



THE WITNESS

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

It's Time for a Road Trip!

From Pastor Nathan and Pastor Miranda:

Summers are filled with all kinds of adventures! From going to camp or traveling for vacation, we find ourselves on the road. Road trips are filled with car games, karaoke jams, and sharing stories.

It is on road trips we often find our Prophets, Messiah, and Disciples, as the Bible is filled with stories of people whose faith brings them on journeys. For instance, we have Joseph in the book of Genesis, Moses in Exodus, Jonah, Paul, and Jesus, these people are always on the move!

Throughout this new worship series, you will hear from tour guides connected to Conway FUMC. Your guides include our clergy spouses, retired clergy, and those who you don't get to hear often but have journeys of faith.

As you travel this July and August, we invite you to tune into these Journeys of Faith, as we go on a Roadtrip together!



Itinerary for 2024

SUNDAY	TOUR GUIDE	SERMON TITLE & SCRIPTURE
7/7	JEFF KELLEY	"THE MORAL REQUIREMENTS OF A GREAT NATION" II SAMUEL 5:1-5;9-10; PSALM 48; MARK 6:1-13
7/14	CHAD HORNSBY	"THE LAST FRONTIER OF FRIENDSHIP" ACTS 2: 42-47
7/21	MACKEY YOKEM	"THE LONGEST JOURNEY: WHAT I LEARNED AND WHAT I KNOW" ISAIAH 6:8 & JOHN 10:10
7/28	ELLEN ALSTON	"OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND" JOB 38:1-11, 16-18
8/4	LYNN KILBOURNE	"A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN" ROMANS 16:1-16
8/11	CHRIS COOPER	"THREE SIMPLE RULES" CONCEPTS FROM RUEBEN JOB'S BOOK, "THREE SIMPLE RULES"

FUMC Recognized for Commitment to Mission Across the Globe

Our Arkansas Annual Conference wrapped up on June 21, and it was a wonderful experience. We heard of how the church in Arkansas is alive and vital, even in the places where disaffiliation was and is a reality. The United Methodist Church continues to remain an important part of God's greater mission of redemption, reconciliation, and renewal.

Our own church was recognized as a 5-Star Church by the Board of Global Missions. This is quite the accomplishment, as we are the only church in our Annual Conference to have received this award. The 5-Star Church award recognizes churches for their commitment

to mission across the globe. Through the money we send beyond our church to global missionaries, supporting the United Methodist Committee on Relief, continuing to pay our Conference Tithe (our apportionments as it was previously known), being part of Mission U, and supporting Global advance projects like the Guatemala Stove Builders project, Conway First UMC continues to have a heart for those beyond our walls.

A big thank you to our Missions Committee and United Women in Faith who have led the charge and motivated us to reach beyond ourselves!

In Memory and in Honor

In memory of Marvin & Celeste Dalton Henderson by: Beth Abbott

In memory of Tonya Coats by: Rick, Becky & Justin Rasnick, Richard & Carol Clark, David & Pebble Sutherland, Claudia Davis, Clint Johnson, Larry & Marilyn Williams, Jamie Bird, Larry & Hilda Malpica, Thea Spatz, Bill & Denise Bethea, Gene & Meredith Wilbourn, Pam Wren, Ritchie & Adair Howell, Tom & Cathy Goodwin, Frank & Debbie Bartrow, Maurice Webb, Roy Whitehead, Rusty Rogers, David Turney, Clint Johnson, Steve Singleton, Tom DeBlack, Tom Courtway, Bill & Sue Higgs, Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Sara Shinn, Beth Ruple, Martha Bumpers

In memory of Clara Ledbetter by: Brad Fleetwood, Kaye & Dan Clanton & Family, Dotty Robins Light SS Class, Jamie Bird, Sara Shinn, Chris & Kathy Cooper, Martha Bumpers

In memory of Jo Nell Lowry by: Gene & Meredith Wilbourn, Claudia Davis, Rebecca Mills, Debbie Pounders, Molly Jones, Kaye & Dan Clanton & Family, Dotty Robins Light SS Class, Jamie Bird, Sara Shinn, Rick & Becky Rasnick, Beth Ruple, Chris & Kathy Cooper, Martha Bumpers

In memory of Allan Bruner by: Jeremy Bruner, Johnnye Hartje

In memory of Bruce Netherton by: Kathy & Chris Cooper

In memory of Elizabeth Shock by: Kathy & Chris Cooper, David & Pebble Sutherland, Clint Johnson, Pam Wren, Richard & Carol Clark, Ritchie & Adair Howell, Bill & Sue Higgs, Kaye & Dan Clanton & Family, Beth Ruple

