

**Weekly Calendar
Schedule**

Sunday 01/15/23

8:45a The Depot Service
9:30a Sunday School
10:30a Traditional Worship
11:30a Q&A w/ Rev. Dr. Paula Lewis

Monday 01/16/23

4:30p Handbells

Wednesday 01/18/23

3:00p Prayer Shawl Group
5:45p Supper Line Opens
6:15p Children's Choirs
6:15p Church Council
7:00p Chancel Choir



Worship Attendance

01/08/23

**Depot— 40
Traditional — 85**

Christian sympathies are extended to Laney and Bobby Hopkins in the death of her nephew, Tyler Crouch, of Canton, Ga. A celebration of life for Tyler will be held today at Darby Funeral Home in Canton, GA. Family and friends will be received from 2pm-4pm with the service immediately following at 4pm.

Please keep Laney, Bobby, and their entire family uplifted in prayer.



*Waycross First United Methodist
Church Staff*

*Senior Pastor Rev. Christy Bandy
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*Music Ministries Cindy Taylor
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Organist Serrell Zeigler

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*Preschool Director Ann Lane
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Looking Ahead...

- **M & M's Luncheon is Sunday, January 22nd. Please RSVP to activities@waycrossfirst.com or call the church office to add your name on the list. Cost is \$7/person.**
- **Fifth Sunday Breakfast is January 29th. See you in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:30a)!**
- **Parent's Night Out is Friday, January 27th, 6-9 p.m. \$10/child. Please register with Ms. Ivy by Thursday (01/26) at 5.**
- **Save the Date! Spread the Word! VBS will be July 24-27! Volunteers Needed!**



*First United
Methodist Church*

410 Williams St.
Waycross, Georgia
(912)283-2077
January 15, 2022
10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

Prelude

Mr. Serrell Zeigler

Opening Prayer

Rev. Christy Bandy

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your faithfulness especially when I am not faithful. Thank you for picking us up and pulling us from sin and darkness of the slimy pits and mirey mud of our lives. Help us to relax in Your presence and know You are near to us. When we or the church go through difficult seasons and trials, help us know You are our present help. Thank You for Your unending love, mercy, and faithfulness in all the seasons of our lives. In Jesus name. Amen. (Psalm 40:1-11)

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. George Fesperman

***Opening Hymn #577**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

***The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

***Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

**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.

*Please stand as you are able.

January 15, 2022

We're glad you're here!!

We are delighted that you joined us to worship today! So that we may know you better, please take a moment to complete the following and place in the offering plate.

Also, please **update** any information that we may already have on file.

This connection card helps the office keep attendance that is turned in to the conference on a monthly basis.

Your attendance is important!

Please Print. Thanking you in advance!

Name _____

Children _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Contact# _____

E-mail _____

1st time guest _____

Regular Attender _____

Member _____

Prayer Request:



No need to miss a worship service! Here's how to stay connected:

- 1. On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
2. Online: Go to waycrossfirst.com. Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.

Church Night Supper

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Line opens at 5:45 p.m.

MENU

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Sweet Tea

Reservations due by Noon on Monday, January, 16th.

Cost is \$5/plate or \$20/family.

Please drop this in the offering plate, call (912)283-2077, or email

activities@waycrossfirst.com to add your name to the list.

Name _____

Adults _____ Children _____

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bandy

Children's Moment

Ms. Ivy Kratzer

*Hymn #365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

MOODY

Laity Prayer

Doug Lee

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Bandy

Sermon

"RESET"

Rev. Bandy

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation #377

"It is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

Benediction

Rev. Bandy

*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

Mr. Zeigler

*Please stand as you are able.

A new Bible study for women will begin on Wednesday, February 1 at 9:30 in the Chapel. We will be using "One In a Million" by Priscilla Shirer.

It is a seven-week study. If you'd like to participate, please contact Cindy Coppage at dccoppage@gmail.com or 912-550-1787.

