

Calendar of Events

- 3/1 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/5 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room
- 3/5 Prayer Shawl Ministry at 1:30 pm in Bride’s Room
- 3/5 Grief Support Group 3 pm S-29
- 3/6 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/6 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 3/6 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 3/7 Prayer Quilt Meeting S-51 10 am
- 3/7 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 3/8 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/10 **TIME CHANGE—SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR**
- 3/10 Staying Together Mental Health Seminar 2 pm
- 3/11 Longstreet Night 5:30 pm Longstreet Riverside Dr.
- 3/12 Beyond Words Book Club—Gainesville Library 4 pm
- 3/13 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/13 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 3/13 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 3/14 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 3/15 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/17 **Easter Egg Hunt 1 pm**
- 3/19 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room
- 3/19 Grief Support Group 3 pm S-29
- 3/20 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/20 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 3/20 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 3/21 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 3/22 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/24 Lanier Chamber Singers concert 3 pm Sanctuary
- 3/27 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 3/27 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 3/27 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 3/28 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday worship 7 pm Sanctuary
- 3/29 **Good Friday community worship 9 am Sanctuary**
- 3/31 Easter

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Return Service Requested



Sunday, March 17

Egg Hunt Times:

- 1:00 pm pre-K & under
- 1:15 pm K—2nd grade
- 1:30 pm 3rd—5th grade

Lunch available
 at 12 pm by reservation
 at gfumc.com/events.

Generations

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...whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:6

When You Pray

As a child perhaps you learned
 to bow your head, close your eyes, fold your hands,
when you pray.

As we grow as spiritual beings on a human journey
 we may find there are so many options
when you pray.

Perhaps you light a candle and invite the Holy Spirit
when you pray.

Or maybe you color or journal
when you pray.

Or hold a cross or a string of beads
when you pray.

You might sing with joy, scream with frustration,
 or weep with grief,
when you pray.

Words might be spoken aloud or held in your heart,
 there might not be any words at all
when you pray.

But God, the one who knows you and sees you fully,
 who loves you unconditionally, who forgives you,
 who claims you, who calls you beloved, is with you
when you pray.

Grace and peace,
 ~ Rev. Carolyn Clifton

Lent Sermon Series on Prayer

March 3:	Does Prayer Change God?	Exodus 32:1-14
March 10:	What About Unanswered Prayers?	Proverbs 3:5-6
March 17:	How Do We Pray?	Matthew 6:9-13
March 24:	Bold Prayers	Acts 12:5-19
March 31:	Easter Sunday	Luke 24:1-12



Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm

Rev. Ron Greer, author, licensed counselor, and UMC pastor will share with us about maintaining relationships and our mental health in the midst of a divisive society. The event is free and childcare is provided. Please contact the church to register.



Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm
in the Sanctuary

Join us Palm Sunday afternoon as the Lanier Chamber Singers present the Easter portion of Handel's masterwork oratorio *Messiah* with chorus, soloists, and orchestra. Tickets are \$15 in advance from LCS and \$20 at the door. www.lanierchambersingers.org



March 24	Palm Sunday	Regular worship schedule
March 28	Maundy Thursday	7 pm Sanctuary and online
March 29	Good Friday	9 am Gainesville First UMC hosts community worship

Sunday, March 31



7 am Sunrise Service at Lakeside weather permitting then breakfast in the Reception Hall
9 am Classic Worship in the Sanctuary
10 am Modern Worship in the Great Room
11 am Classic Worship in the Sanctuary, online, and on the radio

Gadabouts

Gadabouts meets most Wednesdays at 11 am in the Reception Hall for an entertaining or informational program. A hot, catered lunch following the program is \$5. Newcomers and guests are always welcome!

March 6

Georgia Treatment Courts

John Girardeau, retired Superior Court Judge for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, will share with us about Treatment Courts, an innovative development in our court system that aims to lead people with histories of drug use or mental disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability. Menu: Chicken fajitas with tortillas, Spanish rice, charro beans, Mexican side salad, and pineapple upside down cake.



March 13

Celebrating St. Patrick

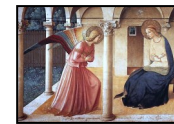
Snakes? Leprechauns? Pots of Gold? Historian Carter Wood returns to explore with us the myths and legends of St. Patrick and the customs of St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Hamburger steaks with grilled onions, baked potatoes, garden salad, and coconut cream pie.



March 20

When is an Apple Not an Apple?

Retired art history teacher Jim Hauck returns to share another lesson with us. This time we will look at Christian symbolism in Renaissance and Baroque Art. Menu: Chicken and wild rice soup, grilled mediterranean vegetable sandwich, and brownies.



March 27

Straight Line. Four corners. Window Pane. Which Bingo game is your favorite? Join us for some fun rounds with friendly competition. Menu: Pork loin with rosemary demi-glaze, loaded mashed potatoes, broccoli, and peach cobbler.



April 3

The kitchen is closed for spring break! **We will meet at Chili's at 11 am and enjoy lunch together!** Everyone will order and pay on their own. The address for Chili's is 689 Dawsonville Highway.



Monday, March 11 / 5:30-6:30pm
GFUMC NIGHT AT LONGSTREET



Join us for GFUMC Night at Longstreet on March 11 from 5:30—6:30 pm as we honor the generosity of Tim Bunch and his support of our Student Ministry. Every Tuesday our students meet there at 7 am for a free breakfast, fellowship and devotion before going to school.

Labyrinth

WALKING A SACRED PATH

Walking meditation is an ancient, contemplative practice. All are invited to walk our labyrinth downstairs in S-21.

Open walk times during Lent:

Sunday 12—1pm, Monday 11am—1:15 pm; Wednesday 4—5:30pm
To schedule a walk at another time for you or a small group of 10 or fewer people, contact Rev. Carolyn Clifton at cclifton@gfumc.com or 404-372-3404.

Financial Report

Annual Budget for 2024	\$ 2,920,000
YTD Given as of 1/31/2024	\$ 384,585
February Giving Goal	\$ 204,400
February Amount Given as of 2/11/2024	\$ 91,118

We are grateful for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you have questions, please contact Mark Klein or Jessica McKee in the church office.

Membership Care

For more timely notification of prayer concerns, please subscribe to the Wednesday email at www.gfumc.com/email

In Memoriam:

John Fleming Ann Floyd Dot Galloway

In Sympathy:

Elise Brackman on the death of her brother
Brendan Casas on the death of his mother
Becky Fleming on the death of her husband
Bruce Mistrarz on the death of his mother
Sharon Prickett on the death of her grandfather

Recent Hospitalizations:

John Bostater John Corley Ric Jacobsen
Bonnie Roder E.G. Taylor



If you need a pastor in the evening or on the weekend, call the church at 770-536-2341. Press 5 and leave your name and number. A pastor will return your call shortly.