

Prayer Requests

Please keep Bobby and Waynette Shuler in your prayers. Bobby has had Covid for the past several days, and Waynette recently tested positive for it.

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.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at [facebook.com/fumcark](https://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [youtube.com/user/fumcark](https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [fumcark.org/sermons](https://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

Arkadelphia First United Methodist Church

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Praise Band Zane Hill, Ryan Lewis, Carson Lewis, Jeremy Smith, Michelle Smith, Elizabeth Hill, and Michael Wyatt

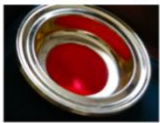
Tech Mike Wyatt, Sr, Misty Smith, Emily Smith, Annabeth Wyatt, and Hunter Wyatt

Refreshments Diane Wyatt

Nursery Workers Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

Custodian Sharon Murphy

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



In Person
Offering plate



By Mail
107 N. 9th Street



Online
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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.

SONGS FROM THE MANGER



December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome!

Order of Service

Opening Song	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Congregation
Announcements		Rev. Zeke Allen
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Jim & Becky Andrews and Family	
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Zeke Allen
Offertory	<i>God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen</i>	
First Reading		
Special Music	<i>Breath of Heaven</i>	Newsong Praise Band
Second Reading		
Special Music	<i>Joseph's Lullaby</i>	Newsong Praise Band
Third Reading		
Special Music	<i>Little Drummer Boy</i>	Congregation
Fourth Reading		
Special Music	<i>Noel</i>	Newsong Praise Band
Final Reading		
Closing Song	<i>Joy to the World "Unspeakable Joy"</i>	Congregation
Benediction/Blessing		Rev. Zeke Allen

Poinsettias

In Memory Of:

Wayne McAfee from Kay and his daughters Lee and Rachael
Tom Duncan from The Duncan Family
My parents Dr. Charles & Mrs. Helen Smith from Michelle
Wright & Betty Carter from Bob & Susie Shehane
Harvey Shehane from Bob & Susie Shehane
Truman & Velva Finley from Bob & Susie Shehane
Mary Jo Mann (Grammy) Love always
from Beth, Todd, Trenton, Alexa, Tanner, and Lauren
Phil Roberts, in loving memory from Nellene and Chris Roberts
David McCallum from Mom & Dad
Dr. James Lowry from Suzanne Lowry, Caroline and John and their families
Barbara Wasson from Julia Hall
Mary Seals from Laura and Peter Alexander
Frank Alexander from Laura and Peter Alexander
Carolyn Graham from Eddie Graham
Mary Ardith Higgins from her son Bill
Dr. Meta Wallace from Dr. John Crawforel

In Honor Of:

My grandchildren Austin, Jenna, Dalton,
Brock, and Sumner from Nancy Huerkamp
Pastor Zeke Allen
Church Office Staff
FUMC Church Family
Church Musicians
William Durand from Upper Room Sunday School Class
Phil Rice from Upper Room Sunday School Class
Rita Nickels from Upper Room Sunday School Class
Les Brown from Upper Room Sunday School Class
Suzanne Lowry from Julia Hall
Rose Phillips from Julia Hall
Kay McAfee from Julia Hall
Jewelie Mills from Wanda O'Quinn
Kathryn Thomason from Wanda O'Quinn
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir from Bill Higgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share the Light: The 2nd and 3rd Sundays of December are special offering dates for Methodist Family Health Foundation Share the Light. Envelopes are available outside of each service for those wishing to donate.

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8:30 am: move boxes of food into the distribution area before receiving the Walmart donation (need folks who can lift)

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9:45 am: Unload, weigh and store Wal-Mart donations

Tuesday, December 20th

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10:00 am: sort and store canned goods; finish packing 141 boxes for distribution, we plan on 400 boxes total

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