



First United Methodist Challenge

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February 28, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are already preparing to celebrate Easter next month. As liturgical Christians we believe in walking the way of the cross during Holy Week before celebrating the empty tomb, and there will be many opportunities to prepare for Easter at FUMC. On Wednesday of Holy Week we will have an Egg-stravaganza with an Egg Hunt, meal, and the Easter Bunny. We are collecting plastic eggs and candy for the Egg Hunt. On Maundy Thursday we will worship and take communion together. On Good Friday prayer stations based on the stations of the cross will be in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00-5:00. On Easter morning in addition to our normal worship times we will have a sunrise service at 6:45 at Lyon College.

This week we will read from John 6:1-14, the story of the multiplying of the loaves and fish. This and the resurrection are the only miracles told in all four Gospels. Our communion rail offering this week will go to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



Lenten Luncheons



2024 Lenten Lunch Schedule

Wednesday's at noon.

See the insert for the speakers.

February 28—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

March 6—Lyon College

March 13—First United Methodist Church

March 20—First Presbyterian Church

Holy Week at First United Methodist Church

**Egg-stravaganza: Wednesday,
March 27 at 5:30 PM**

**Sunrise Easter Worship
6:45 AM at Lyon College**

**Maundy Thursday
March 28 at 6:00 PM**

**Easter Worship
March 31
9:00 and 11:00 AM
at 615 E. Main St.**

**Good Friday Prayer Stations
March 29 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**



The Communion Rail Offering
Next Sunday,, March 3rd
will go to



"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

Bill Beller..... member
Glenda Bowers..... member
Marcus Bowers member
Ginger Davis member
Bill Hess..... father of April Rice
Starr Kent..... member
Linda Hicks..... friend of John Ellis
Louise Hughes member
Aline McCracken member
Jerry Millspaugh Elaine Vinson's uncle
Heather Pool..... niece of Jim & Kay Pool
Billy Prickett..... member
Morgan Painter Reyes..... member
Kathleen Reynolds..... member
Alannette Rushing member
Banks Shaw..... Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
Michale Swaim..... father of Brent Swaim

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Daron Roberson.....cousin of Michael Robinson

CHI St. Vincent - Little Rock

Ainsley Walker—granddaughter of David & Sharon Pittser

Covenant Prayer

From John Wesley's Covenant Service, 1780

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
 Connie Crafton sister of Joel Wagoner
 Asa Whitaker member

The Springs Batesville

Judy Murrah..... member
Jack Presley..... member

Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights

Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Ernestine Boyce member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
Sgt. Lane Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
Petty Officer Zane Smartmember
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Major Joe Warren
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

Blessing Box

If you would like to help stock our Blessing Box, here's a list of items:

Pull tops please on can goods.

Canned meat, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages

Thank you for being a blessing those less fortunate!

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce
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Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

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Director of Traditional Worship

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Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Custodian

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Presence

Online Worship Views February 18th

11:00 Service (YT 8 + FB 63) 71

9:00 Service(FB) 147

In-Person Attendance

February 25th 139

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received through 02-04-2024

Total Giving \$34,397.00

Received through 02-11-2024

Total Giving \$8,092.58

Received through 02-18-2024

Total Giving \$6,649.37

Received through 02-25-2024

Total Giving \$3,408.19

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

John 6:1-21

Our Service

for March 3rd

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by

(need altar flowers this Sunday)

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield

Diana Waldrip

Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat

11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Sue Kibbe & Penny Rueter

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Barrett Moore

LITURGIST: Michelle Szybowicz

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

March 3 Julie Fidler

March 4 Sara Rogers

Deerick Smith

Kaley Waldrip

March 5 Henry Matinchek

March 7 Alan Adcox

Jordan Austin

Carmen McDonald

March 9 Grace Metcalf

MEMORIALS

JOSEPHINE RAYE ROGERS

Billy & Anita Wyatt

Lynn & Pam Cantrell

Dale & Gayle Cole

WRH Board of Directors & Executive Team

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley J. Ketz, Jr.

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John & Lesley Moore

Jon & Martha Healey

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

JIMMIE ANNE MITCHUM

Joan McKinney

Janie (Dot) Lewis

Eleanor Royer

Suzanne & Robert Evans

Jon & Martha Healey

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

CAROL ROBERTSON

Barrett & Sara Moore

Jon & Martha Healey

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

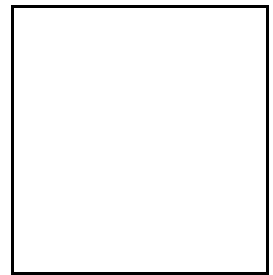
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The FUMC Challenge

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **March 4th, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

11:00 Worship Service
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

SUNDAYMORNINGS

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Announcements

Feb 28th St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Soup Lunch - noon
Feb 28th Chancel Choir Practice
BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
Mar 2nd Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Mar 4th Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March 6th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, March 4th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.

