

May 2024

# The Tuckston NOW



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7am Preschool 10am Preschool Chapel 6:15pm Book Chat 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	2 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	3 7am Preschool	4 8:30am UMM & Churchwide Work Day
5 8:45am Contemporary 9:45am Coffee Time 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 4:15pm Youth Band 5pm Harbor	6 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 1:45pm UWF 6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm SPR Mtg 6:30pm Cub Scouts	7 7am Preschool 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast @ McDonalds 10am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Strat. Plan. Mtg	8 7am Preschool 10am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	9 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet  <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	10 7am Preschool	11
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26 8:45am Contemporary 9:45am Coffee Time 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional  <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	27 Preschool & Church Offices Closed for Holiday  <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 7am Summer Preschool Camp Begins 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast @ McDonalds 10am Staff Mtg	29 7am Preschool Camp 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	30 7am Preschool Camp 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet	31 7am Preschool Camp	

We are moving into a very busy season in the life of Tuckston United Methodist Church. The coming weeks are filled with activities and events that are noteworthy and are occasions which you do not want to miss.

I am excited about the sermon that I will present on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The message will be entitled "The Answer to Fear." We live in a fearful age. Columnist Molly Ball wrote the following in an article in "The Atlantic" magazine, "Fear is in the air, and fear is surging. Americans are more afraid today than they have been in a long time." What is the Christian response to our propensity to fear? We will discuss this on the first Sunday of the month, as we also observe Holy Communion.

The following Sunday, May 12, is of course Mother's Day. Mother's Day was actually brought to life out of Methodism. A lady by the name of Anna Jarvis inspired the first celebration of Mother's Day at the then Methodist-Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia in 1907. In 1912, the Methodist-Episcopal Church recognized the event and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson made it an official national celebration. Today, realizing the sensitivity of the day, we observe this day in the United Methodist Church as the Festival of the Christian Home. Our sermon that day will be entitled "Your Family is Larger than You Think," with it based on Mark 3:31-35.

On May 19, I will be hosting a special time from 10:00-10:30 called "Coffee With the Pastor" in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for those who have been visiting Tuckston over the past few months to ask questions, and hopefully get answers, about Tuckston and all that we do in mission and ministry in our community and world. Of course, those who are already members of Tuckston are welcome, as well, if there are any questions one may have.

May 19 is also Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is observed as the "Birthday of the Church." It is on this day that we will remember how the Holy Spirit brought the church to life in a powerful way. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost Sunday so everyone is urged to wear red on that Sunday.

Vacation Bible School is a very important annual event at Tuckston and will be held June 2-6 in the evening. Children may be registered at our web site, [www.Tuckston.org](http://www.Tuckston.org), and you may volunteer through our church office. I look forward to seeing you at many of these opportunities in the coming weeks.

Grace and peace,

*John*

**Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm Need to contact us?**

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# Tuckston Kids May 2024

## Weekly Worship

Contemporary Worship 8:45  
Coffee & Fellowship 9:45  
Sunday School for All Ages 10  
Traditional Worship 11

K-2nd graders are invited to join their families for worship and will be guided to Children's Church from the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary.

Worship Bulletins and Club 345 Guides are available for all children.

Nursery is available for infants (6 weeks) to 4 year old preschoolers from 8:45- noon.

## CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS

VBS Sunday June 2 to Thursday June 8  
5:30 - 8 PM

Join us for Bible camp adventures, music, stories, crafts, and recreation for children ages 3 (potty trained, please) through rising 6th graders.

Dinner will be served nightly from 5:30-6:00.

Registration forms will be available in person and at [tuckston.org](http://tuckston.org).

Sign up to volunteer in the narthex or contact Annie Pavlosky.



## Sunday School

May 5 Peter in Prison  
May 12 The Promise of the Holy Spirit  
May 19 Pentecost  
May 26 Proclaim with Boldness

Mother's Day, May 12th:  
Arrive to worship early to help pass out carnations to the ladies of the church.

Pentecost, May 19 Wear red!

## Footnotes

You are invited to explore Tuckston Kids Little Library in the entryway of the Family Life Center.

