

News & Events

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

Chancel Choir/Peals of Joy Handbell Choir: Handbell Choir meets today at 4:00 for rehearsal. Both choirs meet Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m. for Lessons & Carols rehearsal. Readers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HSU/OBU Wesley Foundation Candlelight and Carols. The Wesley Foundation (316 N. 11th St.) invites everyone to their Candlelight and Carols service this evening at 6:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

United Women in Faith. UWinF's annual Potluck Salad & Dessert Luncheon is this Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Laverne Todd. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a salad and/or dessert as well as a friend. Rev. Zeke Allen will have the devotional. We look forward to sharing a meal together.

Church Meetings. The Finance Committee meets this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Ad Board meets Monday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ruth Circle. The Ruth Circle Christmas Potluck is noon on Friday, December 16th, at the home of Sue Waymack. Barbara Rhodes has the devotional.

Lessons & Carols/Songs from the Manger. Sunday, December 11th, FUMC presents Songs from the Manger at 9:00 a.m. and the 41st Annual Service of Lessons & Carols at 11:00 a.m.. Both are services of praise and worship telling of the birth of Jesus in slightly different ways. We hope you can join us at either or both services.

Chris Tomlin/Mercy Me Winter Tour. Those going to the Chris Tomlin/Mercy Me Concert meet Sunday, December 11th, at 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will eat at Red Robin prior to the concert. Concert tickets are provided. Those attending will be responsible for their own supper, snacks, and any souvenirs.

Poinsettias. Orders for poinsettias are being taken through this Wednesday. The cost is \$25 per plant. Contact Sabrina at the church office to order.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. Thank you all for your time, support, and prayers. Your loving outreach gave a better Thanksgiving to 363 families or 909 people. The pantry donation items for December are peanut butter and cereal. Distribution Day is Tuesday, December 20th.

Chili for Coats. Today is the Annual Chili for Coats luncheon. A new/gently used coat or \$10 will get you a lunch of chili, cheese, Fritos, and dessert. Proceeds go to purchase coats for children in and around Arkadelphia. Donations gratefully accepted. Dine-in or carry-out.

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.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at facebook.com/fumcark or youtube.com/user/fumcark. Watch previous services at fumcark.org/sermons.

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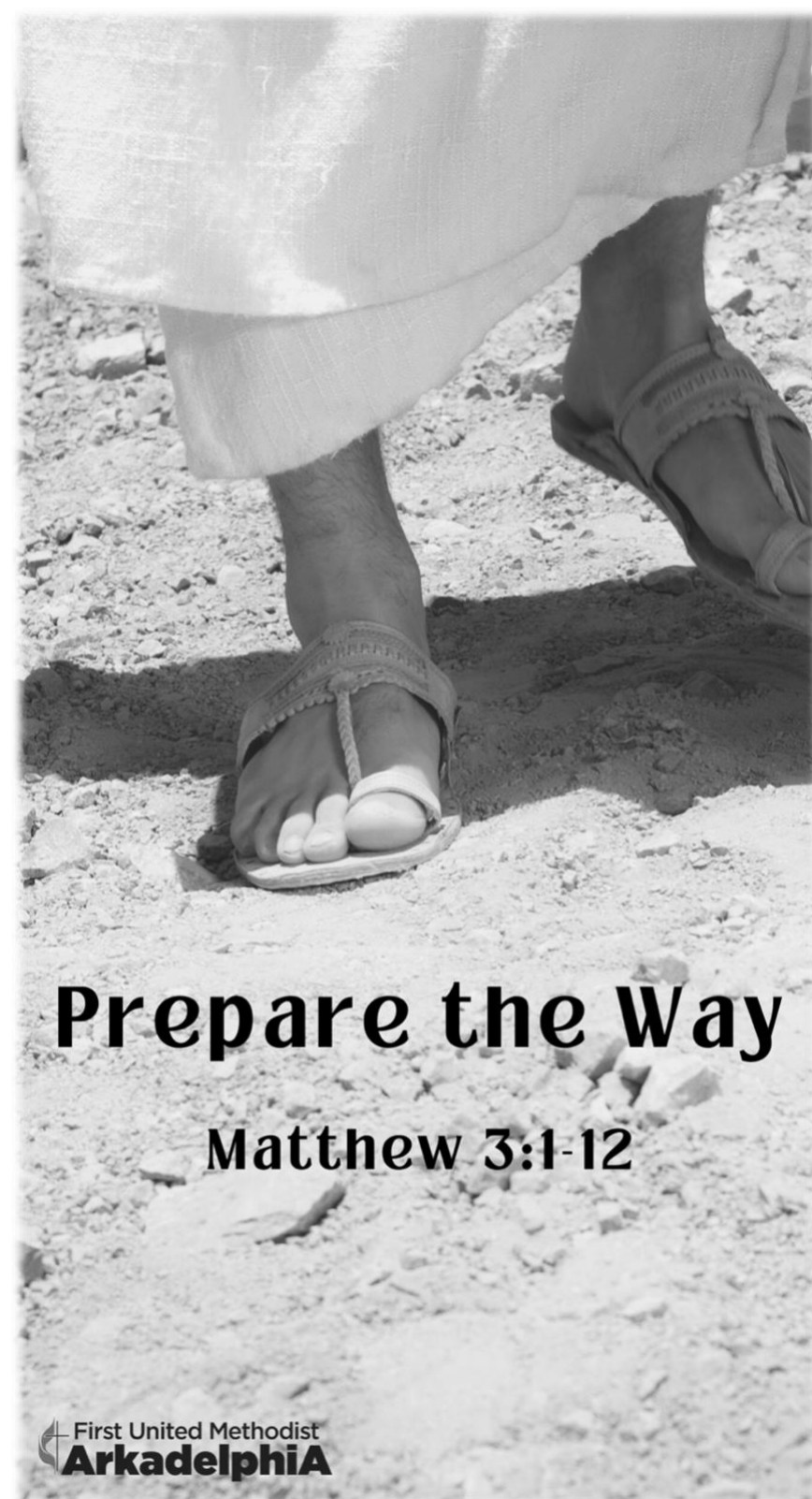
Flowers Mary Ellen Taylor

Nursery Workers Jewelie Mills and Erin Mecum

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



Prepare the Way

Matthew 3:1-12

First United Methodist
Arkadelphia

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Alex Tyler, soprano
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
-by Mark Hays

*Call to Worship

A voice cries out to all the people
Prepare the way of the Lord
Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our
God
Fill in the valleys and level off the hills
Smooth out the ruts and clear out the rocks
For Jesus is coming!
All: Let us worship together

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 203
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Jane Lucas, Carla Jones
Wanda O'Quinn, Paul Hankins

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering The Offertory

A Vineyard Grows
-by K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

*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

Matthew 3:1-12

Wanda O'Quinn

Sermon

Prepare the Way

Rev. Zeke Allen

A Service of Word and Table II

UMH P. 12

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting A

UMH P. 17

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

*Hymn of Response

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS No. 2197

*Benediction/Blessing

Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary

Glory Be to God in the Highest
-by G.B. Pergolesi

Kay McAfee

**Please stand if able*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY TEXT

A Vineyard Grows
-by K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness, a vineyard grows with
promise green,

The planting of the Lord Himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, His vine with love he planted here

To bear the choicest fruit for Him.

We are His branches, chosen dear, and though we feel the
dresser's knife,

We are the objects of His care.

From Him we draw the juice of life, for Him supply His winery

With fruit which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your branch, with your rich

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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