

Healing Service Tonight. We are all in need of healing at some point in our lives – physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. Join us for a service of music, communion, and healing tonight, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles. Do you have a third grader in your household? Our Family and Children's Ministry would like to present them with their own Bible. To be sure that your child (or grandchild) is included, please contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Call for Actors for Christmas at Tucker. If you are interested in being a part of the drama performance for this year's Christmas at Tucker program, we would love to have you! The drama consists of six characters, each presenting a short monologue. There are also several non-speaking roles who help depict the nativity scene (shepherds must be at least ten years old).

Because of the nature of the script, rehearsals for the actors with speaking parts will be conducted via Zoom or one-on-one tailored to their schedule. The Biblical actors will also have a very short rehearsal commitment. If you are interested and would like to know more about the roles, please contact Morris Tubesing at m.tubesingsr@yahoo.com or Tom Moore at tom_moore@tfumc.org.

Singers Still Needed for Christmas at Tucker. If you missed the kickoff choir rehearsal, do not worry; you can still be a part of the Christmas at Tucker choir. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:30 -8:00 pm in the Music Center. A CD will also be provided so that you can rehearse at home. Questions? Contact Tom Moore at tom_moore@tfumc.org.

Make Plans to Attend Consecration Sunday October 24- As a response to God's unconditional love, giving should bring a feeling of joy knowing no matter what you dedicate to God's purpose, it will be blessed and multiplied by Him. In preparation for Consecration Sunday, I encourage you to ask yourself this question, "What portion of my income is God calling me to give?" On October 24, we will gather as a congregation to dedicate our financial gifts for the coming year. Reverend Dr. Hugh Cauthen will be our special guest speaker during the 11:00 am worship service.

Following worship, we will continue the celebration with a free catered lunch. Please make a lunch reservation for your family by dropping the reservation card in the offering plate or by calling the church office at 770-938-3030. I hope you will make plans to be in worship on October 24. –*Glenn Shanholtzer, Chair of the Stewardship Committee.*

Pumpkin Carving Party. Join us on Friday, October 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the back parking lot of the Wesley Center for a pumpkin carving party! Bring your pumpkin(s) and your tools and we will handle the mess! The Green Apron Crew will be preparing hotdogs with all the fixings! To help us with the head count, please RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/pumpkin carving2021>.

New Mobile Giving App. Tucker First is pleased to announce we have an upgraded mobile app for church donations, gifts, and tithes! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile. This new mobile giving app will be replacing the GivePlus Mobile app. With Vanco Mobile, you can send your tithes, gifts, and so much more. Instructions are on the church website under the "Giving" tab at www.tuckerfirst.org/giving. Please contact Cindy Petersiel at cpetersiel@tfumc.org or 678-325-4035 if you have questions or need assistance.

Red Cross Blood Drive - October 14. The next blood drive will be on Thursday, October 14 from 2:30 – 7:30 pm.

Blood donors can sign up at <http://redcrossblood.org> and use site code TUCK1UMC. Blood drive volunteers are needed to greet donors and manage the snack table. You can sign up for a two-hour shift at <https://tinyurl.com/blooddrivevol>. Questions? Contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net or 404-727-1582 if you have any questions.

Safe Sanctuaries Training. One remaining Safe Sanctuaries training session is coming up. All paid workers and volunteers that work with children, youth or vulnerable adults are required to be Safe Sanctuaries trained. This includes but is not limited to some Great Day of Service volunteers, all youth counselors, chaperones, Sunday School teachers, and homebound visitation volunteers.

Training date: **Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 pm in Jenkins Hall**

Please RSVP to Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Sunday Nursery Workers Needed. Tucker First needs paid nursery workers on Sunday mornings. A complete list of qualifications and job responsibilities can be found on the church website at www.tuckerfirst.org.

Study of Daniel. The men's fellowship is starting a six-week study of the book of Daniel on Wednesday, October 13. A description of the Daniel study guide can be found here - <https://my.seedbed.com/product/book-daniel-daily-weekly/>. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 209. You have the option of meeting with the group in-person or via Zoom. For more information, contact Andrew Carlton at adcarlton81@gmail.com.

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

Ladies' Bible Study. Join us Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 203 for a 6-week video-driven study with small discussion groups based on the book "Fight Back with Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. Questions? Contact Kathryn Jackson at 770-855-2938.

Ladies' Evening Bible Study. A ladies' evening Bible study will begin on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm in Room 202. The group (in-person and via Zoom) will be studying "Elijah" by Priscilla Shirer. It is a seven-week study, and you will need to purchase both the video bundle (watch on your own prior to the lesson) and the study guide. If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact Becky Burnett at rsb1950@gmail.com.

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. Questions? Please contact kayjohne@gmail.com.

Notes from the Office:

Recommendation from CDC regarding COVID-19. *The current COVID-19 guidance from the CDC recommends that people wear a mask in public indoor settings if, 1) they are in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 or 2) they or someone in their household is immunocompromised, at risk for severe disease or unvaccinated (including children under the age of 12). DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties are experiencing transmission rates that reflect the CDC's recommendations. Additionally, as a congregation, we want to do what we can to make our church as welcoming and safe as possible for all people. We are requesting everyone honor this recommendation while inside the church buildings and wear a mask. 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 can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CDCUpdatedGuidelines>.*

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. 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 include 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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