

## **News & Events**

**Fifth Sunday Brunch.** Join us one week from today in the Fellowship Hall for Fifth Sunday Brunch. Everyone gathers at 10:00 a.m. for great food and fellowship. It's a really good time for everyone to mingle and just have fun.

**Soldiers of Service Walkathon.** The Walkathon (and other activities) for the American Cancer Society is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 Dinner Reader's Theater Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a chicken dinner along with a reading of "The Wedding Intern's Farce" starring HSU students and FUMC youth. Admission is free. Donations for scholarships 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 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:00 p.m. for child abuse awareness.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF meets Tuesday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room Classroom at FUMC. Jillian Battaglia from The Call will present the program. The Call's purpose is to educate, equip, and encourage the Christian Community to provide hope and a future to the children in foster care in Arkansas. Please make plans to join us for this presentation.

**Choir Concert.** Henderson State University presents their Choir Concert Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Sanctuary. This is open and free to the public.

## **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, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **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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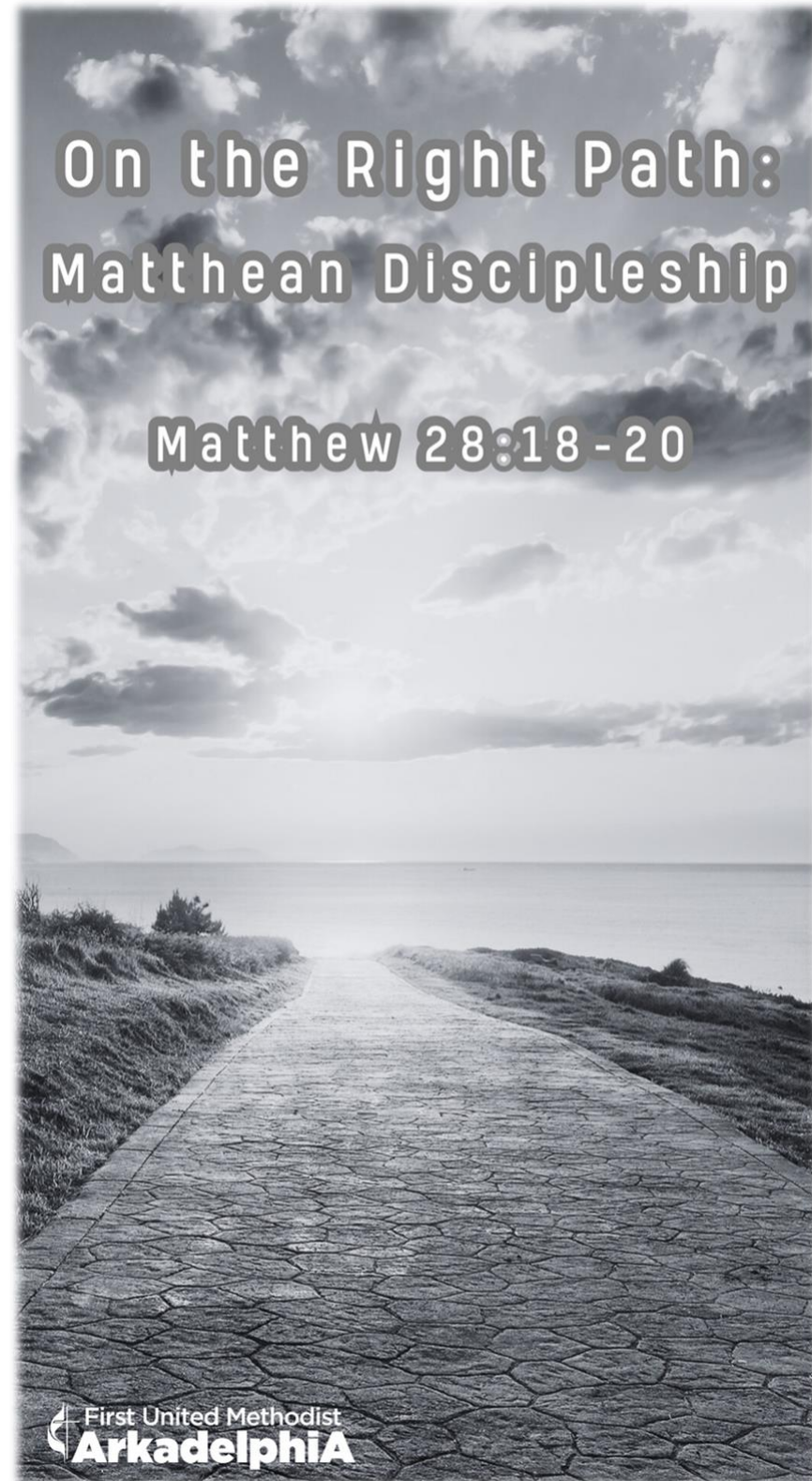
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**Flowers** Mary Ellen Taylor

**Nursery Workers** Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

This is a Sanctuary, a place of peace. With the exception of municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement, carrying a gun on First United Methodist Church property is prohibited. Thank you for respecting this covenant of trust.

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



# Worship for the Lord's Day

April 23, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee  
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
-by David Hegarty

## \*Call to Worship

As disciples of Jesus, let us draw close and hear again the invitation of Jesus

**We hear anew the invitation of Jesus to "Go and make disciples."**

Renew us this day as disciples of Jesus Christ

**Mold us into the hands and feet of Jesus that we might bear the image of Christ to the world**

\*Processional Hymn UMH No. 610  
*We Know That Christ is Raised*

\*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 Jewellie Mills

Pastoral Prayer Samantha Black

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading of the Psalter UMH No. 837  
*Psalms 116, Response 1*

Offertory Prayer Samantha Black

Offering  
The Offertory Kay McAfee  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
-by Anthony Showalter

\*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 Wanda O'Quinn  
*Matthew 28:18-20*

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

Sermon Samantha Black  
*On the Right Path: Matthean Discipleship*

\*Hymn of Response TFWS No. 2237  
*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

\*Benediction/Blessing Samantha Black

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee  
*Thine is the Glory*  
-by Emily Porter

*\*Please stand if able*

## Gospel Discipleship

**Synopsis:** Perhaps Jesus' most famous last words, the Great Commission reads like a to-do list of actions to take on behalf of Christ as one left to carry on the mission. Bring out the action-centered nature of Mattheans, people who love a good plan and a well-executed mission for Christ.

### 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.

### Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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