

**First United Methodist Church of Union County**  
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Don't forget your box tops over the summer.



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# First News

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## The Napkin is Still Folded Adapted from Dr. Clyde Box

*<sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. <sup>4</sup> The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. <sup>5</sup> He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. (John 20:3-7)*

The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done". But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it aside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because the servant knew that the folded napkin meant, "I'm not finished yet." The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

Peter and John had walked with Christ for 3 years. They had watched as He opened blind eyes and deaf ears. They watched as He literally raised people from the dead. Then they watched Him die...and as they watched, all of their hopes, all of their dreams were shattered! All they could think was, "it's over, it's all over!" And for 3 long days they were in the depths of despair...the lights of their soul had gone dim. Peter even said, I'm goin' fishin'. I'm goin' back to what I used to do.

Then after 3 days, they saw an empty tomb. Not only did they see an empty tomb, but they saw a folded napkin in that empty tomb! I believe with all my heart that when they saw that folded napkin God spoke to them in their being and said, "He's not finished yet...He's coming back!"

I thank God today that He's not finished yet/the tomb is empty/our Savior is alive/the napkin is still folded!



Your Servant,

## Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

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

**9:45 am Sunday School for all ages**  
Sanctuary  
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

**10:45 am Contemporary**  
The MAC  
Pastor Richard Rivera

## Membership News

### April Average Worship Attendance

8:30 Early Service	106
9:45 Sunday School	151
10:45 Traditional	286
10:45 Thrive	108

### May Servants

**Ushers:** Lynn Varian  
Barry Varian  
Gene Hodgson  
Artie Hodgson  
Kit Carson  
George Houdeshel

### **Greeters:**

**8:30** Kathy & Alan  
Zimmerman

**10:45** Shirley & Ty Cobb



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:

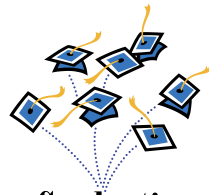
May 1st	Fidelis
May 8th	Bridges
May 15th	Joy/Searchers
May 22nd	Friendship
May 29th	Journey

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

## New News



On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th MIFT will have roses available to purchase for the special lady in your life. Please stop by our tables in the narthex and MAC after each service. Donations accepted. (A minimum donation of \$2 per rose would be appreciated to help us cover the cost of the flowers.)



### Graduation

Congratulations to these graduates:

*CEC—Sawyer Beck and Wes Seiler*

*Union County High School—*

*Corbin Carter, Nick Crouch and Andrew Brumley*

CEC Graduation is Friday, May 20th at 7:00 pm here at FUMC  
UCHS Graduation is Friday, June 3rd at 8:00 pm at the stadium.



Do you have a green thumb or happy trigger finger? Then we need YOU! We need people to weed, to spray and to prune our grounds. If you are willing and able to help the church in this capacity, please contact Beverly Bradley at 706.745.4364.



Please remember to help us continue to stock the county food bank. Though the temperatures are warmer, people are still going hungry.



Once again the church will have a garden of tomatoes and potatoes, however; if you would like a plot to garden and tend for yourself, space is available in the church garden. Please contact Don Wyckoff at 706.745.5507 regarding a spot. Many thanks go to MacWarren for plowing the garden for us.



The Union County Relay for Life event will be Friday, May 13th. It will be at Meeks Park this year on the upper ball fields near the swimming pool. The survivors' lap begins at 6:00 pm. Come walk and enjoy the fellowship under the FUMC tent.



Hope House appreciates your donations of health and hygiene items this past month. This month they are in need of size 4 children's diapers. If you would like to donate some, please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex and MAC.



# May Calendar

- May 1 Cathy Brackett  
Eric Seiler
- May 2 Barbara Gleasure  
Charles Wooten
- May 3 Larry Brackett  
Pam Jordan
- May 4 Paul Colditz  
Sherry Pope
- May 5 Maurice Farabee  
Tom Rogers
- May 6 Dale Brummet
- May 8 Cora Bauman
- May 9 Ivan Arteaga
- May 10 Tracy Innis
- May 11 Laura Marcincak Derflinger  
Dave Evans  
James McAfee
- May 12 Nancy Hussey
- May 13 Nathan Medley  
Mary Caroline Wischmeyer
- May 14 Norman Howard  
Martha Iannone  
Shelley Lewis  
Brian Medley  
Jessica Paris  
Harold Shirey
- May 15 Ilke Lander
- May 16 Katie Rich
- May 17 Evan Albright  
Jim Eubanks
- May 18 Melanie Gibbs  
Presley Rich
- May 19 Tammy Seiler
- May 21 Fran Edwards  
Lamar Paris
- May 22 Emily Cummings  
William Fowler  
Jeannie Rich
- May 23 Kathryn Browning  
Cierah Crouch  
Bob Lesster
- May 24 Janice Jarrard  
Andrew Young
- May 25 Mike Cloyd  
Mandy Hunter  
Michelle Kelley
- May 26 Barry Varian
- May 28 Burma Brown  
Robert Rogers
- May 30 Barry Lewis
- May 31 Amelia Turner  
Amy Cummings  
Grant Schuette  
Logan Seabolt

