

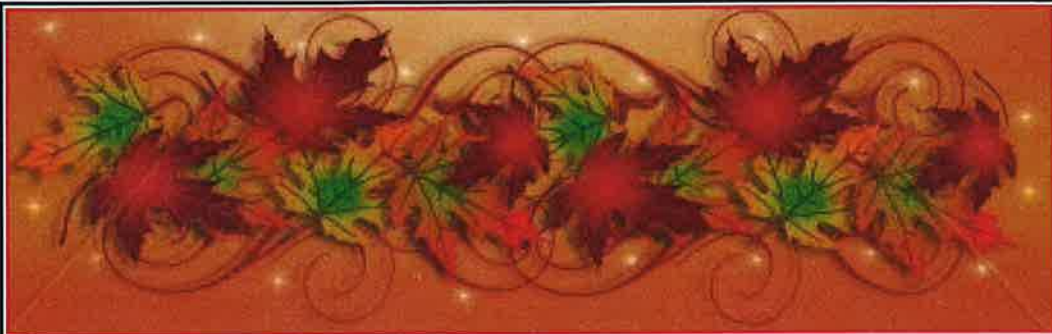
First United Methodist Church

Waycross, Georgia

410 Williams Street Waycross, Georgia 31501

October 23, 2011

10:30 a.m.



Today is
Homecoming Sunday

at 10:30 a.m.

with former pastor,

Rev. Buddy Cooper

“Dinner on the Grounds”

in the Fellowship Hall

immediately following the Worship Service

(The meat is provided.)

Bring your favorite

covered dish and desserts to share.



Homecoming Sunday

October 23, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. We hope that through our shared experience you are as blessed as we are in having you here. It is our prayer that God will bless you as you continue to worship with us.

Please Sign the Attendance Register

Welcome and Events in the Life of the Church		Rev. Bob Norwood
Prelude	"Hymn Medley" Chancel Handbells	arranged
Call to Worship	"Mighty God, Holy God" Chancel Choir	Berry
Hymn No. 545	"The Church's One Foundation"	AURELLA
The Apostles' Creed (in unison)	<i>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.</i>	
*Gloria Patria No. 71	<i>Glory be to the Father And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.</i>	GREATOREX
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)	<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen</i>	
*Greeting	<i>Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.</i>	
Anthem	"I Can See God" Children's Choir	Chaplin
Children's Sermon		Ivy Kratzer (Children Kindergarten age and below may leave for Children's Church)
*Hymn No. 369	"Blessed Assurance"	ASSURANCE
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	"Faith of Our Fathers"	Hemy/Young
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		Ushers
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
Anthem	"How Great Thou Art"	Hine/Forrest
Laity Prayer		

Scripture	Luke 15:11-31 (N.T. p. 74)	Rev. Buddy Cooper
Sermon	"The Power of Forgiveness"	Rev. Cooper
Hymn No. 387	"Amazing Grace"	AMAZING GRACE
Dismissal		Rev. Norwood
Benediction Response	"Here I Am, Lord"	HERE I AM, LORD
	Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.	
Postlude	"March in C"	Purcell

**Please stand as you are able*

This service is broadcast on cable channel 98

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Mrs. Sue Clark
in honor of her Children and Grandchildren.*

This Sunday's Volunteers:

Ushers: (Team #2) Kent Baughan, Billy Gillis,
Bryan Robbins

Greeters: Doug & Holly Lee

Flower Captain for October: Penn Clark

October Pledge Receipts
Accrual Scale
Monthly Needs=\$50,495

October 2 = \$14,328 (28%)

October 9 = \$15,494 (31%)

October 16 = \$18,169 (36%)

October 23 =

October 30 =

*The 2011 Church Conference for First United Methodist Church will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26th. Rev. Benjy Varnell, District Superintendent, will be presiding and bringing a short message. The Celebration Moment for this year will be the new "L.A.M.B.S." Outreach Program. Please make your reservations for Church Night Supper with the coupon below or by calling the Church Office at 283-2077 **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY NOON.***

Prayer Concerns:

Tommy Christian, Lee Cleland, Avery Clemmons, Bob Davis, Maurie DeVane, John Dorough, Doris Douglas, Lawton Drew, Mac Dunbar, Rachael & Greg Grimes, Antoinette Hall, Becki Hines, Madge Herrin, Tommy Herrin, Luke Hooks, John King, Timmy Lowman, Martha Mason, Melba Mayo, Tommy Mathison, John May, Sharon McCall, Jim & Anna Mae McDonald, Lisa Melton, Bonnell Memory, Ethel Mohan, George D. Moore, Francis Quarterman, Jack Register, Wesley Rentz, Michael Rushing, Garry Russell, Steve Rydalch, Mary Sadler, Preston Settle, Judge Ben & Lyn Smith, Bob & Georgine Smith, Trena Smith, Mack Spangenberg, Alison Steele, Adam Swindell, Lottie Vanhoy, Julie Tomlinson, Marsha Tjarks, Lou Turk, Sharon Worton.

**Church Night Supper for
October 26—Church Conference**

**Please Note Time Change To 6:00p Due To
Church Conference At 6:30p**

Name: _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____

Permanent: _____ Weekly: _____

Cost: \$6.00 for adults (10 & up)
\$2.00 for Children 3-9
(under 3 free)
All carry-out plates are \$6.00



Signs and Symbols of the Upcoming Season

Everyday With Love will be giving out Christmas Baskets filled with food for the needy of our community on December 14th. If you would like to participate in this outreach project, please do so by bringing your contribution to the Church by December 11th. The committee is hoping to receive 50 baskets filled with the following items: Canned hams, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, rice, packaged gravy mix, peanut butter & jelly, cornbread mix, canned milk, powdered milk. If you wish to add additional items, please do so. Remember to use only non-perishable items in your boxes, and make sure your box is sturdy. Last year, several people placed their items in plastic laundry baskets, which helped in making an even greater gift!

Another Way to Help... Many of us have items that we have gotten but seem to have never gotten around to using. What if you used those items to “re-gift”? Many persons seen by Everyday With Love could use and would appreciate them. Here are some ideas: coffee cups, unopened hand soap & lotion, tissues, small what-not's, gloves, socks, hair barrettes, combs, small hand sanitizers, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, etc. Please make sure these donations are gently used or never used. Place them in a small gift bag and bring them to the Church. The Committee will take care of the distribution! Call the Church Office for more information at 283-2077.



The Benefits of Getting Involved...

How many times have you sat in our Fellowship Hall, listening to a special program speaker, or watching your child or grandchild in a Christmas play, and really wished you could clearly hear what they were saying? Well, here is your chance to help solve the problem. Soon, there will be an up-to-date sound and video system purchased for the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation towards its purchase, make your check payable to FUMC, and earmark it “F.H. Sound.” Once installed, you “won’t believe your ears!”

KIDS KORNER

~**The Children's Choir** will be singing this Sunday, October 23rd. We will practice during Sunday School!

~**Wear your Costume on Wednesday, October 26**, for Reverse Trick-or-Treating!

We will meet at the church at 5 and return in time for supper at 6 p.m.

FUMC YOUTH

~**Remember Worship Team** this Sunday, October 23rd @ 5:30, with UMYF at 6:00. Bring your canned goods for our LAMBS Project.

~**Sunday, October 30th, Progressive Dinner** for the Youth with First Presbyterian. An accurate head-count is needed. We and our friends in the First Presbyterian Youth program will meet in the FUMC parking lot at 5:00 p.m. There will be 4 stops during our dinner. We plan to be finished and back to the church by 8:00 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "Branches of the Christianity Family Tree." We will share about our Methodism and they will teach us about the Presbyterian Church. This is sure to be a fun and educational event!

~**Youth Parent meeting, Sunday, November 6**, at 5:00 p.m. We will discuss our Serve and Ski Trip plans for President's Weekend. One parent/guardian per youth planning to attend the ski trip must be present at this meeting. A \$25.00 deposit will be required to secure his/her spot.

~**December 2nd-4th at EBTS**—Youth Celebration Conference for 6th-12th graders. More info later. Looking into next year... Mark your calendars! The ski trip date has been set for President's Day Weekend. We will leaving on Thursday afternoon February 16 and returning on Monday, February 20th. We are joining forces with our friends at First Presbyterian on this adventure!

If perchance you have borrowed any of the Fellowship Hall chairs or tables, please bring them back, no questions asked. As many of you know, there is a “no borrow” policy due to the cost of these items.

All Saints Day

*Next Sunday, October 30th,
during our morning service,
those who have died during the past
year will be remembered.
Be in prayer for this service as
many hearts are still tender in the
loss of their loved ones.*

***“Thank You!” to everyone who
contributed to the success of
our Fall Festival!
A Wonderful Time was had by ALL!***

L.A.M.B.S. (Love All My Brothers and Sisters) ministry helps children. On Fridays, backpacks will be dropped off at schools filled with enough food for a child to have a meal over the weekend. The backpacks will be returned to the school on Mondays and then distributed again the following Friday. Here's how to help:

- PRAY for the ministry & DONATE food and/or money. Needed food items are: individual sized raisins, fruit, juice boxes, cereals, applesauce, pop tarts, peanut butter, crackers, Vienna sausages, canned tuna or chicken, soup, mac & cheese, noodles, small canned veggies, and instant milk. If you have any questions, please call Julie Stewart, Mikell McKee, Jenny Lovett, Martha Paulk, Carol Mathison, or Bob. Food may be brought to the
 - **Pathfinders Sunday School** classroom (Parlor).
- The program needs volunteers! Call Julie Stewart at 281-5578!***

FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items:

- ~Rice, grits, spaghetti noodles, boxed macaroni & cheese dinners
- ~Canned meats such as salmon, beef stew, spaghetti sauce with meat, ham, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, chicken & dumplings, corned beef hash, spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, beef-a-roni,
- ~Canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned milk, juice boxes
- ~Crackers, dry cereal, powdered milk, pop-tarts, instant mashed potatoes
- ~“Pop-top” single serving cans of spaghetti, ravioli, hash, etc

Pastor's Schedule

MONDAY 10/24/11

9:00 a—12N Office hours
10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon (Larry Mathison)
1:00 p Visitation

TUESDAY 10/25/11

9:00 a-12 N Office Hours
1:00 p Sermon Preparation

WEDNESDAY 10/26/11

9:00 a Office hours
1:00 p-5:00 p Study and Sermon Preparation
5:00 p Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p Reverse Trick or Treat for Kids
6:00 p Church Night Supper
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
6:30 p Church Conference in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 10/27/11

9:00 a—12N Office hours
1:00 p Sermon preparation

FRIDAY 10/28/11

Pastor's Day Off

Church Schedule

SUNDAY 10/23/11

9:30 a Sunday School
10:30 a Morning Worship—Homecoming
(Nursery provided)
11:30 a Homecoming Covered Dish Lunch
5:30 p Youth Worship Team
6:00 p UMYF

MONDAY 10/24/11

10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon (Larry Mathison)
4:30 p Adult Handbell practice
6:00 p Cub Scouts
7:00 p Boy Scouts at Scout Center

WEDNESDAY 10/26/11

9:00 a Mother's Morning Out
5:00 p Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p Reverse Trick-or-Treat for Kids
6:00 p Church Night Supper
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
6:30 p Church Conference in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal

Please take note.....

We will **NOT** have Children's Choir on October 26th. Instead, the children will have Reverse Trick or Treating from 5:00-6:00p.

Mother's Morning Out

*Wednesday's from
9:00-Noon.
Open to children ages
birth-3 years.*

**United Methodist
Men's Fellowship
Luncheon**
meets on Mondays
at Noon in the
Fellowship Hall.
Larry Mathison has
the devotional this
week.