/soccer court for a rural community near the city of Panajachel.



God's spirit was at work in this community and in our hearts as we worked. We are so thankful for those who partnered with us in prayer and support to make this a wonderful mission trip! - Pastor Connor Bell



On Saturday, August, 26th, NFUMC and Mount Olive UMC participated in the #ServeCoweta event hosted by RiverLife. We assisted with yard clean-up, building a deck, taking treats to our first responders, serving breakfast and a chainsaw event. It was a great event in which we assisted our community. Thank you to everyone who came out to love our community.

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

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Hello all!

Back to school also means back to choir. It is going to be a great year of music-making for all of our ensembles. We are overjoyed to have all choirs back in full swing within the next couple of weeks as Joybells and Inspirations resume on September 11th.

Youth Choir has been off to a great start - I am so grateful to them and to Bonnie for being ready to sing so early in August. It was great to have them back as part of the service. The children's groups have been doing great work, and we're excited to hear them in services soon. Chancel Choir has already begun preparations for our music for Christmas Lessons and Carols on December 17th. I cannot wait to share that music with all of you. It is sure to be a special moment for music in the church this year.



I am especially excited to announce the launch of a new ensemble for this year on September 12th. Celebration Singers will be our new, multigenerational daytime choir. We will meet on Tuesdays starting with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. We will then rehearse from 9:45-10:30 a.m. If you're someone who loves to sing, but struggles with the evening commitments or weekly performance commitment of Chancel Choir, this is the place for you. Celebration Singers will be a fellowship-driven ensemble that will sing in services on a once-a-month basis. This group will also be outreach-driven in the future, with trips to nursing homes and other similar places to share the glory of God through

music. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you for our first gathering on September 12th!

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your continued kindness. I have now been in Newnan for a few months and I have to say, I love it here. Your hospitality and welcome have been such a big part in that. It speaks volumes to the work of the Holy Spirit in this church, and

I cannot wait to see what the future holds.

Soli Deo Gloria Caitie



CHERUB CHOIR



YOUTH CHOIR



Caitlyn, Alexis, Chris and Marian Steed



BELLISSIMO

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

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





We have kicked off the school year and it is going fantastic! We are so glad you are part of it! This month, Sunday School is exploring all that God has made! From the creation of earth, all living things, and Adam and Eve we know everything God makes is good! We cannot wait to share all our games, crafts, and lessons with you in Sunday School! Sunday School is 9:45 to 10:45 upstairs on the children's floor. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are going to be using their imaginations using creative ways to honor God in ROOT345! ROOT345 is Sunday evenings 6pm to 7:45. We eat dinner and all the fun and fellowship is after!

Our Children's Worship is going to be having a blast praising and having fun with the Bible! Children's Worship is during the 11am service. Children dismiss from the Sanctuary and can be picked up upstairs on the Children's Floor in the room just outside of the balcony seating at the end of the service!



If you, or someone you know would like to teach Sunday School or Children's Worship please reach out to Ms. Andrea at astuart@newnanfumc.org. We have the best time in the Children's Ministry!

-Andrea Stuart















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BACK TO SCHOOL























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. 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 had a great launch to the school year! Between Back to School Bash on August 6 and Bite Nite on August 13, we had an action packed start! Bite Nite '23 was so much fun, and it was a blast seeing all 85 of those students running around and accomplishing all those silly tasks! Congrats to our Sixth Grade Girls who won Bite Nite this year! Then on August 20 we met with parents and began our first study series of the year: Habits. —Paul Mosley



UTH Series: Habits People talk about "loving God" all the time, but there's one problem that nobody seems to mention: you can't see Him. Weird, right? How do you connect to someone who never seems to audibly respond? In this series, we'll be

talking about the faith habits that make it possible to connect with an invisible God. And while there's no formula for knowing everything about God, there are key habits that will change the way we see Him at work all around you.

