



THE WITNESS

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Wednesday Night: Makeover Edition

From Rev. Nathan Kilbourne:

Midweek (formerly “Wonderful Wednesdays”) is getting a makeover and being revamped this fall! It’s such a wonderful thing to see all that transpires on our campus on Wednesday evenings. From Music Ministry, C1 Children’s Ministry, C1 Youth, C1 MidYouth and Adult offerings, the whole congregation has the opportunity to engage together in their life of faith. Having served in a variety of churches throughout Arkansas, many churches no longer have Wednesday night programming due to lack of interest. It was so refreshing to come to Conway FUMC and discover a vibrant midweek program.

Because of our continued growth on Wednesday evenings and some shifting school schedules, we’ve had to alter things a bit. For instance, this year, our music programming for children will begin at 5 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. Joyful Sounds Music (ages 2nd through 4th grade) will be upstairs in Room 218 in the Sanctuary building. Participants will be taken to Children’s programming at 6 p.m. if they are not picked up from music. Also, a new music group is forming, Aldersgate Music, for ages 5th grade to an adult. Aldersgate will meet at 5 p.m. in room 202. This group is for those wanting to jump in to an intergenerational gathering to learn and perform church music.

The meal will look a bit different as well. We will be eating at 6 p.m. with Children, Youth, and MidYouth all eating in their respective areas because we cannot fit in the Fellowship Hall anymore! Adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall to eat together at 6 p.m. By the way, if you are a parent of a K-4th grader, please drop your child off at

Midweek Open House Aug. 28

Wednesday Nights are full of opportunities to grow in our life of discipleship and get to know God. Can you name all of the options? Do you know where they all happen?

Drop by on Wednesday, Aug. 28, to check it out! See the renovated basement where the kids will be, ask our youth directors about upcoming events in the Trinity Building, check out the instruments and learn about music options, grab a hot dog and talk to our pastors about study offerings this fall, and -- most of all -- explore your church and make yourself at home in God’s open house!

the Sanctuary entrance for kids for programming starting at 6 p.m. There will be a greeter at that door to welcome you and help get your child to the basement. Programming will go from 6 to 7:30 p.m. as usual for all ages. And pick up locations will be in the varied areas where the ages meet except kids ages K-4th grade will be brought to the Fellowship Hall for pick up.

This Fall we will have a couple different offerings for Adults. Starting Sept. 4, we will kick off a four-week gathering called, “What’s Your Story,” in which members of our own congregation will share their stories around various subjects related to the life of faith.

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All Are Welcome!

September 1, 2024

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY



One Service at
10 a.m., Sanctuary



UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

Service Project: 11 a.m., Great Hall

Alley Entrance into Parking Lot to Be One Way Only

The alley entrance from Prince Street into the parking lot will now be exit only from Monday mornings to Friday evenings due to preschool drop off and pick up. There will be a sign in the driveway at Prince Street to remind drivers of the traffic direction change. Thank you for helping us to keep the students safe in our Early Childhood Center!

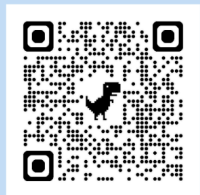




Sunday,
Aug. 18,
2024



Desserts are needed for The Wesley college students (approximately 35) to enjoy after Wednesday night services. If you would like to bring a dessert, please sign up using the QR Code.



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We will gather at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to eat, hear a short story by one of our members about an aspect of their life of faith, and talk around tables about how the individual's story connects with our story. It will be a great time to meet people, share laughter, and listen to God's story in your life! Our first storyteller will be Amy Shores sharing about her journey into ministry!

Then launching on Oct. 2, we will offer a study called "Unleashing our Discipleship," which will be related to our Capital Campaign for anyone not part of a Sunday School class. It will go for six weeks. Also, our Caregivers group will offer gatherings during this six-week period as well for any who are primary caregivers for loved ones. There will be more details regarding these opportunities to follow.

