



First United Methodist Challenge

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January 8, 2025

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

Winter has arrived! This week our warming center will be open for 5-6 nights. In biblical times one of the greatest acts of hospitality was to invite someone into your home and share a meal with them. The warming center is an opportunity for us to live out biblical hospitality and love of neighbor. I want to highlight this ministry this week because it takes so many volunteers to open the shelter. In addition to overnight volunteers, church members and friends also make homemade dinners, stock the pantry with nonperishable food items, sort through donations, clean the house, wash sheets in between guests, and organize and schedule volunteers. I am so thankful for everyone who participates in this life saving ministry. If you've ever thought about helping with the warming center, but had questions, this is a great week to check it out. Come for dinner or spend a few hours one evening this week. Volunteers are never left alone; there are always multiple people. You can call the church office or Barrett Moore for more information.



This Sunday we are beginning a new stewardship sermon series called *Misquoted: What Does the Bible Really Say About Money?* Bible verses about money and generosity are often misunderstood or taken out of context. We will study some of the most misunderstood passages about money to learn what the Bible really says about money and generosity. The first sermon is on one of the most misquoted verses in the Bible: 1 Timothy 6:6-12. I encourage you to read it in advance of worship. You will be hearing more about stewardship and have an opportunity to make a financial pledge throughout January. Please read your newsletter and mailings from the church for more information.

Blessings,
Pastor Katie



In Memory of our dear friend Mike Wilson and founder of the Saturday Morning Breakfast, we would like to wish our church family a very Merry Christmas filled with God's blessings of peace, hope, and love for the new year.

Joyce, Diana, Joan, Robin, Louise, Linda, Rebecca, Steve, Jeannie, Joel, John, Jim, David S., David P., Bill, Ann, Larry, (not pictured - Eleanor, Julia, Sue, and Ron)

"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
- Larry Bentley.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Ruby Curlmember
- Phil DaughertyJennifer Emery's father
- Ginger Davismember
- Emma Herringtonfriend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Faith McClurg.....member
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Katie McLean.....member
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Poolsister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kervin RobinsonMichael Robinson's father
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's Great Grandson
- Belinda Turnerfriend of the Reynolds
- Lyndal Waitsmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

- MD Anderson - Houston, TX**
 Brent Bentley.....member

✝ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✝

Our sympathy goes out to *Gary Bebow, Ella Shelton, and their families* in the death of his son and her brother, **Andrew Paul Bebow**, who passed away Thursday, January 2, 2025.
 In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Taylor McKeen Shelton Foundation, 5204 W. Village Parkway, Suite 11 PMB113, Rogers, AR 72758.



Our Warming Center at the Grammar House is open whenever the temperature reaches 25 degrees. **We are seeking volunteers to help staff the center, launder and reset the beds, and otherwise help restock the center with food.**

The Center opens around 6:00pm and closes around 9:30pm if no guests are present. Otherwise we close the following morning around 8:00am. We also welcome your prayers and support communicating this ministry to the community. Volunteers can contact the church office for more information.

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

- Wildwood Independent Living**
 Nelda Hackworth..... member

- Wood-Lawn Heights**
 Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
 Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
 Gayle Stobaugh..... friend of members

- Woodcrest Assisted Living**
 Ernestine Boyce member

- The Springs of Searcy Health & Rehabilitation**
 Judy Murrah..... 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
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts.....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

Blessing Box
 Collecting these items this week
Pop Tarts or Breakfast Bars
 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

Michael Robinson

Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Custodian

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

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 Mailing Address is:
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Our Presence - Online Worship Views

December 29th

11:00 Service (YT 12 + FB 173) 185

9:00 Service(FB) 275

In-Person Attendance

January 5th 104

Our Gifts

Received in January

Received through 01-05-2024

Total Giving \$9,471.90

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

1 Timothy 6:6-12

First United Methodist Church

A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Service

for January 12th

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

11:00

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Lucy

LITURGIST: Joyce Prickett

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 12 Shawn Smith
January 13 Leah Taylor
January 14 Isabella Grace Anorve
Robert Williams
January 15 Tommie McDonald
Madison Neaville Morgan
January 16 Nancy Bernard
Harry Crossett
Jerry Lewis
Bill Robertson
January 17 Pam Glover
Keaton King
January 18 Meghan Benton

January 16 Patrick & Tammy Arnold

Flower Vase Liners

The flowers in the brass vase in the sanctuary are placed in a plastic black liner.

If you take the flowers home, please return the black liner to the church.

The liners are used every Sunday and for special occasions, such as funerals and weddings.



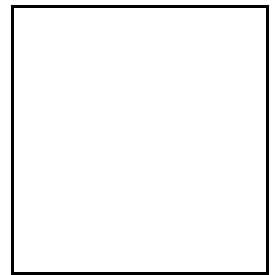
Flower Calendar 2025

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office). You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice. The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who our ill or home-bound.

Please take a moment to pick a Sunday where you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.



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The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Jan 13th, 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

- Jan 8th No Chancel Choir Practice
- No BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm (Returns Jan 15th)
- No BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm (Returns Jan 15th)
- No Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm (Returns Jan 15th)
- Jan 11th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Jan 13th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Jan 13th Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- Jan 16th College Group - 6:30pm
- Feb 2nd Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Jan 15th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Jan 13th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.