



THE WITNESS

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

Wesley Group Serves in Costa Rica



Thank you so much to everyone who helped support our Wesley Foundation trip to Costa Rica! We were able to help lead worship and assist with construction projects at the Methodist Church where we stayed. We also got out into the community to lead VBS! Thanks again for the prayers and financial support as we represented FUMC Conway out into the world!



FUMC MISSION COMMITTEE'S 10TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 11 JULY

7PM TO 9PM

TEAMS OF 8-10

\$10/PERSON

PAY @ THE DOOR

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

10th Annual Trivia Night Set Friday, July 11

There's Still Time to Sign Up!

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 11, (7 to 9 p.m.) as we'll celebrate the 10th annual FUMC Trivia Night!

We hope you (and your favorite trivia teammates) will join us for an evening of fun and fundraising for missions.

The cost is \$10/person at the door. Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase. You can find more details and register your team by scanning the QR Code on the left.

Email Tricia Burris (tburris@conwaycorp.net) with questions.

Save the Date

C1 KIDS VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JOURNEY TOGETHER

Intergenerational Dates
July 20 & 23 5:30pm-7:45pm
Kid Drop-off Dates
July 21 & 22 5:30pm-7:45pm

Sign Up Here for Kids' Nights

Sign Up Here for Intergenerational Nights

Questions? Contact Catherine
cgatlin@conwayfumc.org

August 31, 2025 ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Donations may be left in the collection boxes at worship entrances and hospitality areas or purchased through our Amazon Wish List (QR Code at right.) Cash donations are welcome.



Collection dates
are from June 1
through July 31.



UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

HYGIENE KIT DONATION GUIDELINES

UMCOR's Guidelines for Hygiene Kits are listed below and **MUST** be followed precisely, otherwise the items collected cannot be used in the kits. Our goal this year is to prepare 1,200 (or more) kits which will surpass the number of kits prepared in 2024, so we ask that you help reach this goal by carefully following the guidelines as indicated. All kits will be distributed in the U.S.

HYGIENE KIT MATERIALS

- **Washcloths**
 - No Kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **Comb**
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- **Toenail or fingernail clippers**
 - No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - Do NOT remove from packaging
- **Adult toothbrush**
 - Only INDIVIDUALLY packaged toothbrushes can be used (NO multiple packages)
 - Do NOT remove from packaging
 - Personal advertising is not acceptable
- **Adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)**
 - Common household bandages acceptable
- **One-gallon size resealable bags**



Important Notes:

All items **MUST** be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new. UMCOR requests that the kits should not contain items with cartoon characters or advertisements.

Ideas Sought for Use of Ash Tree Trunk

From Emily Walter,
Trustees Chair:

Some of you might have noticed the Ash tree has been cut at the southeast corner of our Church ground. This tree was planted in 2000 by The Forum class in honor of John Wesley, but it was causing damage to the brick wall and preventing us from making much-needed roof repairs to the Sanctuary. We have kept the actual trunk of the tree and it's currently sitting in the back portion of our parking lot (feel free to go by and take a look).

We are looking for ideas for using the trunk. Are you a woodworker who loves to create? We are running a contest. Send us your idea on how you would use the Ash tree for a commemorative piece around our campus. If your idea is chosen, you will be able to bring your project to life. You will also be highlighted in the Witness and your piece will be on display for everyone to see!

Send all ideas to fixit@conwayfumc.org. All ideas will be reviewed and voted on by Trustees at our meeting in July. A winner will be announced on the last week of July.

Summer Shorts Gatherings

Join us for "Summer Shorts" — a casual, midweek gathering where one of our pastors offers a short lecture on a surprise topic, followed by time for Q&A and discussion. Come curious, bring your questions, and enjoy a fun and thoughtful dive into something new the first Wednesday night of each month this summer!

Our next Summer Shorts gathering will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, in the Youth Big Room (Room 1103 in the Trinity Building).



