

### News & Events

**Youth Sunday Night Live.** Youth do not meet tonight due to Superbowl Sunday. Have fun watching the game, y'all!

**Ruth Circle.** Please join us at the next meeting of Ruth Circle on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Bass. Bring a friend with you!

**Fat Tuesday Missions Dinner & Auction.** The FUMC Annual Fat Tuesday Dinner & Auction is Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Takeout, dine-in, silent and live auctions. We are accepting all silent auction items. They do not have to belong to the categories originally specified. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available through the church office.

**Ash Wednesday.** Please make plans to join us Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service. The 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study and G.R.O.W. Kids are cancelled for this day.

**Rotary Club Fundraiser.** The Rotary Club is hosting a catfish/chicken dinner fundraiser to support Imagination Library. Tickets are \$17 for a meal of catfish or chicken (4 pieces), fries, hushpuppies, slaw, and a drink from Dorey's Catering. Pickup is in the First United Methodist parking lot on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Our Town.** Several of our church members are in the play *Our Town*, February 16-19. Congratulations Bill Higgins, Morgan Lewis, Collin Green, Jim Fletcher, and Russ Breshears! Tickets are available through the HSU website.

### 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.

**G.R.O.W. 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. Contact Jewelie to sign up or volunteer.

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

### Mission Opportunities

**Food Pantry.** The February Distribution Day is Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month). The schedule is as follows:

**Monday, February 27th:** Walmart pickup, weigh-in and storage, finish packing boxes

**Tuesday, February 28th: 9:30 a.m.** - Unload Food Bank Truck and store; **10:00 a.m.** - Finish packing boxes; **11:30 a.m.** - Homebound deliveries pick-up; **2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** - Food distribution

**Requested donation items: peanut butter, cereal, and Ramen**

**Ozark Mission Project.** Youth going into 6th grade through 12th grade are going to OMP this summer, July 9-14 in Paragould. Please let Jewelie know if you can come! More details to follow.

### 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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**Tech** Todd Corley, Kurt Hill, Isabela Maxey, Sasha Maxey, Cindy Phillips

**Flowers** Mary Ellen Taylor

**Nursery Workers** Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

**Custodian** Sharon Murphy

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



# Worship for the Lord's Day

February 12, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Ryan Lewis

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

*Adagio from Sonata III  
-by Alexander Guilmant*

## \*Call to Worship

Lord of Glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the full light of your glory

**We have become distracted by our own ambitions and desires**

As your people, we struggle because often we speak too quickly and act too rashly

**Align our hearts with your heart, O God, and align our will with your will**

We stand today in the crossroads with decisions and direction to be chosen.

**Steer our lives towards you and grant us discernment so that we can follow faithfully your path in our lives**

\*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

\*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 Sabrina Mecum

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading from the Psalter UMH No. 840  
*Psalm 119:1-8, 33-40; Response #3*

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering  
The Offertory Kay McAfee  
*Adagio from Choral #3  
-by Cesar Franck*

\*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 Ryan Lewis  
*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Anthem Chancel Choir  
*Ain-'a That Good News!  
-arr. William Dawson*

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen  
*Crossroads*

\*Hymn of Response UMH No. 408  
*The Gift of Love*

\*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee  
*Grand March  
-by Samuel Whitney*

*\*Please stand if able*

## Flowers

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Sarah Thompson from Don Robert & Grace Thompson and the rest of the family.

The second arrangement is from The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. "Thanks for allowing us to partner in your ministries."

## Prayer Concerns

Please continue to keep Myra Smith in your prayers. She is in the hospital with health issues. Please also keep her daughter, Melanie, in your thoughts.

## ANTHEM TEXT

*Ain-'a That Good News!  
-arr. William Dawson*

I got a... crown/harp/robe/Savior...  
Up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!

I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl',  
Goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,

Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain'-a that good news.

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