

**Weekly Calendar  
Schedule**

**Sunday 05/05/24**

8:45am The Depot Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
11:30am A+ Educator & Prayer  
Partner Luncheon-

**Monday 05/06/24**

11:00am A+ TEAM  
4:15pm Handbells

**Tuesday 05/07/24**

10:30am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday 05/08/24**

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

**Stewardship**

Budget	\$	557,314.00
YTD Received	\$	156,640.00
Monthly Need	\$	46,443.00
Monthly Received	\$	42,010.00

**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**

**04/28/24**

**The Depot — 15**

**Traditional Worship — 88**

**Waycross First United Methodist  
Church Staff**

Senior Pastor *Rev. Christy Bandy*  
**seniorpastor@waycrossfirst.com**  
Music Ministries *Cindy Taylor*  
**bachtorock@yahoo.com**  
Children & Sr. Adults *Ivy Kratzer*  
**activities@waycrossfirst.com**  
Secretary *Jennifer King*  
**office@waycrossfirst.com**  
Preschool Director *Ann Lane*  
**fumcpreschool2015@gmail.com**

**Looking Ahead...**

- **JAM 345** is Friday, May 10th. Meet under portico at 5pm. We are going to Woody's Top Putt. Bring \$ for food & game.
- **Calling all kiddos!** Let's meet at the Coppages' to pick wild flowers for our **Mother's Day Cross** on Saturday, May 11th at 10:30am. If anyone would like to ride the church van we will load it at 10am under the portico.
- **Children's Choir** sings on Mother's Day at the beginning of 10:30am service.
- Wednesday, May 15th is our last **Church Night Supper** til August!
- **Parent's Night Out** is Friday, May 17th, 6-9pm. \$10/child.
- **Monday, June 24th** - Save the Date - **Church wide Informal meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Paula Lewis.**
- **VBS** is July 15-18! Volunteers needed!



**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Nothing But the Blood"

**\*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**

**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**

**Children's Moment**

**Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns**

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

**\*The Hymn of Reflection**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

**Laity Prayer**

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

**First United  
Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.  
Waycross, Georgia  
(912)283-2077  
May 5, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

Mrs. Cindy Taylor

Rev. Christy Bandy

Rev. Bandy

p. 362 (UM Hymnal)

May 5, 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:

GREATOREX

Rev. Bandy

Ms. Ivy Kratzer

Mrs. Cindy Coppage

Mrs. Coppage

p. 600 (UM Hymnal)

Mrs. Martha Fey

**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, May 8, 2024

Line opens at 5:45 p.m.

### MENU

**Shrimp Stir Fry, Rice, Salad,  
Dessert & Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon  
on Monday, May 6th.**

**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>Scripture</b>	Deuteronomy 6:1/Proverbs 22:6	Rev. Bandy
<b>Communion Meditation</b>	"Life Lessons"	Rev. Bandy
<b>Special Music</b>	"Oh Lord, Your Table Now is Spread"	Williams/Nix
<b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		p. 12-15
<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.

### Exciting Opportunities ABOUND!

1. Check the church's website out for updated look, resources, and events. [www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)
2. If anyone is interested in learning about creating the slides for the early and traditional services, please contact Mr. Jess Coleman ([wjcoleman04@gmail.com](mailto:wjcoleman04@gmail.com))

**The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of  
God and in memory of Mrs. Barbara Young.**

### 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.

**The rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in  
honor of Willa June Winge born on April 24, 2024.  
Parents are Stephen and Brandy Winge.**

### Prayer Opportunities

1. 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.
2. 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.

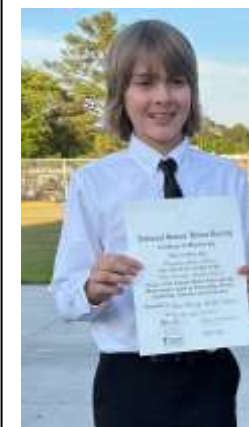
## Prayer REQUESTS

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, 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.



**Brayden Davis &  
Macey Haddock  
were inducted into  
the National Junior  
Honor Society  
at Ware Middle  
School on  
Thursday, April  
18th.  
Congratulations!  
Hard work pays off!**

