

First United Methodist Church of Union County
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Calendar continued.....

Thursday, 24th	OASIS Get Fit, 5:15 pm
Sunday, 27th	Worship Services—Bake Sale
Monday, 28th	Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am Stephens, 6:00 pm Zumba, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 29nd	Scrapbooking 9:30 am Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am Get Fit, 5:15 pm Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 30th	FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm WNL Supper, 5:00 pm Programming, 6:00 pm Choir, 7 pm
Thursday, 31st	OASIS Get Fit, 5:15 pm Circle of Love, 6:15 pm

Contact Us

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Times that Services are aired on Cable Channel 4: Sundays at 9:00 am and 8:30 pm.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LENT

What Is Lent?

Lent is the season of the church that paves the way to the Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Easter).

It's the 40 day period of repentance and renewal leading to Easter

Lent is a special time for:

- Meditation prayer and penitential practices
- Increase understanding of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection
- Renewal of baptismal vows and recommitment to the Christian life

When Is Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9) and ends with the Easter Services (April 24).

Holy Week commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth. It's the final, most important part of Lent.

Why Is Lent Important?

Today as in the past the heart of Lent is repentance of sin and reconciliation with God.

Repentance and Reconciliation with God involves

- fasting
- special commitments
- good deeds and alms giving
- prayer and reflection
- studying scripture
- participation in church worship services

How Can You Observe the Season of Lent?

Lenten Season – March 9, 2011 – April 24, 2011

Sermon Series – *A Life Worth Living* – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. - Sanctuary
A Life of Worship—10:45 A.M.—Thrive

Ash Wednesday Service for the entire family – Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – March 16, 2011 – April 13, 2011 -6:00 P.M.

The Hole In Our Gospel

Lenten Choir Cantata – Sunday, April 3, 2011 – 10:45 A.M. –Sanctuary

Palm Sunday Activities – Sunday, April 17, 2011

Children's Parade of Palms

Worship

Luncheon

Easter Egg Hunt

Ministerial Association of Union County Holy Week Services and Luncheons

April 18, 2011 – April 22, 2011 – First UMC – 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Holy Thursday Worship – April 21, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Services



To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

8:30 am Casual Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

10:45 am Traditional Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

10:45 am Contemporary
The MAC
Pastor Richard Rivera

Membership News

February Average Worship Attendance

8:30 Early Service	80
9:45 Sunday School	145
10:45 Traditional	235
10:45 Thrive	90

March Servers

Ushers: Kirby Bowron
Scott Carter
Milton Bradley
Paul Colditz
Cecil Brown
Bob Baxter

Greeters:

8:30 Glen & Linda Womack

10:45 Jim and Sally Wiley



THE GATHERING

THE GATHERING is a good time for us to get to know each other better. Come by and join us around 9:30 am in the Youth Room downstairs in the MAC.

The schedule is as follows:

March 6	Friendship
March 13	Journey
March 20	Fidelis
March 27	Bridges

Thanks to the Sunday School classes who bring scrumptious food items for this social time before Sunday school each week.

New News

Barry Malac's autobiography, Through Mountains, Valleys and Gloom But Never Alone is still available for purchase. The book costs \$10.00. The proceeds go to the Czech UMC Mission. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please call him at 706-745-3403.



The church staff sadly bids adieu to our Assistant Minister to Young Families, Matt Meeks. He has found a full time position outside the church. While he has left the employment of the church, he will remain an active member of the church.

We welcome new members to the church family:



Martha Iannone



Charlotte Thompson



Art, Vickie & Lindsey McCann
not pictured: Ryan



Al & Wilma Reid

Not pictured: Janice Taylor
Natalie Barnard
Lee and Laura Baenninger
Lawson, Layne and Landry



The North Georgia UMC conference puts out the bi-monthly publication "The Advocate". It contains stories of faith, and discipleship, glimpses into lives that inspire our clergy and laity. If you are interested in receiving a copy of it, you may do so by mail, phone, or online for \$25 a year. For ages 65 and older it is \$23. Please contact the church office for more information.



CEC preschool in-house registration begins March 8th. This will be for families with children already in the program and for church family members. Public registration begins on April 11th.



