

January 2024

The Tuckston
NOW



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Good Bye and Welcome

As we move into a new year, it is often customary to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year. It is also at time a time for saying goodbye and welcome. This year at Tuckston, this is certainly the case.

Nick Jackson, our keyboardist and sometimes vocalist and whistler, in our 8:45 service praise team will be leaving us in the month of January. Nick has been an integral part of our praise team and to say he is extremely talented would be the ultimate understatement. Nick is graduating from the University of Georgia at the close of the fall semester and has been offered a position in Cleveland. (The one in Ohio not the one in the North Georgia mountains.) We will miss not only Nick's talent but also his winsome spirit. We pray God's blessings for him as he moves into a new chapter of his life.

We will also have a new beginning this month. Suzanne Worthington will join the Tuckston staff as our Director of Children's Ministries. Suzanne has recently retired from the Oconee County school system after a career as a primary school teacher. She was involved in her school's leadership team as well. Suzanne is the mother of Will, Lauren, Mary Ella, and Ben, all of whom have been a part of the Tuckston children's program. Jency Showker will continue to provide assistance in the program. We look forward to having Suzanne as a part of our staff.

As we move into the new year I urge all of you to make a resolution to focus on your spiritual health in the coming year. May we be diligent in prayer, reading and studying God's word, generous in our giving, and intentional about being present in worship. In coming days you will receive an e-mail link giving you a daily plan which will enable you to read the Bible all the way through in the coming year. I pray that you will follow it. We look forward to a great year at Tuckston United Methodist Church in 2024.

Grace and peace,

John

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 9am Preschool Teacher Workday 10am Staff Mtg	3 7am Preschool 6:30pm Book Chats 6:30pm Praise Band	4 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet	5 7am Preschool	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 8:45am Contemporary 9:45am Coffee Time 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 4:30pm Youth Praise Band 5pm Youth Harbor New Year Kickoff Epiphany Sunday	8 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 1:45pm UWF 6pm Stephen Ministry	9 7am Preschool 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at CFA 10am Staff Mtg	10 7am Preschool 10am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Wed. Night Supper 6:15pm Kids On Mission 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	11 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet 6pm Bread of Life Banquet	12 7am Preschool	13 9am AG Takes Down Advent Decor
14 8:45am Contemporary 9:45am Coffee Time 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 4:30pm Youth Praise Band 5pm Youth Harbor	15 Preschool & Church Offices Closed for Holiday MLK Day	16 7am Preschool 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at CFA 10am Staff Mtg 1pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30pm Leadership Training	17 7am Preschool 10am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Wed. Night Supper 6:15pm Kids On Mission 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	18 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet	19 7am Preschool	20 9am UMM 1pm Private Event in FH
21 8:45am Contemporary 9:45am Coffee Time 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 4:30pm Youth Praise Band 5pm Youth Harbor	22 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 6pm Stephen Ministry	23 7am Preschool 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at CFA 10am Staff Mtg	24 7am Preschool 10am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Wed. Night Supper 6:15pm Kids On Mission 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Practice	25 7am Preschool 9:30am Aerobics 10am Crochet	26 7am Preschool	27
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Tuckston Kids

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WE SERVE IN OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY!

Our students have been busy serving in church and in the community from dinner hosting for Family Promise, packing blessing hygiene bags for our little pantry, Rise Against Hunger, Walk for Water and writing notes of encouragement to members of our church family during Kids on a Mission to leadership in service. Please give the following kids a "way to go!"

2023/24 Acolytes

Ariana
Barrett
Brylee
Eloise
Sage

Joining the Praise Team for Contemporary Worship Special Music:

Addie
Brylee
Callie
Eloise
Sage

Christmas Parade & Journey Through Bethlehem Volunteers:

Alicestair	Callie	Luka
Addie	Eloise	Luke
Brylee	Emmett P	Mia
Cade	Harper	Raylan

Tuckston Kids Outing February 24, 11:30-2:30 Bear Hollow

Infants through 5th graders are invited for an animal adventure, lunch, fun, and fellowship.

Sunday Mornings

Contemporary Worship 8:45
Sunday School 10
Traditional Worship 11

4 year old preschoolers through 2nd graders are invited to dismiss to Children's Church from each worship service. Worship guides for 3rd through 5th graders to activate listening can be found in the blue baskets. Don't forget to return your completed worship guides to be entered in a prize raffle!

Nursery for infants (6 weeks) through 5 years old 8:45 to noon.

Kids on a Mission and Wednesday night nursery 6:15-7:15 PM following Wednesday Night Suppers beginning in January.

Sunday School

Jan 7 Jesus Baptism

Jan 14 Jesus in the Synagogue

Jan 21 Jesus Calls Fishermen

Jan 28 Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law



Coming soonTuckston Kids' BIG Snowball Fight in Sunday School!

The TUMC Staff wishes to say
"THANK YOU"
for the Christmas gifts that
they received!

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR



If you, or someone you know, is going through a challenging time, please reach out to a Stephen Minister who can walk with you, pray with you and care for you during your time of need.