- Sunday, 1st Worship Services
- Monday, 2nd Zumba, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, 3rd 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  
Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 4th Morning Glory Circle, 10:00 am  
FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm  
WNL supper, 5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm  
Choir, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 5th OASIS  
Get Fit, 5:15pm  
Circle of Love/Bible Study, 6:15 pm
- Sunday, 8th Worship Services
- Monday, 9th Stephens, 6:00 pm  
Zumba, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, 10th 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, 11th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm  
WNL Supper 5:00pm  
Adult Bible Study, 6:00pm  
Choir, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 12th OASIS  
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
- Sunday, 15th Worship Services
- Monday, 16th Zumba, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, 17th 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, 18th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm  
WNL Supper, 5:00 pm  
Programming, 6:00 pm  
Choir, 7 pm
- Thursday, 19th OASIS Show 'N Tell  
Get Fit, 5: 15 pm  
Circle of Love/Bible Study, 6:15 pm
- Friday, 20th CEC Graduation, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 22nd Worship Services—Honor Graduates
- Monday, 23rd Stephens, 6:00 pm  
Zumba, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, 24th Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm  
Get Fit, 5:15 pm
- Wednesday, 25th Church Picnic, 5:00pm
- Thursday, 26th Get Fit, 5:15 pm
- Sunday, 29th Worship Services
- Monday, 30th Memorial Day
- Tuesday, 31st Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
Tai Chi, 1:30 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

**Our last Wednesday Night programming will be May 18th.** We will resume our regular schedule in August.



May 1st	Team #6
May 8th	Team #1
May 15th	Team #2
May 22nd	Team #4
May 29th	Team #5

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

## Wednesday Night Suppers

**Wed., May 4th** Spring Salad—chicken, ham, egg salad, coconut cake  
**Dinah Carter**  
**Kids' Menu:** Tacos, corn, fruit, brownies and pb & j station

**Wed., May 11th** Baked potato bar, salad bar, fruit and banana splits  
**Joyce Wyckoff**  
**Kids' Menu:** Sloppy joes, mac 'n cheese, fruit, cookies and pb & j station

**Wed., May 18th** **OPEN**  
**Kids' Menu:** Hot dogs, chips, fruit, ice cream and pb & j station

**Wed., May 25th** **Picnic at Vogel.** Church will provide fried chicken and drinks. You provide covered dishes to compliment the meal.



## SOLID ROCK STUDENT MINISTRY



HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS  
 June 5th—9th  
 5:00 pm till 8:30 pm

Location: here at FUMC

Celebration begins at 5:00 pm with check-in and ends at 8:30 pm.

For more information please contact Richard at 706.745.2073 ext. 232.

Participants and volunteers may register online through the church's website  
[www.fumcunioncounty.org](http://www.fumcunioncounty.org)

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 D'NOW Youth Retreat—the weekend of May 13th—15th  
 Youth will be on campus for the weekend, Cost is \$30.00

## EXERCISE CLASS



### Mac Fitness ...

**“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!

## Opportunities @



### MAC Winter Hours

Monday & Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday: 8:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday: 8:00am – 1:00pm

### MAC 2011 Coming Events...

**June 20** North Georgia Technical College Spring Graduation  
**October 6-8** FUMC “Crafty Ladies” Fall Bazaar  
**November 5** North Georgia “Homespun Craft Show”  
**November** Young Harris College Chorus... “An Evening at the USO”

**Mark your calendars for these Summer Recreation events...** Get details for these at the MAC desk!

June 11 Upward Flag Football Evaluations  
June 18 Upward Flag Football Evaluations  
June 20-21 First's Kids “Basketball Skills Camp” at the MAC. (rising 1st-6th)  
July 11-13 First's Kids “Soccer Skills Camp” at the MAC. (rising 1st-6th)  
July 21 First's Kids “High Adventure Rec Day” Tubing in Helen (rising 3rd-6th)

**FUMC Camping Club!** Do you have an RV, Tent, or Motorhome? Would you like to join a camping club and take short or long trips with other members of our church family? If so call Janet Dittis at 706-745-2634. We are planning trips for the upcoming camping season now. Call today!

