

News & Events

Fifth Sunday Brunch. I can't believe I keep forgetting to announce Fifth Sunday Brunch. If you have never been to one, Fifth Sunday Brunch is when everyone gathers in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fun and food. Started by United Methodist Men, this has become a much-anticipated event in the life of our church. Please join us Sunday, January 29th, at 10:00 a.m. (during the Sunday School hour) for Fifth Sunday Brunch.

Veritas. Registration for Veritas (March 3-5) is now open. You can contact Jewelie or Sabrina for the link to register online or come to the church office for paper forms. The cost is \$110 per child. Youth need to have the registration form filled out and the fee paid by Sunday, February 5th, to go. We also need chaperones. All expenses will be paid for the chaperones. Contact Jewelie if you would like to chaperone. The number of chaperones needed will depend on the number of youth who sign up.

United Women in Faith. The next UWinF meeting is Tuesday, February 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room Classroom. Staff from the Percy & Donna Malone Child Safety Center in Arkadelphia will present our program. Please come and bring a friend!

Fat Tuesday Missions Dinner & Auction. The FUMC Annual Fat Tuesday Dinner & Auction is Tuesday, February 21st. Takeout, dine-in, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$10.00 and available before worship and in the office beginning February 5th.

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.

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 is the same time as the Pastor's Bible Study. Please see Jewelie if you have questions or can help.

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

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. Thanks to your support in the month of January we served 338 families with 370 boxes of food. This is a total of 738 people who found some food relief this month. We appreciate your participation, prayers, and contributions. Without you this food outreach ministry could not take place! Distribution Day for the February Food Pantry is Tuesday, February 28th (the 4th Sunday of the month) due to Fat Tuesday being on the 3rd Tuesday.

Requested donation items: peanut butter, cereal, and Ramen

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 or www.youtube.com/user/fumcark. Watch previous services at www.fumcark.org/sermons.

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First Steps

Matthew 4:12-23

First United Methodist
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Worship for the Lord's Day

January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Brent Black

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

I Love to Tell the Story
-by Robert Elmore

*Call to Worship

God of grace, unite us and envelop us with your love and presence

Attune our eyes to see you and our ears to hear your voice and direction

Long ago Jesus called his disciples and invited them to serve alongside him

We believe the invitation of Christ continues today

Remember the invitation of Jesus, "Come, follow me and I will make you fish for people"

Mold us this day to heed your invitation and participate in your kingdom labor

***Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

***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 Moment Nevada Mills

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Hymn of Praise UMH No. 348
Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering
The Offertory Kay McAfee
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
-by Tedd Smith

***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** Brent Black
Matthew 4:12-23

Anthem Chancel Choir
Servants of God, Arise!
-by Benjamin Harlan

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen
First Steps

***Hymn of Response** TFWS No. 2137
Would I Have Answered When You Called?

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

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
Jesus Calls Us
-by Alex Matthews

**Please stand if able*

ANTHEM TEXT

Servants of God, Arise!

-by Benjamin Harlan

Servants of God, arise and sing, your festal praises bring.
Let all their tongues and songs employ. Arise, let all the earth
proclaim the greatness of our God!

With every heart and every voice, every soul with praise
rejoice! All creatures above and on earth below, arise, let all
creation proclaim the greatness of our God!

Let the sea resound and all that dwell within it. Let the rivers
clap their hands and the mountains sing with joy. Let them
sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise be on my lips.
Come, glorify the Lord with me, and exalt His name together.

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