

Calendar of Events

- 4/2 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room
- 4/2 Prayer Shawl Ministry at 1:30 pm in Bride's Room
- 4/2 Grief Support Group 3 pm S-29
- 4/3 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/3 Gadabouts 11 am Meet at Chili's
- 4/3 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 4/4 Prayer Quilt Meeting S-51 10 am
- 4/4 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 4/5 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/9 Beyond Words Book Club— 4 pm Gainesville Library
- 4/10 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/10 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 4/10 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 4/11 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 4/11 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52
- 4/12 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/14 Sounds of Faith Concert - 4 pm Sanctuary
- 4/16 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room
- 4/16 Grief Support Group 3 pm S-29
- 4/17 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/17 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 4/17 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 4/18 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 4/18 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52
- 4/19 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/24 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/24 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall
- 4/24 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner
- 4/25 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 4/26 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room
- 4/30 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café
- 4/30 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52



The United Methodist General Conference will meet April 23-May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

North Georgia United Methodists can find news and updates at ngumc.org/GC2024.



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Generations

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The Work of Easter*

with deference to Howard Thurman's
"The Work of Christmas"

When the sound of the trumpets has faded,
When the flowers have lost their bloom,
When the eggs have been found
and the pictures have been taken,
When the feast has been eaten
and the family returned to their homes,
The work of Easter begins:
To follow Christ into the world and share in his mission:
To bring comfort,
To offer hope,
To spread joy,
To scatter grace everywhere,
To radiate the light of God's glory,
To love one another as we are loved by God,
To sing "alleluia" and live as Easter people.



*I first wrote this piece for Generations in 2019. I am sharing it again this year as we emphasize living as Easter people by serving in our city of Gainesville in April. Please see details inside for "Love Our City."

If you receive this newsletter before Easter, we hope you will join us for worship as you are able in person, through our Facebook page or our website gfumc.com, or the radio at The Lake FM 94.5/AM 1240.

- 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

Grace and peace,
~ Rev. Carolyn Clifton

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our Song!



Love Our City
Sermon Series
and
Community Outreach

Sermons:

April 7:	Caring for My Neighbor	Luke 10:25-37
April 14:	Serving in Humility	Phil 2:3-4; Mt 23:12
April 21:	Acts of Reconciliation	Ephesians 2:14
April 28:	Bold Vision	Habakkuk 2:2-3

Projects:

April 13 and 16: Dig in the dirt with Jubilee Gardens
 April 14 and 15: Bake and deliver cookies for police and firefighters
 April 20 and 25: Build with Habitat for Humanity
 April 21 and 26: Pack and distribute care bags for homeless persons
 April 27: Activity with Path United at Baker & Glover community
 April 29: Food packing with Sunshine Seniors at St. John Baptist
 Collecting: Empty egg cartons and care package items.
 More information is available on the website or contact Rev. Joshua Hudson or Misty Leach in the church office.

take the next step

Bridge Builders 2.0 April 10, 17, 24, & May 1
 2.0 will be open to current members as well as new members.
 The class will focus on personal discovery and the local church.
 >> OUR GOAL IS FOCUSED AND INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP.

Register Now >> gfumc.com/events

Bridge Builders 2.0

Wednesdays 6 pm
 April 10—May 1

Open to all members as a time of self-discovery, this class will examine tools such as the Enneagram, Spiritual Gifts

Assessments and Sources of Strengths to discern how they can be applied to ministry within the church and the community. For more information or to register contact Rev. Joshua Hudson or Rev. Sandy Skinner in the church office.

Sounds of Faith Concert

Sunday, April 14 at 4 pm

Italian concert pianist Pietro Iannotti performs music of Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Schumann, and others in a

program of classic piano works of great composers from the Romantic period. This concert is free. Please bring a friend!

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!

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.



April 10

Remember the school days of show and tell when you brought an object and told your friends about it? This week everyone is invited to bring something to share. It might be a trip souvenir, a special gift, a picture, or simply a memory of something special. (Please no pets or other live animals!) We will have time to share why it is meaningful with the group at large and around our tables. Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Caesar Salad, chocolate cake.



April 17

Plants

Botanist Jennifer Ceska, Conservation Coordinator for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, joins us to share her love of plants and conservation work with native species. In May we will take a trip to visit the State Botanical Garden in Athens. Menu: Pork chops, roasted potatoes, seasoned carrots, strawberry cake.

For the Love of



April 24

It's our tradition to play BINGO on the last Wednesday of the month. Join us for some fun rounds of friendly competition! Please bring a small wrapped gift for our prize basket. Menu: Baked BBQ chicken or fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, shortcake berry cups.



May 1

We love to see the preschool children in the courtyard so we invited a few from the pre-K4 class for a few fun rounds of BINGO with a spring theme. Come meet some new, young friends as we enjoy playing together. (Note: This program will not be like our regular BINGO. Children will be at each table and you will help them to play a child



ACTIVE ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

Wednesday and Friday at 10 am in the Exercise Room.

A small fee is payable to the instructor.

LAKESIDE SUNDAY

May 5 at 11 am
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
 church lunch afterwards



Care Giver Support Group

Every Thursday from 2—3 pm
 Connect Café

Caring for loved ones experiencing issues with aging and dementia can be challenging. Gathering with others in similar situations to share experiences, gain insights, and receive encouragement can be helpful. In partnership with the Darby School of Psychology at Brenau University, GFUMC hosts an ongoing support group facilitated by trained, graduate level students. Please contact Mildred Smith in the church office for more information or to register prior to attending the group.

Financial Report

Annual Budget for 2024	\$ 2,920,000
YTD Given as of 2/29/2024	\$ 556,097
March Giving Goal	\$ 256,960
March Amount Given as of 3/10/2024	\$ 111,041

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 Corley Jack Duane Pat Leinweber

In Sympathy:

Norma Jean Duane on the death of her husband
 Brenda Barger on the death of her father

Recent Hospitalizations:

Charley Carter Bill Dickinson Norma Jean Duane
 Jean Hawkins



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.