Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit *chambleeumc.org/happenings*, and you can sign up for our email newsletter, Deep and Wide, at *chambleeumc.org/updates*

Join us today for The Great Fall Festival - 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Join us for Fall Fun! Enjoy Trunk-or-treating, monster crafts, bounce houses and slides, the Scouts' Rain Gutter Regatta, touch-a-truck area, pizza, and more!

Bake for Fun and with Purpose!
We're looking for bakers to contribute homemade goodies for our United Women of Faith's Virtual Bake Sale! If you'd like to participate, please email *UMW@chambleeumc.org* by Nov 1 and let us know WHAT and HOW MANY baked goods you plan to donate. Online shopping will begin in early November, culminating in a Wednesday Night Supper Celebration on Nov 18. This is one of CFUMC's greatest traditions, with all proceeds benefiting church missions.

Serve Our Unhoused Neighbors: November 5th Shower Event
On Thursday, November 5, Chamblee UMC will sponsor a shower event with the Chamblee Coalition on Homelessness. Each time, we welcome 60–80 neighbors (men, women, and sometimes children) for a hot shower, a good meal, and a warm welcome.
What our guests will receive:

- Hot showers and new underwear from Hope Thru Soap
- Clothing and hygiene items from the Chamblee Coalition on Homelessness
- Breakfast pastries and coffee from Bagel Rescue and Dunkin'
- Pizza, snacks, and drinks for lunch, bought and served by CFUMC

You don't need any experience; just bring a smile and a word of encouragement. Our guests know this event well and are very grateful for it. Two hours of your time can change someone's whole week. You can sign up at *chambleeumc.org/CCHShower*

2026 Food Drive and Packing Event
Save the date for our annual food packing event on Sunday, November 15th, which will be a part of our worship experience that day. You can find out more information on the items we are collecting at *chambleeumc.org/fooddrive2026*

Linda King Retirement and Recognition, Sunday, October 25th
Join us after service in the Atrium as we recognize and celebrate Linda's service and contributions to Chamblee First UMC. You can contribute with a check payable to Chamblee First UMC with the memo "Staff Love Offering" or online at *onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff*

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | *jblack@chambleeumc.org*

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 AM
Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways.
Room 101 - Children ages 3 through preschool | **Room 223** - Children in grades K-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45 AM

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5th begin the worship hour in the sanctuary. Following the Children's Moment, they are dismissed for Kids' Church in **Room 223**.

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | *hcpeppers@chambleeumc.org*
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

Chamblee First Youth is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

Sunday Mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth

Classes & Groups

Faith Formation Classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you! Learn more at *chambleeumc.org/sunday-school*

Grace Class — A group whose name reflects its very values: open invitation and radical welcome; relevant for diverse ages, life experiences, and perspectives; open acknowledgement of our perfect imperfection; and a deep desire to grow together in the transformational love of God. May grace abound! **Room 200**
Current study: Winning the War on Worry by Louie Giglio.

Faith Class — Faith Class begins each Sunday with a song, followed by a short devotion and prayers of concerns and praises. One of CFUMC's largest faith formation groups, lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to ten weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class-specific activities. **Room 204**
Current study: Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden
Next study: Advent Study

Fellowship Class — True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent a wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**

Glow Class — One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older, and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**

Journeys Class — A casual class that uses current short-term studies (6 to 8 weeks) by various authors to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our faith. The lessons are discussion-based, where open conversation is encouraged and where all can explore and share their faith journey alongside others. **Room 205**
Current study: Embracing the Uncertain by Magrey R. deVega
Next study: The Heart of the Psalms: God's Word to the World by James C. Howell

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Other ways to connect, try something new, & build relationships with your church family:

Young at Heart — **First Tuesdays, 12:30 PM**
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is $10 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to *lking@chambleeumc.org*

Young Adults — **Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM**
A vibrant group where young people (approx. ages 20-35) can grow in their faith, connect with others, and serve our community together. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at *cacwilson32@gmail.com*

Christian Yoga — **Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 AM**
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. You can find more information at *chambleeumc.org/yoga*

StitchCraft — **Wednesdays, 12:30 PM**
Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts? It's even more fun in fellowship with other crafters! No RSVP needed -- just bring your supplies and join us in **Room 203**.

ROMEOs — **Second Thursdays, 8 AM**
A breakfast club for CFUMC retired men ... and men who are not yet retired!
No RSVP needed. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

United Methodist Women — **Monthly**
UMW is a community of women growing in faith, uplifting one another, and serving God through mission. At CFUMC, four unique Circles offer meaningful ways to connect, grow, and make a difference—new faces are always warmly welcomed! For info & meeting times, email *umw@chambleeumc.org*

Global Missions & Local Outreach — **Ongoing**
CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. You can learn more about the organizations that we partner with at *chambleeumc.org/missions-partners*

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OCTOBER 25, 2026

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We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

Our sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired. To use a hearing device, simply ask an usher or the sound technician upon arrival.

