

News & Events

Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services. The second Ecumenical Lenten Service is tonight at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church (251 N 14th St). Rev. Zeke Allen will be preaching. A potluck supper follows the service, provided by St. Mary's. Please join us.

Ruth Circle. The next meeting of Ruth Circle is Tuesday, March 14th, at the home of Wanda O'Quinn (2508 Yorkshire Drive). Brenda Forrest will be talking about NOMADS, a group that provides volunteer labor for Methodist organizations.

Henderson State University Choir Concert. The HSU Choirs are performing Tuesday, March 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the FUMC Sanctuary. This is open and free to the public.

Church Meetings. The SPRC meets Thursday, March 16th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Trustees meet Thursday, March 16th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Room Classroom. The Finance Committee meets Thursday, March 30th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Egg Hunt. Local churches are hosting a community wide egg hunt from 10-12, Saturday, April 8th, with free food, bounce houses, face painting, and games. We need volunteers and non-chocolate candy. Contact Jewelie if you can help or scan the code. Forms and candy are needed by March 26th.



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.

G.R.O.W. Kids. Children aged 5 through 5th grade, Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Sturgis building. Bible story, craft, and game time. Contact Jewelie to sign up or volunteer.

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 Monday, March 13th, 1-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Visit obi.org to schedule an appointment.

Get Up & Give. We are collecting for Methodist Family Health Get Up & Give program. A box is in the Narthex for donations.

UMCOR Sunday. Special offering envelopes will be available Sunday, March 19th, for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday. Donations on this day go to administrative costs so 100% of gifts for a specific project go directly to that project.

Food Pantry. Food Pantry Distribution Day is Tuesday, March 21st.
Requested donation items: Peanut butter and cereal.

Wheelchair Ramp. Pastor Zeke, in coordination with Ozark Mission Project, will be leading the building of a wheelchair ramp here in Arkadelphia on Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you are available and interested, please let Zeke know.

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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Asking, Seeking, and Testifying

John 4:5-42



First United Methodist
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Worship for the Lord's Day

March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Paul Hankins

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
-by Raymond Haan

*Call to Worship

People of God, arise and draw near. Hear the invitation from God saying: Come let us reason says the Lord

Help us respond to the invitation of God to wrestle with what it means to be people of faith

Bring your question, your concerns, your struggles to the throne of God

Through our wrestling with you O God, shape our lives and our understanding

Teach us to ask bold questions and seek boldly after God

Shape us as your beloved children that we might gain understanding and act boldly in our lives of faith

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 89
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*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.

Veritas Moment Jewelie Mills

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading from the Psalter UMH No. 814
Psalms 95, Response 1

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering
The Offertory Kay McAfee
Constantly Abiding
-by Tedd Smith

*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 Paul Hankins
John 4:5-42

Anthem Chancel Choir
Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule
-by K. Lee Scott

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen
Asking, Seeking, and Testifying

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 361
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
Jesus, Lover of My Soul
-by Carolyn Hamlin

**Please stand if able*

Prayer Concerns

Please keep Eddie Graham, Dee Jensen, Barbara Rhodes, Nancy Huerkamp, Jerry Mann, and Austin Wingfield in your prayers.

ANTHEM TEXT

Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule
-by K. Lee Scott

Lord, be Thy word my rule;
In it may I rejoice;
Thy glory be my aim;
Thy holy will my choice;

Thy promises my hope;
Thy providence my guard;
Thine arm my strong support;
Thyself my great reward.

O Thou, the Way, the Truth, the Life,
O Jesu mighty Lord,
Eternal Light, eternal Son,
By hosts of heaven adored,

O feed Thy weary pilgrims, Lord,
To Zion's mountain bring,
There to keep a heavenly feast with Thee,
Our Prophet, Priest, and King.

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