
Ice Cream Social. Tucker First will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on August 1 at 6:00 pm under the portico at the front of the church. Bring your favorite topping and join your church family for some homemade ice cream. Contact Stephanie Shanholtzer to sign up to bring ice cream or to RSVP at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

Baby Recognition Sunday. Our United Methodist Women will be recognizing all babies born in the Tucker First family in the past year. If you welcomed a new baby or grandbaby between March 2020 and May 2021, please send the information to Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org. Please remember to include the names of the parents and grandparents, the name of baby, and when they were born.

Moms Bible Study. A Wednesday morning Bible study designed just for moms will begin on Wednesday, August 25 at 9:15 am in the Chapel. You are invited to come and grab a cup of coffee and enjoy some time set aside just for you and other moms. We will study scripture and share mom life together. Questions? Contact Rev. Anne Cumings at anne.cumings@ngumc.net.

Bags to Blankets. A small team of dedicated volunteers are making sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic shopping bags. They are meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in Jenkins Hall. No experience is necessary, and they will teach you how to put the bags together. Questions? Please contact Janis Sims at 770-262-0420.

Acolyte Training. We are looking for children and youth in grades 4-12 who are interested in being acolytes during the Sunday 11:00 am worship service. There will be a training and information session on Sunday, July 25 @ 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You can sign up for the training session at <https://tinyurl.com/TFUMCAcolytes>. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Be a Part of the Homebound Communion Ministry. We are getting ready to relaunch our homebound communion ministry. You can serve this ministry in two ways: volunteer to visit our homebound members and bring them communion or let us know of any members you are aware of that need this ministry. Contact Rev. Anne Cumings at anne.cumings@ngumc.net.

UMW Collecting School Supplies. Our United Methodist Women (UMW) will be collecting school supplies to support two local schools, Idlewood Elementary and Tucker Middle School. Over the course of three Sundays in July, (July 11, 18, and 23) collection bins will be located around the church. Go to <http://www.tuckerfirst.org/missions.html> to see what is needed for each school and the locations of the collection bins. Questions? Please contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net

Preschool is Hiring. The Tucker First Weekday Preschool has openings for two teachers beginning with the fall term. If you, or someone you know, has a heart for children and would like to be part of a preschool ministry, please contact Director Marti Coleman at preschool@tfumc.org. This position is perfect for a parent of school-aged children who need a part-time job and still be available after school or for a retired educator who still wants to pour into children, but not full-time.

Intro to Tucker First. Pastor Gerald will be hosting, "One H.E.A.R.T." An Intro to Tucker First, on Sunday, July 25 at 9:30 am. Anyone interested in learning more about Tucker First is invited to attend this meeting which will be held outside under the main portico on the LaVista Road entrance. This is an informal, information sharing meeting about who we are as a congregation, our mission in the community, and how people can participate in the programs we offer as a community of faith. There is always time during the meeting for people to ask questions. Contact Pastor Gerald Varner at gerald.varner@tfumc.org for more information. This class will be held once a month and you only have to attend one class.

UMCOR Flood Bucket Item of the Week!

Continuing with Work Gloves

Cotton gloves with leather palm or all leather

One the many Great Day of Service projects this year will be assembling flood buckets for UMCOR. The flood buckets contain much needed supplies that are used by volunteer cleaning teams after a disaster. Our Tucker First UMC Vacation Bible School children have already given this project a head start by collecting cleaning supplies during VBS. We are incredibly grateful for their efforts! Each week we will feature an item needed in the flood buckets. You or your group can choose to order the supplies online or purchase them locally. Check out our website for links to the Amazon Wish List and examples of the items requested by UMCOR.

Health & Welfare Committee Update and Survey. After careful consideration, the Health and Welfare Committee is excited to recommend the return of congregational singing in our Traditional and Contemporary Worship Services. Singing is a significant part of the worship experience for many congregants and, as long as community COVID-19 data remains favorable, we are eager to hear the joyful noise!

Right now, the committee's plans would include singing by everyone. However, we would like to hear your thoughts about congregational singing in the mask-required and physically distanced sections.

Please take a moment to visit our Tucker First homepage and complete a short anonymous survey to let us know what you think.

Church Office Volunteers Needed. Tucker First is looking for 3 more volunteers to help in the church front office. Volunteers are needed Monday – Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm. Most volunteers serve one day every other week. We also have a substitute volunteer list called when the regular volunteer is unavailable. Duties include answering and directing calls and answering the office door for members, visitors, and maintenance workers. Monday's volunteers help with attendance entry on the computer (not a requirement to volunteer) and Thursday volunteers help stuff the bulletins for Sunday worship. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Lunch Buddy. We still have three volunteer slots available for July Lunch Buddy. If you are available to help distribute lunches from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm, please sign up by going to <https://tinyurl.com/SummerLunchBuddy2021>. For questions, contact Robin Pounds, robinpounds631@gmail.com, 404-918-0069.

Ushers and Greeters Needed. Both our usher and greeter teams need new volunteers for our Sunday worship services. The tasks are very straightforward, and you never miss any of the worship service! How cool is that! If you are interested in being an usher, contact Rob Bloomquist at robbobl@comcast.net. If you are interested in being a greeter, you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/GreetersTraditionalWorship> or <https://tinyurl.com/TheTableGreeters> depending on which service you prefer.

Save the Date – Great Day of Service – Our Annual Great Day of Service will be on Saturday, September 25. On this day, multiple teams will tackle projects in the community to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors. Some of the organizations that will benefit include Wellroot Family Services, Tucker Parks and Recreation, UMCOR, and local nursing homes. Please save the date of September 25 for this year's Great Day of Service and watch for the signup link in August. Some supplies and information need to be collected in advance of the event. See below on how you can help.

Plastic Trash Bags Needed. One team will be making soft sleeping mats for the homeless. These mats are crocheted using plastic yarn and is created from the thin plastic shopping bags. To make the mats, we need your shopping bags! Collection containers can be found outside the church office, in the Chapel and in the Gathering Room. Questions? Contact TJ Jarret at 770-491-8994.

Clean-Up Projects for Senior Church Members. Another project will be for teams to go to the homes of our senior church members and help with housecleaning, closet decluttering, or light yard work. If you know of a person that has such a need, please contact Bonnie Hatfield at bhat.1@netzero.net.

Every Bucket Counts. Another team will assemble flood buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). The flood buckets contain much needed supplies that area used by volunteer cleaning teams after a disaster. You or your group can choose to order the supplies online or purchase them locally.

If you want to order supplies online and have them shipped to the church office, the link for the Flood Bucket Amazon Wish List is <https://tinyurl.com/AmazonFloodBucketList>.

If you wish to purchase items locally, go to <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/> for the complete list of items. You can drop your item donation off in the bin in the Gathering Room, Chapel and office lobby.

New this year, is the "Flood Bucket Item of the Week." These items will be added to the supplies already donated by our Vacation Bible School children to make a complete bucket.

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