AUG. 31 SCHEDULE

Coffee and Doughnuts in
the Trinity Lobby 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

All Are Welcome

Who did we serve?**May 2025****CHURCH & SOCIETY**
The United Methodist Church

Living FAITH Seeking JUSTICE Pursuing PEACE

Individuals:

392

Seniors:

83

Children:

102

White:

67%Pounds of
Food:**6,280****Food Pantry Drive-Thru:****July 17th & 31st****Indoor Food Pantry
& Amazing Grace Cafe:****July 10th & 24th****Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm**

Did You Know?

*The average meal cost
for people in Faulkner
County is \$3.49, or \$10.47
per day.***Items Needed:**

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo

No Food Pantry on Thursday, July 3rd & Thank you to all who helped
celebrate Juneteenth with a special holiday give-a-way.**FOOD  PANTRY**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONWAY, AR

Want More Information? Email: FoodPantry@ConwayFUMC.org**UPDATE****Financial Update
from Pastor Nathan****May 2025**

Year to date monetary gifts given for
Operational Expenses: \$521,749.02
Expenses: \$473,642.17
Income/Loss: \$ 48,106.85

Loan Information

Amount Owed: \$140,000
Monthly Payment: \$12,000 (about
 \$10,000 going to principal now, \$2,000
 to interest)

We are keeping enough money in
 our capital account to pay monthly
 payments. We have enough to make
 payments through the end of 2025. All
 funds received now are going straight
 to principal.



**CT
YOUTH
WEEK**

AUGUST 1 - 7, 2025
 FREE EVENTS | DAILY
 WATCH FOR COMMUNICAITONS
 COMING SOON

In Memory & Honor**In memory of Allan Bruner by:** Jeremy Bruner**In memory of Armilda McCormack by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Martha Bumpers, Claudia Davis, Carol Schedler, Rex & Martha Ross, Jamie Bird, Cliff & Maribeth Garrison**In memory of Paul Taber by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Carol Schedler, Rick & Becky Rasnick, Jamie Bird, Carol Means, Kathy & Chris Cooper, Sara Shinn, Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Larry & Marilyn Williams, Claudia Davis, Sherry Owen, Jim Miller, Teresa Elliott**In memory of John Collier by:** Larry & Marilyn Williams**In memory of Lana Chastain by:** Cliff & Maribeth Garrison**In honor of Kish Jones by:** Charles Pittman**In honor of Miranda & Chad Hornsby by:** Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Bill & Cecilia Patterson**RSVP on Link Tree**

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

For a comprehensive list of events at
 Conway FUMC, please visit
www.conwayfumc.org



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Lilli King is Children's Summer Intern

Lilli King is entering her sophomore year at Hendrix College pursuing a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. Lilli is from Conway and has grown up attending this church.

She's excited to work with the children's department helping kids grow and have fun in their faith.



Movie Nights Are Back This Summer!

Grab your friends, your family, and your favorite snacks - Movie Nights are back! Join us this summer for fun, family-friendly films, popcorn, and community. Come Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. and enjoy a relaxed evening and a good movie in the church Theatre (located in the basement). Then, on Sunday mornings, you'll be ready for our Faith and Film Sermon Series.

July 19: Wild Robot
July 26: The Sandlot

August 2: Wicked
August 9: Moana 2

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

MidYouth Summer

CAMP - Central Arkansas Mission Project
July 25 and 26 - sign up on LinkTree.

Summer MidYouth Hangtime
July 16 @ 5-7 p.m., Aug 6 @ 5-7 p.m.



First United Methodist Church Staff Directory

Senior Pastor -- Nathan Kilbourne
Associate Pastor -- Miranda Hornsby
Director, Children's Ministries -- Catherine Gatlin
Director, Youth Ministries -- Zach Schrick
Director, MidYouth Ministries -- Christy Lemmer
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Bookkeeper -- Libby Conder
Supervisor, Hospitality Ministries -- Ed Spears
Custodian -- Tim Tarpley
Financial Assistant -- Laura Bounds
Communications Assistant -- Colleen Holt

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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OR YOUTUBE: @CONWAYFUMC