

First United Methodist Church of Pine Mountain

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JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME Andy and Marlene Cunningham!!

We are so happy that you are here at First United Methodist Church of Pine Mountain!

The Reverend Andy Cunningham graduated from LaGrange College in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. He graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary in 2013 with a Master in Divinity. Andy was ordained as an Elder in Full Connection with the UMC in 2019.

Andy was born March 28, 1966 in Marietta, Georgia. He has an older brother named Jerry. He attended Fair Oaks United Methodist Church where he was baptized and confirmed.

Andy married Marlene (Reynolds) on August 21st, 1992. They have raised six children, their niece, Jessica (34), Rebecca (28) who is married to Payton Gilley, Rachael (27) who is married to Hunter Purdue, Andrew (25), Tiara (18) and Aalyah (17). Andy and Marlene have 3 granddaughters—Haven (8), Paidyn (7), and Amelia (3).

After working in the family business, Black and White Auto Service as well as Southern Wholesale Glass/American Flat Glass, Andy had to have emergency back surgery from a ruptured disc. It was during this time that Reverend Hoyt Allen approached Andy to consider the call to pastoral ministry. He entered the candidacy program of the UMC in 2001 under the mentorship of Reverend Tom Pilgrim. His service in the North Georgia Conference began in 2003 with his appointment, under the supervision of the late Reverend Albert Turnell, to his home church of Fair Oaks UMC as a part-time local pastor and youth director.

In 2004, Andy was appointed to the Hightower Memorial-Zion Chapel Charge in the Griffin District as a student pastor. He served at various other churches over the years. In 2019, he was ordained as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church. He was appointed to Thomaston First United Methodist Church. Andy's last appointment was with Stark.

Andy participated in The Royce and Jane Reynolds Program in Church Leadership and currently serves on the District Strategic Planning Committee for the Southwest District.

We are so blessed to have Andy and Marlene as part of our church family and can't wait to see what God has planned for our church and for the Cunningham's!



YAH NEWS!! (Young at Heart)

We went to Hills & Dales and a Taste of Lemon for lunch on December 19th and had a great time!



Our next trip will be on <u>February 13th</u> to the Kia Plant in West Point. We will meet at the church at 9AM. We have to have an RSVP as we have to provide a list of names to Kia prior to the 13th for security reasons. After the visit to Kia, we will go to Milano's in the Valley.

Please RSVP to Becky Gaar by February 7th. The only cost is your lunch.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Luke Williamson is a 7th grader at HCCMS, where he is in all advanced classes. His favorite subjects are Math and Science. Luke is on the math team and academic bowl team as well as a member of the chess club and FCA. Luke is an avid soccer player and has played soccer since he was 3 years old. He plays competitive soccer with UMA. He loves animals and football. When he graduates, he



Our High School Youth will be going on a ski trip January 12-15th. Please be in prayer for our youth, for our youth director Laura Willoughby and chaperones Sonja & Ryan Williamson as they go on this trip!

January Sunday Servants

| | Ushers | Greeters | | |
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| | January 7 | | | |
| 8:30 | Bob Chrzanowski | | | |
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| 11:00 | Michael Willey | Becky Gaar | | |
| | | Lorraine Berry | | |
| | January 14 | | | |
| 8:30 | Dean Mabry | Amy Mabry | | |
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| 11:00 | Joe Piga | Jane Lawson | | |
| | | Winky Parker | | |
| | January 21 | | | |
| 8:30 | Bob Phillips | Jane Logan | | |
| 11:00 | Dale Morrison | Tracy Morrison | | |
| | Lorraine Berry | Charlotte Zuerner | | |
| | January 28 | | | |
| 8:30 | Roy Westbrook | Judy Westbrook | | |
| 11:00 | Ed Hudson | Josh May | | |
| | John Hasting | Morgan May | | |
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| 1/1 | Harold Tarpley | 1/13 | Mim Clepper |
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| 1/2 | Minnie Whitaker | 1/18 | Bill Godowns |
| 1/3 | Ivy Dunn | 1/21 | Joe Piga III |
| | Paul Leverett | 1/23 | Ellen Elizabeth Ertle |
| 1/5 | Jim Lovern | | Marian Milliron |
| 1/6 | Reggie Bayona | | Howard Schaeffer |
| 1/7 | Sara Godowns | 1/24 | Genie Clancy |
| 1/8 | Cooper Bowen Parker | 1/25 | Jacob May |
| | Justin Smoot | | Gunnar Williamson |
| 1/9 | Mathew Colberg | 1/28 | Mary George |
| 1/10 | Carolyn Corley | 1/29 | Nick Peterson |
| 1/11 | Nikki Clepper Mathes | 1/30 | Amy Riley |
| | Morgan May | 1/31 | Jan Simmons |
| | Anne Story | | Daniel Williamson |
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Altar Guild Servants for the month of January are Tracy Willey and Sandra Wilson.



We are in need of the following: **8:30**

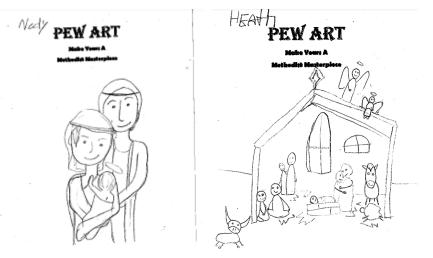
Usher/Greeter on the 1st Sunday

11:00

Usher on 2nd Sunday

Substitutes for all services!

Pew Art Cards can be found in each pew. Please feel free to use the pew art cards and submit your creation into the offering box in the narthex. MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE CARD!! Once a month, two cards will be chosen as our monthly Pew Art Winners. The Winners will receive a \$10 gift card to Chick-Fil-A and be showcased in the monthly newsletter!



PEW ART WINNERS FOR JANUARY

Thank you to everyone who is submitting Pew Art—keep them coming! Our pew art winners for November are:
Neely Carroll & Heath Cunningham! Congratulations!

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | al | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Reception 12:00 Youth 5:30-7:30 Bible Study 5:30-7:30 FLC | 8 UWF-12:00-1:00 FLC | 9 | 10 WNS 5:30-6:30 Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 | H | 12 Youth Ski Trip | 13 Youth Ski Trip |
| 14 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Bible Study 5:30-7:30 FLC Youth ski trip | 15 MLK Holiday Youth return from ski trip | 16 | 17 WNS 5:30-6:30 Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Youth 5:30-7:30 Bible Study 5:30-7:30 FLC | 22 | 23 | 24 WNS 5:30-6:30 Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Council Meeting 6:30 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Worship 8:30 & I I:00 Youth 5:30-7:30 Bible Study 5:30-7:30 FLC L1027-5:30 | 29 | 30 | 31 WNS 5:30-6:30 Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 | | | |
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