

News & Events

Custodial Position Open. FUMC is hiring for the custodial position. This is a contract labor position, 20 hours/week, with a yearly salary of \$14,409. Interested parties should contact Zeke Allen through the church office at 870-246-2493.

Dinner Reader's Theater. The HSU/OBU Wesley Foundation presents Dinner Reader's Theater tonight, 6:00 p.m., at the Wesley Foundation. Along with dinner, there will be a reading of "The Wedding Intern's Farce" with Shannon Mecum, Carson Lewis, Morgan Lewis, and Alena Montelara among those performing. Admission is free. Donations for scholarships gratefully accepted.

United Women in Faith. UWinF meets Tuesday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room Classroom at FUMC. Jillian Battaglia from The Call will present the program. Please make plans to join us.

Choir Concert. Henderson State University presents their Choir Concert Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Sanctuary. This is open and free to the public.

Steel Drum Band. There is a Steel Drum Band Concert Wednesday, May 3rd, 8:00 p.m. at OBU's Jones Performing Arts Center. This is directed by Dr. Ryan Lewis, who plays in the NewSong Praise Band.

Senior Reception. Join us Sunday, May 7th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. as we honor our graduating seniors: Connor Covington and Raley Jones – Arkadelphia High School; Zeb Allen - Southside High School in Fort Smith; Shannon Mecum and Cole Moix - Henderson State University. Please stop by to wish them well.

Ruth Circle. Mark your calendars for the Ruth Circle meeting Tuesday, May 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Ellen Taylor. Debbie Files has the program.

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.

Chancel Choir Practice. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Bill Higgins for more information.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry. In April your efforts fed 305 families, 688 people. May requested donation items: peanut butter (regular size) and cereal.

Schedule

Tuesday, May 2nd from 9am to noon: unload our storage delivery and begin packing the May boxes.

Monday, May 15th from 9am to noon: 9:15 am: Walmart team meets at the loading dock to pick up the Walmart donation; **8:30am to noon:** move packed boxes into the Fellowship Hall; finish packing boxes, if needed; weigh, sort and distribute Walmart donation into packed boxes,

Tuesday, May 16th: food distribution day

9am: unload the food bank truck and store food; **10am to noon:** sort produce; finish boxes with bread, pastry and produce; **11:30am to noon:** homebound teams pick up boxes in the church library; **Noon to 1:45pm:** lunch on your own; **2pm:** devotions; **2:30 to 3pm:** set up tables for outside delivery; set up boxes and meat carts; **3pm to 5:30pm:** food distribution

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://tithely.com/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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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.

Catching Fire: Markan Discipleship

Mark 16:15-18

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

GraceAnn Covington

Opening Voluntary

Kay McAfee

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling
-by Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

Come Holy Spirit, fill this place with your presence

Sensitize us to your presence, O God

Come Holy Spirit and move in us in mighty ways

We are here, O God, ready to experience you

Come Holy Spirit, create in us newness and life

Come Holy Spirit - fill us, move us, use us.

*Processional Hymn

TFWS No. 2248

Baptized in Water

*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

Jewelie Mills

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Reading of the Psalter

UMH No. 754

Psalms 23, Response 2

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering

The Offertory

Kay McAfee

Here I Am, Lord
-by Jack Schrader

*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

GraceAnn Covington

Mark 16:15-18

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Go Forth for God
-by Robert Below

Sermon

Rev. Zeke Allen

Catching Fire: Markan Discipleship

*Hymn of Response

UMH No. 571

Go Make of All Disciples

*Benediction/Blessing

Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary

Kay McAfee

Song of Triumph
-by Roland Diggle

**Please stand if able*

Prayer

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Audrey Gregory's son and Shawn Armstrong's brother, Ed, who passed away recently.

Gospel Discipleship

Synopsis: Share some of the characteristics of Markan Discipleship, seen through the lens of these last words spoken by Jesus before his ascension: Markans are empowered by the Holy Spirit, believe in miraculous events, are creative and unbound, and a bit chaotic in their expression of discipleship.

ANTHEM TEXT

Go Forth for God

-by Robert Below

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace. In God's good Spirit daily to increase, 'till His kingdom we behold His face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above His love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with His light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy; to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

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