The FUMC Relay for Life Team needs YOU! Sign up is now. This year's date has been changed to May 13th at Meeks Park. The sign up sheet is in the narthex or you may call Stacy Head or email her at stacyhead@windstream.net.



March Calendar

March 2 Tricia Legg
 March 3 Martha Cone
 Candance Gilliland
 March 4 Jamie Rowe
 H. R. Warden
 March 5 Lynn Drost
 March 6 Janet Dittus
 March 9 Shirley Cobb
 Bob Langman
 Henry von Staden
 March 11 Janet Eddins
 March 12 Dan Evans
 Stephanie Frank
 March 13 Kit Carson
 Betty Jones
 Betty Wilson
 March 14 Dennis Bradley
 March 15 John Eby
 Mike Gurley
 March 16 Shawn Seabolt
 March 17 Colleen Collins
 Marg Moon
 March 18 Brad McAfee
 Anita McGirt
 Joel Palmer
 Bobby Young
 March 19 Judy Cone
 Jackie Hughes
 March 20 Bud Akins
 Justin Byers
 Ashton Jones
 March 21 Dee Heuker
 Jeanne Taylor
 Harry Walker
 March 23 Lois Sweet
 March 24 Rick Gutierrez
 Dennis Jaegle
 Caleb Metcalf
 Marjorie Myers
 March 26 Robby Turner
 March 27 John Browning
 Angela Holloway
 Doris Langston
 Dean Twedt
 March 29 Dinah Carter
 Jennifer Turner
 March 30 Betty Brummet
 Jim Fletcher
 Taylor Neely
 Chris Sineath
 March 31 Quinnell Newton
 Joel Schuknecht
 Charles Smith

Tuesday, 1st Scrapbooking, 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
 Tai Chi, 1:30 pm
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Finance, 6:00 pm
 Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, 2nd Morning Glory Circle, 10:00 am
 FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm
 Church Council, 6:00 pm
 Choir, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, 3rd OASIS
 Get Fit, 5:15pm
 Trustees, 6:00 pm
 Circle of Love/Bible Study, 6:15 pm
 Sunday, 6th Worship Services
 Monday, 7th Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Stephens, 6:00 pm
 Zumba, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, 8th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Tai Chi, 1:30 pm
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Wednesday, 9th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL Supper 5:00pm
 Family Ash Wednesday service, 6:00pm
 Choir, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, 10th Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Friday, 11th YAH—Scott Antique Market, 7:30 am
 Saturday, 12th Upwards Soccer Award Night
 Sunday, 13th Worship Services - Blood Drive
 Monday, 14th Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Stephens, 6:00 pm
 Zumba, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, 15th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am
 UMW Missions, 10:00 am
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, 16th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL Supper, 5:00 pm
 Programming, 6:00 pm
 Choir, 7 pm
 Thursday, 17th Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Ladies' Bible Study, 6:15 pm
 Saturday, 19th UMM, 8:00 am
 Sunday, 20th Worship Services
 Monday, 21st Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Stephens, 6:00 pm
 Zumba, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, 22nd Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm
 Wednesday, 23rd FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL Supper, 5:00 pm
 Programming, 6:00 pm
 Choir, 7 pm

Wed. PM Schedule

3:30 FUNdamentals
 5:00 Supper
 6:00 Hand bell Practice
 6:00 Children/Youth Programs
 6:00 Adult Bible Study
 7:00 Choir Practice



March 6	Team #2
March 13	Team # 4
March 20	Team #5
March 27	Team #6

Team #1	Steven Seiler Sam Seiler Adam Rowe
Team #2	Ben Wegas Alex Collins Emma Collins
Team #3	Caleb Metcalf Isaac Metcalf Eric Perricone
Team #4	Caroline Legg Adalyn Rogers
Team #5	Grace Rivera Tanner Carrier
Team #6	Milo Bauman Grace Wischmeyer Mary Wischmeyer



Wednesday Night Suppers

Wed., March 2nd
Kids' Menu: Pizza, ice cream cups and pb & j station

Wed., March 9th
 Ham, slaw, bread, pear salad, vegetable, and bread pudding
Martha Preston
Kids' Menu: Soft tacos, chips 'n salsa, corn, fruit and brownies and pb & j station

Wed., March 16th
 Corn beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, mac 'n cheese, bread, salad, Irish tea cake and chocolate mint chip ice cream pie
Dinah Carter
Kids' Menu: Chicken puffs, rice, veggies, cookies and pb & j station

