

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: Sunday Night Youth will be meeting in Sturgis Sunday night, April 3rd, from 4-5 pm. We will be looking at ways God talks to us even in our mistakes. Come join us!

Thank you so much for the support you provided to our youth and chaperones during their trip to Veritas. We had a wonderful time and learned Truths about God that we can use to grow in our relationship with God. Please check out the FUMC Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see pictures. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to attend the Veritas youth event.

Come join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning during the Sunday school hour, 10-11 am. We will be hunting eggs, having a snack, playing some games, and enjoying some good fellowship time. The youth are invited to help hide the eggs before the hunt. Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to hunt. The entire church is invited to enjoy the egg hunt festivities and fellowship. Please see Jewelie Mills with any questions and to sign up to help out.

Food Pantry. The April Distribution Day is Tuesday, April 19th. We are requesting peanut butter and canned soup as the donation items.

Tenebrae Service. Please join us Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for the Tenebrae Service, remembering Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.

Office Closed. The church office will be closed Friday, April 15th, for Good Friday.

SonRise Service. Join us Sunday, April 17th, at 6:30 am for our Easter SonRise Service under the pecan trees. Breakfast will be served following this at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Services: Our Contemporary Easter service will be at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary for the Traditional Easter Service.

Please Remember:

- A. 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.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at www.facebook.com/fumcark or www.youtube.com/user/fumcark. Watch previous services at www.fumcark.org/sermons.
- C. Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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Soul Care

Growing in Perfect Love

Hebrews 10:23-25



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Brent Black

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
-by J.S. Bach

Centering Prayer (Focus) Pastor Randy

*Prayer of Confession & Invitation Congregation
Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. You are risen, ascended, exalted and reigning. And your mercy is over all your works. Holy Spirit draw near and save us from fear filled anxiety. Lead us to drink deeply from the heavenly well of hope from your certain future return. Awaken us from our apathy, from our sluggish slumber, and into this radiant hope that awakens the world. Praying in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 298
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*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 Chancel Choir
Turn Our Darkness into Day
-by B. Wayne Bisbee

*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 Responsively Hebrews 10:23-25
Hear the Word of the LORD

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,

but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

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

Sermon *Growing in Perfect Love* Pastor Randy

A Service of Word and Table II UMH P. 12

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 297
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *Ode to Joy* Kay McAfee
-by Diane Bish

Sermon Outline

I. Perfect Love (a.k.a. Perfection or Entire Sanctification)

II. More in Life?

A. Perfection defined by John Wesley in his sermon "A Plain Account of Christian Perfection":

1. That Christian perfection is that love of God and our neighbor, which implies deliverance from all sin. (Lk 10:27)
2. That this is received merely by faith.
3. That it is given instantaneously, in one moment.
4. That we are to expect it, not at death, but every moment; that now is the accepted time, now is the day of this salvation.⁴

B. Methodism's Spectacular Rise & Decline

C. Methodism's Rediscovery of the "grand depositum" of "the people called Methodists." (Heb. 10:24-25)

III. Growing in Perfect Love Through Banded Discipleship

(Proverbs 27:17 NLT)

A. The band meeting was a group of three to five men or women who gathered weekly to ask and answer each other five questions:

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What are your struggles and successes?
3. How might the spirit and scriptures be speaking in your life?
4. Two more questions when you are ready to go deeper.

B. time + trust = transformation

C. Meet tonight at 4:00 pm to learn more

1. In person in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Via Zoom by emailing randy.rowlan@arumc.org.