

News & Events

Fat Tuesday Missions Dinner & Auction. Fat Tuesday was a huge success. Thank you all who helped by donating, cooking, serving, decorating, cleaning up, setting up, bidding, buying, and so much more I'm sure I am forgetting. Without everyone working together, we could never make this happen. We made \$8,155 to go towards missions! Once again, thank you all so much!

Get Up & Give. We are collecting for the Methodist Family Health Annual Get Up & Give program during Lent. A box is in the Narthex for items. Go to www.methodistfamily.org/get-up-and-give/ for more information. A list of needed items is outside of each service.

Ecumenical Lenten Services. The first Ecumenical Lenten worship service is Sunday, March 5th, 5:00 p.m. at FUMC – Arkadelphia. A potluck is to follow the service, which we provide as the host church. Father Mark Wood is preaching.

United Women in Faith. UWinF meets Tuesday, March 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room Classroom. Jewelie Mills, Director of FUMC Children & Youth Programs, will give an update.

Daylight Saving Time. Just a quick reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12th, so we spring forward one hour.

Ruth Circle. The next meeting of Ruth Circle is Tuesday, March 14th, at the home of Wanda O'Quinn (2508 Yorkshire Drive).

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 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 this Tuesday, February 28th. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 27th: Walmart pick-up, 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 or www.youtube.com/user/fumcark. Watch previous services at www.fumcark.org/sermons.

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Worship for the Lord's Day

February 26, 2023
1st Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome William Durand

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sins of the World
-by David Cherwien

*Call to Worship

Lift praise up to the heavens and fix your gaze upon God
Focus our hearts and lives toward God and the power of God's word.

Come let us unite in the authenticity of God's revealing presence

Come, gracious God, we need your help and guide

Temptations plague us all and navigating life is treacherous work

Remind us of your presence in the midst of struggle. We hold tight to your promise to never leave us.

***Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 269
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

***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

Reading from the Psalter UMH No. 766
Psalm 32

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering
The Offertory Kay McAfee
Be Still My Soul
-by Kristina Langlois

***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** William Durand
Matthew 4:1-11

Anthem Chancel Choir
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
-by Zebulon M. Highben

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen
Responding to Temptation

***Hymn of Response** TFWS No. 2112
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
-by Dale Wood

**Please stand if able*

Flowers

The flowers on the alter are in loving memory of
Barbara Wasson from the Wasson family.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep Maryjane Dunn in your prayers.
Her father, Robert Dunn, passed away Monday, February 20th.
Nancy Huerkamp had knee surgery Friday. Please pray for quick healing and a positive outcome for her.

Jerry Mann, Beth Corley's dad, is having health issues.
Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

ANTHEM TEXT

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
-by Zebulon M. Highben

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and bear thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self and always live by your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide, forevermore in life and death, O Lord, with us abide,

Abide with us that when this life of suffering is past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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