

Flowers

The white rose on the altar is given in memory of Barbara Wasson, who passed from this life Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Announcements

Communion Sunday. Today is Communion Sunday. Please remember to pick up your elements as you come in. There is a basket outside the Sanctuary by the offering box to place loose bills, which go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

Youth Events: This Sunday only, youth will meet from 5-6 pm in Sturgis. We will be playing some games together and having a time or worship with the youth band. Come join us!

Veritas is coming up soon! It is the largest Arkansas Youth Event with usually 1,500 youth and adults in attendance. The date is March 25-27th. Youth and youth parents, please read and complete the Veritas Registration form if your youth would like to go. Deadline for late registration is today. Registration fee of \$100 is due no later than today and can be dropped off at the church office. <https://forms.gle/AiHCD6syY71ssjhD9>

Shoe Boxes needed for Children's Spring Break Activity Box. Please bring any gently used shoe boxes to the church office or leave on the church pew in Sturgis.

Food Pantry. The March Distribution Day is Tuesday, March 15th. We are once again requesting peanut butter as the donation item.

Church Meeting. The Worship Committee meets Tuesday, March 15th, at 5:30 pm in the parlor to discuss Passion Week and Easter plans.

Chapel. The chapel is open every Thursday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm for those wishing a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

Daylight Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks and spring forward one hour a week from today.

Fat Tuesday: Over 200 tickets were pre-sold and 99 tickets bought at the door for a Fat Tuesday total of \$3,262. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and made this possible.

Please Remember:

- You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/fumcark> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark>.
- Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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Soul Care

The Last Will & Testimony of Jesus Christ

John 17:13-19



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

March 6, 2022
1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

***Prayer of Confession & Invitation** Congregation
Yes, Lord, I want to know you more. I want to trade my assumptions for your assurances. I humble myself before you and confess there is so much more of you to know than I presently know. And yet the more I know you the more I want to know you more and to know more of you. Jesus, the more I know you the more I love you and the more I love others. Open the eyes of my heart to this ongoing and ever deepening way of awakening. Awaken me to the moreness, the fullness, the more than enoughness of who you are. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 66
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Apostles' Creed** UMH No. 881

***The Gloria Patri** UMH No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings, & Extra Dollars

Pastoral Prayer and Offering Pastor Randy
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Jesus Calls Us* Chancel Choir
-by Philip M. Young

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Reading God's Word Out Loud** John 17:13-19
Hear the Word of the LORD

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

*This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Pastor Randy
The Last Will & Testimony of Jesus Christ

A Service of Word and Table II UMH P. 12

***Hymn of Response** TFWS No. 2112
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

***Benediction/Blessing** Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices
-by Robert Elmore

Sermon Outline

- I. In the world of coffee, Cold Brew brings out flavors no other process can.
- II. Quality ingredient (commodity) is key #1 (Jn 17:17)
 - A. Truth is a person. (Jn 14:6)
 - B. It begins with sanctified. (Jn 17:17)
- III. Immersion over time is key #2 (Jn 15:4)
 - A. Remain or soaking in Jesus aka THE TRUTH, Scripture, does the same for us.
 - B. Scripture soaking
 1. Read all the Bible straight through, yearly, or using other plans.
 2. Read daily devotionals such as the Seedbed Daily Text (seedbed.com/daily-text)
 3. Read a small portion daily (Rememberize)
 - C. How to read the Bible better
 1. We read not to master but to be mastered by.
 2. We come to the Word of God not to question His authority but to humble ourselves in light of its authority.
 3. One Word of Revelation is worth more than ten thousand pages of information.
 4. We learn to tolerate and even embrace ambiguity.
 5. We seek not the control of certainty but the quest for clarity.
 6. Our conclusions must be solid and yet tentative. We see dimly in a glass.
 7. We come to apply the whole of ourselves to the text and the whole of the text to ourselves. (Bengel's Dictum)
 8. "I stake everything on the promise of the Word of God." (Sower's Creed)
 9. "I have thought I am creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God and returning to God; just hovering over the great gulf, till a few moments hence I am no more seen. I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing, the way to heaven—how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way: for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri [a man of one book]." —John Wesley
- IV. Coffee house gospel (Jn 17:18)