The South Georgia Annual Conference has encouraged us to declare and make this a Year of Prayer.

Let us center ourselves in prayer for our lives, Waycross First UMC, and the United Methodist Church. Note: we are a couple of weeks behind. I encourage you to make these breath prayers a part of your life.

Week 1 - (January 1st) Breath prayer - Justice is Yours, God. I pray for Your justice to be done in the world - not just for people who look like us and think like us but pray for justice for ALL. God give voice to the helpless and raise up those who have been crushed. I humbly ask Your forgiveness when I have been the oppressor. In Jesus name, Amen! {Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14}

Week 2 (January 8th) - Breath prayer - Lord, I honor You. You are Lord of ALL. As I think about Your power, might, and majesty, I stand in awe. Thank You for Your Sovereignty of ALL things. I place myself at the Your throne of Grace as Your child, chosen, spiritually adopted, and completely loved. Thank You for Your Sovereign presence and power in my life. Grant Your presence, strength, and peace continually. In Jesus name. Amen. Psalm 29



Ellen Balko, Grace Bell, Marsha Bishop, Patsy Blalock, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Gerry Broyles, Becky Poland Campbell, Sylvia Cavanaugh Family, Penn Clark, Barbara Coggin, Layne Coleman, Stephanie Coley Coleman, Norman & Jean Cover, James Crouch, Bess Davis, Savannah Deal, Jim Eaton Family, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Olive Griffin, Ruth Grimes, Rhonda Hart, Tommy Herrin, Jim Hull, Kathi Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Garrett Jolly, Johnny Jones, Betty Knowlton, Cheryl Lott, Rev. Sonny Mason, Chase Mathison, Nancy McBride, Jennifer McGhin, Ann McIntosh, Military Service Members, Shirley Nettles, Larry Norman, Chris Ober, E. B. Price, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Johnny Register, Helen Reinhardt, Pat Rouse, T.J. Rouse, Wrenlee Roe, David Grey Russell, Andee Jolley Schroeder, Don Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Mimi Smith, Jim "Papa" Stewart, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, David Tatum, Jamar Taylor Family, Bonnie Thom, Brock Thrift, Chris Tripp, Carolyn Westberry, Henry Williamson, and Sharon Worton

Research Team Summary

The Research Team and pastor of Waycross First UMC want to Thank you for your attendance and participation in the Q & A with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Paula Lewis.

A few questions and answers IF you were not there, couldn't hear, etc.

- Is there time after the General Conference in 2024 if a church is inclined to disaffiliate/depart?
- Yes
- General Conference will meet April 23-May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC.
- A local church congregation may inform the DS up to September 5, 2024, of their wishes to depart.
- October 2, 2024, will be the last day a Church Conference vote can be held.
- November 2024 (exact day to be determined), a Called Annual Conference for those churches wishing to depart.
Why are so many churches disaffiliating or going to disaffiliate?
- Due to the "possibility" of a change in the United Methodist Book of Discipline on Human Sexuality. Because of the current deep conflict within The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality related to the ordination and marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals some congregations are choosing to disaffiliate.
- Due to the "possibility" of receiving a very progressive Bishop in the South Georgia Annual Conference.
- Due to the "possibility" IF the Book of Discipline is changed of receiving a self-avowed practicing homosexual as the pastor.
- Due to the "possibility" of additional financial costs to depart later.
What is the cost to the Waycross First UMC to disaffiliate?
- As of July 2022, the cost for Waycross First UMC to disaffiliate was \$ 129,298.13
- This number will change throughout the year depending on bond market conditions that affects the pastors pension plan (Pension Liability) and how many months of apportionments have been paid in that year. (2 years of apportionments).
Will the Waycross First UMC be given its deed with or without a Trust Clause at the time of disaffiliation?
- The Waycross First UMC will receive from the South Georgia Annual Conference trustees a Quit Claim deed releasing all WFUMC properties from the Trust Clause.