This Fall will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Join us Aug. 28 for our Kickoff event so you can learn more about Midweek. It will be an awesome "Open House event" to start the new revamped Midweek offerings!

Sarah Ross Returns As Pastoral Intern

Howdy all! I am back from my summer internship at FUMC Frisco in Frisco, Texas, and can't wait to get back to work as your pastoral intern! My summer in Frisco was great and I learned a lot that I can't wait to put into practice in my work at Conway FUMC. Other exciting news from this summer is that I got engaged!

As I finish up my college career at Hendrix, I will be working with Pastor Nathan and Pastor Miranda on Sunday mornings and in other pastoral tasks as I learn the ways of pastoral ministry from them. I will also be adding some social media work with Colleen as she shows me the ropes of taking church online.

I'm so excited to be back in Conway and be in ministry with you all once again!



Senior Adventures (for those age 60 and up!)



We're taking a break in August due to busy schedules! On Sept. 12, we are going to Mount Magazine Lodge for lunch and a tour of the Subiaco Abbey.

Call Bonnie Laycock at 316-207-0883 to reserve a seat on the van.

In Memory and In Honor

In memory of Sue Hines by: Libba Tierney

In memory of Mary Fleming by: Libba Tierney, Carol Schedler, Linda Tyler, Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Jamie Bird, Pam Wren, Kathy & Chris Cooper, Nancy Williams & Bob Dornblaser

In memory of Jean Parrack by: Jason Dworak, Sara Shinn, Gregory & Jacqueline Winner, Jamie Bird, Heintzen & Associates, Inc., Carey Sharp

In memory of Jo Nell Lowry by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, PEO Chapter E, Pam Wren, Nancy Williams & Bob Dornblaser

In memory of Tonya Coats by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Nancy Williams & Bob Dornblaser

In memory of Joy Cross by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison

In memory of Danny Burriss by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison

In memory of Elizabeth Shock by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Larry & Hilda Malpica, Roger & Linda Mills

In memory of Fred Tate by: Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Roger & Linda Mills

In memory of Carolyn Lefler by: Frank & Debbie Bartrow, Koinonia Sunday School Class, Brad & Cheryl Bennett

In memory of Allan Bruner by: Jeremy Bruner

In memory of Clara Ledbetter by: Roger & Linda Mills

In memory of Dick Russ by: Pam Wren

In honor of Eli Mackenzie Gingerich by: Pam Wren

In honor of Rev. Miranda Hornsby by: Kathy & Chris Cooper

In honor of Rev. Nathan Kilbourne by: Kathy & Chris Cooper

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

Attention Youngsters in Grades 3 through 12



Become an Acolyte!

It's Not Just About Lighting Candles

Acolytes are important ministers at worship services. As an Acolyte, you will help the pastors lead worship. Acolytes are needed in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. You may regularly attend any service and still be an acolyte.



Rosters are forming now. Training will be held Thursday, Sept. 12, and Tuesday, Sept. 17.

For more information or to sign up for training, text our Acolyte Master, Peggy Weatherly, at 501-730-2911.

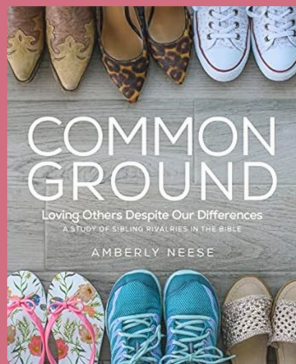
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 WEDNESDAYS 10AM



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Not an evening person? Want to study the Bible and connect with others? Join Pastor Miranda on Wednesday Mornings 10-11am in the Youth Big Room! On September 4th, we will begin a four-week study with chapter 1 of "Common Ground: Loving Others Despite Our Differences" by Amberly Neese! Don't want to read? Come anyway to have fun and discuss! Sign up and request a book with the form or QR Code.

Join Now



Questions?

Contact Pastor Miranda at
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Sunday Worship

In-person:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:05 and 11 a.m.
services are
livestreamed on
Facebook and
YouTube

First United Methodist Church Staff Directory

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