

## News & Events

**Youth Sunday Night.** Youth does not meet tonight so students can have more time to spend with their families. We will have youth May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m., so mark it on the calendar and get ready for fun, devo time, and worship time together.

**Senior High/Junior High Assembly.** Registration is now open for Assembly 2023! Assembly is the last youth event of the year and provides a chance for youth from around the state to get together and strengthen relationships with each other as well as with God. It's a week of worship, music, and fun with your peers. Go to [arumc.org/our-ministries/youth-young-adults/accym/](http://arumc.org/our-ministries/youth-young-adults/accym/) to sign up.

**Event Date:** July 17-21, 2023

**Event Location:** Hendrix College in Conway, AR.

**Ages:** Completed 6-12 grades

**Cost:** \$145 which covers conference registration, meals, transportation, and lodging for the entire trip.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF is collecting personal care items through June 6<sup>th</sup> to be given to Sheriff Jason Watson to utilize in emergency situations and for incarcerated women in the Clark County Jail. Donations can be brought to the Narthex on Sundays or the church office during the week.

## 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.** May is the last month until August that we may be seeing our college volunteers, but the beginning of welcoming our high school volunteers! The best to each group as you move forward in your education. The requested donation items are

peanut butter (regular size) and cereal. Distribution Day is Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Pantry Schedule

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 am:** Walmart team meets at the loading dock to pick up the Walmart donation; **8:30 am 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 16<sup>th</sup>: food distribution day**

**9 am:** unload the food bank truck and store food; **10 am to noon:** sort produce; finish boxes with bread, pastry and produce; **11:30 am to noon:** homebound teams pick up boxes in the church library; **Noon to 1:45 pm:** lunch on your own; **2 pm:** devotions; **2:30 pm to 3 pm:** set up tables for outside delivery; set up boxes and meat carts; **3 pm to 5:30 pm:** 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](http://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [www.youtube.com/user/fumcark](http://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [www.fumcark.org/sermons](http://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

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**Nursery Workers** Erin Mecum and Sabrina Mecum

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

# Taking Root: Johannine Discipleship

John 21:15-17  
19b-22



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# Worship for the Lord's Day

May 14, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Brent Black

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
-by James Biery

## \*Call to Worship

Gather around, children of God, make haste and expect the word of God to be made known.

**Set our lives in position to experience you, O God**

Ground us in your steadfast love and trustworthy presence

**Let us cast aside all that weighs us down and run the race of faith with endurance**

Teach us what it looks like to testify to you in our lives.

**Use us to bring about your Kingdom here on Earth through our words and our deeds.**

\*Processional Hymn UMH No. 152

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

\*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. 790

*Psalms 66*

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering  
The Offertory Kay McAfee

*Near to the Heart of God*  
-by John Innes

\*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 Brent Black

*John 21: 15-17, 19b-22*

Anthem Chancel Choir

*Be Still, My Child*  
-by Lee Dengler

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen

*Taking Root: Johannine Discipleship*

\*Hymn of Response UMH No. 700

*Abide with Me*

\*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee

*Ode to Joy*  
-by Diane Bish

*\*Please stand if able*

## Prayer

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Earnestine Clark and her family.  
Earnestine has been admitted to Twin Rivers.

## Gospel Discipleship

**Synopsis:** The Gospel of John has a striking number of one-on-one moments like this one between Jesus and Peter at the end. Jesus meets people where they are and invites them to make the next step, and each invitation is very personal and crafted to that person and moment. Johannine disciples grow in a similar way: by being mentored in the faith, and in turn by mentoring others in the faith.

## ANTHEM TEXT

*Be Still, My Child*  
-by Lee Dengler

There is a voice, a still small voice, that calls to you from wind and fire; that speaks amid the noise of life and says, "Be still, my child, and know I am God."

Though nations rage, though mountains fall, this tender voice can still be heard. It sounds above the hate and fear, and says "Be still my child, and trust in me. Be still and know my love for you. Be still my child. I am your God."

God is our strength from day to day. God is our help amid despair. It is God's voice, this still small voice, that says "Be still my child and know I am God. Be still my child."

## Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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*Happy Mother's Day!*