

Announcements

Youth. Youth will be meeting Sunday night, May 22nd, for a special Sunday Night Youth. We will be learning about scrapbooking and working on putting some of our memories from this school year together. Ms. Elisabeth Everett is going to show us how to do this and walk us through different steps.

Next Sunday, May 29th, will be our 5th Sunday celebration. Youth are inviting their families to youth night to have some fun from 4-5 pm. We will play games, have a devotional together, and may even enjoy some friendly family v family competitions.

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.

5th Sunday Brunch/Reception. Please join us Sunday, May 29th, for the 5th Sunday Brunch at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. We will also be taking this time to honor Randy and Laura Rowlan for their service to our church. A love offering will be presented to them at that time. 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 wishing Pastor Randy and Laura well and in saying thank you. His last day to preach is June 5th.

Memorial Day. The church office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Arms Around Arkadelphia. The AAA ministry project, which helps families in our city with home repairs and other small projects, is June 6-9 this year and volunteers are needed. In addition to repair workers, help is needed with food preparation, popsicle delivery, morning devotions, and prayer. Lunch is provided each day for volunteers and client families, with a BBQ dinner Thursday evening to close out the week. Any amount of time volunteered is appreciated. Forms are available outside each service. Volunteers meet Monday, June 6th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, devotion, orientation, and assignments.

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://tithely.com/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.

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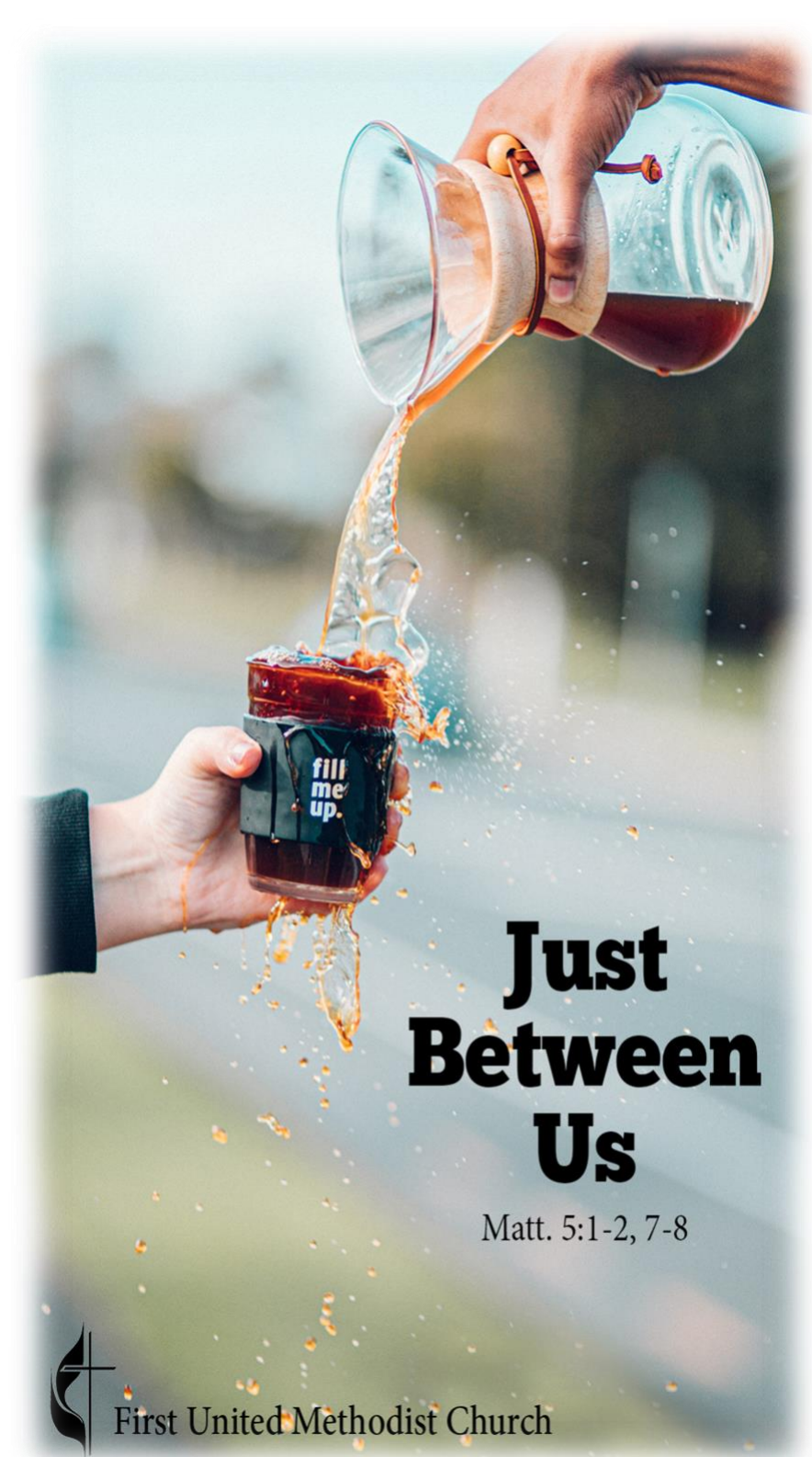
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Just Between Us

