

News & Events

Ruth Circle. Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Lowry, 2801 Mockingbird Ln. Please join us! Please note the time has changed from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Kids. Children ages 5 through 5th grade, join us Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Sturgis building for Bible story, craft, and game time. This is the same time as the Pastor's Bible Study. Please see Jewelie if you have questions or can help.

Fat Tuesday Missions Dinner & Auction. The FUMC Annual Fat Tuesday Dinner & Auction is Tuesday, February 21st. Takeout (4:00-5:00 p.m.) and dine in (5:15 – 6:30 p.m.) The silent auction is from 4:45-6:15 p.m., with the live auction at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$10.00, available beginning February 5th before worship and in the office.

Weekly Participation Opportunities

Sunday Night Youth. Meets from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Sturgis Children & Youth Center. Contact Jewelie Mills 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 (in person) 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

Blood Drive. There is a blood drive taking place Monday, January 16th, from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. in Sturgis. Go to arkbi.org to find a blood drive and schedule your appointment.

Food Pantry. Distribution Day for the January Food Pantry is Tuesday, January 17th. The schedule is as follows. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Monday, January 9th

9:30 a.m. to noon - Pack boxes.

Monday, January 16th, Walmart donation day and packing

8:30 a.m. - Move boxes from hallway into the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. - Walmart crew meets at the Walmart loading dock

9:30 a.m. - Unload, weigh and store the food donation

10:00 a.m. to noon - Finish packing food boxes

Tuesday, January 17th

9:30 a.m. - Unload Food Bank truck

10:00 a.m. - Place perishables into boxes

11:00 a.m. - Set up outside tables, place newsletters into boxes

11:30 a.m. - Home delivery routes begin, meet in the church library

3:00 to 5:30 pm - Food Distribution.

Requested donation items: peanut butter and canned fruit.

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.

Of Water and Spirit

Matthew 3:13-17



First United Methodist
Arkadelphia

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

United Women in Faith Recognition Sunday

Wanda O'Quinn, Nellene Roberts
Laverne Todd, Penny Ferguson

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
-by Janet Linker*

*Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, Ascribe to the Lord all glory and honor. Worship the Lord in holy splendor
The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders over mighty waters
May the Lord give strength!
May the Lord renew our strength and restore our souls!

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 57

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*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 GraceAnn Covington

Pastoral Prayer Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Offertory Prayer Zeke Allen

Offering

The Offertory *Down by the Riverside* Kay McAfee
-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 Wanda O'Quinn

Matthew 3:13-17

Anthem Bill Higgins, baritone

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy
-by Robert MacGimsey*

Sermon Zeke Allen

Of Water and Spirit

*Hymn of Response TFWS No. 2248

Baptized in Water

*Benediction/Blessing Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee

*Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
-by Robert J. Powell*

**Please stand if able*

Prayer Concerns

Please add the family of Ayden Hendricks to your prayers. He is the young man who tragically passed away last week.

Flowers

The arrangement on the altar was designed by Mary Ellen Taylor, a long-time and faithful member of Arkadelphia UWinF.

ANTHEM TEXT

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy
-by Robert MacGimsey*

Sweet little Jesus boy
They made you be born in a manger
Sweet little holy child
We didn't know who you were
Didn't know you'd come to save us Lord
To take our sins away
Our eyes were blind, we could not see
We didn't know who you were

Long time ago
You were born
Born in a manger Lord
Sweet little Jesus boy
The world treats you mean Lord
Treats me mean too
But that's how things are down here
We don't know who you are

You have told us how
We are trying
Master you have shown us how
Even when you were dying
Just seems like we can't do right
Look how we treated you
But please Sir forgive us Lord
We didn't know it was you

Sweet little Jesus boy, born a long time ago
Sweet little holy child; we didn't know who you were

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



In Person
Offering plate



By Mail
107 N. 9th Street



Online
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2022 United Women in Faith (UWinF) Donations

Local Donations

- Socks for Kids - 585 pairs (\$1,463)
- Coats for Kids - UMMen with UWinF assisting (\$898)
- Men United - School Supplies (1,222)
- 2021/22 Bake Sale Donations
 - Malone Child Safety Center (\$1,200)
 - The CALL for Foster Children (\$1,200)
 - Wesley Foundation (\$450)
- Honoring High School & College Graduates (\$600)
- VBS Food Donation (\$114)
- Malone CSC Sponsorship (\$500)
- Pastor Appreciation (\$506)
- Benevolence Meals (\$400)
- Pastor Discretionary Fund - paid family's gas bill (\$49)

Total Local Donations - \$8,602

Sent to District

- Missions (\$2,000)
- Call to Prayer & Self Denial (\$66)
- World Thank Offering (\$200)
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