

A Conversation on Our Worship Schedule-The leadership team at Tucker First has been in discernment about the future schedule of our Sunday worship services. We are specifically interested in discussing the future scheduling of The Table (currently 7:00 pm) and the 8:30 am Traditional service. If you have an investment in these worship services, please join us on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm in Jenkins Hall. For questions or to share your input before the meeting, please email Rev. Gerald Varner at gerald.varner@ngumc.net

Youth Annual Yard Sale. The youth ministry will hold its annual yard sale on Saturday, October 23 in the Wesley Center. We will collect clothing, furniture, electronics, etc. beginning October 17 thru October 21. The time between October 17 and 21 is used to organize and price, so please make sure your items are donated by October 21. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for students to attend youth trips. For more information, please contact Chris Moss at cmoss@tfumc.org. Volunteers are greatly needed for the week leading up to and including the day of the sale. Please sign-up (youth and adults) as many times as you are able! Sign up to volunteer today at <https://tinyurl.com/YouthYardSale2021>.

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- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thanks and Praises for the Blessed Pillows

Receiving these bless-ed pillows was such a blessing to my life. The labor of love was heartwarming during my recovery. Words can't express how thankful I am for your mission to support women going through a challenging period in their life. God bless all of you. I will be out of town and will miss the "Blessing of the Bless-ed Pillows." That is what I call my pillow, a bless-ed pillow (pronounced with two syllables bless-ed). I have had breast cancer twice and each time, I had the honor of receiving a breast cancer pillow. They allow a survivor to provide a comfy cushion to a surgical or treatment area allowing relief from pain. The pillows emanate a spirit of love and caring from the church ladies that make them all the way to the cancer recipient. It is important that the hands that make these pillows know that this is an "act of healing." The pillows also provided me comfort and stability at home, traveling in the car, and visiting family and friends. I am truly blessed that I received both my pillows. **Charlene**

When I got my pink pillow, it helped me to sleep better for a time. It relieved the pain under my arm. It was a godsend then and it still is one now after four years. **Valeria**

The pillow meant so much to me when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. A loving and caring group of women thought about me, and it immediately lifted my spirits. I will always remember my then eight-year-old son's excitement with the pillow gift. He loved to snuggle up next to the pillow and me as I healed and recovered. Thank you for your special gift and a lovely tradition. **Karen**

I always saw these pillows as the perfect shape post-surgery, and through my role in church communications, I was proud to let the church know what the UMW had accomplished and as a member of the church, help pray over the pillows. The pillows took on a new meaning when I was diagnosed with breast cancer and became the recipient of a pillow. It stood for faith, comfort, and the faithful who prayed over these pillows. Ever grateful. **Kat**

I was gifted a pillow by Rose and fellow pink sister, our very own Kat Griffith from Tucker First. It made me cry when I saw it was hand made by ladies in the church then blessed. I had no idea how helpful it would be either as I had back-to-back surgeries and getting comfortable was a chore. Sleep eluded me unless drugged. The pillow! The pillow actually helped! So, I am thankful for the pillow helping mend my broken body and heart! May God bless all our cancer sisters and their families and the UMC. **Meg**

After I had my lumpectomy, I was on the pier at the National Harbor in Maryland waiting to board a boat tour up the Potomac River to see the Cherry Blossoms with my heart pillow securely tucked under my arm. A gentleman, also waiting for the tour, jokingly asked me if I always carried my heart with me. I answered, yes, don't you? Little did the gentlemen know that the pillow I carried and hugged onto provided me with protection just in case someone accidentally ran into me which ultimately resulted in an incredible amount of pain. The pillow that day and to this day forward has served and will continue to serve as a constant reminder that the ladies of the Tucker First UMC had taken their time to make the pillow and to offer up their prayers for my complete recovery. Thank you, ladies, for being part of my support team. **Diane**

I am so honored to be invited to be a part of the "Blessing of the Blesse-d Pillows." As a nurse navigator for many years, it has been an honor to give hundreds of the "bless-ed pillows" to ladies going through breast cancer surgeries and treatments. Each patient heard the story of the church ladies who made them and the congregation and pastor who pray over and bless the pillows before they are donated into the community. You ladies have made hundreds of pillows over the years and have never missed a year! What a special mission it is for the United Methodist Women to minister to the community in this unique way. How special indeed that on this day, we can all be a part of the prayer blessing and at the same showing our gratitude for this labor of love. **Rose**

The bless-ed pillows are a boundless blessing to me. When I use the pillows, I feel like I am receiving a hug of love as the pillows provide physical and emotional support. Not only do they relieve physical pain and discomfort, but for me, the softness and unique shape of the pillows also provide a sense of comfort, relief, and peace. When I use the pillows to combat the pain, I experience a sense of relief and calmness that reminds me that God's got me. I cannot thank you enough for letting God use you to bless me through the bless-ed pillows. These pillows are an ongoing tool in my healing process from my first surgery, until now as I still use them three years later. God bless you for blessing me and so many others. Thank you! **Syreetta**

These pillows are the perfect shape. A stretched heart to send love and provide so much comfort! I was blessed to be given a pillow before my surgery. **Mona**

I really treasured receiving my soft and comfortable pillow prior to surgery. By chance, it was lavender. I love shades of purple and this reassured me that everything would go well. It still gets used for positioning my arm when lymphedema flares up. Knowing that it was handmade with love and prayed over makes me so grateful. Thank you for this ministry of love. **Yvonne**

Thank you for the pillows of love. They were the right prop up when I needed a lift. They were there for me to grip, cuddle, and lean on during my healing time. I keep them close and still use as support. Thanking you! **Kathy**

My curved pillow was my security blanket during chemo. I rested my arm on it and hugged it to give me comfort during my twelve treatments! I still use it regularly to rest my left arm. It provides a lot of comfort to me. **Lauren**

Knowing that strangers made, blessed, and gave me this pillow, this tangible object of comfort, I could actually feel the love and was overwhelmed with gratitude. During the cancer journey, there are many things you give up, but this heart pillow is a keeper. Thank you! **Elizabeth**

I really enjoyed my pillows! They are getting me through! I was able to finish radiation and ring the bell with them! **Alice**

When Rose McKeever first brought me my pillows, I felt a special warmth when I saw them. It was meaningful to me to think about a group of ladies working on providing comfort to other women in a time of crisis. However, when I road home from the hospital after having my surgery, those pillows were a lifesaver. We left the hospital at 7:30 pm and were in search of a pharmacy. Every bump and pothole on the Atlanta streets caused great pain. Thankfully I had packed one of the blessed pillows in my hospital bag. The ride was still uncomfortable but manageable. The pillow was more than just a physical comfort. It was also an emotional comfort knowing that other women had taken the time to make these and pray for those of us who would receive them. Thank you for providing this comfort. **Angela**