

Announcements

Communion Sunday. Today is Communion Sunday. We will have Communion at the Communion Rail. Loose bills will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

Graduation Sunday. Today we honor our high school and college graduating seniors. We are so proud of them and their hard work. Our high school graduates are: Spencer Allen, Wyatt Hill, Lori Maxey, Sasha Maxey, Nancy Miller, Collin Phillips, and Emily Smith. College graduates earning their bachelor's degree are: Reece Ruhl, Alexandra Tyler, Rayla Yates, and Kevin Wille. Our college graduate earning his master's degree is Christopher Brown.

Senior Banquet. Youth and United Methodist Women are hosting a Senior Banquet in their honor on Sunday May 15th from 4-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Spring Rally. Youth are going to the Southwest District Spring Gathering this afternoon from 2-6 pm at Camp Tanako. We will meet at the church at 1:00 pm and return about 7:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. This is a free event so just bring a good attitude and a respectful heart. Let Jewelie Mills know if you have questions or would like to come along to help chaperone.

United Methodist Women. The Arkadelphia UMW meet this Tuesday, May 3rd, at 10:00 am in the Upper room Sunday School classroom. Clark County Sheriff Jason Watson is the guest speaker. We will be collecting personal care items for females incarcerated in the Clark County Jail until this time. Items can be brought to the church office on Monday or to the meeting on Tuesday.

Church Meetings. Committee chairs will be meeting at 5:30 pm, Thursday, May 5th, in the parlor. Please come if able. This is a very important meeting.

SPRC meets Thursday, May 12th, at 5:30 pm in the FUMC parlor.

Youth Lock-Out. The youth will have Youth Lock-Out Friday, May 13th, from 6-11 pm. We will play games, eat dinner, and enjoy all the usual lock-in adventures at the church. At 11:00 pm, we will load up in the church van and go eat at Waffle House. Afterwards, we will drop youth off at their houses. Please let Jewelie know if you can help or just want to join in the fun.

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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Colin Phillips, Doug Sonheim

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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.



Called Blessed

Matt. 5:1-4



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

May 1, 2022
3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Zane Hill

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

When Morning Guilds the Skies
-by Robert Lind

Centering Prayer (Focus) Pastor Randy

*Prayer of Confession & Invitation Congregation

Loving God, as I become aware of Your presence, open my ears to hear. Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Holy Spirit, reawaken my heart to receive You, now and throughout the day to come. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*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.

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

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

Pastoral Prayer and Offering Pastor Randy

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Chancel Choir

Offertory
-by John Ness Beck

*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 Matthew 5:1-4

Hear the Word of the LORD

"Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Called Blessed* Pastor Randy

A Service of Word and Table II UMH P. 12

*Hymn of Response *Amazing Grace* UMH No. 378

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *Jesus Shall Reign* Kay McAfee

-by Alex Matthews

Sermon Outline

I. A Rush of Reason: Anatomy of a Conversion

II. Who is Jesus talking to?

A. Mt. Sinai versus Mt. near Capernaum

B. Talmidim

C. Realistic Expectations

III. What is the meaning behind the words?

A. *Beatitude*

B. *Makarios* – blessed Mt. 5:3 (Jn. 16:22)

C. *Ptochos* – poor Mt. 5:3

D. *Mourn* – Mt. 5:4

IV. Who am I and where am I headed?