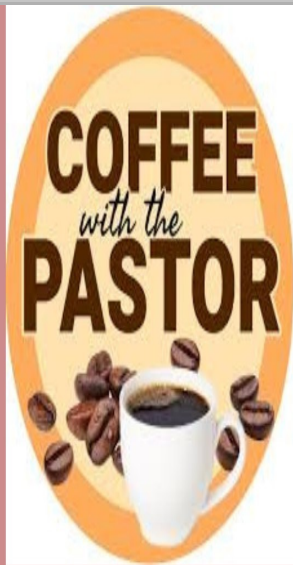
Please take a book home to read.



Chapelwood UMC in Athens is hosting GROW camp (a weeklong Glisson camp in Athens) June 3-7. Visit [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org) for more information.

"Whenever I'm Afraid I Put my Trust in You."

*Psalms 56:3*



**May 19 10:00 A.M.**

A time to learn about Tuckston and the United Methodist Church for those who have recently begun attending Tuckston.



The TUMC Children's Ministry will be studying a unit about Methodism and the history of Tuckston. Please send any facts you feel the children should know about our church to [childrensministry@tuckston.org](mailto:childrensministry@tuckston.org).

Chapelwood UMC is hosting **GROW Camp**, an amazing week long day-camp Glisson experience, for a fraction of the cost of Glisson, for the Athens area June 3-7. The camp is for 1st graders-rising 6th graders. Scholarships are available for families that need assistance. Camp size is limited to 45 children and is 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday, and ends Friday at noon. Parents may register children at [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org).



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## TUMC Youth Ministry

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



*Courtney Coffeen*

*Art Conway*

We are very proud of you!

*Many thanks to those who did so much to honor our youth and graduating seniors at the Senior Luncheon on April 28!*

The last Youth Harbor for the school year will be on Sunday, May 19. Please be on the lookout for upcoming announcements about summer youth events at TUMC!

**Serving for May 2024**

**Acolytes:**

- May 5: Brylee Pavlosky & TBD (Communion)
- May 12: Sam Chesnutt & Laney Chesnutt
- May 19: Barrett Sertich & Eloise McDaniel
- May 26: Skylar Smith & Noah Campbell

**Altar Guild:**

Cheryl Smith & Margreate Smith

**Altar Flowers:**

- May 5: Bowen
- May 12: Gaines
- May 19: available
- May 26: available

**Greeters:**

- May 5 (8:45): Connie Bowen & Lynn Coffeen
- May 5 (11:00): Sarah & Heath Baker, Midge Gray
- May 12 (8:45): Bart & Nancy Case, Danny & Robin Stevens
- May 12 (11:00): Joel & Tashia Caughran
- May 19 (8:45): Kathy Whitaker
- May 19 (11:00): Blanche Templeton & Elizabeth Pipkin
- May 26 (8:45): Anne Morrison & Ron Seerley
- May 26 (11:00): Joe Mize & Linda Irwin

**Ushers:**

- May 5 (11:00): Lamar Duncan, Bobby Duncan, Keith Duncan & Dana Duncan
- May 12 (11:00): John Holland, Tom Chasteen, Richard Zepp & Greg Paul
- May 19 (11:00): Joe Mize, Jim Rodgers, Keith Gray & Walter Statkum
- May 26 (11:00): Harold Brown, Jimmy Perry, Rob Matthews & Mike Williams

*If you cannot serve for your scheduled day, please find a replacement or contact the church office. Thank you.*



**Total Offerings & Expenses for March 2024**

GRAND TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 60,539.15
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	54,140.86
NET	\$ 6,398.29

**June Book Chat**

**BOOK: *Adamant: Finding Truth In a Universe of Opinions* by Lisa Bevere**

(Published: 2018) RP 2021 [Spiritual Growth]

What is truth? This has become the defining question of our time. But while everyone has an opinion, truth, it seems, is getting harder to find. Theologically deep, yet intimately accessible, this book will anchor your soul in a raging sea of opinions, giving you a clear sense of direction in a wandering world.

