



Wednesday Night Suppers 6 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

October 2

Bring your favorite sandwich, soup, or dessert to share.

October 9

BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert, and drink. Call or text Susan McGinnis at 706-857-8009 for reservations.

October 16

Beef stew, salad, bread/corn bread, dessert, and drink. Call or text Sandy Weaver at 706-540-7397 for reservations.

October 23

Fried tenderized pork, pintos, broccoli salad, oven roasted potatoes, yeast rolls, dessert, and drink. Call or text Elaine at 706-506-7527 for reservations.

October 30

Meet at Crushed Tomato. 6 p.m.

Congratulations to Alex and Arielle Kaminski



A special thank you to the Women's Friendship Circle for helping with the wedding shower for Alex and Arielle. You all helped make this a special moment for them. They were in awe of the outpouring of kindness, and how the whole Summerville First congregation made them feel welcomed and loved. Steve and I appreciate all the assistance provided by this awesome group of women, and of course, the delicious food and beautiful cake. We appreciate your friendships and feel very blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Sandy and Steve Weaver



“The elders who lead the church well should receive great honor. Those who work hard by speaking and teaching especially should receive great honor.” 1 Timothy 5:17 (ICB)

Wes has worked hard and it would be nice to show him our appreciation. Please consider finding a way to let Wes (and Dossie) know that they are appreciated.

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From the Pastor



When I was going to school at Toccoa Falls College, they had a program that was basically called, Where have your feet been for Christ? Most of the people involved in this program were missionaries and they were proud of the fact that they had been in unknown places, in unknown land far, far away.

I would like to ask the question in a little bit different fashion to each one of you. What have you done for Christ wherever your feet have been?

In the letter of James, chapter 1, we are urged to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. One of my personal gripes about a lot of the missionary students that I have encountered is that they were really big about what they were going to accomplish for the kingdom when they got wherever they were going. But they were functionally useless in the here and now. They had no problem, asking for funds to go to China or India, or wherever. But they were not really very good at being the kingdom of God here.

There is another expression that said you should bloom where you're planted. When I was in sales, I heard it a different way. Stop traveling. What this was about, was people who thought about their home life when they were at work. They thought about work when they were home and they were never fully present. Wherever they actually work.

My suggestion for us all is to be where our feet are. It is a fine and wonderful thing to write a check that impacts the lives of people halfway around the world. But you don't have to send a check halfway around the world to impact peoples lives. Most of you have lived in Chattooga County much longer than I have. We can be the body of Christ in a real way here that will impact peoples lives. And we are already doing it in many ways. The backpack blessing bags certainly impact the lives of young people who might not have any food over a weekend otherwise. As I sit writing, this article, hurricane Helene is making landfall in the Big Bend of Florida, and it is expected to create high winds and flooding here over the weekend. I hope and trust that you realize that there is a large homeless population in our county. Many of them live in tents. Multiple inches of rain and tents. Do not mix together well. There is no shelter in Chattooga County. There are things in the works but right now there is not a shelter.

From the Pastor

Jesus told the disciples just before his ascension that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. We are the descendants of those disciples and we need to take the gospel to Summerville and Trion and Chattooga County. Not just in word, but in deed as well. Please do not think that I am being critical of any of the efforts that are already in progress. I'm saying that as the body of Christ here we have an obligation to offer a hand out and a hand up to those who are less fortunate than us. A wise woman told me, You have your fellowships and I'll have my suppers and we'll see which is better attended. You don't have to make a choice between offering the Gospel and meeting physical needs. The correct answer is "both and." I will close with this question, How have your feet been Christ to those in need in Chattooga County?

Helping Murphy Harpst



Pastor Wes Privett delivered school supplies to Murphy Harpst recently. They were very appreciative of the support they received from Summerville First United Methodist Church.

Volunteers are needed at the **Community Resource Center** at Esther Manor, 50 Eleanor Avenue in Summerville. The greatest need is the first and last week of the month (MWF 8:30 am—2 pm). Anytime or any amount of time is greatly appreciated.



Volunteers are needed to prepare food and serve at the **Rome-Floyd Community Kitchen**. Our next scheduled volunteer time is on October 17, 9 until 12. You can come for part of that time if you do not want to stay for 3 1/2 hours. It is located at 4 Calhoun Ave. NE.





Backpack Food Packing

will be October 8th and
October 22 at 12:30 in Rome.
We meet at the Bagwell Choice
Pantry located at 90 East
Callahan Street.

We welcome the “Soul Sisters” from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church who have joined us in our mission to feed children in Chattooga County. They are assisting us in giving of their time and monetary contributions. We continue to provide 219 bags of food to children each Friday. Each bag costs \$1. Funds are always in need.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Janie Murphy (Sandy's cousin Cancer), Gary Knowles, Harold Helton (Cheryl's father), Charlisa Rogers, Omar Chavez, Ava Hamilton (Rachel & Drew's daughter), Sarah Moe (traveling mercies), Community Resource Center (CRC) needs help, Carolyn Rodgers (cancer), Wes Privett (skin cancer)