Matt. 5:1-2, 7-8



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
-by Joyce Jones

Centering Prayer (Focus) Pastor Randy

***Prayer of Confession & Invitation** Congregation
Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. We have learned a lot from this world and accepted so much of it uncritically. Teach us about your Kingdom. We want our values to be sifted by the Word of God and sorted by the Kingdom. Forgive us for getting that backwards. Holy Spirit, fill us with the mind of Christ that we might value what you value and think like you think. Praying in Jesus' name, Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 103
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***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.

Children's Moments for Little Methodists Nevada Mills

Pastoral Prayer and Offering

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

The Offertory Amen! Kay McAfee
-by Jack Schrader

*** 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, 7-8
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 merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

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

Anthem *When I Can Read My Title Clear* Chancel Choir
-arr. John Purifoy

Sermon Pastor Randy
Just Between Us (O the blessedness of...)

***Hymn of Response** UMH No. 723
Shall We Gather at the River

***Benediction/Blessing** Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *Carillon Sortie* Kay McAfee
-by Henri Mulet

Sermon Outline

- I. **Review "Blessed":** A term of congratulation & recommendation
- A. Blessed are the poor in spirit v3
 - 1. Those who recognize their need for Jesus.
 - 2. They will receive the kingdom of heaven.
 - B. Blessed are those who mourn v4
 - 1. Over both personal and corporate sin.
 - 2. They will be comforted.
 - C. Blessed are the meek v5
 - 1. Those who are not overly submissive but choose to endure injury with patience and without resentment, choosing to not assert themselves over others in order to further their own agendas.
 - 2. They will receive benefits now and an inheritance in heaven.
 - D. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness v6
 - 1. Those who long for God's righteous character to be evident in people's lives on earth.
 - 2. They will be completely satisfied in their quest to be like Jesus and live in complete obedience to the will of God.
- II. **The good life we yearn for happens only when life is right between God and us, and us and others.**
- III. **Just Between Us**
- A. Mercy? We need it! (Mt. 5:7)
 - 1. Greek eleēmōn and Hebrew Chesedh
 - 2. Mercy in the Greco-Roman world
 - 3. Mercy is a cardinal virtue
 - B. Purity opens our eyes to God (Mt. 5:8)
 - 1. Here & now (Hebrews 11:27).
 - 2. Face to face (1 John 3:2)
 - 3. Heart is the center of one's _____, including m_____, w_____, and e_____ (Ps 4:7)
- IV. **O the bliss of the one who:**
- A. Mt. 5:7
 - B. Mt. 5:8