

News & Events

Youth Caroling/Christmas Party. The youth are going caroling in the dining hall at the Plaza and passing out handmade Christmas cards to our church members this evening starting at 6:00 p.m. Afterward, they are meeting under the pecan trees to roast hotdogs and make s'mores. Please make plans to join us.

Sunday Night Youth will not be meeting on December 25th or January 1st so the youth can enjoy time with their families.

Christmas/New Year's Schedule. The First Methodist Carols, Candles, and Communion Christmas Eve Service is Saturday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We hope you can join us either in person or via our livestream.

We will have a single service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. On New Year's Day, we will have a single service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The office will be closed Friday, December 23rd, through Monday, December 26th, for Christmas. We will reopen Tuesday, December 27th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be closed Monday, January 1st, for New Year's Day.

United Women in Faith. UWinF meets Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Our program will be "Racial Justice in our Global Community." Please join us and bring a friend with you. UWinF's Annual Recognition Sunday is January 8th at both services. Please join us as we announce and honor the 2023 Person(s) of the Year.

Pastor's Bible Study. PBS does not meet for the next two weeks. It will resume Wednesday, January 4th, at the normal times.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will need help during December as our student helpers will not be here. Even an hour is helpful! We meet at the Fellowship Hall. Donation items are peanut butter and cereal. If you can help either or both days, please contact Cindy Jackson.

Monday, December 19th

8:30 am: Move boxes of food into the distribution area before receiving the Walmart donation (need folks who can lift)
9:00 am: Wal-Mart team meets at the loading dock
9:45 am: Unload, weigh and store Wal-Mart donations

Tuesday, December 20th

9:00 am: Unload the Arkansas Food Bank truck (this will be a very large order and we need all the lifting help we can get!)
10:00 am: Sort and store canned goods; finish packing 141 boxes for distribution, we plan on 400 boxes total
11:30 am: Homebound deliveries begin from the usual pick-up point
1 pm until 2pm: Lunch break followed by devotional at 2:00 p.m.
3:00 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://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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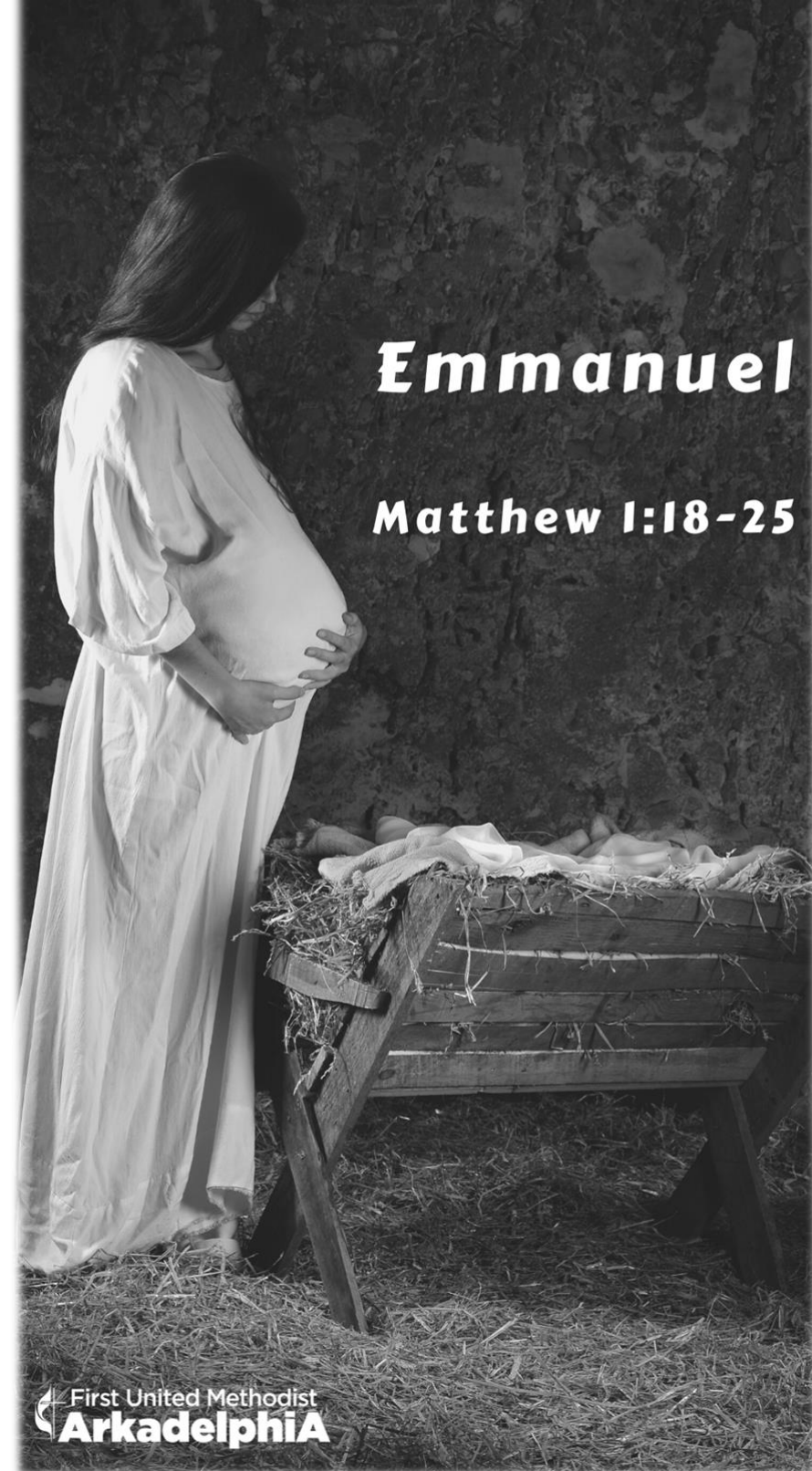
Flowers Mary Ellen Taylor

Nursery Workers Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

Custodian Sharon Murphy

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



Emmanuel

Matthew 1:18-25

First United Methodist
Arkadelphia

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Veda Goodyear

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
O Come, Little Children
-by Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations

O come, O come Emmanuel

We praise God's never-ending love and faithfulness

O come, O come Emmanuel

We rejoice in God's promise of an anointed one – the
Messiah

O come, O come Emmanuel. God is with us!

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 220
Angels from the Realms of Glory

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Beth & Todd Corley

Children's Moment Jewelie Mills

Pastoral Prayer Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Hymn of Praise UMH No. 217
Away in a Manger

Offertory Prayer Zeke Allen

Offering
The Offertory Kay McAfee

In the Bleak Midwinter
-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 Veda Goodyear
Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem Wesley Lamendola, baritone
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
-by Allan Robert Petker

Sermon Zeke Allen
Emmanuel

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 240
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction/Blessing Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
Noel Fanfares
-by Charles Callahan

**Please stand if able*

Prayer Requests

Please keep Nathan Chaney (son of Don and Terri Chaney) and his family in your prayers. Nathan has been diagnosed with cancer. They are going over treatment options.

ANTHEM TEXT

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
-by Allan Robert Petker

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Come thou long expected Jesus

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