

2023 TFUMC Vision Statement

To be a church growing in connection with God, our community, and each other.

On Saturday, September 10, 19 members of the Church Council and Staff met for a day of visioning and discerning about the new things God is calling us to do at Tucker First UMC in 2023. As we worked throughout the day, these three questions were central to our discussions; Who are we right now? What are the strengths and needs of Tucker First? Who are our neighbors? Continually, the group returned to the theme of Connection and penned the above vision statement for 2023. This vision will be the guide for Tucker First UMC as we plan ministries, activities, and missions in the coming year.

Volunteers Needed for Taste of Tucker The annual Taste of Tucker event will be held on Saturday, October 1 on Main Street from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Tucker First UMC will host the Kids Zone again this year. Volunteers are needed to help with games and crafts. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/TFUMCKidsZone>. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Blessing of the Animals Within the Kids' Zone at Taste of Tucker, join Pastor Anne for Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry (or feathery or scaly!) friends to receive a special blessing. The event is Saturday, October 1 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm on Main Street in Tucker. Questions? Contact Pastor Anne at anne.cumings@ngumc.net.

Missions Concert featuring Church Street Station Join us for a wonderful night of bluegrass music on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tucker First's own bluegrass band, Church Street Station, will be performing. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted. All donations support Tucker First's United Women in Faith's work benefitting women and children locally and around the world. Questions? Contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net.

Atlanta Concert Ringers Tucker First will host the Atlanta Concert Ringers on Sunday, October 23 for their fall concert, Stranger Rings: The Upside Down World of Handbells. The concert begins at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and will feature a Halloween-themed program. Feel free to wear your costume or Halloween-inspired clothing. The Atlanta Concert Ringers are a community-based handbell performance group with ringers from around the Metro Atlanta area, including Tucker First's Carolyn Davison and Pam Tubesing. Questions? Contact Tom Moore at tom_moore@tfumc.org.

Piano Classes for Adults! Have you always wanted to learn how to play the piano? Well, here's your chance to do just that! The Music & Arts Ministry is offering FREE Piano Classes on Thursdays between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Each class will last 45 min to an hour and will be taught by Jennifer Trezek. This would be a great opportunity to take a break from work or home responsibilities and ideal for those who are retired! Come learn a life skill, have some fun, and make new friends! If interested, contact Tom Moore at tom_moore@tfumc.org right away!

Register for Youth Choir and Bells Celebration Singers and Chapel Bells are beginning a new season under the direction of Mr. Tim Simmons, our new Director of Youth Choirs. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join! Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm (Chapel Bells) and 5:00 pm (Celebration Singers). Register online at <http://www.tuckerfirst.org/youth-choirs.html>. Questions? Contact Tom Moore at tom_moore@tfumc.org.

Let's Get Connected In the coming weeks, Tucker First will launch a new congregational software called Realm. Realm will give users the opportunity to add/update contact information, connect with your small groups, view an online directory, view and manage giving, register for events, and more! Look for more information and an invitation via email in early October. If the church does not have an email address on file for you, please contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in Room 202. We are studying "The Rock, Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. The book takes you deeper into understanding the Bible through Hebrew culture, language, and the means of connection that opens up an understanding of faith and heritage. Questions? Contact Kathryn Jackson at kacicpa@comcast.net.

Christmas at Tucker Interest Meeting You are invited to a preview and organizational meeting of this year's annual production of Christmas at Tucker on Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary of Tucker First UMC.

Marking its twelfth year of presenting the story of Christ's birth through drama and music, Christmas at Tucker has captivated audience members for years with original scripts, exciting music, and a powerful message. A faithful attendee said, "I come every year to Christmas at Tucker, and each time it brings tears to my eyes." Christmas at Tucker will be presented twice on Saturday, December 10, at 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

To make this year's production the best it can be, we invite you to a preview of Christmas at Tucker and an opportunity for you to get involved in this beautiful program. There are opportunities with the drama, in the choir, and as part of the support and backstage crews. Come and meet us on October 1 and see what opportunities we have for you.

This year's program will include speaking and non-speaking acting roles for all ages (children included) as well as roles for kings, shepherds, tax collectors, and more. The support and backstage team has openings in costuming, make-up, photography, parking, greeting, food preparation, childcare, and ticket distribution.

We hope to see you on October 1 at 10:00 am; if you have questions before that day, contact Morris Tubesing, Drama Director, at m.tubesingsr@yahoo.com or Tom Moore, Director of Music & Arts, at tom_moore@tfumc.org.

Baby Recognition Sunday Our United Women in Faith will be recognizing all babies born in the Tucker First family in the past year on Sunday, November 13. If you welcomed a new baby, grandbaby or great-grandbaby between October 2021 and September 2022, please send the information to Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org. Please remember to include the names of the parents and grandparents, and the name and birthdate of the baby.

TUCKER FIRST YOUTH

Youth Yard Sale The Youth Ministry will hold its Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, October 22 in the Wesley Center. We will collect clothing, furniture, electronics, etc. beginning October 16. Items need to be organized and cleaned before the sale, so please make sure your items are dropped off by October 21. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for students to attend youth trips. Questions? Contact Chris Moss at 770-883-3095 or cmoss@tfumc.org.

Sunday Night Youth! Join us every Sunday in the Wesley Center from 6:00 – 7:30 pm as we seek to deepen our faith in God, fellowship with one another, and have a little fun! All 6th-12th graders welcome! Questions? Contact Chris Moss at 770-883-3095 or cmoss@tfumc.org.

TUCKER FIRST CHILDREN

Tuesday Evening Children's Programming While adults are learning in Bible Study and ESOL on Tuesday evenings, kids are invited to join Ms. Mimi for some fun in the Children's Wing. Each week we focus on a Bible story and a life skill. We've learned about towel folding, internet safety, and gardening so far. All children aged Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome! Classes are held from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Additional Nursery Workers Needed With the growth of Sunday morning and weekday evening programming, we are looking for additional staff for our nursery programs. We have paid positions available on a regular and substitute basis. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.