

News & Events

Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services. The Ecumenical Lenten Service is at First United Methodist - Gurdon (201 E Walnut St). Rev. Jason Smith of First Presbyterian will be preaching. We have been asked to help provide the food for the potluck, so please leave a little early so you can drop off your dish.

Sunday Night Youth. There is no youth tonight. We hope youth and their parents can come to the Lenten Service tonight at FUMC-Gurdon.

Church Meetings. The Finance Committee meets Thursday, March 30th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Egg Hunt. Local churches are hosting a community wide egg hunt from 10-12, Saturday, April 8th, with free food, bounce houses, face painting, and games. We need volunteers and non-chocolate candy. Contact Jewelie if you can help or scan the code. Forms and candy are needed by March 26th.



Easter Lilies. I am taking orders for Easter Lilies through April 5th. Order forms are in the Narthex. I hope to have a price by Wednesday.

Weekly Participation Opportunities

Sunday Night Youth. Meets from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Sturgis Children & Youth Center. Contact Jewelie 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 aged 5 through 5th grade, Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Sturgis building. 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

Get Up & Give. We are collecting for Methodist Family Health Get Up & Give program. A box is in the Narthex for donations.

UMCOR Sunday. Special offering envelopes are available today for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday. Donations on this day go to administrative costs so 100% of gifts for a specific project go directly to that project.

Food Pantry. Food Pantry Distribution Day is Tuesday, March 21st. This coincides with Spring Break so if have thought about volunteering, now is the time. Come whenever you can. **Requested donation items: Peanut butter and cereal.**

Monday, March 20th:

9-9:30: pick up Walmart Donation at Walmart loading docks; **9:30-noon:** weigh, sort and store the Walmart donations, finish packing boxes, if needed

Tuesday, March 21st: Distribution Day

9:30: unload and store the Food Bank truck; **10-noon:** sort breads and desserts, finish packing boxes, sort and bag vegetable; **11:30:** homebound routes pick up boxes in the library; **noon-2:** lunch break; **2-2:30:** devotional; **2:30-2:45:** set up tables outside the side doors; **3-5:30:** distribute boxes

Wheelchair Ramp. Pastor Zeke will be leading the building of a wheelchair ramp in Arkadelphia on Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you are available and interested, please let Zeke know.

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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Flowers Mary Ellen Taylor

Nursery Workers Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

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

Seeing John 9:1-9



Worship for the Lord's Day

March 19, 2023
4th Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Penny Ferguson

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
-by Janet Linker

*Call to Worship

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to be our Good Shepherd.

We joyously acknowledge that he has guided us lovingly, kept us from harm, and led us into places of wholeness.

Still yet, Holy God, we are prone to stray

We acknowledge our wayward struggles- times when we turned a deaf ear to the voice of Christ, the call of Jesus to return to his fold, and the selfish ways we tried to live life on our own terms.

Have mercy on us, O God

Forgive our wanderings and return us into the care of the Good Shepherd so that we may live to honor and glorify you.

Amen

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 206
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*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 Wanda O'Quinn

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading from the Psalter UMH No. 754
Psalms 23, Response 1

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering Kay McAfee
The Offertory
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
-by Mary McDonald

*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 Penny Ferguson
John 9:1-9

Anthem Chancel Choir
The Lord's My Shepherd
-by Gordon Young

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen
Seeing

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 454
Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath
-by Robert J. Powell

**Please stand if able*

Flowers

The flowers on the alter are in memory of Glen Taylor, who passed away last year, for his birthday on Tuesday, March 21st.

ANTHEM TEXT

The Lord's My Shepherd
-by Gordon Young

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark veil, yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

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