

News & Events

Pastor's Bible Study/G.R.O.W. Kids. Pastor's Bible Study and G.R.O.W. Kids are cancelled this Wednesday, April 19th.

Ozark Mission Project. The dates for OMP have changed. We are looking to see if it's still feasible to go. More information to follow.

Duck Derby. The Annual Duck Derby Festival is Saturday, April 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the OBU Cliff Harris Stadium Parking Lot. Go to <https://www.pdmcsc.org/waddle.html> to buy your ducks or get more information.

Soldiers of Service Walkathon. The Walkathon (and other activities) for the American Cancer Society is Saturday, April 29th, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Badger Stadium. Admission is \$10; free for veterans, children under 12, and those who arrive wearing an event t-shirt.

Dinner Reader's Theater. The HSU/OBU Wesley Foundation presents "The Wedding Intern's Farce" starring HSU students and FUMC youth Sunday, April 30th, at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free. Donations for scholarships are gratefully accepted.

Clark County Prayer Walk & Rally. CASA, The Call, and the Percy & Donna Malone Child Safety Center are holding a prayer walk and rally Sunday, April 30th, from 6-7:00 p.m. for child abuse awareness.

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

Food Pantry. The next Distribution Day is Tuesday, April 18th. The requested donation items are **peanut butter and cereal**.

Schedule

Monday, April 17th

9:30 am: meet at the Walmart loading dock to pick up donations; **10 am:** weigh the donations and store, pack any additional boxes needed

Tuesday, April 18th

9 am: unload Food Bank truck, inventory, and store; **10 am to noon:** finish packing produce, bread/desserts into boxes; place newsletter into boxes; **11:30 to noon:** homebound routes are picked up; **noon to 2 pm:** break for lunch; **2 pm:** devotional; **2:30 pm:** place tables outside, load food boxes and meat; **3 pm to 5:30 pm:** distribute food boxes

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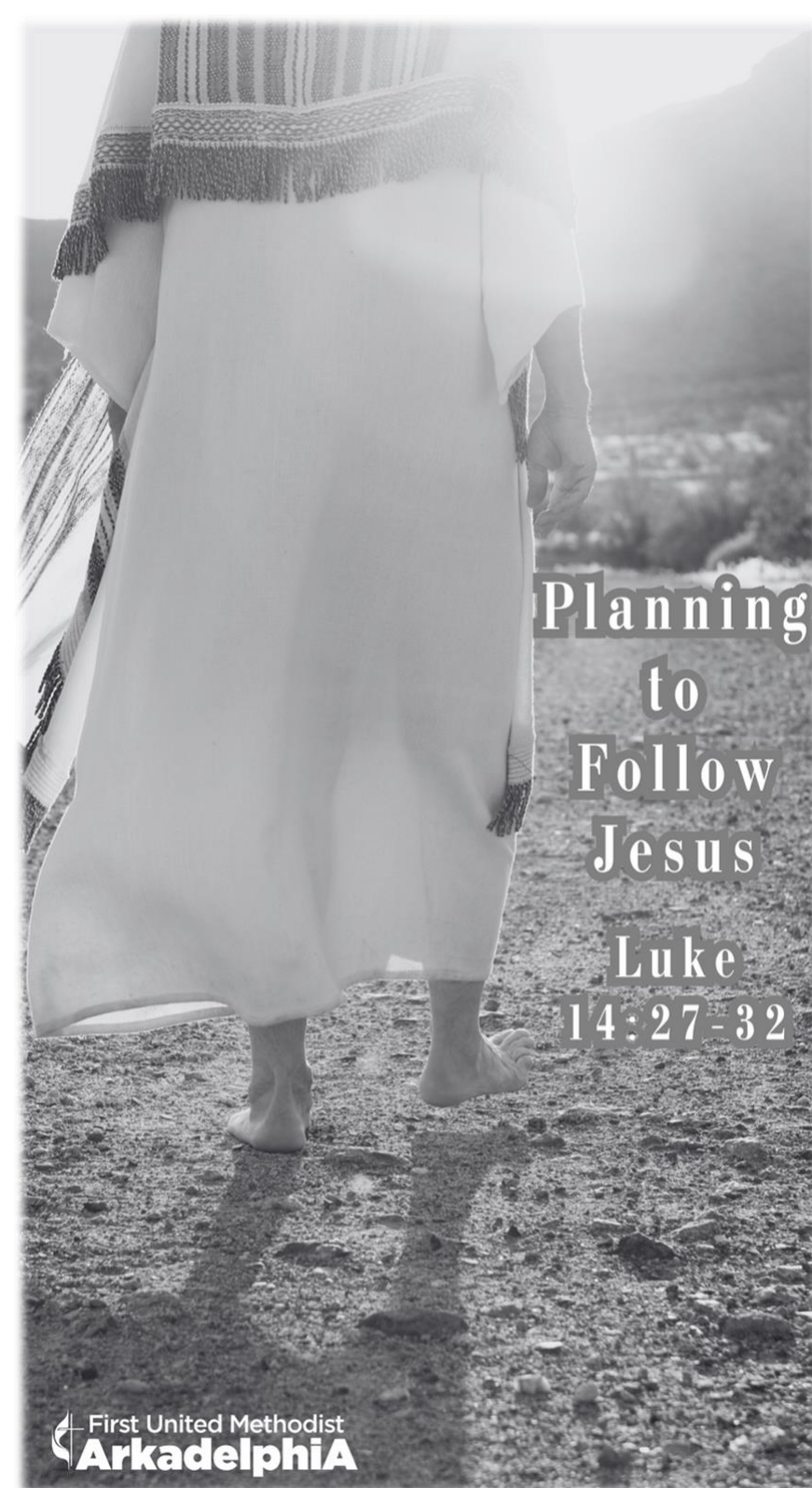
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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.



Worship for the Lord's Day

April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Claire Gehrki

Opening Voluntary Kyoung-Hwa Molinari

*Call to Worship

Wake up people of God. Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

Search our hearts and mend our brokenness. Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

Come Holy Spirit and revive our weary souls as we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Processional Hymn UMH No. 304
Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*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 of the Psalter UMH No. 748
Psalms 16, Response 1

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering
The Offertory Kyoung-Hwa Molinari

*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 Claire Gehrki
Luke 14:27-32

Anthem Chancel Choir
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
-by Wm J. Reynolds

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen
Planning to Follow Jesus

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 424
Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kyoung-Hwa Molinari

**Please stand if able*

Gospel Discipleship

Synopsis: This passage from Luke speaks to the value of having a plan for our discipleship. It recognizes that each person must decide to take up their cross to follow Jesus, and that there will be an individual shape to that journey. It also recognizes, however, the value of an intentional plan. Working out a plan together allows for us to undertake that journey together and hold one another in accountable community as we commit to grow closer to Christ.

ANTHEM TEXT

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
-by Wm J. Reynolds

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.

Tho none go with me I still will follow, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry 'till I see Jesus, no turning back.

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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