UPCOMING EVENTS September 3: No UTH- Labor Day Weekend September 10: Confirmation Kicks off September 29- October 1: Confirmation Retreat November 18-20: UTH Fall Retreat



Coffee Hours with Paul:

Interested in learning more about what goes on at UTH, what the year at UTH looks like, or why I do this awesome job? Come hang out with me at Leaf & Bean every Monday from 10:00-11:30am to find out more about the wonderful youth of our church!

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.



We are so excited for the **2023-2024 Confirmation Class** to get started this month. If you haven't already, please register to join our confirmation class this year. Confirmation starts September 10th, and our Confirmation Retreat is September 29 through October 1st. Sign up for Confirmation Retreat today!



CONFIRMATION



































NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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We had an exciting, eventful Summer Enrichment program this summer! We welcomed 180 children to our school for three Summer Enrichment sessions. A great time was had by all!

Preschool/Kindergarten begins September 5. We have 151 students and 26 staff members getting ready to begin an exciting new school year.

Our Children's Consignment Sale is on September 22 and 23. Bring a friend and come shop! Thank you for your support of this important ministry of our church.

Blessings! -Nancy











Cheers and Tears! Preschool/Kindergarten Parents!

Please join us on September 5 in the Annex Hall at 8:45 am (right after drop-off) for a coffee & chat celebration of school beginning! This is a great way to meet other moms and enjoy a little time together! Looking forward to seeing you there!

2. WE WILL RECYCLE THEM!

The GotSneaker recycling program helps keeps sneakers out of landfills



3. IT HELPS OUR PRESCHOOL!

By collecting shoes, we raise money for our preschool and help the environment. It's a win - win for everyone!

Sept 3-24: Collection boxes can be found outside the church office and in the Parish hall lobby.



LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?



Our first **Wednesday Night Fellowship** begins on September 6th in the Parish Hall from 5-6:15pm with prayer service beginning at 6:15pm in the Chapel. The cost of dinner is \$6 for children 10 and under, \$8 for adults, and \$25 household maximum.

Please register online at newnanfumc.org/signups or contact the office to RSVP.

September's Menu:

9/6 – Cranberry pork roast, oven-roasted potatoes, salad bar, roll and butter, apple cake, and a drink.

9/20 – Wishbone chicken, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, roll and butter and pecan pie bars, and a drink. ***Please note that we will be in the Annex Hall.*



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 19 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM Join us twice a month for breakfast and a variety of programming.



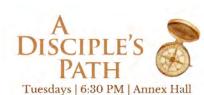
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JEREMIAH by Melissa Spoelstra | September 6: Intro | 10AM | AH A 7-week book study with group discussions. Books can be purchased online. Join us before the study at 9:30AM to watch the video from this study series. Sign up with Shelley Casey: media@newnanfumc.org .JOIN US!



COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, September 10 | 9:45AM | Gathering Room Want to learn more about Newnan First UMC, Membership and Methodism? All are welcome! RSVP Today: newnanfumc.org/signups



A DISCIPLE'S PATH Fall Small Group | September 12 - October 24 Tuesdays | 6:30PM | Annex Hall | \$10

Join us for a small group study this fall! We will be walking together through *A Disciple's Path: A Guide For United Methodists*. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you will gain immensely from this time exploring what it means to live through a method of discipleship together via the Wesleyan tradition.

Sign up today! newnanfumc.org/signups

If you want to learn more, come to our Pastor's coffee session on 9/10 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45AM) in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Connor Bell at cbell@newnanfumc.org



MARTHA CIRCLE | Monday, September 18 | 9:45am | Room 200

The Martha Circle will meet at 9:45am in room 200. We will begin our new book study, Pew Sisters. All are welcome! If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more detail.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY | Thursday, September 21 | 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 or call the office.

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On August 17th, our Fun 'n Frolic group went to Griffin to the Auction Block Antique store and had an opportunity to go to the Sock Shoppe. We enjoyed lunch at Southern Pit BBQ.

Upcoming FNF trips:

September 14 | Blue Bell Creamery, We will leave at 8am and return around 4pm. We will enjoy lunch in Sylacauga. The cost of the trip is \$5.

