



THE  **NEWNAN FIRST**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SHEPHERD
APRIL 2023

At the end of March, my sister-in-law Caki brought her two kids, Dorothy and Alice, to visit us. Dorothy, a four-year-old, was dressed in a pink bunny dress and was carrying her stuffed brown bunny called Bunny. We enjoyed lunch together and a walk to downtown Newnan. As we entered the Newnan Book Company, we told Dorothy she could get anything she wanted. Her eyes were wide open as we looked around for a moment, and she immediately knew what she wanted. She ran over and picked up a pink bunny that matched her dress. It's amazing to me how children look at the world with their eyes wide open (and know exactly what they want). In fact, I wish I lived life like Dorothy a little more often.

This month we will celebrate Easter, which means many things to each of us, such as egg hunts, time with family, and flowers on the cross. But ultimately, Easter is about the love of Jesus, who defeated death and brought resurrection and redemption into the world. Salvation and resurrection are what we seek for ourselves and for others. We desire for this incredible resurrection miracle to find its way into the hearts of everyone!

What's more, God is already active in working resurrection and reconciliation into this entire world, whether we participate or not. John Wesley, in his understanding of God's prevenient grace, notes that before we do anything, God has already been there. Therefore, we must actively look for the ways God is guiding us to be a source of hope and new life in this world. Robert Louis Stevenson said it like this: "Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The one who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life." The Psalmist says "Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders" (Psalm 119).

This Easter season, I'm hoping that I can embrace the spirit of Dorothy and approach life with eyes wide open, ready to behold the wonders of resurrection and redemption that surround us each day. I invite you to do the same. Will you join me?

I want to conclude with a special welcome to our new members who have joined us in March: Will Barron, Drake Belcher, Dacey Belcher, Brewer Burg, Ruby Daviston, Breadan Forbes, Becca Garrett, Nick Jackson, Jack Meissen, James Morris, Thomas Mosley, Millie Paulk, Claire Stanford, Haley Stephenson, Davis Winstead, Kelly Idell, Joanna Sherer, Ryan & Kelly Forbes, and Regina Burrell.

Yours in Christ,
Andrew Chappell
Senior Pastor



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NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 9



For several years, our NFUMC church family members have donated \$1 per day for the 40 days of Lent to raise funds that support Bridging the Gap's food pantry. For \$1 each day, or \$40 per person, you CAN make a huge difference. One soda, one snack, a cup of coffee – give it up and feed someone in need!

There will be donation containers 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 to donate to "Give It Up For Lent"! Please make all checks payable to Newnan FUMC and mark "Give it Up" on the memo/for line.

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



On March 4th, the Missions ERT group went out in Butts County assisting a homeowner with tree damage from the January tornadoes. When speaking with the homeowner to schedule to help her, she told Aileen Burnett that she prayed for assistance and received the call. She said that her prayers were answered quickly.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TORNADO IN NEWNAN

God of grace and peace,

As we remember the events of two years ago, May it stir within us a desire to help those who are currently in the midst of disaster. May your love for us in the darkest times lead us to surround others in their bleak moments.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BAGS OF HOPE

MARCH 26

The children and youth packed and prayed over more than 300 bags that will go to Cancer Treatment Centers of America



The Women's Bible Study group put together more than 3 dozen bags filled with toiletries, make-up, fragrances and personal hygiene products that were taken to Bridging the Gap.





**NEWNAN FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

DAY OF SERVICE

On Saturday, March 25th we gathered as a church community to serve our members. Approximately 65 people signed up to serve with various projects (lawn care, pressure washing, handyman jobs, visitations and cooking a hot meal for our volunteers). After a morning of service, we invited our friends from Wesley Woods to join us for lunch.

During lunch, people were asked to speak about what the day meant to them. It was a GREAT day of bringing our church family together on the anniversary of the EF-4 tornado 2 years ago. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for making this a wonderful day. For those who asked for the recipe, here is the link & QR Code: <https://www.food.com/recipe/lady-and-sons-chicken-in-wine-sauce-394498>.



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6
6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7
7:00PM @ MT. OLIVE UMC

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9
7:00AM @ GREENVILLE STREET PARK
8:30AM & 11:00AM



IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs.

NEW MEMBERS



- Joanna Sherer, joined March 1, 2023.
- Kelly Idell, joined on March 5, 2023.
- Ryan & Kelly Forbes, joined on March 12, 2023.
- Regina Burrell, joined on March 19, 2023.

