

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

New Sermon Series

Beginning today, our worship hour will center on learning to love the way that scripture shapes our faith story. Guided by *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, we will explore how the Bible invites us into a living, breathing relationship with God—through stories of faith, struggle, hope, and grace. In tandem with “Good Reads” Summer Sunday School, we’ll cover 6 books in 5 weeks!



Community Outreach Packing Events

July 13
After worship, stay for a pizza lunch and help us pack 200 food bags in support of DeKalb County Schools *Read and Rise DeKalb* program and Mountain Park UMC’s *Lunches of Love* program. See our website for details and additional dates.

Grow Day Camp

last call for registration!
Limited space remains. Chamblee First UMC is thrilled to host Grow Day Camp again this summer, July 14-18, 9:00 am-5:30 pm (Mon-Thur) and 9 am-12:30 pm (Friday). Learn more and register your rising 1st-6th grader today at growdaycamps.org

Back-to-School Supply Drive

through July 31
Let’s make sure every child starts the year ready to learn! Support Huntley Hills Elementary and other local Title 1 schools by donating school supplies. Shop online and ship directly to the church, or drop items in labeled bins in the breezeway or narthex. For a list of most needed items and an Amazon link, visit chambleeumc.org/School-Supplies

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CMY is an inclusive space for all youth, rising 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am
For the next few weeks, rising 6th-12th grade students will participate in the “Good Reads” Summer Sunday School experience in Fellowship Hall.

CMY Summer Sundays: Come hang out, enjoy a meal, and connect with friends as we soak up the summer together. Bring a friend! All youth are welcome!

Room 17 July 20 | ⌚ 5 pm – 7 pm | 📍 The Corner

Chamblee Kids

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Chamblee Kids Holiday Schedule

- **No Kids’ Church during the 10:45 am service today.** Children are encouraged to worship with their families in the sanctuary.
- Nursery care is available for children five and under in room 100.
- A calming room is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Elementary Sunday School at 9:30 and Kids’ Church during the worship service will resume next Sunday, July 13.

Classes & Groups

“Good Reads” Summer Sunday School
Jul 6 - Aug 3 at 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Looking for a meaningful and flexible way to grow your faith this summer? Join us for a drop-in Sunday school experience that brings all classes together in one space. Each week, a different church member or staff leader will share a book that has deeply impacted their faith journey. No need to commit every week—each session stands on its own and includes engaging teaching, thoughtful discussion in small and large groups, and real-life application. This series runs alongside our *Inspired* sermon series—we’ll explore 6 powerful books in just 5 weeks! Come as you are, and discover faith through stories. Learn more at chambleeumc.org/inspired

Our regular Faith Formation Classes will resume on Sunday, August 10. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

- 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**
- Faith Class**
 - Faith Class begins each begins each Sunday with a short devotion followed by a prayer 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 fourteen weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Room 204**
- 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 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**

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

- Christian Yoga**

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. All are welcome! **Our final session of summer is 7/28.** Normal schedule will resume in August. chambleeumc.org/yoga
- Young at Heart**

First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$8 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. Reach out to Cameron Wilson at cacwilson32@gmail.com for details.
- StitchCraft**

Wednesdays, 12 pm - AND - 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am
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!
- 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! Contact umw@chambleeumc.org for info and meeting times.
- Global Missions & Local Outreach**

year round
CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. To lean more or participate in an upcoming project, visit chambleeumc.org/missions



JULY 6, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK
COMMUNION SUNDAY


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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.

Attendance



Visitor Check-In

Welcome! We are glad you're here with us today. Please scan the appropriate QR code so we can connect you with activities and ministries that may interest you and your family. The form includes space for you to provide contact information and for you to submit any questions. We would love the opportunity to get to know you better!



Member Check-In

Ways 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



Scan to Give

Holy Communion & Passing of Peace

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God’s Table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. During communion, the passing of the peace serves as a reminder that those who come to the table are called to be reconciled with one another. Ours is an open communion table. **Everyone is invited!** All elements are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion from your pew, please let the usher know and elements will be brought to you.



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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
Chiming of the Hour		
THE GREETING		
Welcome & Announcements		Ms. India Gleason
Prelude	<i>Arioso</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Valle
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship	Genesis 1: 1-28, 31	Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Hymn *	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> v. 1,5,7	UMH 62
Prayers of the People		Ms. Gleason
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
AMP: Alpharetta Mission Project		Pastor Blair & India
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Ave Maria</i> Mr. Rinaldo Bonomi, guest musician classical guitar	Schubert
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	John 1: 1-5, 10-14	Ms. Gleason
Sermon	Origin Stories	Rev. Zant
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
Invitation, Confession & Pardon		UMH 12
Passing of the Peace		
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Hymn *	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH 369
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>The Thunderer March</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Sousa

* please stand as you are able

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** 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.



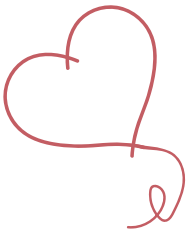
Prayer List

- Our Members:**
- Marsha Jones, continuing rehab at home
 - Debbie Hall, completed treatments for breast cancer
 - Ray Dunahoo, undergoing radiation treatment
 - Jerry Smith, continuing treatments for cancer
 - Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues.
 - Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)
- Our Members’ Families:**
- Shaun Reade, SIL of Pat and Bill Farkas, upcoming hernia surgery
 - Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, healing for foot and neck pain
 - Todd Van Duser, brother of Brad, battling cancer
 - Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old cousin of Lee Turner, with spina bifida, recovering from surgery
 - Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor Wilson, declining health
 - Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, battling pancreatic cancer

our Christian Sympathy to the Family of

Don Dunahoo, younger brother of Ray Dunahoo, who died on July 1. The family will be welcoming friends for visitation at Smith’s Funeral Home, 755 Atlanta Hwy, SE in Winder, GA on Monday, July 7 from 5 to 8 PM. The funeral will be held at the same location on Tuesday, July 8 at 2 pm.

Staff Love Offering



- Our Youth Ministry Director, **India Gleason**, will be leaving us on July 20. If you would like to express your appreciation for India’s faithful service, you are invited to contribute to a Staff Love Offering. Please submit your gift by July 15.
- check made payable to Chamblee First UMC with “Staff Love” noted on memo line (please do NOT write her name on check)
 - online at onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/staff
 - text "CHAMBLEE staff" to 73256

Church Financials & Leadership

- Upcoming Meetings**
- Board of Trustees: Mon, July 14, 6:00 pm
 - Missions Committee: Tue, Jul 15, 6:30 pm
- Summer Hours Notice**
- Beginning this week, the church business offices will be open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm and **closed on Fridays**.
 - Regular business hours will resume the week of August 18: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, and Fridays, 8:30 am – 12:00 noon.