

Announcements

Graduate Reception. Youth, United Methodist Women, Ruth Circle are hosting a drop-in reception in honor of our high school and college graduates this evening from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a short presentation at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Food Pantry. Distribution Day for the Food Pantry is Tuesday May 17th. **The food donation request for May is CEREAL.** We are in desperate need of cereal and cannot find it anywhere.

Health Screening. Life Line Screening will be conducting preventative health screenings Friday, May 20th, in the Fellowship Hall. Go to lifelinescreening.com to schedule an appointment and for more information regarding pricing and payment.

Blood Drive. A blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Visit arkbi.org and click on Give Blood to schedule an appointment.

Goodbye Reception. Pastor Randy is moving to El Dorado July 1st. At the request of Bishop Mueller and the Cabinet, Pastor Randy has accepted an appointment in retirement at Saint Paul UMC. We will be celebrating his and Laura's service to First Methodist Sunday, May 29th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall during our regularly scheduled 5th Sunday Bunch. A love offering will be presented to them. You may drop your gift in the offering basket any Sunday, take or mail it to the church office, or bring it to the brunch. Please join us in saying thank you to Pastor Randy and Laura and best wishes for their future.

United Methodist Women. Tuesday, June 7th, at 10:00 a.m., the UMW will have a Potluck Salad & Dessert Luncheon at the home of Penny & Grey Ferguson. Please bring your favorite salads and desserts to the June 7th UMW Meeting and Luncheon. UMW will not meet in the month of July.

VBS. Mark your calendars and get your lab coats pressed. Vacation Bible School is coming July 11-15. The theme is God's Wonder Lab - Jesus Does the Impossible, a fun and exciting program about some of the miracles that Jesus performed and how we can learn and apply lessons from these miracles. Sign up on the poster outside the service to volunteer or click on the link in the Wednesday e-news to sign up online.

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.
- 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.
- Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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The Good Life

Matt. 5:1-2, 5-6



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome	Ryan Lewis
Opening Voluntary <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> -by Frank Speller	Kay McAfee
Centering Prayer (Focus)	Pastor Randy
*Prayer of Confession & Invitation Heavenly Father, forgive our all too frequent lack of trust in your ways. Fill our hearts with trust to dispel our fear throughout each day and night that we may without fear commit all we have and hope to be into your never-failing love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Congregation
*Hymn of Praise <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	UMH No. 62
*Apostles' Creed	UMH No. 881
*The Gloria Patri 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.	UMH No. 70
Children's Moments for Little Methodists	
Pastoral Prayer and Offering The Lord's Prayer	Congregation
The Offertory <i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i> -by James Biery	Kay McAfee

* The Doxology UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Reading God's Word Responsively Matthew 5:1-2, 5-6
Hear the Word of the LORD

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:"

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

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

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me* Chancel Choir
-arr. Wm Bradbury

Sermon *The Good Life* Pastor Randy

*Hymn of Response TFWS No. 2223
They'll Know We Are Christians

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *Fugue in C Minor* Kay McAfee
-by Alexander Guilmant

Sermon Outline

I. The Beatitudes portion of the Sermon on the Mount (5:1-2)

- A. Inner versus outer
- B. Talmidim versus learners only
- C. Beatitude
- D. *Makarios* – “blessed are” Mt. 5:3

II. “O the blessedness” (beatitudes) grows!

- A. Mt 5:5a Blessed are the meek
- B. *MEEK*: Greek praus
 - 1. See Ps 37:11a “But the meek will inherit the land”
 - 2. Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- C. Mt 5:5b for they will inherit the earth.
 - 1. Earth: Greek *ge*=
 - 2. Earth: Hebrew in Psalm 37 “*eretz*” means “Land” (and not “earth”)
- D. Mt 5:6a Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- E. Mt 5:6b for they will be filled [i.e. they will receive it in full].
 - 1. Satisfaction is found in responding to his invitation to be in relationship with him.
 - 2. Romans 3:21.

III. Who am I and where am I headed?