

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study. Our men's fellowship, which meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in room 209, has started a new Bible study (with video). They are studying "The Epic of Eden: Psalms" by Sandra Richter. Contact Andrew Carlton at adcarlton81@gmail.com. All men are invited and encouraged to come to any meeting.

Baby Recognition Sunday. Our United Methodist Women will be recognizing all babies born in the Tucker First family in the past year on Sunday, September 26. 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.

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.

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! If you are interested in being an usher, contact Rob Bloomquist at robbobl@comcast.net. If you are interested in being a greeter, go to <https://tinyurl.com/GreetersTraditionalWorship> or <https://tinyurl.com/TheTableGreeters> depending on which service you prefer.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Donors and Volunteers Needed. The next Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, August 12 from 2:30 – 7:30 pm in the Wesley Center. Blood donors can sign up at www.redcross.org and volunteers can sign up in two hour shifts at <https://tinyurl.com/blooddrivevol>. If you are donating blood, use site code TUCK1UMC when registering online. Volunteers are needed to greet donors and manage the snack table. Questions? Contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net or 404-727-1582.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 1:

Holy Communion
9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
9:45a-COMET Class (202)
9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
9:45a-Open Door (209)
9:45a-Agape Class (213)
9:45a-Women's Spirit (217)
9:45a-Unity Class (220)
10:00a-Children's SS (Facebook)
11:00a-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary & Livestream)
1:00p-Staff Parish via Zoom*
4:00p-Youth In Person
4:30p-Disciple I Class
6:00p-Ice Cream Social (Portico)
7:00p-Modern Worship (Chapel & YouTube)

Monday, August 2:

1:00p-Care Team

Tuesday, August 3:

1:30p-Silver Sneakers (C)
5:00p-Just Bakery (Portico)

Wednesday, August 4:

6:15p-UM Men (209)
6:30p-MARR (203)

Thursday, August 5:

1:30p-Silver Sneakers (C)

Sunday, August 8:

Youth Sunday
9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
9:45a-COMET Class (202)
9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
9:45a-Open Door (209)
9:45a-Agape Class (213)
9:45a-Women's Spirit (217)
9:45a-Unity Class (220)
10:00a-Children's SS (Facebook)
11:00a-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary & Livestream)
1:00p-Trustees via Zoom*
4:00p-Youth In Person
4:30p-Disciple I Class
7:00p-Modern Worship (Chapel & YouTube)

July 29 COVID Update-This week the CDC updated their COVID-19 guidance to protect people from the Delta variant and now recommends that everyone wear masks indoors in public. DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties are experiencing transmission rates that reflect the CDC's new recommendations. We are requesting everyone honor this recommendation while at the church and wear masks, starting this Sunday, August 1. At this time, we will continue to sing while wearing masks. We will also continue to provide sections of the sanctuary where physical distancing is required in addition to masks. The CDC's updated guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

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 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 are 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.

UMCOR Flood Bucket Item of the Week!

Clothesline

50-100 foot cotton or plastic clothesline

Mission Trips for 2021. Tucker First is hosting two mission trips this year. The first trip is to Tennessee to benefit the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The mission team will leave Tucker on Thursday, September 30 at 9:00 am and return Saturday, October 2 at 11:30 am. The second trip is to Honduras. The mission team will leave on Saturday, November 13 and return Saturday, November 20. Questions? Please contact kayjohne@gmail.com.

Intro to Tucker First. Pastor Gerald will be hosting "One H.E.A.R.T. An Intro to Tucker First" every fourth Sunday at 9:30 am. The next class will be Sunday, August 22. Anyone interested in learning more about Tucker First is invited to attend. Questions? Email Pastor Gerald at Gerald.varner@ngumc.net

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