**All are welcome to come and bring a friend! NO BOOK CHAT IN JULY.**

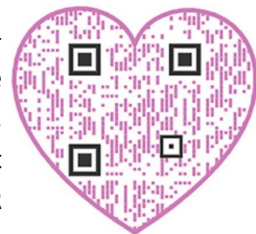
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On Sunday, May 12, we will collect our annual **Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**. This offering provides charitable financial assistance, pastoral care, and wellness programming to older adults living in Wesley Woods communities. Support is provided to residents in need of financial assistance to remain in their Wesley Woods homes. A robust wellness program includes fitness classes and on-site nurses to enhance the well-being of residents, enabling them to live independently longer. Wesley Woods chaplains provide ministry through personal visits, pastoral support, Bible study, and worship. You may give online at [www.wesleywoods.org/donate](http://www.wesleywoods.org/donate), by scanning the QR code, or placing in the church offering plate.



**Change Our World –**

- **The Change Our World Offering for May** will go to support two organizations that provide help to women, **Project Safe** and **Divas Who Win Freedom Center**. Project Safe is a nonprofit working to end domestic violence in Madison, Oconee, Clarke, & Oglethorpe Counties. Divas Who Win Freedom Center provides a safe place for women, through a Christ-centered approach to recovery, overcoming sex trafficking, prostitution, and addiction.
- **The March Change Our World giving totaled \$1,861.39** for The Ark which provides emergency financial assistance, financial education, and asset building programs to low income working families when they are faced with an unexpected financial crisis. Thank you for your continued support!
- **April's Change Our World Offering** for the Tuckston Preschool Tuition Assistance program will be reported in the next Tuckston NOW newsletter.

**Support for Clean Water Wells in Burundi, Africa** – We continue to support the work of our missionary Patrick Abro in the construction of water wells in Burundi. If you wish to donate toward the additional wells needed, please give through the church office by writing **Advance #3020600** in the memo line of your check. All gifts must go through the church office to be correctly processed specifically for the Water Well Projects in Burundi.



**The Second Annual "Walk for Water" was held on April 20, 2024** at Southeast Clarke Park. Thank you, Tuckston, for successfully reaching (and EXCEEDING!) our goal to raise \$5,000 towards constructing well #2 in Burundi, Africa!!!

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – The next blood drive to be held at Tuckston will be on June 11, from 1-6 p.m., in the FH. Make your appointment to donate at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or contact Ellen Hankinson for more information.

**Family Treatment Court** – We continue to collect items for the work of the Western Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court who works with parents of children placed in foster care by the courts. Your donations of household items, laundry detergent, tissues, shampoo, kitchen towels, toiletries, books, candles and children's toys may be placed in the basket in the Narthex labeled "Danny Stevens."

**Little Free Pantry** – Please continue to restock the pantry with non-perishable food and hygiene items. The pantry is a black box located at the end of Tuckston's west parking lot. Canned foods should be in flip top containers.

**Hygiene Items for Athens Nurse's Clinics** – Your donations of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste for the nurse's clinics may be placed in the basket marked "Nurses Clinics" across from the men's restroom.

**Project Safe Clothing** – Donations for Project Safe can be left in the white box at the end of the church office hallway. All items should be placed in plastic bags. Funds from the sale of these donated items support the important work of Project Safe to end domestic violence in Athens-Clarke and surrounding counties.

**Athens Area Diaper Bank** – We are collecting diapers (all sizes) for the local Diaper Bank to be distributed to families in need. Please place these in the white box used for Project Safe in the basket labeled "Diapers." This month you donated an additional 200 diapers. **Thank you Tuckston family!!**

**LOTS (Birthday Gifts for Foster Children)** – Tuckston has provided 55 birthday gifts to foster children having birthdays in March, April and May.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendar for the Tuckston UWF Game & Card Party on Tuesday, October 22nd! More info to come.

**The United Women of Faith will meet on Monday, May 6, at 1:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Toni Brown will be sharing with us about Dinner Church and Blessing Box. All women are invited to join us!

**The next Men's Club/UMM meeting will be on Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for their monthly breakfast meeting. Come join us!

**Adult Sunday School Teachers Meeting - Wed., May 15 at 6:30 pm in AE-137.**