

**Faith Promise Sunday!** This special service has become an annual tradition and celebrates the incredible mission work Tucker First is doing while building connections in our local community, across the country, and around the world. You'll hear from several organizations specifically impacted by support from us, and you'll have the opportunity to interact with them and others at our Missions Fair in the Gathering Room before and after the morning worship service. Contact Ellen Griffith at [ellen.griffith@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.griffith@yahoo.com) for more information about Missions at Tucker First.

**Church wide BBQ TODAY!** Join today after the 11:00 am worship service for a BBQ lunch and fellowship in the Activities Center! Tickets are available at the door. *Dine-in and carry-out available.*

Tickets are \$12 and include smoked pork, bun, chips, baked beans and sauce. This year's proceeds will go toward replacing the Wesley Center flooring.

**Red Cross Blood Drive March 30** Tucker First will host our next Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 30 from 2:30 – 7:30 pm in the Wesley Center. Blood donors can sign up at <http://redcrossblood.org> and use site code TUCK1UMC. Volunteers are also needed to help with the blood drive. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/blooddrivevols>. Questions? Contact Evelyn Burkett at [ehburkett@comcast.net](mailto:ehburkett@comcast.net).

**1st Annual Mission Garden Plant Sale - April 1** The Tucker Mission Garden & Greenhouse 1st Annual Plant Sale is Saturday April 1, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Wesley Center parking lot. Get your vegetable garden started with seedlings from the Tucker Mission Greenhouse. We have over 1,000 seedlings ready for you. Come early so we don't sell out of what you want! And the prices will be unbeatable! Here is our selection - 3 varieties of Tomatoes - Beefeater, Celebrity and Wilmington Cherry; Yellow Squash, Cucumbers, Kale, Bok Choy, Arugula, Green Peppers, Hot Peppers, and herbs (Basil, Cilantro, Dill, Sage, Parsley and Chives). Questions, contact Neil Duggan at [neiljduggan@gmail.com](mailto:neiljduggan@gmail.com).

**Christian Women's Fellowship Palm Sunday Bake Sale** Make sure you stop by the Gathering Room on Sunday, April 2 to pick out some wonderful baked goods made by our Christian Women's Fellowship. No need to make a dessert for an Easter gathering; the ladies have done it for you already. They will have cookies, pies, cakes, and also craft items available for sale between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. All money raised will benefit missions around the world.

**Christian Calendar Series: Maundy Thursday Reimagined April 6** Maundy Thursday is the commemoration of Jesus' last supper with his disciples and the institution of our ritual of Holy Communion. Come to Jenkins Hall at 6:00 p.m. to share a simple soup supper before we gather to worship in the Sanctuary. We will also make block printed towels to remind us of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and our call to be servants. To RSVP, Contact Pastor Anne, [anne.cumings@ngumc.net](mailto:anne.cumings@ngumc.net) or 678-325-4033.

**Would You Be Willing to Serve as Lay Liturgist?** Pastor Gerald hopes to incorporate Lay Liturgists more regularly in our morning worship services. A lay liturgist assists the pastors with announcements, prayer, scripture readings, or liturgies. The role may vary from week to week. If you are willing to serve on a rotational basis (one Sunday every 2 months), please contact Pastor Gerald at [gerald.varner@ngumc.net](mailto:gerald.varner@ngumc.net) or 770-938-3030.

**Vacation Bible School seeks Containers for Crafts** We are collecting plastic containers similar to the ones pictured for a VBS craft. Most common are coffee, but we are looking for any plastic containers with "handles" and lids. Any size. Our goal is 125! Donations may be dropped off to Mimi Sanders or Marti Coleman in the main office or the Preschool office.

**Anti-Racism Workshop April 15 at Glenn UMC** A group from Tucker First will be attending an anti-racism workshop hosted by the North Georgia Conference at Glenn Memorial UMC. The workshop is on April 15th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and costs \$50. Details and registration can be found at <https://www.ngumc.org/racial-justice-and-healing-academy>. If you have questions or would like to attend and need financial assistance with the registration fee, please contact Pastor Anne at [anne.cumings@ngumc.net](mailto:anne.cumings@ngumc.net) or 678-325-4033.