Lenten Lunches

Soup Lunch and Devotional

Wednesdays during Lent at Noon

February

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***St. Mary's Catholic
Church***

Devotional by Rev. Elizabeth
Brinegar of First Presbyterian
Church

February

28

***St. Paul's Episcopal
Church***

Devotional by Rev. Jesse James
of Central Ave. United Methodist
Church.

March

6

Lyon College

Devotional by Rev. Katie Pearce
of First United Methodist Church

March

13

***First United
Methodist Church***

Devotional by Chaplain Maggie
Alsup of Lyon College.

March

20

***First Presbyterian
Church***

Devotional by Father Jon Miskin
of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Lent

February 14 - March 31, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			February 14 Attend an Ash Wednesday service.	15 Make a copy - print or digital - of this calendar, and share with a friend!	16 Fast from social media.	17 Visit a shut-in and deliver a meal or special treat.
18 1st Sunday in Lent Read Mark 1:9-15	19 Pray for the children in your neighborhood.	20 Say "thank you" to a store clerk, server, and/or delivery person.	21 Repent of your sins. Ask God for forgiveness.	22 Be humble.	23 Share an online post from your church with friends and family.	24 Commit to a new, healthy habit.
25 2nd Sunday in Lent Read Mark 8:31-38	26 Pray for people affected by war and conflict around the globe.	27 Send an encouraging letter or email to someone.	28 Skip a meal and give your savings to a favorite charity in your community.	29 Today is Leap Day! Do something fun. Play!	March 1 Read the words of Charles Wesley's hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	2 Make a list of the blessings you have received in life.
3 3rd Sunday in Lent Read John 2:13-22	4 Pray for God's blessing on The United Methodist Church	5 Pray for God's blessing on those affiliated with other denominations.	6 Reach out to someone who is difficult to get to know.	7 Seek to be led by God.	8 Open your heart to someone you disagree with.	9 Ask God to reveal your spiritual gifts to you and use them.
10 4 th Sunday in Lent Read John 3:14-21	11 Pray for your immediate family members.	12 Be a witness for Christ.	13 Forgive those who have wronged you.	14 Remember and give thanks for those who have guided your faith and disciplined you.	15 Support a local business.	16 Go on a walk and listen to the sounds of nature.
17 4th Sunday in Lent Read John 12:20-33	18 Pray for someone in your extended family.	19 Fast from electronics.	20 Ask God to help you reconcile a broken relationship.	21 Text someone you haven't heard from recently and ask how they're doing.	22 Invite someone to join you for next week's Easter service.	23 Plant flowers or garden seeds. (Start seedlings inside if needed.)
24 Palm Sunday Read Mark 14:1 - 15:47	25 Holy Week Read John 12:1-11	26 Holy Week Read John 12:20-36	27 Holy Week Read John 13:21-32	28 Maundy Thursday Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35	29 Good Friday Read John 18:1 - 19:42	30 Holy Saturday Read John 19:38-42

31 EASTER
Christ the Lord
is risen today!
Hallelujah!
Read John 20:1-18



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It's almost Lent.

Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus. The 40 days* of Lent 2024 begin on February 14, Ash Wednesday, and end on March 30, the Saturday before Easter. This time represents the forty days Jesus suffered in the wilderness, enduring temptations and remaining close to God through fasting and prayer. This unimaginable time of trials and suffering is what prepared Jesus to carry out His ministry.

Through prayer, introspection, and service, you can also set aside the days of Lent to deepen your spiritual life and discern what God asks of you. On the other side of this page, you will find a special Lenten calendar, a gift from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. We invite you to use the daily prompts to help you pause, focus on God, and find renewal in Christ.

Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1: 13-16, NRSV



The grand vision of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is that it be economically possible for any qualified United Methodist student to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education.

UMHEF supports United Methodist students attending one of the 119 UM-related schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Our partnerships with local UM churches, schools, annual conference foundations, and donors allow over 1,000 students to receive more than \$2 million in vital scholarship support every year.

*The 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays.

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"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him."

POPE FRANCIS

