



THE WITNESS

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

JOIN US FOR

Back to School
SUNDAY



We will have Backpack Blessings in all three worship services and a *Back to School Breakfast* during the Sunday School hour (10-11) in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Back to School Sunday Set Aug. 18

Students of all ages, along with teachers, faculty and school staff are invited to come for a blessing for a successful school year and to receive a back-to-school gift.

Everyone is invited to the Back to School Breakfast during the Sunday school hour.

In preparation for One Service Sunday on Sept. 1, the Children's Department will be collecting adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches in size). Please bring them to worship or the breakfast.

Worship times:

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

Youth Week is Coming Soon!

The wait is over because YOUTH WEEK SIGN UP IS HERE! Youth Week is for all 8th-12th graders to join us, hang out and build relationships right before the busyness of school gets us.

Starting off the week we have a trip to Rogers -- the most important part of the trip of course though is Crystal Bridges! (Aug. 8 -- \$10)

Next we have the annual BROOMBALL on Aug. 9. Join us for some fun competition (you might even get to see someone fall on the ice)

Third on the list is MURRYS DINNER PLAYHOUSE, where you get dinner AND to see The Jersey Boys. (Aug. 10 -- \$20).

Next up the ARKANSAS TRAVELERS game on Aug. 11 with the one and only @arkansasdcym! Then it's MOVIE NIGHT on Aug. 12.

And lastly to complete the most amazing week of the youth year is TOP GOLF, and after sweating and showing off your amazing skills you can cool down with some ICE CREAM!

Sign up at link found with this QR code, or contact Zack Schrick at zschrack@conwayfumc.org.



Youth Week

August 8th

ROGERS TRIP - 10 dollars

August 9th

Broomball - FREE

August 10th

Murrays dinner playhouse - 20 dollars

August 11th

Travelers game - FREE

August 12th

Movie night - FREE

August 13th

Top golf and ice cream - 15 dollars



Youth Ministry Intern for Summer is Amity Lemmer

Our summer intern for Youth Ministries will be Amity Lemmer. Amity graduated from Morrilton High School in 2022 and is currently a junior at the University of Central Arkansas majoring in Health Promotion, in hopes to go to graduate school for a doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

“I have grown up in the United Methodist Church. During my time in youth I was active in my youth group and held positions in district and state level United Methodist youth councils. Through all of this I found a love working with children and youth and helping them grow their faith, and hope to be able to continue to explore this passion in the future,” Amity said.

Spiritual Direction Offerings



Spiritual Direction is a guided process in which a person/group of people meet with a trained Spiritual Director in order to explore and discern how God is at work in their lives and inviting them to deepen their relationship with God.

Spiritual Direction explores questions such as:

- Am I doing God’s will for my life?
- How do I know this decision is the right one for me?
- Why do I currently feel distant from God?
- What does my spiritual journey look like right now? What would I like it to look like?

Individual Direction

Directees meet one-on-one. This is not therapy, but rather a set aside time for the directee to explore what has been occurring on their Spiritual journey.

Group Direction

Dedicated time to learn new/deepen personal Spiritual practices, as well as explore how God has been at work in the lives of the individuals in the group.

If you are interested in individual direction, setting up a regular time for group direction, or even in having a trial session in a regularly occurring group (Sunday School class, other study/meeting time) please contact Amy Shores for more info.



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Summer Seminar for Handbell Musicians Set at Conway FUMC

The sound of bells ringing will be heard on Saturday, Aug. 24 on our campus! Our church will host the Summer Seminar for the Arkansas chapter of the Handbell Musicians of America. This is an annual event that allows handbell ringers from across the state to rehearse the music for the February handbell festival, and to build professional connections with colleagues.

Our own Linda Ball will be on the podium for the day as the guest clinician. Jason Saugey, our Director of Music Ministries, is on the State Handbell Board, has helped plan this event, and will be assisting in the running of this daylong fun.

Our church currently fills four choirs of leveled handbell and chimes ringers, teaching music and ringing skills to musicians from second grade through adults. We always welcome new ringers into our choirs, whether you have rung before or have always wanted to learn the skills. Ringing bells is another way to praise God!

Caregiver Open House Planned

Spread the word about the Caregiver Open House in the church library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug 4.

Sponsored by the FUMC Caregiver Ministry team, the reception will honor caregivers in our congregation, introduce caregiver resources, and offer a survey to determine future Caregiver Ministry options. Bring your favorite drink of choice for breakfast cake and fellowship while learning about this re-organizing ministry in the life of our church.



New Community Care Ministry

Are you passionate about bringing joy and companionship to older adults through music and social activities? We are seeking volunteers to join our mission of spreading love and happiness at assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and nursing homes.

For more information, email Luke Simpson at simpsonLL@hendrix.edu or fill out the form at the QR code here.



In Memory and In Honor

- In memory of Allan Bruner by:** Jeremy Bruner, Johnnye Hartje
- In memory of Jo Nell Lowry by:** Matthew & Heidi Crane, Ellis & Kim Arnold, Margaret Taverner, David & Pebble Sutherland
- In memory of Clara Ledbetter by:** Matthew & Heidi Crane, David & Pebble Sutherland
- In memory of Tonya Coats by:** Skeet & Mary Jane Morse, Jimmy & Peggy Clark, Margaret Taverner, Ed & Sara Hickman, Betty & John Pickett
- In memory of Carolyn Lefler by:** Carol Schedler
- In memory of Bud Hines by:** Margaret Taverner
- In memory of Clay & Joy Cross by:** Margaret Taverner
- In memory of Danny Burris by:** Margaret Taverner

- In honor of Conway FUMC Staff by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson
- In honor of Kish Jones by:** Charles Pittman

All Are Welcome!

September 1, 2024

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

WORSHIP

One Service at 10 a.m., Sanctuary



Health Kit Packaging at 11 a.m., Great Hall

(No Sunday school)



To purchase items for the Health Kits, please use the QR code to view our Amazon Wish List!



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. Specifics will be coming soon!

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A Few Words About Prayer

Did you know -- we have a group of women praying weekly for our church, our members, our world?

Did you know -- your prayers are in complete confidence and nothing is shared outside of the prayer room?

Did you know -- you have several ways of sharing concerns and joys with them?

- Email joysandconcerns@conwayfumc.org.
- Online through the website: conwayfumc.org - go to Connect, then Prayer
- The attendance folder has prayer request cards to fill out and place in the collection plate or in the boxes outside the worship areas.
- Scan the QR code in the worship bulletin (see code at the right.)



Did you know -- we only want to ease your burdens by adding our prayers with your own and give you peace knowing others are praying with you. Our ministry is out of love and care for all our church family, let us send you peace, comfort, and love through our prayers.

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

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