

**Pastor Appreciation Month**— The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. How will you thank our pastors?

**Stewardship**— Today is Commitment Sunday! 2020 has been a very different and often difficult year for many people, but even with the challenges of 2020, we have been able to continue the work of the church because of the faithfulness of our congregation. Please consider your giving carefully and give what you are able. Commitment cards have been placed in the pews for in-person worshippers. A digital commitment card is available on our website and can be submitted securely. Commitment cards will also be mailed to those families worshipping at home in about 2 weeks' time. We look forward to seeing the ways Tucker First will be at work in 2021.

**Welcome Back to Tucker First!** We continue to have an in-person worship service Sundays at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Due to spacing restrictions in the Sanctuary, reservations are required each week. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/RSVPOct4Worship>. If there are no single spaces left, please go to the next available seat group on the reservation form. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at [sshanholtzer@tfumc.org](mailto:sshanholtzer@tfumc.org).

Our AV team continues to work on the audio-visual for the live-stream. Please be patient as they work to improve the service and your viewing experience. Any comments or suggestions about the service (issues noticed, good points, sound issues, etc.) should be emailed to Stephanie Shanholtzer in the church office at [sshanholtzer@tfumc.org](mailto:sshanholtzer@tfumc.org).

**Sunday Night Live!** We look forward to seeing you this Sunday evening. Join us for *Sunday Night Live*, a 30-minute service of modern music and meditation every Sunday night at 7:00 pm. The program will be broadcast on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. Log onto <https://tinyurl.com/TFUMCSundayNightLive>. Questions? Contact Anne Cumings at [anne\\_cumings@ngumc.org](mailto:anne_cumings@ngumc.org).

**Pumpkin Carving Party!**—BYO pumpkin to carve | Friday, October 23 | 6:30 pm | Parking lot behind the Wesley Center. We have decorating supplies for the small ones and we encourage you to wear your Halloween costume. You will have your own table to decorate and there will be prizes for the best pumpkin and best table decorations. There will also be games and music. Masks will be required and social distancing protocols will be observed. Please RSVP to Stephanie Shanholtzer at [sshanholtzer@tfumc.org](mailto:sshanholtzer@tfumc.org).

**Get Your Flu Shots**— The Health and Welfare Committee wants to encourage congregants to get their flu shot this fall. It's extra important this year because of the risk of the severity of COVID-19 symptoms compounded by the flu. For Frequently Asked Questions regarding the flu shot in the 2020-21 flu season, you can go to <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm>. There are several local Kroger, Publix, and CVS Pharmacies that can provide you with the flu shot, many times for free.

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** Tucker First will host another Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, October 22 | 2:30 – 7:30 pm in the Activities Center.

Volunteers Needed. We have several people that have already signed up to work the blood drive, thank you! However, we still need two more volunteers for the following slots: 4:15 - 6:15 pm and 6:15 - 8:15 pm. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/tfumcblood>.

Blood Donors (aka Heroes) Needed. Blood donors can reserve their spot at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (code word Tuck1UMC).

**Amazon Wish List for Weekday Preschool**— Our Tucker First Weekday Preschool has developed a wish list on Amazon.com of books and items that they would like to have. This is a wonderful project for a Sunday School class or small group. You can find the list online at <https://tinyurl.com/preschoolwish>

**Amazon Smile.** Amazon Smile is a program within Amazon.com where you can register a charity (in this case, Tucker First) to receive .5% of your purchase amount on Amazon. Tucker First is now listed as a designated charity. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) via and designate Tucker First as your chosen charity or if you have the Amazon smartphone app, go to Menu>Settings>Amazon Smile>Generate Donation-ON. Questions? Contact Cindy Petersiel at [cpetersiel@tfumc.org](mailto:cpetersiel@tfumc.org).

### **The Work of the Church Continues Because You Give**

- **On the web:** Use this link to get started - <http://www.tuckerfirst.org/giving.html>
- **The Give+ app on your phone or other mobile device.** Look for it in the App Store or Google Play. Setting up and making payments are quick and easy.
- **Text-to-Give at 833-488-6350.** Simply type in the amount you would like to give and you will be prompted on how to complete the donation.

