

News & Events

Custodial Position Open. FUMC is hiring for the custodial position. This is a contract labor position, 20 hours/week, with a yearly salary of \$14,409. Interested parties should contact Zeke Allen through the church office at 870-246-2493.

Communion Sunday. Today is Communion Sunday. Loose bills left on the communion rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Senior Reception. Join us Sunday, May 7th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. as we recognize our graduating seniors: Connor Covington and Raley Jones – Arkadelphia High School; Zeb Allen - Southside High School in Fort Smith; Shannon Mecum, Cole Moix, and Sarah Davidson - Henderson State University; Grace Durand – Hendrix College. Please stop by to wish them well.

Ruth Circle. Mark your calendars for the Ruth Circle meeting Tuesday, May 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Ellen Taylor. Debbie Files has the program.

United Women in Faith. UWInF is collecting personal care items through June 6th to be given to Sheriff Jason Watson to utilize in emergency situations and for incarcerated women in the Clark County Jail. Donations can be brought to the Narthex on Sundays or the church office during the week.

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.

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

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. May requested donation items: peanut butter (regular size) and cereal. Distribution Day is Tuesday, May 16th.

Schedule

Tuesday, May 2nd from 9am to noon: unload our storage delivery and begin packing the May boxes.

Monday, May 15th from 9am to noon: **9:15 am:** Walmart team meets at the loading dock to pick up the Walmart donation; **8:30am to noon:** move packed boxes into the Fellowship Hall; finish packing boxes, if needed; weigh, sort and distribute Walmart donation into packed boxes,

Tuesday, May 16th: food distribution day

9am: unload the food bank truck and store food; **10am to noon:** sort produce; finish boxes with bread, pastry and produce; **11:30am to noon:** homebound teams pick up boxes in the church library; **Noon to 1:45pm:** lunch on your own; **2pm:** devotions; **2:30 to 3pm:** set up tables for outside delivery; set up boxes and meat carts; **3pm to 5:30pm:** food distribution

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

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.

Hit the Target: Lukan Discipleship

Acts 1:6-8

Worship for the Lord’s Day	
May 7, 2023 5 th Sunday of Easter	Traditional Worship Service Arkadelphia, AR
Chiming of the Hour	
Welcome	Nevada Mills
Opening Voluntary	Fisher Neufeld <i>Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III</i> <i>-by Felix Mendelssohn</i>
*Call to Worship Come let us gather together in steadfast defiance of the divisions of the world Comfort our hearts and minds and grant us visions for your coming kingdom All of us gather as broken and imperfect vessels but vessels none-the-less Tend to our wounds and grant solace to our weary souls We gather this morning in need of your steadfast love and renewed spirits Heal us, guide us, use us for your glory and your honor and your renown.	
*Processional Hymn	UMH No. 139 <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>
*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.
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Zeke Allen

Offertory Prayer Offering	Rev. Zeke Allen
The Offertory	Fisher Neufeld <i>The Call</i> <i>-by Z. Randall Stroope</i>
*Doxology 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.	UMH No. 95
*Reading God’s Word	Nevada Mills <i>Acts 1:6-8</i>
Sermon	Rev. Zeke Allen <i>Hit the Target: Lukan Discipleship</i>
A Service of Word and Table II	UMH P. 12
The Great Thanksgiving	UMH P. 17
The Lord’s Prayer	Congregation
*Hymn of Response	UMH No. 369 <i>Blessed Assurance</i>
*Benediction/Blessing	Rev. Zeke Allen
Closing Voluntary	Fisher Neufeld <i>In Thee is Gladness</i> <i>-by Robert Hobby</i>
*Please stand if able	

<u>Prayer</u> Please keep Smokey Smith and Nancy Wayland in your prayers.	
<u>Gospel Discipleship</u>	

Synopsis: Jesus challenges the disciples in Acts to start in Jerusalem with the people they know, then move in concentric circles out to the people they know somewhat in Judea and Samaria before making their way out to the people they don’t know yet at the ends of the earth. In Luke and Acts, people tend to go out in pairs, and tend to share Jesus in homes around common tables. Emphasize how Lukan disciples grow through deep relationships where they can love God by loving neighbor.

Service Notes
Substitute organist Fisher Neufeld is a graduating senior from HSU and has been an organ student of Kay McAfee for the past two semesters. Fisher is a piano major from Mena and will begin master’s degree studies in piano at University of Oklahoma in Norman in the Fall.

ANTHEM/OFFERTORY TEXT

The Call
-by Z. Randall Stroope

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath;
such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death.

Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes His guest.

Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such
a Love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love.

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