

The Americus FMC Bulletin

October 18, 2026

THE ART OF HOSPITALITY THE SACRED MEAL ACTS 2:42-47

1. What are the core values the early believers practiced as they devoted themselves to one another?
2. The early believers devoted themselves to the “breaking of the bread”. Discuss the difference between simply eating a meal and being devoted to the breaking of bread.
3. The text points to sharing regular meals and sharing Communion. How can a regular meal with others transform into a sacred moment with Christ and with one another?
4. Discuss your understanding of biblical hospitality and idea of the early believers sharing meals together.
How was this a foundational part of their journey together with one another and with Christ?
5. The early church often met for worship in a large setting and within a smaller setting of individual homes. How does this idea broaden your understanding of worship?
What aspect of spiritual growth can happen around a dinner table, or in a den, that may not happen in a sanctuary?
6. What are possible barriers that would prevent us from practicing small group hospitality within our homes today?
7. What does it look like in reality to have a sincere heart?
How can we avoid the trap of simply gathering out of obligation and truly enter into communion with God and one another?
8. How important is it for you to have people in your life journey?
What is the impact of their presence with you?

I am thankful for your willingness to gather and praise God together!

Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am | October 18, 2026
21st Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris

Jesus Saves! #556
How Great Thou Art #32

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #691..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI #667..... Sam Morris

PRELUDE..... Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Ken DiNella & Michael Yates, Jr.
To God Be the Glory (arr. Mark Hayes)

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #682..... Sam Morris

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown

THE ART OF HOSPITALITY
The Sacred Meal
Acts 2:42-47

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris

Nearer, My God, to Thee #345

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Casper, Megan, Maddox, Amelia, Eliza Speegle
Sammy & Myra Bledsoe

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), John Fowler, Bob McNeill,
Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy, Casper Speegle

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

October 18th- 9:00AM - Social Hall

THE ART OF HOSPITALITY

The Sacred Meal

Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Jackson McSweeney, Rebecca Ferguson,

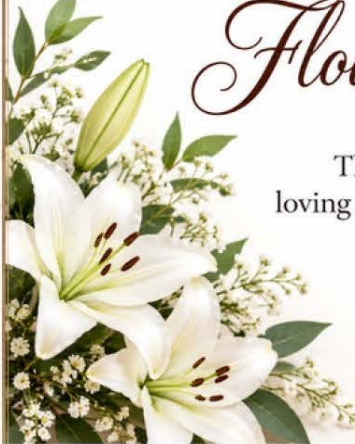
Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Sallie Minick



Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are placed in loving and cherished birthday remembrance of

Roy Parker III

given by his devoted family.

"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."
PROVERBS 10:7

Heart of Georgia Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, October 29th • 6:30 PM • Social Hall

Join us for a covered dish supper, fellowship, music,
and a Fourth Day Talk.

We've missed being together—hope to see you there!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Men's Walk October 15–20

Women's Walk October 22–25

*May God bless each person attending and serving, and be
filled deeper walk with Christ.*



Operation CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please consider giving a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the boxes.

Thank you for your support!



KIDS

Wednesday Night KidsMin
First Methodist Church of Americus

Let's learn about Jesus together!
Designed for kids 4k-5th Grade

Every Wednesday night after dinner

6:00-7:00 PM

Meet in the KidsMin area

Bring a friend!
New kids are welcome.

The graphic shows a group of diverse children smiling and looking at an open book. The background is blue with a large yellow sun and a white crescent moon.



Confirmation Class Begins!

Join us Sunday, October 18, at 10:00 AM in the Youth Foundry for a kickoff breakfast for students and families.

Special thanks to Beth NeSmith and Beth Carroll for leading this journey of faith.

YOUTH

WILD ADVENTURES
THEME PARK

Best Day Ever!

Sunday, November 7

Leaving FMC @ 11 AM
(Immediately following Sunday School)

\$80 registration fee

See Teresa to register.

The graphic features a tiger, a zebra, and a roller coaster. A small inset shows a family of four. The background is a lush jungle scene.



Nearer, My God, to Thee

1840

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” was written by English poet and hymn writer Sarah Flower Adams (1805–1848). Adams was associated with the Unitarian congregation of the Rev. William Johnson Fox at South Place Chapel in London. The hymn was written in 1840 and first published in Fox’s Hymns and Anthems in 1841.

The hymn draws its imagery from Genesis 28:10–22, the story of Jacob’s dream at Bethel. Traveling alone, Jacob rests his head upon a stone and dreams of a stairway reaching to heaven with angels ascending and descending. Adams incorporates these images throughout the hymn...the setting sun, the stone, the “steps unto heaven,” the angels, and the altar at Bethel. Her central message is that even suffering and hardship can become occasions for drawing nearer to God.

Adams’s words were originally set to music by her sister, Eliza Flower. The melody most familiar to American congregations, however, is BETHANY, composed by influential American church musician Lowell Mason (1792–1872) and traditionally dated to 1856. Mason’s setting appeared with the hymn in The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book in 1859.

For more than 180 years, “Nearer, My God, to Thee” has endured as a hymn of prayer, pilgrimage, suffering, and hope. Its repeated petition, “Nearer, my God, to Thee,” expresses the believer’s desire to remain close to God through every circumstance of life.

Sources: The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology; Hymnary.org; William J. Fox, Hymns and Anthems (1841); Lowell Mason, The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book (1859).

Family Night SUPPER
Food • Fellowship • Faith • All Are Welcome! ♥

Taco Bar
with all the Fixings' and Dessert

5:15 PM
in the Social Hall

Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM
in the Social Hall

Children & Youth Activities
6:00 PM
in their areas

Choir
7:00 PM
in the Music Suite

COME FOR A MEAL. STAY FOR A PURPOSE.

COVENANT OF CARE

At First Methodist Church, the safety and well-being of every child, youth, and vulnerable adult entrusted to our care is a sacred responsibility. Our church faithfully follows and remains compliant with all Covenant of Care and MinistrySafe policies and procedures, providing established safeguards designed to promote a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for all who participate in our ministries.



Events This Week

Sunday, October 18th

9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall
10:00 am-12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
5:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry

Monday, October 19th

1:30 pm FMC Staff Meeting in the Coffee Café
6:00 pm Wesley Epworth Class Homeless Meal at Friendship Baptist

Tuesday, October 20th

7:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast at Chick Fil A
8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
6:00 pm ACF at Grace Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 21st

3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Children's Activities in Children's Ministry Area
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Thursday, October 22nd

1:00 pm Patterns of Grace Bible Study in the Coffee Café

Friday, October 23rd

Office Closed

Our Record of Faithfulness

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for October 11th: 226

9 am Contemporary Service..... 50 Sunday School.....71
11 am Traditional Worship.....105 Wednesday Activities...325

Giving as of October 11th

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 25,736.57
YTD Budget Giving \$ 568,463.60
YTD Budget Expenditures..... \$ 632,664.65

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

John Argo, Sherrell Bailey, Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel,
Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Diane Coming, Brenda Davis,
Evelyn Dean, Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn,
Joe Hooks, Tommy Jackson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Tyler Mazey,
Brooks Starlin Mechler, Jimmy Nelson, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks,
Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Kenny Phillips, Chris Revell, Gene Richardson,
Sybil Smith, Tippie Shierling, Sara Kate Shorter, Aubrey Stoyall,
Connor Taylor, Terry Thorpe, Carl Tott, Maureen Turner, Kaye Tye,
Emily Waller, Jimmy Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis,
Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright