

### News & Events

**Communion Sunday.** Today is Communion Sunday. Loose bills left on the communion rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used in emergency situations for those in need. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**Cottage Meetings.** Sign-up sheets to attend the cottage meetings are in the Narthex.

**Labor Day.** The church office is closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, for Labor Day.

**United Methodist Women in Faith.** UWinF meets this Tuesday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Veda Goodyear will have our program "Call to Prayer & Self-Denial." Please mark your calendars and join us.

**Church Committee Meetings.** The Worship Committee meets Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. The Nominations Committee meets Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**Ruth Circle.** Ruth Circle meets Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Betty Bass (114 Canterbury Ln) at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

**Meet the Pastor.** Citizens Bank is hosting a Business after Hours "Meet the Pastor" event Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to introduce Zeke to the community. We hope you will take the opportunity to swing by and say hi.

**Beth & Scott Wyatt.** A Housewarming by Mail is being hosted by friends of Beth and Scott for when they move to their new apartment. They are registered at Amazon: Scott and Beth Wyatt Housewarming.

### Weekly Participation Opportunities

**Sunday Night Youth.** Meets from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Sturgis Children & Youth Center. Contact Jewelie Mills for more information.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Meets at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Led by Claire Gehrki.

**Pastor's Bible Study.** Wednesdays at noon (in person) and 6:30 p.m. (in-person/Zoom) in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Zeke Allen.

**Student Choir Practice.** Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. Led by Wesley Lamendola and Alex Tyler. All students welcome.

**Chancel Choir Practice.** Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Bill Higgins for more information.

### Mission Opportunities

**Food Pantry.** Food Pantry Distribution Day is Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers meet the Monday before to get the boxes ready. Our food donation request for September is **rice, peanut butter, and Ramen Noodles.**

**Blood Drive.** FUMC is hosting a blood drive Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1-5:00 p.m. in **Sturgis**, not in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [www.youtube.com/user/fumcark](http://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [www.fumcark.org/sermons](http://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

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**Nursery Workers** Jewelie Mills and Erin Mecum

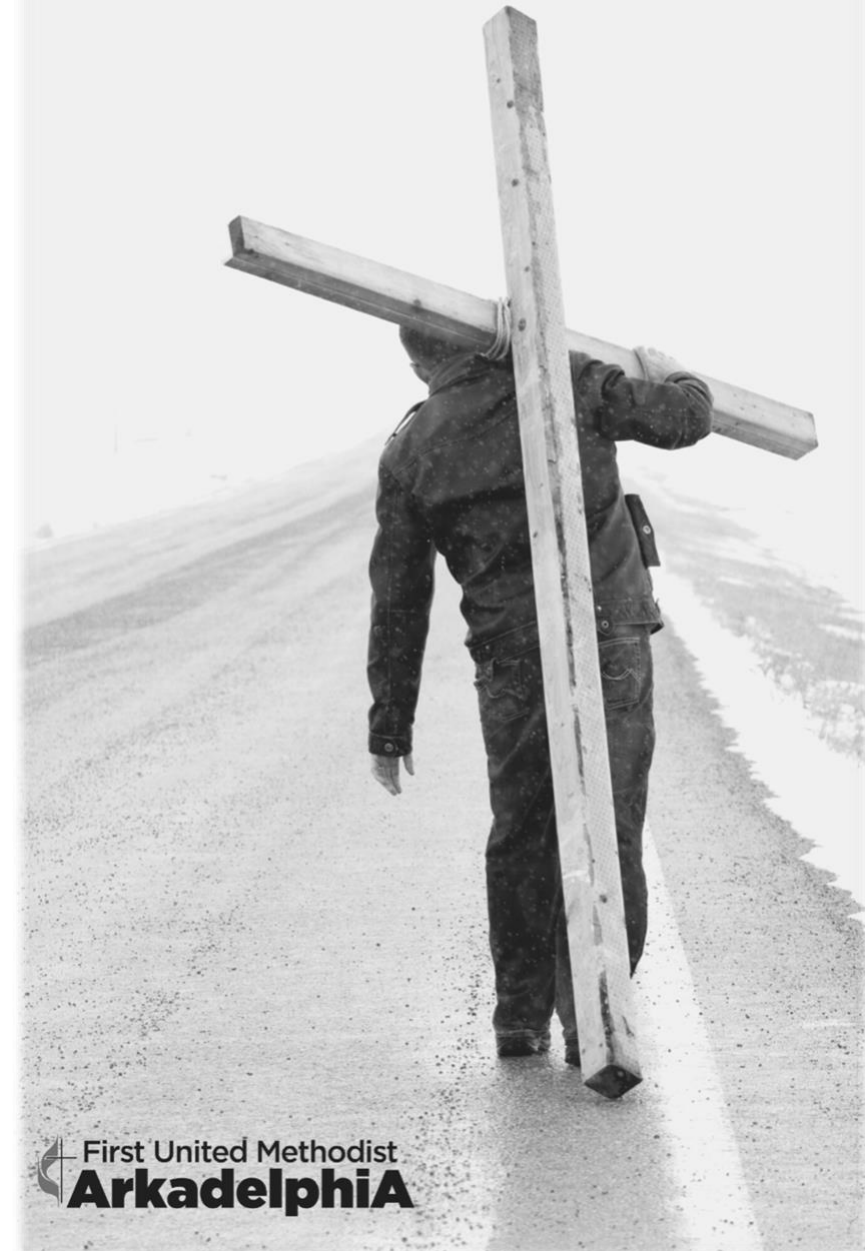
**Custodian** Sharon Murphy

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

# Discipleship

## Luke 14:25-33



First United Methodist  
**Arkadelphia**

# Worship for the Lord's Day

September 4, 2022  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

**Welcome** Ryan Lewis

**Opening Voluntary** Kay McAfee  
*Gift of Finest Wheat*  
*-by Ron Schmolzte*

## \*Call to Worship

Come, let us draw near to the throne of grace

**Fill our hearts with instruction, fill our minds with wisdom**

Come, let us sit at the feet of Jesus and hear his words of truth and life

**Mold us into the hands and feet of Jesus**

If any wish to follow Jesus, let them pick up and carry their cross

**Show us the way, O God, guide us and equip us for the journey ahead**

Help us all be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ

**Here I am, send me**

**\*Hymn of Praise** TFWS No. 2137  
*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

**\*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.**

**Offertory Prayer** Rev. Zeke Allen

## Offering

**The Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
*-by Harold Friedell*

## \*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** Ryan Lewis  
*Luke 14:25-33*

**Sermon** *Discipleship* Rev. Zeke Allen

**A Service of Word and Table II** UMH P. 12

**The Great Thanksgiving** UMH P. 17  
*Musical Setting*

**\*Hymn of Response** UMH No. 382  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

**\*Benediction/Blessing** Rev. Zeke Allen

**Closing Voluntary** Kay McAfee  
*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
*-by Seth Bingham*

## ANTHEM TEXT

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
*-by Harold Friedell*

Draw us in the spirit's tether; for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them; Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup;

Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

## Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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