In memory of Ralph Walter by: Michael & Donna Harris, Jamie Bird, Chris & Kathy Cooper, Martha Bumpers

In memory of Guy M. Whitney, Jr. by: Loretta Whitney

In memory of Clay Cross by: Jamie Bird

In memory of Bud & Sue Hines by: Thea Spatz, Bill & Sue Higgs

In memory of Carolyn Bruce by: Thea Spatz

In memory of Joe Wilson by: Pam Wren

In honor of Beneva Farris's 100th birthday by: Rebecca Mills

In honor of Mary Kay Dunaway by: Conway FUMC United Women in Faith

In honor of Diane Newton by: Conway FUMC United Women in Faith

In honor of Mary Henderson by: Johnnye Hartje

In honor of FUMC Staff by: Johnnye Hartje

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

In honor of Beneva Farris by: Elizabeth Farris & Bill Sorrels

Caregiver Ministry Collaboration

The term "caregiver" applies to many situations. The most universal are aging (including dementia and Alzheimers) and cancer. Help our large church come together to form a circle of supportive collaboration, helping us all be more aware of the caregiver journey most of us will take over our lifetimes.

Concerns, questions, and recommendations are confidentially received by the committee through chair Barbara Satterfield at barbarabdesign@yahoo.com.

Email contributions on or before Sunday, July 14, to inform the survey that will be available at a Caregiver Open House to be held Aug. 4 in the church library

Please put the drop-in open house on your calendar for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. This reception will honor caregivers in our congregation, introduce caregiver resources, and offer a survey to determine future Caregiver Ministry options. Please join us to learn more!



Seniors! (60 and up)

July Senior Adventure

Ageless and Awesome!

8:30 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10

We're headed to:

The Ozark Folk Center - The Ozark Folk Center is a place dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of traditional Ozark Mountain crafts and music. Visitors can see presentations and demonstrations of the Ozark crafts and music and living history enactments. Many of the crafts are for sale. Cost: \$15

Lunch at the Skillet Restaurant - located right at the folk center, we will enjoy a delicious lunch after visiting the craft village. Cost: \$11 to \$14

The Dulcimer Shop and the Toy Train Museum - We will stop at the Dulcimer shop for a demonstration of the dulcimer and then visit the Toy and Train Museum in Mountain View. Cost: \$5

We will be traveling by church van. Call Bonnie Laycock at 316-207-0883 to reserve a seat on the van.



WOW Camp 2024



One Service Day Health Kit Collection

Donations for Health Kits

- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. or larger)
No Ivory or Jergen's accepted
- One white hand towel (15X25 up to 17X27)
- One white washcloth
- One comb (must be sturdy with at least 4 to 7 inches of teeth)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches Bandaid-style)
- One one-gallon resealable Ziplock-style bags



Donations may be left in collection boxes at worship entrances or purchased through our Amazon Wish List at the QR code.



One Service Day Tradition Continues in 2024 at FUMC!

Sunday, Sept. 1

The Specifics:

10 a.m. -- One worship service in the Sanctuary (No Sunday school)

11 a.m. -- Mission project packing Health Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). There are jobs for all ages! A perfect day for all members of your family.



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FUMC Missions: Supporting Our Neighbors

The First United Methodist Church Mission Committee is sending \$1,000 to the Arkansas Conference to support disaster relief efforts in North Arkansas following the recent tornadoes.

The Committee regularly responds to needs in our community. Most recently, we have provided funds for Conway Cradle Care, the Summer Feeding Program, a Global Missionary, an FUMC Summer Intern, and the Conway Ministry Center.

Through your generosity, the Mission Committee is able to show that "Love Grows Here" and is active in the world.

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Generosity Award Given to Conway FUMC

The Methodist Family Health Foundation presented its annual Church Generosity Awards at last week's Arkansas Annual Conference. Conway First United Methodist Church was among those churches recognized.

Others recognized were Arkadelphia FUMC, Bella Vista FUMC, Brinkley FUMC, Clarksville FUMC, Harmony UMC Searcy, Malvern FUMC, Moorefield UMC, St. James UMC Little Rock, and Star City FUMC.

For more information about Methodist Family Health and ways groups can support it, visit methodistfamily.org.

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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