

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. Your support helped us feed 400 families with 402 boxes of food in December. There was a chicken or turkey along with stuffing in every "pot". A total of 918 people were fed. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers, donations and participation! You truly are the hands and feet of Christ.

Ya'll answered our call for help. We had great new volunteers we enjoyed getting to know and work beside. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us again! Our next distribution will be on Tuesday, January 17th - more to come closer to the date.

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

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Custodian Sharon Murphy

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



In Person
Offering plate



By Mail
107 N. 9th Street



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

THE ART OF GIFT GIVING

MATTHEW 2:1-12



Worship for the Lord's Day

January 1, 2023
Epiphany Sunday

Contemporary Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Order of Service

Opening Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Announcements

Offering

Apostles' Creed.....*Congregation*

Songs of Praise.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Pastoral Prayer.....*Congregation*

Scripture Reading *Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon..... *Rev. Zeke Allen*
The Art of Gift Giving

The Lord's Prayer.....*Congregation*

Holy Communion

Closing Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

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

News & Events

Communion Sunday. Today is Communion Sunday. Loose bills left in Communion baskets go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used in emergency situations for those in need. Thanks for keeping this ministry alive.

United Women in Faith. UWinF meets Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Our program will be "Racial Justice in our Global Community." Please join us and bring a friend with you.

UWinF's Annual Recognition Sunday is January 8th at both services. Please join us as we announce and honor the 2023 Person(s) of the Year.

Pastor's Bible Study. PBS resumes this Wednesday in person at 12:30 p.m. and in person/Zoom at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Zeke e-mails the study guide on Monday based on the scripture for the following Sunday. If you would like to get on the list, even if just to receive the study guide, e-mail Zeke at zeke.allen@arumc.org.

Ruth Circle. Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Lowry, 2801 Mockingbird Ln. Please join us and bring a friend!

Wednesday Night Kids. Children ages 5 through 5th grade, join us Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Sturgis building for Bible story, craft, and game time. This will be during the Pastor's Bible Study so parents can join the Bible study. Please see Jewelie if you have any questions or would like to help.

Wesley Foundation. Thank you all for your amazing generosity to HSU/OBU Wesley Foundation. We raised \$2000 for the OBU minority student scholarship fund and more than \$5000 for the HSU Wesley student scholarship fund. We are still receiving end-of-year gifts for the general fund and will publish a total after December 31st. Thank you for your volunteer hours, excellent lunches, and financial support that helps Wesley offer Christ to the next generation.

God bless you all - Russ

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.

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