

**Weekly Calendar  
Schedule**

**Sunday 04/21/24**

8:45am The Depot Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
11:30am Senior Luncheon  
4:00pm JAM 345

**Monday 04/22/24**

4:15pm Handbells  
5:30pm Church Council

**Tuesday 04/23/24**

10:30am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday 04/17/24**

2:00pm Prayer Shawl Group  
5:45pm Supper Line Opens  
6:15pm Men's Bible Study  
6:15pm Children's Activities  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

**Friday 04/26/24**

6:00pm Parent's Night Out

**Stewardship**

Budget \$ 557,314.00  
YTD Received \$ 147,715.00  
Monthly Need \$ 46,443.00  
Monthly Received \$ 33,085.00

**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.

**Worship Attendance**

**04/14/24**

The Depot — 14

Traditional Worship — 98

**Waycross First United Methodist  
Church Staff**

Senior Pastor Rev. Christy Bandy  
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**Looking Ahead...**

- **South Central District Conference at Homerville UMC** on April 21st at 4pm. Please contact the church office if you can attend.
- **Church Council** will meet on Monday, April 22 at 5:30pm in the Arthur Moore Chapel.
- **PNO** is Friday, April 26th, 6-9pm.
- **M&M's Luncheon** is Sunday, April 28th at 11:45am. Cost is \$7/person. Please contact Ivy to RSVP.
- **Youth Group** meets on Sunday, April 28th at 4pm. Destination Unknown!
- **Children's Choirs** sing on Mother's Day at beginning of 10:30am service.
- **Monday, June 24th** - Save the Date - **Church wide Informal meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Paula Lewis.**



**First United  
Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.  
Waycross, Georgia  
(912)283-2077  
April 21, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

April 21, 2024

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:

**Prelude**

Mrs. Cindy Taylor

**Welcome & Announcements**

Barrett Reid

**Opening Prayer**

Kate Bishop

**\*Opening Hymn**

p. 133 (UM Hymnal)

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

Brayden Davis

**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**

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**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.**

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

Rev. Christy Bandy

**Children's Moment**

Ms. Ivy Kratzer

**Sharing of Our Celebrations and Concerns**

Addie Bishop

**Recognition of our Graduates**

**Abby Hudson  
Stella Kallay  
Matthew McIntire**

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

Rev. Bandy

**\*The Hymn of Preparation**

p. 337 (UM Hymnal)

"Only Trust Him"

\*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.

## **Church Night Supper**

\$5/plate OR \$20/family

**Wednesday, April 24th, 2024**

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

### **MENU**

**Grilled Hamburgers &/or BBQ  
Drumsticks, Sides, Salad,  
Dessert, & Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon  
on Monday, April 22nd.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Laity Prayer</b>		Ally McIntire
<b>Special Music</b>		Chancel Choir
<b>Scripture</b>	Proverbs 3: 5-6	Will Hines
<b>Message</b>		Mr. Jess Coleman
<b>Invitation to Discipleship</b>		
<b>Hymn of Invitation</b>	"Where He Leads Me"	p. 338(UM Hymnal)
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Bandy
<b>Benediction Response</b>	"Here I Am, Lord"	p. 593 (UM Hymnal)
<b>Postlude</b>		Mrs. Taylor

\*Please stand as you are able.

### **Welcome to the family Elliot James Roraback!**

The rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Elliot James Roraback. He was born on Monday, April 15th, weighs 7 pounds 5 ounces and is 21 inches long. Parents are Lawton and Courtney Roraback. Grandparents are Dean and Paula Stewart. Great-Grandparents are the late Mr & Mrs. James E. Stewart, Jr. Baby and Mama are both doing great!

### **Post-General Conference Laity Webinar – May 14**

A laity webinar has been scheduled to provide local church lay members with information following General Conference. The date for this webinar is May 14, 2024, at 6 pm. [Register now](#). If this date is not convenient, South Georgia laity are invited to take part in the [Alabama West-Florida Laity Webinar](#) on May 20 at 6 pm EST.

Christian sympathies are extended to the friends and family of Mr. James E. Stewart, Jr. Funeral and reception were Friday, April 19th here at First United Methodist Church. Please keep the Stewart family uplifted in prayer.

Christian sympathy and love are extended to Chris, Mary Cate, & Ansley Paige Wysong in the death of Mary Cate's father, Mr. Bill Grimes. Arrangements are with McMullen Funeral Home in Columbus, GA on April 27th at 2:00pm. Please keep Chris, Mary Cate and Mrs. Ruth Grimes uplifted in prayer.

## **Prayer REQUESTS**

Patsy Blalock, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Kimberly Chapman, Penn Clark, Barbara Coggin, Layne Coleman, Cindy & Randy Conley, Norm Cover, James Crouch, Bess Davis, Savannah Deal, Brenda DeRoche, Wesley Edge, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Faye Fletcher, Olive Griffin, The Bill & Ruth Grimes family, Layton Hale, Rhonda Hart, Jim Hull, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Kathy King, Betty Knowlton, Jim Lesniak, Cheryl Lott, Rev. Sonny Mason, Jeffery Maxwell, Nancy McBride, Jennifer McGhin, Ann McIntosh, Susie McTeer, Bill Merck Family, Mack McKown, Kathy Metzger, Military Service Members, Sarah Jolly Murray, Chris Ober, Kensley O'Berry, E. B. Price, Tyreq Purcell, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Tyler Ronan, David Grey Russell, Don Scott, Trent Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Desiree Slaughter, Mimi Smith, The Stewart Family, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Jamar Taylor Family, Brock Thrift, Carolyn Westberry Family, Tyrone Williams, Henry Williamson, Mary Woodruff, and Sharon Worton

### **Labyrinth - What is a labyrinth?**

The labyrinth is an ancient sacred symbol of pilgrimage to the Divine. Early Christians took a vow to visit the Holy City of Jerusalem at some point in their lives, but during the Middle ages, travel was unsafe, and other means were needed to fulfill the sacred commitments. Labyrinths were adopted by the Roman Church to offer a way of fulfilling the sacred pilgrimage.

Unlike a maze the labyrinth has only one path which leads to the center and out again. There are no tricks, dead ends, cul-de-sacs, or intersecting paths. There are no choices to be made, other than the primary one: the decision to enter the path. The path winds throughout and becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives. Walking the path is letting go of daily concerns and opening ourselves to God's healing presence in the center. The insights we receive are then taken back out the path into our lives.

### **Prayer Opportunities**

1. Daily at 4:01 pray over the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church
2. Wednesdays at 10 am in the chapel Prayer Time offered for the local church, the Waycross First UMC, and the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.
3. Prayer Labyrinth behind the Scout building. Prayer guide pamphlets will be available to assist you on your prayer journey. This will be open to the church and community from April 15th through May 31st.