

April 2024

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|   | 1<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>1:45pm UWF<br>6pm Stephen Ministry                          | 2<br>8am Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast at Bojangles  | 3<br>5:30pm Wed. Night Supper<br>6:15pm Kids On Mission<br>6:15pm Book Chat<br>6:30pm Praise Band<br>6:30pm Handbells<br>7:30pm Choir Practice                        | 4<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>10am Crochet                   | 5   | 6  |
| 7<br>8:45am Contemporary<br>9:45am Coffee Time<br>10am Sunday School<br>11am Traditional<br>4:15pm Youth Praise Band<br>5pm Harbor  | 8<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts                          | 9<br>7am Preschool<br>8am Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast at Bojangles<br>10am Staff Mtg<br>6pm Finance Council    | 10<br>7am Preschool<br>10am Preschool Chapel<br>5:30pm Wed. Night Supper<br>6:15pm Kids on Mission<br>6:30pm Praise Band<br>6:30pm Handbells<br>7:30pm Choir Practice | 11<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>10am Crochet | 12<br>7am Preschool<br>6pm Outside Event<br>Setup in FH | 13<br>7am Outside Event in<br>FH   |
| 14<br>8:45am Contemporary<br>9:45am Coffee Time<br>10am Sunday School<br>11am Traditional<br>11am Club 345<br>12:15pm Youth Council<br>Lunch Mtg.<br>4:15pm Youth Praise Band<br>5pm Harbor | 15<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>6pm Stephen Ministry<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts | 16<br>7am Preschool<br>8am Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast at Bojangles<br>10am Staff Mtg<br>6pm Childrens Council | 17<br>7am Preschool<br>10am Preschool Chapel<br>5:30pm Wed. Night Supper<br>6:15pm Kids On Mission<br>6:30pm Praise Band<br>6:30pm Handbells<br>7:30pm Choir Practice | 18<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>10am Crochet | 19<br>7am Preschool<br>5:30pm Youth Lock-In             | 20<br>8am End of Youth<br>Lock-In<br>9am UMM<br>9am Walk for Water @<br>SE Clarke Park |
| 21<br>8:45am Contemporary<br>9:45am Coffee Time<br>10am Sunday School<br>11am Traditional<br>4:15pm Youth Praise Band<br>5pm Harbor   | 22<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts                         | 23<br>7am Preschool<br>8am Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast at Bojangles<br>10am Staff Mtg                          | 24<br>7am Preschool<br>10am Preschool Chapel<br>6:30pm Praise Band<br>6:30pm Handbells<br>7:30pm Choir Practice   | 25<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>10am Crochet | 26<br>7am Preschool                                     | 27   |
| 28<br>8:45am Contemporary<br>9:45am Coffee Time<br>10am Sunday School<br>11am Traditional<br>12:15 HS Senior Luncheon   | 29<br>7am Preschool<br>9:30am Aerobics<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts                         | 30<br>7am Preschool<br>8am Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast at Bojangles<br>10am Staff Mtg                          |   |  |   |  |

# The Tuckston NOW



April 2024

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is the only body that can speak on behalf of our entire denomination. The General Conference meets every four years and is a gathering of United Methodists from all over the world who come together to decide important issues for our church. Among those issues are the administrative issues of budgets and organization, but also issues of our visioning for our larger church and establishing our priorities as a church. It is time for General Conference to be held once again, this time in Charlotte from April 23-May 3.

As United Methodist in North Georgia, we will be represented by a delegation of 22 persons, half of whom are clergy persons and half of whom are lay persons, which have been elected by our Annual Conference. Dr. Byron Thomas, District Superintendent of the Central-South District, is the leader of our delegation. There are 862 total delegates to the conference.

This leads to questions of what issues are scheduled for discussion. One of the issues will be regionalization. We are a worldwide church; however, we work in different contexts around the world. Our work here at Tuckston with our friends in Brazil and with the water project in Burundi is certainly evidence of that. Essentially, if approved, our worldwide church will be divided into regions allowing for more flexibility for our denomination.