Wed., March 23rd
 Baked chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable, Asian salad, bread and dessert
Flo Evans
Kids' Menu: Sloppy joes, tater tots, veggies, brownies with ice cream and pb & j station

Wed. March 30th
 Pizza, salad bar and dessert
Dinah Carter
Kids' Menu: Spaghetti bake, plain pasta, green beans, fruit and pb & j station

SOLID ROCK STUDENT MINISTRY

Children's Ministry:

March 9th There will be no FUNdamentals this evening. At 6:00 there will be a church family worship service in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday. Everyone is Encouraged to participate as a family to start the Lenten season.

March 27th: Bake Sale

Preschool Virtue: K-6th grade virtue

Youth Ministry:

March 6th: MYF at 5:30 pm

March 9th: There will be no youth programming this evening. At 6:00 there will be a church family worship service in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday. Everyone is encouraged to participate as a family to start the Lenten season.

March 27th: Bake Sale

Thrive:

Starting Sunday, March 16th we will begin our Lent Series entitled, "A Life of Worship."

MEETINGS

Finance

Tuesday, March 1st
6:00 pm
Conference Room

Radical Hospitality

Tuesday,
March 1st, 15th, 29th
6:30 pm
Small Dining Room

Church Council

Wednesday, March 2nd
6:00 pm
Sanctuary

Trustees

Thursday, March 3rd
6:00 pm



Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 13th



St. Patrick's Day
Thursday, March 17th



Spring,
Sunday, March 20th

Opportunities @



MAC Winter Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:00am - 8:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Upward Indoor Soccer!

Games begin at 9:00 am. Come out and support our children.

Awards Night: Saturday, March 12th at the MAC



Mac Fitness in February! ...

"Zumba" Fitness... Mondays at 6:30pm Class meets downstairs in the MAC in room M-0. What is a Zumba fitness class like? It's a very exciting dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. You'll forget you're working out with the simple moves to dance music like Cha Cha, Salsa, reggaeton, rumba and more. Best of all, you don't need any previous dance experience! The workout is basically watch and follow. The moves are repeated often enough for you to catch on and they're not complicated. Class will work with DVD instruction. There is no cost.



"Get Fit" Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays led by Dan D'Agostino. Class includes weight training, cardio exercise, and muscle toning and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15pm until 6:00pm in room M-0 downstairs at the MAC. and there is no cost. Bring a mat and some hand weights.

Christ Centered Yoga: Compliment any exercise program at any fitness level with yoga. Led by Pat Tomzyck. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring your own yoga mat. Meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room M-0 and 5:30pm. In room M-32.

"Tai Chi": Tuesdays at 1:30pm downstairs at the MAC in room M-0 and is open to everyone. Class is led by Dr. Dennis Tidwell. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring a mat!

Young at Heart

AARP Tax-Aide! Who: Ages 60 and up. Where: First Baptist Church, Blairsville
When: Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 2 pm through April 15th. What: Free one-n-one counseling plus assistance on the phone to help individuals to prepare basic tax forms. For information please call 706-745-7998.

YAH Coming Events...

Scott Antique Market...Atlanta! Friday, March 11th Cost is \$10 per person, plus lunch money on your own at the show, and includes transportation and admission. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and return around 6:00 pm. Reserve your spot today by bringing in the \$10:00 to the church office. Space is limited.

Madison in May! Friday, May 6th..Spring Tour of Homes & Gardens, Madison Georgia. Cost is \$30.00 per person plus lunch on your own in town and includes transportation and tour admission. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and return around 6:00pm. Sign up by bringing the \$30 to the church office. Registration deadline is Monday, May 2nd. Space is limited!

Prayer Corner



It is so simple. Your greatest and most peaceable time is that shared with God.

Daily time with Jesus, or many times daily, anytime, or anywhere, will help you walk God's path. Prayer is individual; it can also be family or community. We have no special words to pray.

Prayer can bond the relationship between spouses, and is the cement that holds families together. It sustains families through suffering, pain and separation. When we pray together, lives, communities, and even countries have been changed. Prayer is a wonderful gift for parents to give to children. Being exposed to family prayer helps a child grow with God.