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BAPTISMS



- Dacey Belcher, March 12, 2023
- Drake Belcher, March 12, 2023
- Braeden Forbes, March 12, 2023
- Haley Stephenson, March 12, 2023



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MEMORIAM



Herman E. Fletcher September 21, 1941 - March 14, 2023



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MARCH 12, 2023

We welcome our newest confirmands and members of
Newnan First United Methodist Church.

Will Barron, Drake Belcher, Dacey Belcher, Brewer Burg,
Ruby Daviston, Breadan Forbes, Becca Garrett, Nick Jackson,
Jack Meissen, James Morris, Thomas Mosley, Millie Paulk,
Claire Stanford, Haley Stephenson, Davis Winstead



CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

APRIL 4 & 18 | 8:30AM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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

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

April 12 | 6:30pm | Room 201

A panel of parents with young children will lead a discussion on areas of focus today with raising children.

April 26 | 6:30pm | Room 201

Programming TBA



PLUGGED IN

PLUGGED-IN DINNER & PRAYER | Dinner 5:00pm | Chapel Prayer Service 6:15pm

Come join us for our Plugged-In event. The cost is \$5.00 for children under 10, \$8.00 for adults, and \$9.00 for takeout. Contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206 or aburnett@newnanfumc.org with questions. **RSVP Online: newnanfumc.org/signups**

Wednesday, April 12 | Our menu will be BBQ chicken, rice, green beans, salad bar, roll, dessert, and a drink. RSVP by Monday, April 10, 2023.

Wednesday, April 26 | Our menu will be baked potato with chili, toppings bar, salad bar, dessert, and a drink. RSVP by Monday, April 24, 2023.



MARTHA CIRCLE | Monday, April 17 | 9:45am | Room 200

The Martha Circle will meet at 9:45am in room 200. We will continue with our book study, Fearless. All are welcome! If you are interested contact Beverly Watkins at

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY | Thursday, April 20 | 10:00am | Gathering Room

Join us on Thursday, April 20 for our next Prayer Shawl Meeting. Would you like to find out more information on this ministry? Contact Beverly Watkins at bevwatkins40@charter.net or call the office for more detail.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT | Saturday, April 22 | 4:00-8:00pm

Join us for Parent's Night Out The kids will play, enjoy fellowship, and have the option of watching a family friendly movie, while you enjoy an evening out on the town! **Register: newnanfumc.org/signups**



FRESH START - Newnan First 101

April 23 | Gathering Room | 9:45am

This gathering is for our new 2023 members as well as anyone curious about joining Newnan First! Come find out "Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Do It" at NFUMC. ALL are welcome! Questions? Please contact Pastor Connor at cbell@newnanfumc.org.

Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS | 10AM

WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL | ANNEX HALL | ROMANS by Melissa Spoelstra

Sessions 3, 4, 5, 6. Join us early at 9:30am for the video beforehand.

***NEW STUDY IN MAY* WHY by Adam Hamilton | \$12 Book**

A 4-week book study with video and group discussions. We will meet on May 3, 10, 17 & 24. Books will be bulk ordered for \$12. Sign up with Shelley Casey during our current study or email : media@newnanfumc.org . **Sign up deadline is April 12!**

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

Aileen Burnett, Program Director | aburnett@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x206)



Save the date!
June 11, 2023 | CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Directory Update | The Directory Committee is diligently working on getting the directory completed and hope to have it ready for pick-up by the end of June.



Great day of fun and fellowship. Our Fun 'n Frolic group enjoyed shopping at The Sock Shoppe and lunch at McGhin's Southern Pit Bar-B-Que.



FUN 'N FROLIC

April 14 | Callaway Gardens to see Spring Flower Fest.

Come enjoy a day exploring Callaway Gardens Flowerfest. We will leave at 9:15am and return around 3:30pm. Cost is \$34 per person. Register online at newnanfumc.org/signups or contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206 if you have any questions.



May 6 | The Cotton Fair, Gay, Ga

Spend the day enjoying The Cotton Fair in Gay on Saturday, May 6th. We will enjoy walking the grounds in search of crafts and antiques. We will have lunch at one of the many vendors on site. We will leave the church at 8am and plan to return around 5pm. (could be earlier). The cost will be \$12 for ticket and transportation. If you have any questions, please contact Aileen at 770-253-7400 x 206. Register online at newnanfumc.org/signups by 4/28/2023.