## Young at Heart

**Madison In May! Friday, May 6th... Spring Tour of Homes & Gardens...**

**Madison, Georgia** Trip is FULL! and we have started a waiting list! Cost is \$30.00 per person plus \$ for lunch on your own in town and includes transportation and tour admission. Call the church to get on the waiting list.

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**Smokie Mountain Melodies” Spring Concert Saturday, May 14th @** Young Harris College! Watch the MAC desk for ticket and bus information.

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**Senior Golf Fellowship! Tuesday, May 10th Kingwood Country Club, Clayton**

**Who:** FUMC Golfers, Men & Ladies, and their Guests.

**Cost** is \$50.00 plus \$ for lunch. Cost includes transportation and 18 holes. We will leave the church at 7:30am and return at approx. 4:30pm. Reserve a spot by signing up at the MAC desk. Only 16 spots available!



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**AARP Safe Driving Course Who:** Adults 50 & Up

**When:** Tuesday, May 17 9:30am - 2:00pm

**Where:** “MAC” (Room M-1 on lower level)

**Cost:** \$10.00 includes class materials.

Sign up today in the church office!



## Prayer Corner



### A Day of Prayer

Seems too simple for one prayer each day! Seems too little to have one day of prayer! Even the smallest of efforts and simplest of beginnings have untold results. We begin with, "Lord, teach us to pray." See Luke 11:1. Consider being like minded and in agreement with God's will as we pray together. By seeking God's will first and asking Him to have His way, we begin our part in the workings of His divine order in our lives. (vs2). How do the cautions in this verse influence your words? "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him; that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:25)

The best models of prayers are found in the Scriptures. We can use Scriptures as guidelines for our prayers. The leading of God's Holy Spirit changes us, as it brings God's will into focus. "Therefore I say unto you, 'Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'" (Mark 11:24) When we pray, we gain the ability to focus our attention and intention on the presence of the Holy Spirit. We ask Him to prepare and present our prayers to God in the way that pleases Him.

We enter into God's presence in silence affirming the love of God and asking for pure thoughts and a clean heart. Christ provides the forgiveness, empties and cleanses us, prepares and fills us with the Holy Spirit. We lift our praises to The Lord, as He is lifted up and draws all people to Himself. See John 12:32.

God's answers to our prayers begin even before we pray and exceed our expectations. He continues to accomplish His perfect will. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted..." See Psalm 4a6:10a. We can join Mary in saying, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." See Luke 1:46-47.

**The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5th.**

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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

**Michael Couture, US Marine Corps, Afghanistan.**



## 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

**Cpl Womack, Christopher G.** 2d MLG (Fwd) HQSVC Co Fd. Svc, Unit 73950, FPO AE 09510-3950. 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 Women Circles

The OASIS program of the FUMC will conduct the big annual show and tell on May 19th in the MAC. This will complete the thirteenth year of this outreach ministry of the church. The displays will include the student projects during the last fall, winter and spring terms. Performances will include music and dance students. Many students have taken advanced classes and their work is truly outstanding.

Church members and friends are invited to view the work of the OASIS students from 10:00 am till 2:00pm in the MAC on Thursday, May 19th. This is a great opportunity to view the work accomplished in the various OASIS classes.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.oasisfumc.com](http://www.oasisfumc.com)

Circle of Love will meet May 5th and May 19th at 6:15 pm downstairs in the children's theater. We will continue our Beth Moore study, "Jesus the One and Only".



Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00 am in the Friendship SS room.

UMW Missions Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00 am in the Bray Chapel.

MIFT will meet Monday, May 16th at 6:00pm at Antonietta's restaurant in town. Join us for dinner, devotion, and fellowship.



## Parish Nursing



Blood pressures will be taken Sunday, May 1st in the MAC.

### WALKING CLUB

Sponsored by the Health Cabinet

Appalachian Trail Walking Project: Walk at home, at the park, or at the MAC and turn in your mileage to AG Sherman. He has a map of the Appalachian Trail and will mark your "progress" on the trail, which can be viewed on the MAC track. Forms are available on the table on the MAC track and can be turned in to his box in the workroom or the Parish Nurse desk.

We will be having a Walking Club picnic to kick things off later in May. Watch for announcement of time and place in the Sunday bulletin. Let AG Sherman (706-745-1087) know if you are interested, or have questions.

### Benefits of Walking

Walking can help you

- lower "bad" cholesterol and raise "good" cholesterol
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce risk of or manage type 2 diabetes
- Manage your weight
- Improve your mood
- Stay strong and fit

All it takes to reap these benefits is a routine of brisk walking. It doesn't get much simpler than that. Research has shown that brisk walking can reduce the risk of heart attack as much as more vigorous exercise does.