

Sunday News Spotlight for the Week of April 21, 2024

<u>Welcome Visitors and Guests!</u> 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 Christian community. Please sign the pew pad and let us know you're here. We'd love to connect with you and get you connected with the ministries and programs offered here at Tucker First UMC.

Psalm 46...And Know That I Am God: The United Methodist General Conference The United Methodist General Conference will meet April 23 – May 3, 2024, at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. The North Georgia Conference delegation to the General Conference is chaired by Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas. There are 862 delegates to the postponed 2020 General Conference from around the world. The North Georgia Conference has 22 delegates. The 2020 United Methodist General Conference, originally set for May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was postponed three times due to health safety concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic. North Georgia United Methodists can find steady news and updates at www.ngumc.org/GC2024.

Red Cross Blood Drive April 25 Help save a life by donating blood or helping staff our blood drive! Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, April 25 from 2:30 – 7:30 pm. 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. Please prayerfully consider donating or volunteering. Contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net or 404-727-1582 for more information

<u>Let's Celebrate Tucker First Together</u> Our church has many wonderful groups and activities with events throughout the year. Share the joy of our vibrant faith community by sending pictures of your groups and events to Stephanie Shanholtzer at <u>sshanholtzer@tfumc.org</u>. Pictures will be shared during the morning slideshow. Let's highlight the beauty of our church family!

<u>Men's Fellowship Breakfast May 1</u> Join us at Matthews Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 am for fellowship and breakfast. Connect, share, and build friendships over delicious food. All men are invited. Don't miss out on this opportunity for great company and conversation! Questions? Contact Don Andersen at dra8854@bellsouth.net.

Informational Meeting for Homebound Communion and Visitation. Join us for an informational meeting on Homebound Communion and Visitation! Whether you're new or seasoned, we welcome you to learn about serving our homebound members. Two sessions are available. Mark your calendar and be a source of comfort and companionship through this vital ministry. Wednesday, May 1 at 11:00 am in Jenkins Hall or Sunday, May 5 at 3:30 pm in Jenkins Hall. Questions? Contact Joy Egge at joyegge@yahoo.com or Donna Davis at ddavis1975@comcast.net.

New United Women in Faith Circle United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, seeks to connect women through Spiritual Formation, Creative Fellowship, and Education to inspire and impact local and global communities. A new evening circle will meet at Los Hermanos on Hugh Howell Road on Monday, May 6 at 6:00 pm. All women are invited to embark on this journey together with fellowship and purpose. Stay tuned for exciting summer outings and a formal meeting schedule in the fall. Questions or RSVP? Contact Stephanie Shanholtzer at sshanholtzer@tfumc.org.

World Labyrinth Day Saturday, May 4 Come be part of World Labyrinth Day with Harmony Grove UMC on Saturday, May 4th from 12:30 – 1:30 pm, as we join the world chain of walking a labyrinth at 1:00 pm local time. As 1:00 pm progresses through 24 time zones, this has the effect of producing a worldwide "wave" of labyrinth walkers focusing on a common theme, which is usually related to individual, local, or world peace. Harmony Grove UMC is located at 50 Harmony Grove Road in Lilburn. The labyrinth will be located in front of the cemetery. More information about World Labyrinth Day can be found at www.worldlabyrinthday.org.

Safe Sanctuary Training May 13 and 19 As we gear up for summer activities and you are working with children, youth or vulnerable adults and have not attended a Safe Sanctuary training in the past two years, please plan to attend one of the following: Monday, May 13 – 7:00 pm in Jenkins Hall; Sunday, May 19 – 3:00 pm in Jenkins Hall. If you are unsure about your dates, please contact Mimi Sanders at mimi_sanders@tfumc.org or 678 325-4038. Safe Sanctuary Training and Background checks are required for all employees and volunteers.

<u>Coming Soon: Summer Choir</u> Beginning June 16, we are starting a Summer Choir. This intergenerational choir is a great way to jump into the fun. No music reading skills are necessary. No Robes required. Every Sunday, we'll meet at 10:30 AM in the choir room to learn a simple, yet beautiful song to present during the offertory. This is a wonderful opportunity to make music, meet new friends, and be a part of our vibrant music ministry. Join us! Questions? Contact Nathan Frank at nfrank@tfumc.org.

<u>Appalachia Service Project Trip October 3-6</u> We are scheduling an ASP trip October 3-6 with Embry Hills UMC. We will leave Thursday morning and work two days (Friday and Saturday) and then return Sunday. The cost will be \$150 per participant. For more info about ASP visit https://asphome.org. If you are interested please contact Kay Entrekin ASAP - kayjohne@gmail.com or 404-435-7002.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21:

9:00a-Activities Center Reserved

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)

9:30a-Wheeler SS Class (209)

9:45a-COMET Class (202)

9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)

9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)

9:45a-ESOL Sunday School (213)

9:45a-Unity Class (220)

9:45a-Children's Sunday School (CW)

9:45a-Youth SS (WC)

11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)

1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)

2:00p-Girl Scouts 17176 (WC)

2:00p-Girl Scouts 15204 (J)

5:15p-Youth Ensemble (WC)

6:00p-Youth Group (WC)

6:30p-Sanctuary Bells (210)

Monday, April 22:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool

9:00a-Preschool Book Fair

6:00p-Girl Scout Service Unit-

Rescheduled (J)

7:00p-Harmonia Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, April 23:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool

9:00a-Preschool Book Fair

2:30p-Lectionary Bible Study (J)

6:00p-Art-Based Grief Group (Art

Room)

6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

7:00p- ESOL

Wednesday, April 24:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool

9:00a-Preschool Book Fair

9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)

12:00p-Tucker High School End of

Course International Baccalaureate

Testing (AC)

5:00p-Preschool Board (BCR)

6:00p-Children's Choir End of Year

Program (S)

7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)

Thursday, April 25:

8:00am-THS IB Testing (AC)

9:00a-Weekday Preschool

10:00a-Bags to Blankets (J)

10:00a Grandparents Support Group

(213)

2:00p-Red Cross Blood Drive (WC)

6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Friday, April 26:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool

11:00a-Backpack Buddies (AC)

5:00p-Children's Ministry

Ambassador's Road Trip Retreat

Saturday, April 27:

City of Tucker ArtTucker (Green

Space)

9:00a-Chapel Reserved

6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Sunday, April 28:

9:00a-Activities Center Reserved

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)

9:30a-Wheeler Sunday School Class

(209)

9:45a-COMET Class (202)

9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)

9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)

9:45a-ESOL Sunday School (213)

9:45a-Unity Class (220)

9:45a-Children's Sunday School (CW)

9:45a-Youth SS (WC)

11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)

12:30p-Worship Committee (J)

1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)

5:15p-Youth Ensemble (WC)

6:00p-Youth Group (WC)

6:30p-Sanctuary Bells (210)

*Contact Leader for Zoom Link

Tucker First United Methodist Church 5095 LaVista Road Tucker, Georgia 30084 www.tuckerfirst.org 770-938-3030

Contact Stephanie Shanholtzer in the church office at 678-325-4025 or sshanholtzer@tfumc.org to schedule or change any activity.

GIVE ONLINE

To access our secure Online Giving page, use the QR code below or visit tuckerfirst.org/giving



(C) Chapel

(CW) Children's Wing

(J) Jenkin's Hall

(MC) Music Center

(S) Sanctuary

(AC) Activities Center

(GR) Gathering Room

(AR) Art Room

(BCR) Becker Conf.

Room

(WC) Wesley Center