

Announcements

Youth Sunday Night Live. Youth meets every Sunday from 4-5 pm in Sturgis for a fun time of worship, games, music, and praise. Please contact Jewelie for more information.

Food Pantry: Distribution day is this Tuesday, January 18th. The requested food donation item is peanut butter. We are totally out, and it's hard to find through the Food Bank.

Church Meeting. The SPRC meets Thursday, January 20th, at 5:30 pm in the parlor. Please come if you are able.

UMW News: United Methodist Women Southwest District meets at Arkadelphia FUMC in the Upper Room classroom on Saturday, January 22, 2022, for UMW Officers' Training. The Arkadelphia UMW meets Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in the Upper Room Class! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our program "Nehemiah Throws a Party!!"

St. Mary's Tamale Fundraiser. St. Mary's Catholic Church is having a tamale sale Saturday, January 29th, from 6-8:00 pm and Sunday, January 30th, from 3:30-4:40 pm at St. Mary's (251 North 14th Street). Partial proceeds donated to the Pantry. Chicken, Pork or Jalapeno & Cheese tamales are available - \$10/half dozen or \$18/dozen. Tickets are available through St. Mary's or from Debbie Blanton or Harley Martinelli. Please order in advance.

Fifth Sunday Brunch. As of right now, we will be having 5th Sunday Brunch during the Sunday School hour on January 30th. Join us at 10:00 for whatever is whipped up in the kitchen. It's sure to be fabulous no matter what it is!

Please Remember:

- 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.
- Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/fumcark> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark>.
- Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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

Reality Check:



James 1:2-4



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring
-by J. S. Bach

*Prayer of Confession & Invitation Congregation
Oh Jesus, how we need you, and how we need more of you in us so you can be with others in and through us. Come Holy Spirit and lead us deeper into this marvelous mystery, for nothing is more encouraging than this. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Hymn No. 103 UMH
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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 Moments for Little Methodists Linda Miller

Pastoral Prayer and Offering
The Lord's Prayer Congregation

The Offertory Kay McAfee
I Need Thee Every Hour
-arr. Joel Raney

* The 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 Out Loud Together James 1:2-4
Hear the Word of the LORD

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Spirit of the Lord* Chancel Choir
-by Zebulon Highben

Sermon *Rejoice!* Pastor Randy

*Hymn No. 2223 TFWS
They'll Know We Are Christians

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *March in D* Kay McAfee
-by A. Guilmant

Sermon Outline

I. This is a test

II. Be encouraged (James 1:2-3)

- A. Joy
 - 1. Defined
 - 2. Is not the same as happiness
- B. Trials
- C. Testing
 - 1. Defined
 - 2. "Everything that happens is *not* God's will, but God has a will in everything that happens.
- D. Perseverance – pronounced hoop-om-on-ay'
 - 1. Defined
 - 2. Is not something we are doing. It is something being done _____
- E. Be encouraged because _____
- F. Be encouraged so that _____

III. All this is to lead us to the goal of the Christian life