**Home Helpers Ministry** We are expanding our homebound communion ministry and starting a brand new ministry – Home Helpers. Home Helpers will offer assistance with basic household chores to those in need. To find out more contact Pastor Anne – [anne.cumings@ngumc.net](mailto:anne.cumings@ngumc.net) or 678-325-4033.

## ***Dealing with Dementia: A Caregivers Guide***

**A Workshop for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia** The Dealing with Dementia Caregiver Workshop is for Alzheimer's and other dementia family caregivers to gain a better understanding of dementia, utilize strategies to effectively manage dementia behaviors, and develop habits of stress management and self-care.

Caregivers who attend the four-hour workshop will receive a copy of the Dealing with Dementia Guide. This guide provides over 300 pages of information and solutions to challenges caregivers face every day. If you are a caregiver or you know of someone who is caring for a loved one with a diagnosis of dementia, this workshop is for you.

Training will take place Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 1:00-5:00pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4882 LaVista Rd., Tucker. Individuals must pre-register for this workshop. Registration is limited to 12 people. You must register no later than April 1, 2023. Contact Donna Davis at [ddavis1975@comcast.net](mailto:ddavis1975@comcast.net) or 404-229-7962 to register for this workshop.

**Art Based Grief Group** This support group uses art based activities to make a safe space for anything that may emerge in the midst of your grief. The group meets in the Art Room near Jenkins Hall Wednesdays at 6:00 pm through April 26th. Facilitators are Pat Shaver & Page Ferriss. To RSVP, contact Pat Shaver at 404-281-8301 or [patshaver1@gmail.com](mailto:patshaver1@gmail.com).

**Holy Communion Service Sunday Mornings** Don't forget that we are offering a weekly brief Communion service, Sundays at 9:30 am in the Chapel. The service will be held except for the 1st Sunday of the month, when communion is celebrated in worship. Come receive communion before you join your Sunday School class! Questions? Contact Pastor Anne at [anne.cumings@ngumc.net](mailto:anne.cumings@ngumc.net) or 678-325-4033.

## ***HOLY WEEK AT TUCKER FIRST***

**Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 2 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week and highlights Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!". Morning worship will include a palm branch procession led by the children. All children are welcome to participate.

**Maundy Thursday | Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Maundy Thursday celebrates the last supper Jesus shared with the disciples. After the meal, Jesus assumed the role of a servant, washed the disciples' feet, and invited them to follow his example of serving others.

**Good Friday | Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

In the darkness of Good Friday, we find hope in knowing our pain is not the end of the story and comfort in the knowledge that we do not suffer alone. This service will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

**Easter Sunday | Sunday, April 8 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**

Easter is the joyous celebration that God's gift of life is victorious over death. Easter is a celebration of the resurrected Christ living among us. He lives! Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate and worship the risen Christ.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday Mornings - 9:45 am in the Wesley Center**

Middle School Sunday School (6th-8th grade) | High School Sunday School (9th-12th grade)

**Sunday Evenings- 6:00-7:30 pm in the Wesley Center**

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) For more information, contact Chris Moss, [cmoss@tfumc.org](mailto:cmoss@tfumc.org).

**Youth Lenten Bible Study** Join us Wednesday Nights during Lent at 6:00 pm in the Wesley Center. We will be tackling tough questions from the book "Can I Ask That?". This six week series will continue through Wednesday, March 29. For more information contact Chris Moss at [cmoss@tfumc.org](mailto:cmoss@tfumc.org).

## **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday School** Come have fun with us each Sunday morning while we play games, laugh and learn about God's love: Sunday Mornings (K-5th grade) in the Children's Wing (off Jenkins Hall); 9:30 am Children's Welcome Center (time for fellowship) followed by 9:45 am Sunday School. For more information, contact Mimi Sanders at [mimi\\_sanders@tfumc.org](mailto:mimi_sanders@tfumc.org).