
Blessing of the Animals. Join us for a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 am in the Wesley Center back parking lot. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to receive a special blessing. Questions? Contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

Children's Ministry Mini Retreat – CREATE! Tucker First Children's Ministry is hosting a mini retreat for 3rd – 5th graders on September 17 and 18. The cost is \$25 per child.

- On Friday from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, the children will eat pizza, study devotions, and play Pirate's Cove putt-putt.
- On Saturday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, the children will study devotions, eat Chick-fil-A, work on a craft, and play games.

You can register your child for this retreat on the church website. Questions? Please contact mimi_sanders@tfumc.org or 678-325-4038.

Are You Looking for a Sunday School Class? *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.* –Matthew 22:37-39

We will not only explore what it means to Love Thy Neighbor, but we will also focus on growing our faith through friendships in Christ. This class is suggested for people ages 30s-50s, married or single, parents or non-parents. Join us for a Meet and Greet on Sunday, September 26 at 10:00 am in the Chapel. Questions? Contact Beth Allen at ballen523@gmail.com or Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

Working It Out: A Bible Study on James. Join Pastor Anne for a six-week Bible study looking at how the Letter of James calls us to actively live out our faith. The class will be on Monday nights in Jenkins Hall starting October 10 at 7:00 pm. Contact Rev. Anne Cumings with questions or to RSVP at anne.cummings@ngumc.net.

Ladies' Bible Study. Ladies, it's Bible study time again! Finally!! And what better way to get back in the groove than to study something we all want and need more of - JOY! Beginning Wednesday September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 203, this is a 6-week video-driven study with small discussion groups based on the book "Fight Back with Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. For more information and to register, check out our website at www.tuckerfirst.org. Questions? Contact Kathryn Jackson at 770-855-2938.

Part-time AV Technician Wanted. Tucker First is seeking a part-time (5-8 hours/week) Audio Visual (AV) Technician. The AV Technician will be responsible for ensuring high quality sound, video, and livestreaming for two Sunday worship services (11:00 am and 7:00 pm). You may view the job description in its entirety at www.tuckerfirst.org. To apply, please send résumé to Rev. Anne Cumings anne.cummings@ngumc.net.

Men's Fellowship Meets Wednesday Evenings. Our men's fellowship have begun a new book study and are inviting all men of the church to join them. They are studying "The Epic of Eden: Psalms" by Sandra Richter. The study is part discussion and part video. The group meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 209 or via Zoom. Questions? Contact Andrew Carlton at adcarlton81@gmail.com.

Electronics Recycling Day. As part of the Great Day of Service on Saturday, September 25, we will have an electronics recycling event from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Volunteers will be on hand at the Wesley Center's loading dock to help unload your electronics. Please do not drop off recycling items earlier in the week. Recycled and non-recycled items are listed below. For a more complete list of recyclable items, go to <https://www.ecycleatlanta.com/electronics-recycling-list>.

Items that **are accepted** for recycling include computers, flat screen computer monitors, laptops, tablets, fax machines, keyboards, copiers, mainframes, disk drives, LED lights/bulbs, cables, telephones, cell phones, VCRs, radios, cassette players, batteries, CD/DVD players, satellite dishes, telecommunication systems, iron, steel, and aluminum.

Items that **are not accepted** include hazardous materials (any infectious or pathological wastes), material that could pose an environmental or health problem, any equipment containing radioactive components, equipment containing asbestos or mercury, any CRT computer monitors (old box type), televisions (any type), large household appliances (refrigerators, ovens, stoves, dishwashers, washers, and dryers), lamps, and light bulbs.

NETWork's Clothes Closet Workday. On Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm, our United Methodist Men will have a workday at the NETWork's Clothes Closet located at the Northlake Church of Christ. Ten volunteers are needed to sort and arrange clothing for local families with clothing needs. Additionally, the UMM are asking for donations of slightly used clothing items. The biggest need is clothes for infants, toddlers, youth, and teens as well as adults. This includes but is not limited to socks, underwear, shoes, gloves, and hats. All sizes are appreciated, but there is always a lack of smaller men's clothing. Winter clothing will be much appreciated in the coming month. Please bring all items to Room 209 between now and September 29. If you have time to sort and label the items, it will help the UMM's efforts. Questions? Contact Andrew Carlton at adcarlton81@gmail.com.

Register Now – Great Day of Service – Our Annual Great Day of Service will be on **Saturday, September 25** from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. 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. Some supplies and information need to be collected in advance of the event. See below on how you can help. Everyone participating in Great Day of Service 2021 must register by going to <http://www.tuckerfirst.org/2021-great-day-of-service.html>.

Plastic Trash Bags Needed. One team will be making soft sleeping mats for the homeless. These mats are crocheted using plastic yarn created from 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.

25 Flood Buckets Completed! Thanks to the generous giving from our congregation, the mission team has received almost all of the requested items that go into 25 UMCOR flood buckets! We still need the following items to complete 25 flood buckets: 33-45 gallon heavy-duty trash bags (400 individual bags).

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>.

Spaces for Honduras Mission Trip Still Available. Tucker First will send a group of missionaries to Honduras this fall. Past groups have helped paint, improve plumbing in a village, host a VBS program for the children of the village, and more. No experience necessary. The mission team will leave on Saturday, November 13 and return Saturday, November 20. Question? Please contact kayjohne@gmail.com.

Notes from the Office:

How Can We Pray For You? Our prayer ministry lifts your concerns in prayer. You can now submit prayer requests online at www.tuckerfirst.org or you may contact the church office at 770-938-3030 with your prayer request.

Because You Give, the Work of the Church Continues. Consider setting up your tithe as an automatic online offering. Please remember not to let your church tithe slip during the summer months. Setup online giving today.

Use this link to get started: <https://tinyurl.com/TFUMCgive>.

Email and Text Scam Continues. We continue to hear from people receiving emails that appear to be requests from Pastor Gerald or Pastor Anne. These are scam emails and should be deleted. The issue may not be unique to email but also includes text messages and phone calls. Please remember that we will never ask for personal information or financial assistance by text or email. If you have questions, contact the church office at 770-938-3030 or sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

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