LONG TERM

AVIS SNOW, JIM MEDICI (Dossie's brother), JILL SPEARS (MRI), REBECCA SLASON, JANE STOKES, GAIL ALLEN, ENRIQUE GRUNER (Chemo), CARTER & LINDA BLACK, MARCIA BONEY, DIANE FULTON, LUCILLE HAMBY, BEN MCCOOL & FAMILY, JANE MCCOOL, KASSIDY MCCOOL, DIANE MCCONNELL, KIM SNOW, DOSSIE PRIVETT, JEFFERY FLOYD, HEATHER HAYES (Stage 4 lung cancer)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The family of Haley Blackett, the family of Ed Davis and the family of Jim Hayes (Both Dossie's friends), The family of Maxine Jones (Linda's niece), the family of John Morris (Roger's friend), the family of Pat Stanley, the family of Ken Tribble

October BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

10/09 Michael Ann Bailey
10/17 Becca Slason
10/25 Jordan Day
10/26 Carlton Andrews
10/28 Emma Kate Day
10/30 Annabelle Turner
10/31 William Crouch

ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Michael Ann and John Bailey
10/23 Dale and Honey Housch
10/29 Becky and Jim Woodard



Financial Report

Financial Report January 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$97,673	\$100,975	(\$3,302)

MISSIONS YTD:

Receipts \$7,873 Expenditures \$3,358 Difference \$4,515

The finance team thanks those who have continued to financially support the church during this past year. Financial contributions should be mailed to this address.

Mailing Address: SFUMC
P.O. Box 187
Summerville, Ga. 30747



Morning Worship September (non-designated receipts)

General Funds: week 1 \$2,308

General Funds: week 2 \$2,447

General Funds: week 3 \$3,837

General Funds: week 4 \$69

General Funds: week 5

Online Giving \$245

TOTAL \$8,906

SERVING @ SFUMC

Men's Club Meets on October 5

All Men are invited to meet at Jim's at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Women's Circle Meets on October 7

Ladies of the church are invited to Friendship Circle meeting on October 7 at 11:30. The meeting will take place at Landmark at Mount Berry Mall. Meet at the church at 11 a.m. if you wish to carpool. After lunch, Redonna Branton will speak about the Dementia Caregiver Support Group that meets in the church annex on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Feeding the Hungry

SFUMC Partners with DFACS In Chattooga County

October needs are EVERYTHING.

Flowers On the Altar

Oct. 6 - Available

Oct. 13 - Available

Oct. 15 - Available

Oct. 20- Available

Oct. 27- Given by Cheryl Farrar in celebration of Annabelle Turner's birthday.

Church Staff and Contact Info

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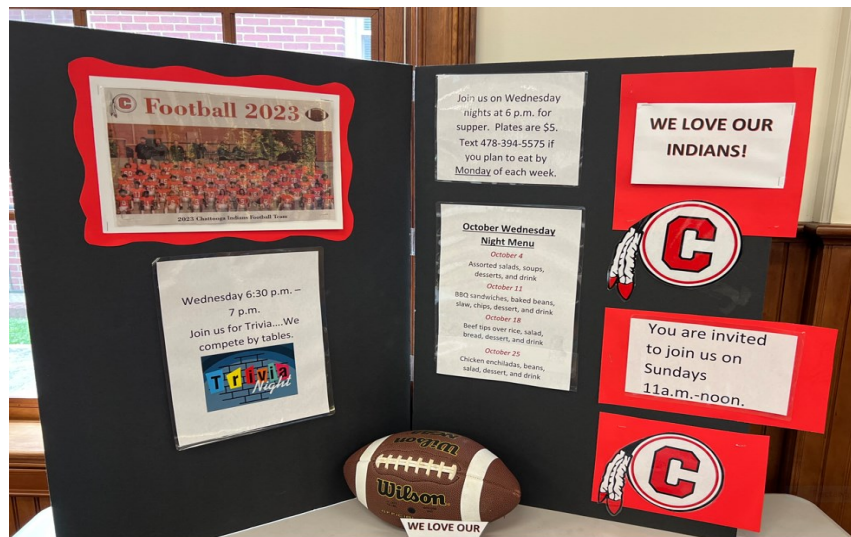
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Feeding the CHS Football Team

We will feed the football team in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 11. We will need cookies or brownies for dessert. **If you can supply a dessert, please have it to the church no later than 3 p.m. on October 11.**



Northwest Georgia Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

Chattooga County (Summerville)

1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm

Summerville First UMC

220 W. Washington St., Summerville, GA

Floyd County (Rome)

1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm

Transitions Hospice Care

316 E. 7th St., SW, Rome, GA

To register for a Support Group:

Contact Redonna Branton, CRT, RCP

(706) 378 - 2273

rbranton@transitionshc.com

Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association® support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources



Operation Christmas Child: Operation Christmas Child is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year! Shoeboxes, brochures, and “Follow Your Box” labels are available in the narthex. Be sure to fill your boxes completely and be aware of the items not to pack. Please pay the shipping per box online if possible.

Christmas Shop at Chattooga High School

Ms. Lewis at Chattooga High is in charge of the clothes closet. Last year, we collected Christmas mugs for her to give away. This year there is a new need. She could use donations of fleece blankets. The small throw type will be perfect. Sweat pants (new or gently used) are also an item that she could use. There will be a box in the fellowship hall for donations during October and November.



Save the Dates

A trip to the Tate House in Tate, Georgia is planned for the ladies on December 10. The group will take the Christmas Tour that begins at 11 a.m. Meeting time to car pool will be 9:30 at the church. Cost of the tour is \$25 per person. The group will stop afterwards for lunch.



The Circle Christmas Luncheon will be on December 17th at the home of William and Elaine Crouch. Details will be available in the November Newsletter.