In prayer, we ask God for our needs, thank him for all gifts and confide our concerns. Worry fades when it is shared with God. Try not to get so involved with a prayer request that if it is not answered on your timetable or in the manner you wish, that you do not listen to God and what he wants for you. God has a plan. Carefully listen to God when you pray.

Ephesians 4:17-19

"I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in Him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to understand as all God's children should how long, how wide, how deep and how high his love really is, and to experience that love for yourselves; though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself."

Know God through prayer, and experience his marvelous fulfilling love.

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And when you pray please remember our military and homebound members.

### Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum  
Omah Rogers  
Shirlee Evans  
May Langman  
Lavon Butt

Jim Hinton  
Elizabeth Henley  
Hattie Gleasure  
Lois Barr



## Military Addresses

**Fireman Brandon Rignour**, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrignour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

**EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton**, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

**ND Brody Dorton**, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son .

**AW3 Evan Albright**, HS-4 Unit 25172, FPO AP 96001-5704. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

**1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J.**, 11 11th Street, Apartment 9, Columbus, Georgia 31901. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

**A1C Krystle Lewis** 1531 West Lemom Street, Apt. 4405, Tampa, FL 33606. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

**Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel**, 11214 8th Avenue CT E #82, Tacoma, Washington 98455. He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

**Krogmeier, Cory** Army. Grandson of Lois Connolly.

**Capt. Paul Hargrove** (Army Special Forces), 1266 Arailia Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314. He is Myrtle & Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

**1st Sgt. Kevin Ryan** (Air Force), 104 Creekside Lane, VAFB, CA 93437. He is Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

**Cpt. Laura Jeffrey, 1 Sgt. Craig Jeffrey, Lt. Andre LaTaste** All children of Vern and Angie Craft

**Sgt 1st class, Josh Pierce**, grandson-in-law of George Houdeshel.

**Sgt. Patrick Riley** 2/1 WPNS Co., Unit 40210, FPO AP 96427-0210. Patrick is Norm and Carole Thompson's grandson.

**USAF Major Curtis DeLoach**, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Curtis is the son of JoAnna and Sam DeLoach

**Corp Christopher Womack**, P.O. Box 8549, Camp Lejune, NC 28528. He is the grandson of Glen and Linda Womack.

**Sgt. Ueltzen, Matthew, 55th MAC (1st Platoon), FOB Ramrod, APO AE 09313.** He is the son of Evelyn and David Ueltzen.

## United Methodist Men

The UMM meeting for this month is Saturday, March 19th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.



Winter weather dealt OASIS another “snow day” on February 10th, which resulted in what we shall call a “lost day”. It will not be made up. OASIS has already been extended to March 3rd to make up for the earlier snow day. The spring session will begin March 24th and run through May 19th. Show and Tell Day will also be on our final day of the OASIS year, held primarily in the MAC, featuring the students’ accomplishments/projects, along with musical entertainment and dancing.

Please remember: Students and instructors are again encouraged to wear their nametags at all times!

## United Methodist Women Circles

Circle of Love will meet March 3rd and 17th at 6:15 pm downstairs in the children’s theater. We will continue the Beth Moore study, “Jesus, the One and Only.” Watch your email and bulletin for info on the 3rd Thursday, March 31st!!!



Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, March 2nd at 10:00 am in the Friendship SS room.

UMW Missions Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 15th in the Bray Chapel.



## Parish Nursing

Blood pressures will be taken Sunday, March 6th in the MAC.

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Sunday, March 13th  
9:30 am—2:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Watch for Sign up Sheets in the Narthex



Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate.

**Requirements:** You must be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds. There are many rules and misconceptions about who can and cannot donate. Sign up and talk to the Red Cross nurses. If you don’t donate, you will get “credit” for trying!

**How often can you donate blood?** Every 56 days

**Before donation:** Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow; you will receive a health check up including pulse, blood pressure, body temperature, and hemoglobin (finger stick); you will answer health questions during a private and confidential interview; about a pint of blood is taken. The entire process may take about an hour.

**After donation:** Enjoy free refreshments and relax about 10-15 minutes in the area; avoid strenuous activity for about 5 hours; in the next 24-48 hours drink plenty of fluids; enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowing that you may have saved as many as three lives with this donation!