Another issue that will be discussed is a revision of our Social Principles. A full-scale revision has not taken place in regard to the principles since 1972. The General Conference will also deal with issues of making sure our clergy pension system is stable going forward to provide a more equitable retirement for all our clergy. Of course, other petitions and issues will come forward and there is no way to predict exactly what will come from this meeting.

Please allow me a word of personal commentary. There will be a lot of news coverage emanating from General Conference. Please be cautious in reading reports from General Conference in the secular press or other unofficial sources. The North Georgia Conference website will provide updates and information in an accurate and balanced way. I will also answer to the best of my ability any questions that may arise. In as much as the conference is reasonably close, I plan on attending for a couple of days if my schedule permits. Above all, please be in prayer for the coming General Conference as our denomination continues with its mission of "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

Grace and peace,

*John*

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

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# Tuckston Kids April 2024

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## Upcoming Events



April 14 11 - 1pm

Off campus.

Club  
345

Fun and Fellowship with a message for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Bring your bibles. Lunch Provided.

Don't forget to turn in your Lenten coins!

April 17 - KOM "end of year"  
6:15 -7:15  
(Last WNS till Fall)

Saturday, April 20 9-11am  
Walk for Water  
Walk to dig wells in Burundi



June 2-6th VBS  
5:30 - 8pm  
"Camp Firelight"  
Annie Pavlosky  
Director

## Sunday School

April 07 - Road to Emmaus  
April 14 - Peter's Declaration  
April 21 - Peter and John  
April 28 - Peter and Tabitha



April 01-05



## Weekly Worship

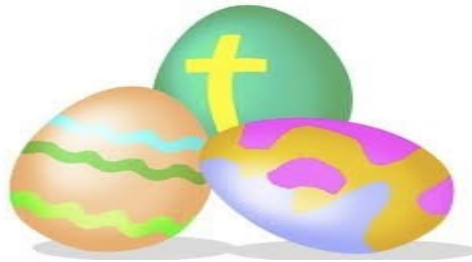
Contemporary Worship 8:45  
Gather for Coffee & Fellowship 9:45  
Sunday School for All Ages 10  
Traditional Worship 11

K-2nd graders are invited to join their families for worship and will be guided to Children's Church. Worship Guides are available for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and Worship folders are available for all children.

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

"Whenever I'm Afraid I put my Trust in You." Psalm 56:3

The TUMC Children's Ministry wishes to thank our Tuckston family for your help to make our Children's Easter Egg Hunt, held on Sunday, March 24, a success from your generous donations of candy and plastic eggs! Also, a big "thank you" to the TUMC Youth for hiding the Easter eggs prior to the hunt!



## Celebrating Our 2024 Seniors

On Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate our high school graduates. Included in this celebration, we will present each graduate with a Bible. Inside these Bibles will be letters and cards from our church family who would like to edify the seniors during this life transition. The Bibles will be available in the Narthex to place cards/letters in beginning April 14 and will remain there until the 28th. Our graduates this year are Art Conway & Courtney Coffeen.

# TUMC Youth Ministry



## Youth Cookout & lock-In

Friday, April 19th (5:30 p.m.)  
to  
Saturday, April 20th (8 a.m.)

## Youth Council Lunch

Sunday, April 14  
after the 11 a.m. service

## Youth Sunday & Senior Luncheon

Sunday, April 28th



*If your graduating senior would like to be a part of our Senior Luncheon, please contact Miki Chastain.*

