

Welcome Visitors and Guests! We're so glad you've joined us for worship. Tucker First has opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy fellowship and grow in their faith through various church ministry groups. Please visit our website, www.tuckerfirst.org, to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter and find out more about the programs offered here at Tucker First UMC.

Sanctuary Section Reserved for Social Distance As a reminder, we have a section of the Sanctuary located on the lower level, organ side reserved for those people who wish to maintain social distance while worshipping. This section also requires the use of a mask. Masks are available in the Narthex, if needed.

Connecting Faces and Names Whether you've worshiped with Tucker First for 50 years or 5 Sundays, knowing each other by name strengthens our connection to one another. During this season of transition, you are encouraged to wear your Tucker First name badge at church. If you do not have one, there are request forms on the table in the side narthex going towards the Sunday School wing. Name badges will be made and placed back in that location the following week for pickup.

Carnations for Father's Day To celebrate Father's Day, the Christian Women's Fellowship, (CWF) is selling red and white carnations in honor of (red) or in memory of (white) fathers, grandfathers, and other fatherly figures. The CWF will be in the Gathering Room on Sunday, June 4 and June 11, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Carnations are \$5 each. Flowers will be displayed on the Sanctuary altar on Father's Day and may be picked up after the 11:00 am worship service. Proceeds benefit CWF missions around the world.

Let's Keep Stocking the Shelves at NETWorks! Many thanks to everyone who contributed grocery items to the NETWorks Cooperative during our drive in April! The need is still great, so let's keep it up! We will continue collecting food and toiletries and will be asking for specific high demand items each month. Any items are welcome, but now through the month of June, we are focusing on peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner (travel and regular size). Bins are located in the Gathering Room and outside the church office. You may drop off items on weekdays during church office hours or on Sunday before/after worship. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Griffith at ellen.griffith@yahoo.com, and thank you for your support!

Sporting Equipment donations needed for Corners Outreach Summer Camp Corners Outreach Inc. works primarily with the low-income Hispanic population in our area. They are offering a summer camp in June and need LOTS of sports equipment such as soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, and four-square balls. If you have any of these items (new or used) and would like to donate, please contact Trish Sudlow at trishsemones@bellsouth.net or 404 734 4465 by Friday, June 2.

Children First volunteers support Backpack Buddies Tucker First became a community buddy of Backpack Buddies of Metro Atlanta in February to pack and deliver weekend meal bags to food insecure students at Brockett Elementary. On Friday mornings from February through May, volunteers packed 650 bags to help fill the weekend hunger gap when school meals are not available. Thanks to these volunteers for your support of Backpack Buddies for the past 13 weeks: Cindy and Doug Smith, Karen and David Clear, Suzanne Crofton, Terry Ingwersen, Trish Sudlow, Linda Futch, Amy and Emily Bloomquist, Donna Davis, Emily Grossman, Linda Brooks, Carolyn Matthews, Barbara and Don Goodwin, Robin Pounds.

Pairs of volunteers will be needed on Friday mornings for the 2023-24 school year beginning in August. Watch for details to come soon and sign up to help!

Children First Missions Supports Corners Outreach Tucker First was able to pack 125 end of the school year reward bags for students who attend after school tutoring at Corners Outreach Homework Academy. These elementary students attend local Title 1 schools and receive academic support from Corners Outreach during the school year. Corners Outreach also offers an Early Learning Program for preschoolers and an adult to help them get ready for kindergarten. Your generous donations to Faith Promise help our Children First Missions team support students in need in our local community.

Save the Dates Please mark your calendars and make plans to be in worship on Sunday, June 18 and June 25. Pastor Anne will preach her last sermon at Tucker First on June 18. A cookie reception will be held in the Gathering Room after worship. Then, on June 25, Pastor Gerald will preach his last sermon before he begins his retirement. A retirement reception will be held in the Chapel following the worship service. There will be an opportunity to leave a love offering at both events. Please make checks payable directly Rev. Anne Cumings or Rev. Gerald Varner.

Art Based Grief Group Continues The experiences of grief can be hard to put into words. This support group will use 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. Facilitators are Pat Shaver & Page Ferriss. To RSVP Contact Pat Shaver at 404-281- 8301 or patshaver1@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer Time During this period of transition, you are invited to join our pastors and church leadership for a time of prayer together. If you are interested in participating, prayer time will held Wednesday evenings from 6:00—6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Help the Garden & Networks Food Pantry! The Mission Garden & Greenhouse needs small containers for packaging fresh vegetables. We also need the small plastic plant containers for planting seedlings for our annual plant sale. See below for examples of what we need. Please drop them off (all year long) behind the



Clear plastic food containers

Planting Cups (about 16oz – 20 oz size)

greenhouse in the container provided. Thank you!-Farmer Neil

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)

SUMMER 2023!

Sunday, June 4 Summer Kickoff (5-8 pm in the Wesley Center)

Wednesday, June 7 Disc Golf/Frisbee Games (5-8 pm meet at the Wesley Center)

Sunday, June 11 Stone Summit Rock Climbing (4-7 pm meet at the Wesley Center)

A full list of summer activities can be found at www.tuckerfirst.org/youth

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Do You Like to Play in the Dirt? Preschool children (ages 2 - Pre-K) are invited to join us for Kids Dirt Camp, July 10 - 14 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Tucker First Preschool Wing. Dirt Camp will be a week of fun and outdoor activities including games, a treasure hunt and more. Registration is \$175 and you can sign up at www.tuckerfirst.org/children. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org

Vacation Bible School Registration Join us June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for a week of fun, songs, crafts, games, Bible Study and MORE! Cost is \$25 per child for the week. To register, please visit www.tuckerfirst.org/children. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders, mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.

Volunteer for VBS Do you have a heart to help children hear about Jesus? Join us as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School! June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. There are many different opportunities for rising 7th graders through 97 year-olds, including crafts, recreation, Bible storytelling, serving snacks, helping with registration and MORE! We need your help in order to make this event successful. To register as a volunteer, please visit www.tuckerfirst.org/children. Questions? Contact Mimi Sanders at 678- 325-4038 or mimi_sanders@tfumc.org.