



THE WITNESS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1610 PRINCE ST., CONWAY, ARKANSAS, 72034

Midweek Wednesday Activities Under Way

Our Wednesday night programming, MidWeek, kicked off again on Aug. 27 with opportunities for all ages. Here's a quick preview of the schedule:

MIDWEEK FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person/\$28 max per family.

- C1Kids (ages 6 weeks to grade 4) will be in the basement.
- C1MidYouth (grades 5 through 7) will be in the Great Hall.
- C1Youth (grades 8 through 12) will be in the Youth Lounge.
- Adults will be in the Fellowship Hall.
- College students for Wesley worship – 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Music opportunities will be offered during the afternoon and evening.

- Aldersgate Music (children and youth grades 2-7) – 5 to 5:50 p.m., Room 218
- Chancel Choir (for adults) -- 7 p.m., Choir Room



ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

For adults who want to participate in our adult offering, this fall we will be walking through Paul's letters in detail! While each week the pastors will preach on letter of Paul, our Wednesday evening study, starting at 6:30 p.m., will go into more detail on the letters the pastors will be preaching on each week. There's no book to buy! Simply bring your Bible each week as we explore in greater detail Paul's letters! The first week, we will explore the world in which Paul lived and how it colored his understanding of the good news of Jesus Christ!



Gather With Community at Parish Party

Do you love gathering with people? Want to create space for connection with friends and neighbors outside the church?

Most people attend church because YOU invite them. We are people, and we like connecting with other people.

Conway FUMC is offering \$100 in snack reimbursement (via the Taylor Fund) for small groups, ministry groups, or individuals who want to host a Parish Party — a casual, intentional gathering to invite neighbors outside our walls. It's simple: you gather, you welcome others, and share community. We'll help cover the snacks! Request Funds for your group today!

One Service Sunday Aug. 31, 2025

AUG. 31 SCHEDULE

Coffee and Doughnuts in Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

One Worship Service at 10 a.m. In the Sanctuary
(No Sunday School)

Hygiene Kit Packaging at 11a.m. in the Great Hall



PICKLEBALL

Open Play

All are welcome to play pickleball at the church!
Outdoor Ministries is hosting a pickleball afternoon
of fun in the Great Hall from 2-4pm.

SUNDAY, 14 SEP | 2-4PM

2 courts will be setup inside the Great Hall

BAKED WITH LOVE



**September
25 or 27
10am
Basement
Kitchen**

Please contact
Margaret Cline
for more information
501.504.4181
margaret.cline@gmail.com

Join us as we learn how
easy it is to prepare the
bread that will be used
in our communion
services



This is a meaningful opportunity to serve,
connect, and reflect on the body of Christ in
a hands-on way!

A Summer Update from the Missions Committee

A special thank you to all who attended Trivia Night in July. The event was a great success and raised \$1,713 which has gone to support Rise House. Rise House is a local nonprofit that provides outreach services including emergency shelter, food, clothing, legal advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors of family violence and sexual assault in the central Arkansas area.

Conway FUMC has entered a Covenant Partnership with a global missionary named Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine. Thank you to those who voted! We were able to send \$1,500 in support of her mission work in Tanzania. Read more about Kabaka at umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/alphonsine-kabaka-ndala/



Mark your calendars for the Christmas Coffeehouse on Nov. 16. Come by and visit with local nonprofits and learn how you can support their work and you can support our Mission Committee at the Silent Auction and enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, and treats. The silent auction is in need of your donations of crafts, weekend getaways, homemade food items, gift cards, gently used home items, etc. If you are crafty and need time to create a donation, now is the time to start. We are taking donations through the day of the event. Contact Lori Mulhearn at 501-472-4307 with any questions.



Summer Lunch Program Feeds 4,000

The Summer Lunch Program is finished for another year! Thank you to all who volunteered and coordinated this joint effort with the Faulkner County Library. Lunches were served at the library three times a week for 12 weeks, making for a total of nearly 4,000 meals! Those receiving meals were also invited to stay for a fun, family movie.

A huge thank you to Toad Suck Daze, which fully funded the program this year.

Wesley After Worship Desserts Needed!

Support The Wesley by providing desserts
for 40 students for our after worship
fellowship time

Sign up using QR Code!



Wesley Tuesday Dinners Needed!

Support The Wesley by providing dinner
for 20 students for our Bible Study meal.

Sign up using QR Code!



LifeQuest for Seniors Has Come to Conway!

What is LifeQuest? LifeQuest of Arkansas is a non-profit organization serving older adults primarily in Little Rock since 1981. LifeQuest offers classes (no tests, no credit, and no pay for instructors!) and other activities designed to promote healthy longevity through continuing intellectual, social and physical engagement.

In partnership with Hendrix College, LifeQuest has prepared to launch its first satellite campus here in Conway, "The City of Colleges," Conway First United Methodist Church has agreed to organize and house this undertaking. One fee (\$85 for Fall term) allows participants to take as many classes as they choose in Conway, Little Rock and online. Scholarships are readily available.

Why FUMC? Our congregation has long had a close relationship with Hendrix College, we have continually sought new ways to be involved in and support our community, and we have plenty of unused space during the weekday. Members of our congregation have stepped up in big ways to be ready for the Fall term classes beginning on Sept. 15.

How can you help? LifeQuest will probably "get in the way" at times and we ask for patience and a generous spirit as we work together to resolve challenges as needed. We will need volunteers! We need greeters, office help, packaged snacks, coffee preparation, and some mild 'heavy lifting' (moving furniture and then placing things back where they belong.) You may want to propose and teach a course!

Several church members and retired college faculty whose names you may recognize will be teaching this fall.

The fall brochure has been mailed and is posted online, and registration opened Aug. 19. Please visit lifequestofarkansas.org to learn lots more, or email info@lifequestofarkansas.org.

Steering committee members are David and Pebble Sutherland (co-chairs), Rebecca Mills, Becky Rasnick, Melody Sargent, Mary Margaret Satterfield, J.J. Whitney and Rock Jones, as well as LifeQuest staff members Executive Director Leah Greenfield and Program Director Gina Bridges.

Contact any of us with questions or to volunteer!

Linktree*

Check out our Link Tree list of sign up forms and volunteer opportunities by scanning the QR Code, or visit the Resources section on our church website.



Middle Grounds Help Needed

Do you enjoy coffee, doughnuts and conversation? Then you'll love Middle Grounds, held on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help pick up the doughnuts, set up the coffee station and clean up afterwards. There are plenty of opportunities to help during the coming months! Scan the QR code to sign up.



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Join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Journeys of Paul

Wanting to dive deeper into the Word of God? Carrying questions about Paul's writings?

Join Pastor Miranda on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for a new Bible Study on the Journeys of Paul!

We'll explore one of Paul's letters each week — discovering both affirming and challenging words for our lives today.

See you in the Youth Big Room!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:
8:30 & 11 A.M. -- SANCTUARY
9:05 A.M. -- GREAT HALL
LIVE-STREAMING AT 9:05 & 11 A.M.:
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