

**Weekly Calendar
Schedule**

Sunday 04/28/24

8:45am The Depot Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship
11:30am M&M's Luncheon
4:00pm Youth Activities

Monday 04/29/24

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

Tuesday 04/30/24

10:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday 05/01/24

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 \$ 152,860.00
Monthly Need \$ 46,443.00
Monthly Received \$ 38,230.00

Online Giving is available.

Go to 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

04/21/24

The Depot — 18

Traditional Worship — 112

**Waycross First United Methodist
Church Staff**

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

- There will be a **Celebration of Life Service** for **Mrs. Barbara Young** on Saturday, May 4th at 2pm. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.
- **A+ Educator & Prayer Partner** picnic luncheon next Sunday, May 5th.
- **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.**
- **VBS is July 15-18!** Volunteers needed!



**First United
Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.
Waycross, Georgia
(912)283-2077
April 28, 2024
10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

April 28, 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

"Seek Ye First"

WFUMC Handbell
Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Ms. Ivy Kratzer

Opening Prayer

Ms. Kratzer

***Opening Hymn**

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

p. 384 (UM Hymnal)

***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.**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Ms. Kratzer

Children's Moment

Ms. Kratzer

Sharing of Our Celebrations and Concerns

Mrs. Cindy Copping

Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Copping

***The Hymn of Preparation**

"O, How I Love Jesus"

p. 170 (UM Hymnal)

*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, May 1, 2024

Line opens at 5:45 p.m.

MENU

**Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad,
Dessert & Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon
on Monday, April 29th.**

**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 _____

Laity Prayer		Larry Pittman
Special Music		WFUMC Handbell Choir
	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	
Scripture	1 John 4: 9-10	Rev. Mark Williams
Sermon		Rev. Williams
	"The Love of God"	
Invitation to Discipleship		
Hymn of Invitation		p. 172 (UM Hymnal)
	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	
Benediction		Rev. Williams
Benediction Response		p. 593 (UM Hymnal)
	"Here I Am, Lord"	
Postlude		Mrs. Taylor

*Please stand as you are able.

Christian sympathies are extended to Jason, Tiffany, Jocelyn and Hutch Harkleroad in the death of Jason's Grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Justice, age 93. Please keep the Harkleroads uplifted in prayer.

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 flowers on the altar last Sunday were given to the
glory of God and in memory of Mr. James E. Stewart Jr.**

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.

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.

**An A+ Shout Out to Ware
County School System
Special Education
Teacher and School
Psychologist,
Mrs. Madison Robbins!
She is the Certified
Golden Achievement
Award Winner for the
month of April 2024.
Your church family is so
proud of you!**