To learn more about this ministry, go to Tuckston's website at www.tuckston.org and look under "Ministries." To make a request, please call one of our Stephen Leaders, Anne Morrison (706) 296-7971, Ron Seerley (706) 296-7970, or Mo Flexner (706) 247-6429.



**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
MEALS**

will resume on
January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

January Book Chat - Wed. January 3

6:30 pm in Room AE-137

Small Great Things
by Jodi Picoult

For more information, please contact Kay Yuill.



TUMC Youth Ministry

Let's Jump Into the New Year Together!

2024 Youth Harbor Begins

Sunday, January 7

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Serving for January 2024

Acolytes:

Jan. 7: Haleigh Baker & Sage Smith
Jan. 14: Noah Campbell & Eloise McDaniel
Jan. 21: Sage Smith & Laney Chesnutt
Jan. 28: Skylar Smith & Ariana Davis

Altar Guild:

Jack Burk & Scottie Smith

Altar Flowers:

Jan. 7: M/B Foley
Jan. 14: available
Jan. 21: P. Milo-Moultrie
Jan. 28: available

Greeters:

Jan. 7 (8:45): Connie Bowen & Lynn Coffeen
Jan. 7 (11:00): Sarah & Heath Baker, Midge Gray
Jan. 14 (8:45): Bart & Nancy Case, Danny & Rob-in Stevens
Jan. 14 (11:00): Joel & Tashia Caughran
Jan. 21 (8:45): Kathy Whitaker
Jan. 21 (11:00): Blanche Templeton & Elizabeth Pipkin
Jan. 28 (8:45): Ann Morrison & Ron Seerley
Jan. 28 (11:00): Joe Mize & Linda Irwin

Ushers:

Jan. 7 (11:00): Lamar Duncan, Bobby Duncan, Keith Duncan & Dana Duncan
Jan. 14 (11:00): John Holland, Tom Chasteen, Richard Zepp & Greg Paul
Jan. 21 (11:00): Joe Mize, Jim Rodgers, Keith Gray & Walter Statkum
Jan. 28 (10:00): Harold Brown, Jimmy Perry, Rob Matthews & Mike Williams



*Congratulations
to parents, Michael & Stephanie Farmer
and grandparents, Joe & Melanie Allen
on the baptism of
Mia Mackenzie Farmer
December 10, 2023.*



Total Offerings & Expenses for November 2023

GRAND TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 73,064.13
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	57,060.53
NET	\$ 16,003.60

Tuckston is in need of an Altar Guild Chairperson for the 2024 year. Jack Burk, who has done an excellent job as the Chair for several year now, is stepping down. Jack has done a tremendous job documenting everything that needs to be done and will pass down the information to the new Chair. Please be in prayerful consideration as to if you are the person to head up the Altar Guild.

Also, if you are interested in joining the Altar Guild committee, please contact the church office. We would love to have you!





Help save lives. Give blood.

Tuesday, January 16
1:00-6:00 p.m. in the FH

Make your appointment
to donate at www.redcross.org

TUMC Leadership Training

Tuesday, January 16
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

All members of the 2024 Administrative, Staff-Parish Relations, Finance & Trustees Councils are asked to attend this important meeting.

Tuckston Missions/SERVE Council News

Change Our World -

- ☐ **The Change Our World Offering for January will go to support the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank.** The AAEEFB's purpose is to meet the food needs for one week for families or individuals, who live in Athens-Clarke County who are faced with emergencies, upon referral by an approved agency. A family is entitled to another week's supply within six months with an approved referral.
- ☐ **The November Change Our World** offering supporting the Athens Community Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program totaled \$1,276.83.
- ☐ **The December Change Our World** offering supporting Family Promise will be reported in the next Tuckston NOW newsletter.

Support for Clean Water Wells in Burundi, Africa - If you wish to donate toward the **three additional wells** needed in Burundi, Africa, 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 specifically for the Water Well Projects headed up by Tuckston's Missionary, Patrick Abro. Work is underway on the first well, as a result of our donations and additional support from the Board of Global Ministries. The construction cost of each well is \$12,000. Thus far, Tuckston has donated \$4,901.35 toward the cost of the wells.

Red Cross Blood Drive - The next blood drive at Tuckston is January 16th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make your appointment to donate at www.redcross.org. For questions or more information, please contact Ellen Hankinson.

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, and small toys may be placed in the basket in the Narthex across from the men's restroom 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 - We continue to collect soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste to deliver to the two local nurse's clinics. Your donations may be placed in the basket across from the men's bathroom 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 at any time. All items should be placed in plastic bags. The items are delivered to Project Safe as the box fills up. 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.

Christmas Gifts for Foster Children - Thank you to everyone who donated gifts from the Amazon wish list to make Christmas special for foster children in the Athens-Clarke County area.

United Women of Faith - The next UWF meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at 1:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us! For more information, please contact Audrey Milo-Turner at (706) 766-0312.

UMM/The Men's Club - The United Methodist Men will hold their January meeting on Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly breakfast meeting. For more information, contact Josh Pavlosky at (678) 451-3717. All men of Tuckston are invited to attend!