May 9 | The Shed at Fitzgerald's Farm | Lunch at Big Joes

Enjoy a day of fun and fellowship as we have lunch and head to the Shed at Fitzgerald's Farm to purchase strawberries and of course, ice cream. We will leave the church at approximately 10:45am and have lunch at Big Joe's in Newnan (\$\$). After lunch, we will travel to get our strawberries. We should return to the church around 4:00pm. The cost of the trip will be \$5 for the bus. Don't forget to bring your reusable shopping bag to put your goodies in! Sign up by May 1st at newnanfumc.org/signups.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 10 | Join us for our last Plugged-In event for the season.

June 8 | National Infantry Museum

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

Bonnie Krider, Interim Minister of Music | bonniekrider@gmail.com | 770.253.7400x205)



We are excited to share that we are adding brass in our Easter Worship Services this year.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7!

- Children's Program | OH, JONAH!
- ALL Services will be in the Parish Hall!
- Youth Choir singing @ Wesley Woods



Christopher Mosley, guest violinist



Stella Weaver



JoyBells



The Carol Choir



The Youth Choir

NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

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



Our **Preschool/Kindergarten Registration** for the upcoming 2023-24 school year was very successful. I have a few spots available in the 3yr 3dy, 4yr old and Kindergarten classes. If you know of someone interested in enrolling in one of those classes, please ask them to contact me at 770-253-1237 or nmartin@newnanfumc.org.

Summer Enrichment dates are as follows:

June 12-15 (Patriotic theme), July 10-13 (Rain Forest theme), August 7-10 (Creepy Crawly theme). Visit our website, nfumcpreschool.org, for more information regarding Summer Enrichment. Registration will open April 10th for presently enrolled students and April 17 for the public.

Thank you for your support of our school!
-Nancy

Don't forget Monday, May 1 is the annual *Can't Never Could* Fundraiser! Pick-up your "Meat the Need" box in our Preschool drive-thru 4 - 7:00PM

FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids

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



Palm Sunday

Newnan First is bringing back the tradition of waving palms on Palm Sunday at the 11:00am Worship Service.



April 9th
9:45 - 10:45am
DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, BRING YOUR BASKET AND A SMILE!

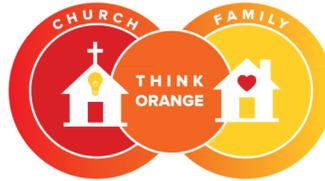
GREENVILLE STREET PARK
ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT MS. ANDREA AT ASTUART@NEWNANFUMC.ORG

Sunday School and ROOT345

This month's Bible verse: Philippians 2:3

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.

We are focusing on Humility because Jesus put others first. And we know that we can trust God no matter what!



Children's Worship

The children love to learn what the big sanctuary is hearing. 1 Samuel 16:1-13. We learned that Samuel chose and anointed David as the King of Israel!



NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 6 -12

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/UTH

Paul Mosley, Director of Youth Ministries | pmosley@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x219)



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.



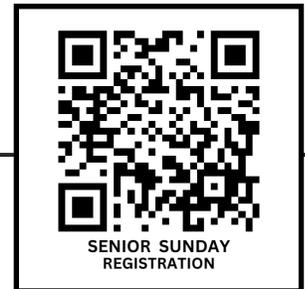
Confirmation Sunday was one of the best days of the year so far. It was so awesome to celebrate these students and their families. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the hard work each confirmand put in. We also went on retreat with our middle scholar this past month, and it was a blast hanging out with and growing alongside such wonderful young men!

This month kicks off with holy week and spring break! Following Easter we will start our next series: Worlds Apart (more details below). We also have some other events that you will want to attend. April 30 is our PreSummer Parents meeting, and May 7 is UTHapalooza. I can't wait for all the awesome programming and growth we have in store this month. Come join us! *—Paul Mosley*



Upcoming events:

- April 2: No UTH (Spring Break)
- April 9: Easter Sunday (No UTH)
- April 16: Worlds Apart Series Starts
- April 30: PreSummer Parents Meeting
- May 7: UTHapalooza
- May 21: Senior Sunday



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Senior Sunday Registration

The end of the School year is fast approaching and for our oldest UTH that means graduation. We want to collect some information from you so we can honor your seniors this **Senior Sunday (May 21)**. Please use the QR code and answer as much of it as you can. We understand that their future plans and details may change leading up to Senior Sunday, and we will update them as necessary.



Worlds Apart | New Discipleship Series

No two worlds seem further apart than the worlds of science and faith. In fact, sometimes the two seem so far apart that it feels like we have to pick a side. But are science and faith really as far from each other as we've been led to believe? In this series, we'll discover that the more we learn about the way the world works, the more we'll learn about the One behind it all.