## Tuckston Missions/SERVE Council News

### Serving for April 2024

#### Acolytes:

April 7: Haleigh Baker & Brylee Pavlosky

April 14: Noah Campbell & Skylar Smith

April 21: Sam Chesnutt & Laney Chesnutt

April 28: Sage Smith & Barrett Sertich

#### Altar Guild:

Wanda Amos-Hill, Lynne Radford & Blanche Templeton

#### Altar Flowers:

April 7: available

April 14: available

April 21: Milo-Moultrie

April 28: Thompson

#### Greeters:

April 7 (8:45): Connie Bowen & Lynn Coffeen

April 7 (11:00): Sarah & Heath Baker, Midge Gray

April 14 (8:45): Bart & Nancy Case, Danny & Robin Stevens

April 14 (11:00): Joel & Tashia Caughran

April 21 (8:45): Kathy Whitaker

April 21 (11:00): Blanche Templeton & Elizabeth Pipkin

April 28 (8:45): Anne Morrison & Ron Seerley

April 28 (11:00): Joe Mize & Linda Irwin

#### Ushers:

April 7 (11:00): Lamar Duncan, Bobby Duncan, Keith Duncan & Dana Duncan

April 14 (11:00): John Holland, Tom Chasteen, Richard Zepp & Greg Paul

April 21 (11:00): Joe Mize, Jim Rodgers, Keith Gray & Walter Statkum

April 28 (11:00 only): 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.

#### NEW ADDRESS!

Mr. John Brunner  
Overlook Senior Living, Rm #6  
171 US 78  
Monroe, GA 30656



### Total Offerings & Expenses for February 2024

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| GRAND TOTAL OFFERINGS | \$ 53,356.12     |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES  | <u>60,088.74</u> |
| NET                   | \$ (6,732.62)    |

### May Book Chats

BOOK: *The Firekeeper's Daughter*  
by Angeline Boulley



(Published: 2021) RP 2023 [Nurturing for Community]

Angeline Boulley's debut novel is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. When family tragedy strikes, 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine puts her future on hold to look after her mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars.

All are welcome to come and bring a friend!

For more info, contact Kay Yuill at [kayyuill@gmail.com](mailto:kayyuill@gmail.com) or call/text 706-621-0566.



The next meeting of the United Women in Faith will be held on Monday, April 1 at 1:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be from the Athens Clarke County Library. All women are invited to attend.

If you, or someone you know, are going through a challenging time in life, please reach out to one of our Stephen Ministers who can walk with you, pray with you, and take care of you during your time of need. To learn more about this ministry, go to Tuckston's website at [www.tuckston.org](http://www.tuckston.org) and look under "Ministries." To make a request, please call one of our Stephen Ministers, Anne Morrison (706) 296-7971, Ron Seerley (706) 296-7970, or Mo Flexner (706) 247-6429.

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### Change Our World –

• **Change Our World offering for April** will go to support the Tuckston Preschool Tuition Assistance Program, which helps with tuition assistance for struggling families on an emergency basis, following guidelines developed by the Tuckston Preschool Council.

• **The February Change Our World offering**, supporting Athens Nurses Clinic and Mercy Clinic, of \$1,279.30 was divided equally between the two clinics. Thank you for your support.

• **The Change Our World offering for March** to support The Ark 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 desperately needed in Burundi. If you wish to donate toward the three 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 processed correctly and specifically for the Water Well Projects in Burundi.

**The Second Annual "Walk for Water" April 20, 2024** - Join us for the **Walk for Water** at Southeast Clarke Park on Saturday, April 20 (9-11 a.m.) to raise additional funding for the water wells in Burundi, Africa.

#### How can you get involved?

- Collect coins in a jar every time you are thankful for clean water
- Ask friends and family to donate to the Walk for Water
- Share the event with others to spread awareness
- Donate the amount of your monthly water bill



**Red Cross Blood Drive** - The next blood drive at Tuckston will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Twenty-one units were collected at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive (3 units over the goal).

**Family Treatment Court** - We continue to collect items for the work of the Western Judicial Circuit Family Treatment Court, which 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 Nurse's Clinics** - Your donations of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste for the local nurses clinics may be placed in the basket marked "Nurses Clinics" across from the men's restroom in the Narthex.

**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 over 300 diapers! **THANK YOU Tuckston!!**

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