

**Weekly Calendar Schedule**  
**Sunday 08/20/23**  
 8:45am The Depot Service  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:30am Traditional Worship  
**Monday 08/21/23**  
 4:30pm Handbells  
**Wednesday 08/23/23**  
 5:45pm Supper Line Open  
 6:15pm Children's Activities  
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Friday 08/25/23**  
 6:00pm PNO

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**First United Methodist Church**  
 410 Williams St.  
 Waycross, Georgia  
 (912)283-2077  
 August 20, 2023  
 10:30 a.m.  
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August 20, 2023

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:

**LAMBS needs your help filling food bags for school children. Contact Susan Haddock at (229)563-6357 to volunteer.**

**Worship Attendance**  
**08/13/23**  
**The Depot — 35**  
**Traditional Worship — 133**

**Stewardship**  
 Budget \$ 530,743.00  
 YTD Received \$ 305,984.00  
 Monthly Need \$ 44,229.00  
 Monthly Received \$ 20,487.00

**Online Giving is available.**  
**Go to [www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com) and click the tab for "Online Giving." Several methods of payment are now available for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the church office at 912-283-2077.**

**Looking Ahead...**

- **Parent's Night Out** is Friday, August 25th at 6:00pm, \$10/child.
- **M&M's Luncheon** is Sunday, August 27th. Contact Ivy to register.
- **Children's Committee** meets Wednesday, August 30th @6:15pm.
  - Friday, September 1st is **Ware County Football Senior Night.**
- **The Church Office and Children First** will be closed on Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day.
- **FUMC Youth** will participate in the **ONE CHURCH** community Youth Worship Service on Sunday, September 10th. Meet at church, 4:30.
- Church Council meets Wednesday, September 20th in the Chapel at 6:15pm.

**Prelude**

Mr. Serrell Zeigler

**Opening Prayer** (Year of Prayer – Breath Prayer)

Rev. Christy Bandy

(Read: Psalm 133)

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**God of all people, of all ages, races, and nations, we come to you from every walk of life. How pleasant it is to live in unity. We come with our own backgrounds and stories that have shaped and molded us into who we are. We pray that as we encounter our brothers and sisters, we will strive to live in unity with one another. Help us to love and respect to all your children, no matter how different we may be.**

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**In the Holy name of Jesus,**

**AMEN!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

p. 545 (UM Hymnal)

**Teacher Appreciation**

"Litany of Fortitude for Teachers"

When I am beyond tired after the school day,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to repay sass with snark,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to judge my students uncharitably,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to avoid discipling as I ought,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to avoid difficult, yet formative conversations,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to not be emotionally attentive or avoid eye contact,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to be negative and not joyful,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to avoid reaching out to students who are struggling academically or emotionally,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to skip intercessory prayers for my students,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**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.

**Donate to our Annual WC  
Gator Senior Night meal and  
Bible presentation!  
Memo: Gator Football Meal.**

## **Church Night Supper**

\$5/plate OR \$20/family

**Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023**

**Line opens at 5:45 p.m.**

### MENU

**Chicken Wings (Bring your own sauce), Tossed Salad, Dessert, & Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon on Monday, August 21st.**

**Please drop this in the offering plate, call (912)283-2077, or email [activities@waycrossfirst.com](mailto:activities@waycrossfirst.com) to add your name to the list.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

When I am tempted to drown out the Holy Spirit's "inconvenient" voice of direction  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to talk over their heads because it is easier,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

When I am tempted to ignore the work, it takes to effectively evangelize,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

**Lord, teach me to see Your face in each one of my students.  
Lord, teach me to learn from my students.  
Lord, teach me to love my students.**

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

### **Adapted from the Book of Worship**

Leader: Dear friends, you who have responded to the call of God to become teachers in the education system. To teach, to administer the work of teaching, and to support the work of teaching. Knowing it is God who has called each to a specific ministry in educating young minds. Those who are called to the various educational ministries need our loyal support and prayers.

Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments to time and talent?

Will you take seriously your role as a learner, studying diligently? Will you include in your studies the scriptures and traditions of the faith?

**Teachers: We have heard God's call to teach and responded to that call. We teach, trusting God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach relying on your prayers and our church family's support system. We teach inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call on their lives. We teach depending on this congregation to fulfill our calling.**

**Congregation: We pledge ourselves to pray for you and the ministry of teaching. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry.**

**Prayer:** Dear God, grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who are not thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small-yet incredibly important – ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.

In Jesus name, AMEN.

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**A+ T.E.A.M. Prayer Partners**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Bandy

**Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Bandy

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**\*Hymn**

"The Gift of Love"

p. 408 (UM Hymnal)

**Laity Prayer**

Mr. Doug Lee

**Special Music**

"I'm Goin' Up"

McDonald

**Scripture**

Genesis 45:1-15

**Sermon**

"Reconciliation"

Rev. Bandy

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

p. 564

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Hymn of Invitation**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

p. 431 (UM Hymnal)

**Benediction**

Rev. Bandy

**\*Benediction Response**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" (v.1)

p. 557 (UM Hymnal)

**Postlude**

Mr. Zeigler

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

"Psalm 23-The Shepherd With Me" by Jennifer Rothschild will be the upcoming ladies' Bible study. The study will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 9:30 in the Chapel. It is a 7-week study, so we will conclude on October 25. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cindy Coppage at [dccoppage@gmail.com](mailto:dccoppage@gmail.com) or 912-550-1787.

## **Prayer REQUESTS**

Betty Barber, Marsha Bishop, Patsy Blalock, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Kimberly Chapman, Penn Clark, Barbara Coggin, Layne Coleman, Stephanie Coley Coleman, Cindy & Randy Conley, James Crouch, Bess Davis, Brittni Deal, Savannah Deal, Lanna Dennison Family, Dr. Tom Ferrell Family, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Faye Fletcher, Tripp Gay, Terri Gibson, Olive Griffin, Bill & Ruth Grimes, Rhonda Hart, Bryant Hayman, Tommy Herrin Family, Jim Hull, David Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Garrett Jolly, Betty Knowlton, Cheryl Lott, Rev. Sonny Mason, Larry Mathison, Jeffery Maxwell, Nancy McBride, Jennifer McGhin, Ann McIntosh, Lanier Melton, Kathy Metzger, Military Service Members, Sarah Jolly Murray, Shirley Nettles, Chris Ober, E. B. Price, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Johnny Register, Jane Ivy Hart-Reid, Pat Rouse, David Grey Russell, Andee Jolley Schroeder, Don Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Mimi Smith, Jim "Papa" Stewart, Jim Sweat, Joe Sweat, Adam Swindell, Jamar Taylor Family, Brock Thrift, Carolyn Westberry Family, Henry Williamson, and Sharon Worton