



First United Methodist Challenge

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April 10, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

I am writing this shortly after watching the solar eclipse. I was truly awed by the experience of watching the small sliver of the sun disappear into the total eclipse. I was enthralled for all four minutes of totality. I spoke in my sermon about some of the interpretations and theories surrounding the eclipse in some Christian communities. If you were not in worship, you can watch the sermon on Facebook or YouTube.



The word eclipse comes from the Greek word *éklepsis*, which means “abandonment.” The ancient Greeks believed that an eclipse meant that the gods were angry at them, and it was a bad omen.

While we do not assign any supernatural meaning to the solar eclipse, it can be a symbolic reminder for Christians. The Gospel of John talks about themes of light and darkness, and in it Jesus proclaims, “I am the light of the world.” The eclipse can be a symbolic reminder that when the moon blocks the sun, the sun has not gone anywhere; similarly, God will never abandon us, even when we fail to recognize God’s presence with us. I have shared a prayer for the eclipse below, written by my friend, Rev. Elizabeth Henry-McKeever, the priest at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Little Rock:

Prayer for the Eclipse:

O God of Light, who sets the stars and planets in their courses, thank you for this chance to stand in awe of your creation. Hallow our time of joy, study, and reflection. As we look to the heavens, remind us that your love never abandons us, even when it momentarily fades from our sight. Train our eyes and ears to notice the unexpected gifts present in the midday shadows. In the name of the One who gives light to the world, your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday. We will continue to study the resurrection appearances of Jesus with the story of Jesus having breakfast with the disciples and asking Peter if he loves him. This story is found in John 21:1-19.

God Bless
Pastor Katie



"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 Bowersmember
- Ginger Davismember
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Louise Hughesmember
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Jerry Millspaugh Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool..... niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Banks Shaw..... Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
- Sonja Massey Turnermember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

- Baptist Health Medical Center ICU - Little Rock**
- Bill Waldrip.....member

Nursery Available 11:00am Service

Kids Sunday School is every week from 10:00am–11:45am.

There is a nursery available for young children during this worship service.

We encourage older kids to stay in worship and it's fine if they make noise!

There are busy bags and coloring sheets located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

We are glad you and your kids are Here!

Nursery & Sunday School 9:00am Service

Kids are invited to go to the nursery after children's sermon.

Sunday School for kids is every week from 10:00am–10-45am.

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

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 Wheeler cousin 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
katie.pearce@arumc.org

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

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

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Our Presence

Online Worship Views March 31st

11:00 Service (YT 16 + FB 62) 78

9:00 Service(FB) 154

In-Person Attendance

April 7th 134

Our Gifts

Received in April

Received through 04-07-2024

Total Giving \$9,477.96

MEMORIALS

JACK PRESLEY

Elaine Vinson

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

John 21:1-19

Our Service

for April 14th

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 Jim Ramsey

11:00 Tom & Ruby Curl

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Roberts

LITURGIST: Arden Frasier

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

April 14 Amy Lewis

April 18 Matt Martin

April 19 Chris Carpenter

April 20 Ashley Montgomery Foster

April 16 Dick & Nancy Bernard

Wesley Covenant Prayer

"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.



Flower
Calendar

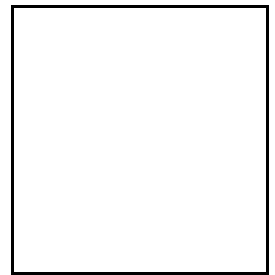
Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!

Come pick your special Sunday to do the altar flowers!



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The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **April 15th, 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

- April 10th Chancel Choir Practice
 BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
 BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- April 11th HIIWAYS College Group - 6:00pm
- April 13th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- April 15th Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm
- April 24th Celebration of our seniors
 Meal 6:30pm – Fellowship Hall
- April 24th Kids Movie Night 5:30pm—7:00pm
 Drop off and pickup at the Melba



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the April 17th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, April 15th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.