Let Us Know You're Here

Visitor Check-In

Please take a moment to let us know you are here! We'd love to connect you and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. **Members should check in using Realm Connect,** available on the App Store and Google Play. To use the QR code, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page.

Member Check-In

Ways to Give

Scan to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are valued and appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, you may text the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device OR give securely any time at *chambleeumc.org/give*

BRAND NEW DAY

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Taylor Pafford as she reminds us that we should be "Glad to Be Of Service" and we should **Serve Joyfully!** Rev. Dr. Pafford is an ordained UMC deacon and currently serves as the Chair of the Religion Department at St. Martin's Episcopal School

Next Sunday, we continue our "Brand New Day" Stewardship series with Rev. Blair Zant's sermon on how to **Leave a Legacy**.

LOVE BOLDLY | SERVE JOYFULLY | LEAVE A LEGACY | LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

As We Come Together	CFUMC Playlist *chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs*	

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Blair Zant Cameron Wilson

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Prelude	*Prayer from "Gothic Suite"* Bill Callaway, organist	Boellmann
Call to Worship*		Rev. Hope Cody Peppers
Opening Hymn*	*He Lives*	UMH **310**
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Cameron Wilson
Passing of the Peace *		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Sneak Peek: Serving Others	Jordan Black

After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.

THE OFFERING

Stewardship Message		Mary Ruth Kearney
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Blair Zant
Offertory	*Eternal Life* Addie Palazini, soloist Bill Callaway, pianist	Dungan
Doxology *		UMH **95**
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Blair Zant

THE WORD

Scripture	1 Peter 4:9-11	Cameron Wilson
Sermon	**Glad to Be of Service!**	Rev. Dr. Taylor Driskill Pafford

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *	*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*	UMH **462** vv. 1, 4

SENDING FORTH

Celebration of Ministry	Linda King Commissioning Prayer	Rev. Blair Zant
Benediction *		Rev. Dr. Pafford
Postlude	*Trumpet Tune* Bill Callaway, organist	Charpentier

*please stand as you are able

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers. A complete list can be found at *chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list* or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email *prayer@chambleeumc.org*

Prayer List

Our Members:
- John Todd, moved to assisted living
- Lynn Johnston, recovering at home
- Becky Bennett, struggling with effects of immunotherapy
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

Members' family:
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, recovering from GI issues
- Annie Mae Walker, mother of Louise DeCastro, declining health
- Olin Craven, brother of Becky Craven, moved to rehab
- Al Stephens, brother of Lee Turner, moved to rehab
- Moi Monroe, brother of Ann Hammond, recovering from back surgery
- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL); Richard is in hospice care

Our Loved Ones:
- Stephen Burke, colleague of Kathryn Rodriguez, recovering from a motorcycle accident
- Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, battling glioblastoma

Sympathy to the families of:
- Joyce McClendon Robertson, former member, who passed away on Oct. 15. A celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of Marietta First United Methodist Church.
- Pat Lynch, youngest brother of Charlie, passed away on Oct. 12 from the effects of Guillain-Barré syndrome. A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 24 in Wyoming.
- Donald Sansbury, father of Jason, who passed away on Oct. 18 after struggling with Alzheimer's disease. A service will be held in November.
- Kathleen Debarardinis, mother of Kerri Henderson, who passed away on Oct. 12.

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours
- Mondays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings
- Administrative Board - October 26 | 6:00 PM
- Staff Parish Relations Committee - November 2 | 6:00 PM
- Trustees - November 9 | 6:00 PM
- Charge Conference - November 12 | 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Missions Committee - November 17 | 6:30 PM

Please visit ***chambleeumc.org/leadership*** for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of July 30, 2026.

Our church leadership is preparing a budget for the church's 2027 ministry resourcing plan. Chamblee First members and participants: we encourage you to make an annual pledge based on your personal circumstances.

When it came to finances, John Wesley offered 3 rules: Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. We invite you to consider: what can you give, and where can it do good?

At our church, every gift matters, and we celebrate acts of generous giving, whether financial goals are met, missed, or exceeded. Here, your gifts directly support vital ministries and outreach programs, worship, youth ministries, children's ministries, recreation, member care, adult discipleship, and local mission partnerships and global mission trips. It also funds the staffing, facility maintenance, and administrative costs that make such ministries possible and accessible. Finally, it funds the connectional apportionments we give to support the state-wide and world-wide work of the United Methodist Church. Here, every gift matters to us. And every gift matters to God.

You can make a pledge using the 2027 Pledge Card in your bulletin, or online at *chambleeumc.org/2027pledge*.