Remember - you can always drop your offering in the secure mailbox in front of the church.

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 18:

- 10:00a-Children's Sunday School (Facebook)
- 10:00a-Discovery Class via Zoom\*
- 11:00a-Sunday Worship (S) (YouTube)
- 12:30p-Finance via Zoom\*
- 6:00p-Middle School Zoom Meeting\*
- 7:00p-The Table Sunday Night Live! (YouTube)
- 7:30p-High School Zoom Meeting\*

## Tuesday, October 20:

- ESOL via Zoom\*
- 7:00p-Health and Welfare via Zoom\*

## Wednesday, October 21:

- 5:45p-Carol Choir via Zoom\*
- 6:30p-Wesley Singers via Zoom\*
- 6:30p-Women's Bible Study via Zoom\*

## Thursday, October 22:

- 12:00p-Video message from Pastor Anne

## Friday, October 23:

- 6:30p-Family Pumpkin Carving Party (WC Parking Lot)

## Saturday, October 17:

- 10:30a-Burns Outdoor Study Group

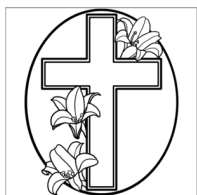
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- 5:00p-Celebration Singers via Zoom\*
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\*Contact Group Leader for Zoom Meeting ID

## Weekly Prayer Emphasis

Try to write down all the ways that Tucker First touches the lives of its membership, our community, and our world. Read them out loud as you pray them into your heart.



Manuel Barros  
Tommye Johnston  
Betty Etheridge  
Jill Hanson  
Randy Davison  
Glenn Cambre

## PRAYER CONCERNS

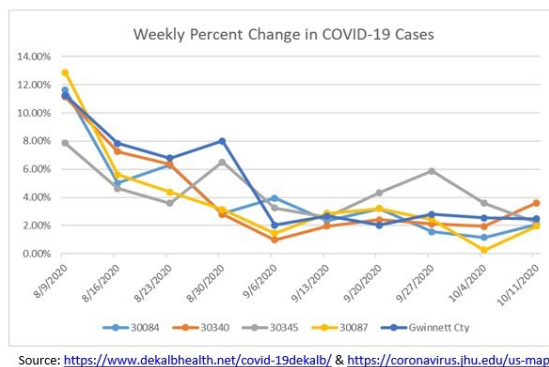
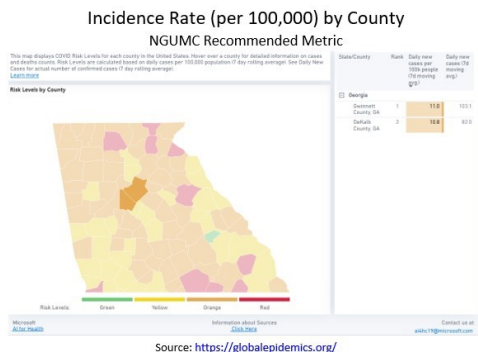
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Alice Shepard  
Cindy Robinson  
Virginia Carlton

Wayne Hicks  
Betty Hicks  
Don Woodhull  
Joe Halstead  
David Mobley

Deborah Davis  
Donna Powell  
Phyllis Woodhull  
Dave Deaton  
Jo Anne Maxwell

**Submit Prayer Requests Online**-Our prayer ministry lifts your concerns in prayer. You can now submit prayer requests online at [www.tuckerfirst.org](http://www.tuckerfirst.org) or you may contact the church at 770-938-3030 with your prayer request.

## October 11 COVID-19 Data (reported October 13)



**Tucker First UMC Regathering Plan**-This week's updated COVID-19 data can be found [here](#). Our website will be updated weekly as new data is received.

## Stay connected with Tucker First on Social Media

Tucker First Twitter account - #TuckerFirstUMC

Follow us on Facebook at Tucker First United Methodist Church | The Table @ Tucker First UMC | TFUMC - Young Adults | Christmas at Tucker - a Music and Drama Celebration | Compass Kids - Tucker | Tucker First United Methodist Preschool.

Additionally, the websites of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church ([ngumc.org](http://ngumc.org)) and the United Methodist Church ([umc.org](http://umc.org)) are great resources for messages and stories of hope.