Lenten Worship and Luncheon

Newnan First United Methodist Church hosted our Annual Community Lenten Worship and Lunch on Wednesday, March 22nd. We had approximately 170 people join us for lunch. A huge thank you to the Ladies Service Group for their commitment to serving and making this a memorable event.



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING JOB FAIR



THURSDAY
APRIL 20

4pm to 6pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARISH HALL
33 GREENVILLE ST
NEWNAN GA 30263



goodwillsr.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, April 6
Parish Hall | 12:15 - 4:15pm

QUILTS OF VALOR
Sewing Day
April 22 | 10AM | Annex Hall
Contact Beverly Watkins at
bevwatkins40@charter.net for more details



April 11th
World Parkinson's Day

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP @ NEWNAN FIRST UMC APRIL 11 | 1:15PM | ANNEX HALL

The April Parkinson's Support Group meeting will be combined with a celebration of Parkinson's Awareness Day.

Newnan Mayor, Keith Brady, will present a Proclamation recognizing Newnan Parkinson's Awareness Day and week. Dr. Paulette Lewis, a neurological physical therapist with over fifteen years of clinical experience in the profession of physical therapy, will present information about Nutrition for People with Parkinson's and answer questions about both nutrition and physical therapy. Dr. Lewis has been a very popular speaker in the group meetings in the past.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1**SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)
 11:00am Worship
 NO Youth Choirs
 NO Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)
 NO UTH Dinner & Group (UL)

MONDAY, APRIL 3

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:45pm Masterworks Choral (CR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 NO Children's Choir (CR)
 NO Chancel Choir (CR)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:15pm ARC Blood Drive (PH)
 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7**Church Office closes at noon**

10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)
 7:00pm Good Friday Service @ Mt. Olive UMC

SATURDAY, APRIL 8**SUNDAY, APRIL 9 | EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00am Sunrise Service @ Greenville St Park
 8:30am Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt @ Greenville St. Park
 9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)
 11:00am Worship
 NO Youth Choirs
 NO Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)
 NO UTH Dinner & Group (UL)

MONDAY, APRIL 10

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 11:30pm Angel's House Board Mtg (PC SS)
 1:15pm Parkinson's Support Group (AH)
 6:45pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast at Truett's
 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub & Wesley Choirs (CH/CR)
 5:00pm PLUGGED-IN Dinner (PH)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:15pm PLUGGED-IN Prayer Service (CH)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (Rm 201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)
 7:30pm UTH Sticky Faith at Paul Mosley's home

THURSDAY, APRIL 13**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

9:15am FNF Callaway Gardens
 10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 1:00pm FNF—Buddy Holly Story @ The Legacy
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)
 6:00pm UTH Dinner & Group (UL)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

9:45am Martha Circle (rm. 200)
 4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:30pm Inspirations @ Wesley Woods

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
 9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:45pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast at Truett's
 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub & Wesley Choirs (CH/CR)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 5:30pm Girl Scouts (JAM)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)
 7:30pm UTH Sticky Faith at Paul Mosley's home

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

4:00pm Community Job Fair (PH)
 10:00am Prayer Shawl Mtg (GR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

10:00am Quilts of Valor Sewing Day (AH)
 4:00pm Parent's Night Out

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
9:45am New Member Class (GR)
 9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)
 6:00pm UTH Dinner & Group (UL)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

4:30pm Joybells (BR)
 5:45pm Inspirations (CR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

9:30am Swingin' Singin' Seniors (CR)
 6:30pm Agape SS Book Club (AH)
 6:45pm Masterworks Ensemble (CR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00am UTH Prayer Breakfast at Truett's
 10:00am Women's Bible Study (AH)
 4:30pm Bellissimo Handbell Choir (BR)
 4:30pm Cherub & Wesley Choirs (CH/CR)
 5:00pm PLUGGED-IN Dinner (PH)
 5:30pm Carol Choir (CR)
 6:15pm PLUGGED-IN Prayer Service (CH)
 6:30pm Let's Talk (Rm 201)
 6:45pm Chancel Choir (CR)
 7:30pm UTH Sticky Faith at Paul Mosley's home

THURSDAY, APRIL 27**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

8:30am Worship (S)
 9:45am Sunday School
 9:45am INSIGHT Sunday School class (AH)
 11:00am Worship (S)
 4:30pm Youth Ensemble Choir (CR)
 5:00pm Youth Choir (CR)
 6:00pm Root 345 Dinner & Group (CW)
 6:00pm UTH Dinner & Group (UL)

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 13**

Total Tithes/Income: \$ **312,411**
 Total Expenses: \$ **332,567**
 Over/(Under): \$ **(20,156)**

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