Lunch is on your own.

- 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.
- **November 12 | White Christmas at the Legacy** in Tyrone. We will leave at 1pm and should return around 5pm. Contact Aileen to reserve your ticket.



IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs

NEW MEMBERS

July 30 | Steven and Margaret Diaz

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

Theodore Richard Askew March 31, 1947 - August 11, 2023

Claude L. Vickers August 8, 1943 - August 27, 2023

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE MINISTRY | Meeting: September 19, 10:30AM | Annex Hall



Newnan First provides a ministry to our homebound members through personal cards and notes, phone calls and, when possible, visitations. A kind word or thought shared in a card brightens one's day and brings a smile and the joy of knowing that they are being thought of. This special care is essential for our homebound members to know that they are not forgotten. This ministry is always in need of volunteers. Currently there are 43 friends on the list. Each committee member takes 2-4 friends to keep in contact with. The committee meets twice a year to gather together, reminding each other why we do what we do, to share updated information of their contacts and to receive an updated list of the shut-ins.

New members are always welcome to serve on this committee. If you want to volunteer or if you know of someone who should be contacted through this ministry, you may contact Karen Oothoudt, chairperson of the committee. Before a person is placed on the contact list, they, or sometimes a family member, are contacted first.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 19 at 10:30 in the Annex Hall**. We encourage you to come to the meeting or you can call Karen Oothoudt, chairperson of this committee, if you have any questions 770-301-2551. You, as the giver, get as much enjoyment out of this ministry as do the receivers. *~Karen Oothoudt*



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Office Closed—Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

First Day of NFUMC Preschool & Kindergarten 8:45am Preschool Cheers & Tears (AH) 2:30pm Parkinson's Support (201) 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:15pm Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am Lay Servant Training (AH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30am Worship (S) 9:30pm Coffee with the Pastors (GR) 9:45pm Confirmation Parent's Meeting (UL) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship (S) 4:30pm UTH Ensemble Choir (CR) 5:00pm UTH Choir (CR) 6:00pm FirstKIDs ROOT345 Family Bingo (AH) 6:00pm UTH Group Dinner Activities (UL)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:30pm Joybells 5:45pm Inspirations

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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, SEPTEMBER 13

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, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00am FnF Blue Bell Creamery

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5th & 6th Grade Retreat (Camp Glisson) 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5th & 6th Grade Retreat (Camp Glisson) 9:00am Lay Servant Training (AH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | MISSION SUNDAY WELLROOT GIVING SUNDAY

5th & 6th Grade Retreat (Camp Glisson) 8:30am Worship (S) 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation Class (AC) 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, SEPTEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR) 9:30am Celebration Singers (CR) 10:30am Friendship Comm. Mtg. (AH) 2:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (rm. 201) 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR) 6:30pm Nomination Comm. Mtg. (AC) 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Study (AH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 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(AH)
- 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR) 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting (GR)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PRESCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE | 9-5PM 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

PRESCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE | 8-12PM 9:00am Lay Servant Training (AH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- FLU CLINIC (GR) 9AM-12PM (GR)
- 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, SEPTEMBER 25

- 4:30pm Joybells
- 5:45pm Inspirations
- FnF Trip to Charleston/Savannah (Mon-Fri)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:30am Celebration Singers (CR)
- 6:15pm Masterworks Chorale (CR)
- 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Study (AH) 6:30pm Nomination Comm. Mtg. (AC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00am UTH Biscuits & Bibles @ Chick-fil-A 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH) 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR) 4:30pm Cherub Choir (CH) 5:15pm Carol Choir (CR) 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 **Confirmation Retreat (Camp Glisson)** 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 **Confirmation Retreat (Camp Glisson)**

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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YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCES Week 35 Total Tithes/Income: \$ 777.257 Total Expenses: \$ 956,587 Over/(Under): \$ (179,330)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,616,113

WEEKLY EMAILS