



# THE WITNESS

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

## SUMMER LUNCH MINISTRY

FUMC is teaming up with the Faulkner County Library to serve 3000 lunches to our neighbors May-August. Find out how you can help...

**VOLUNTEER**



## Travelers Baseball Game Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Join Conway FUMC for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the Arkansas Travelers baseball game on Sunday, June 22.

Tickets are \$23 and include lunch and your game ticket. Wear your Conway FUMC T-shirt to church and then show your church spirit, enjoy a great day at the ballpark together!

RSVP by June 8 to reserve your spot! Scan the QR code to access the RSVP form.



**Need a Church T-Shirt? Order it here!**

## Wear Red On Pentecost!

Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** to church on **SUNDAY, JUNE 8**, whether online or in person. Red signifies the "tongues of flame" that appeared among the disciples at Pentecost, 50 days after the Passover.



## 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!



## Care Giver Social, Respite Care Event Set June 17

Join friends and fellow caregivers at the next FUMC Care Giver Connect social and Dementia Respite Care session from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 17.

Due to limited availability, NEW participants must register by scanning the QR code. Previous attendees will receive a reminder email to RSVP.

Volunteer friends for the social and respite activities are welcome!

For more information, contact:

Social: Barbara Satterfield  
([barbarabdesign@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarabdesign@yahoo.com)).

Respite Session: Leigh Walls  
([ldwalls61@gmail.com](mailto:ldwalls61@gmail.com))

**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@conwayfmc.org

## One Service Sunday Coming Aug. 31

It's time to begin working on preparations for our annual One Service Sunday on Aug. 31, 2025. Our 2025 project will be packaging personal hygiene kits. The collection of items to include in the kits will be held from June 1 through July 31. Items you may donate for the kits include:

- Hand towel (15X25 - 17X27 inches)
- Washcloth (no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber)
- Comb (sturdy four to 7 inches, no pocket combs or picks)
- Toenail or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or metal nail files)
- Bath-size soap (no Ivory or Jergens. Do not remove from packaging)
- One adult-size toothbrush (do not remove from packaging. No personal advertising, single packaging only)
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 X3 inches)
- Gallon-size resealable bags

You may place donations in the bins located in the Sanctuary building hospitality area and the Trinity building lobby.

## Pastors Summer Book Club

**5 p.m. June 25, Mike's Place**

Read Kate Bowler's book, "Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved" before the gathering

**LET'S CELEBRATE**

**PRIDE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH 10AM GREAT HALL**

You are invited to join the Church and Society Committee for our Fifth Sunday Presentation on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. We will be hearing from members of our own congregation about their faith journey in relation to being part of the LGBTQ+ community. This program will offer great perspective on why we continue to be an affirming community and what you can do to be an ally.

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## MidYouth Summer

**CAMP - Central Arkansas Mission Project** July 25 and 26 - sign up [HERE](#).

### Summer Sunday School Curriculum

"Echo the Story" - Experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.

### Summer MidYouth Hangtime

June 18 @ 5-7 p.m., July 16 @ 5-7 p.m.,  
Aug 6 @ 5-7 p.m.

## Missions Committee Missionary Selection

Each year, Conway First United Methodist Church supports a missionary serving somewhere in the world through The Advance, a mission-giving program of the United Methodist Church.

This year, we invite you to be part of the decision-making process! Our Missions Committee has prayerfully reviewed several active United Methodist missionaries serving through Global Ministries. From among these faithful servants, we've identified two outstanding individuals for your consideration. Now, we ask you — as part of our church family — to help us discern whom we will support this year through prayer, encouragement, and financial giving.



Please take a moment to learn about these missionaries, pray for them, and let us know your choice by submitting **THIS FORM**.



# Congratulations Graduates!



**Amelia Bartholomew will attend  
aesthetics school next year and  
eventually transfer to OK State for the next  
2/3 years**

**Her favorite memory at FUMC is all the  
mission trips.**



**Grier Bittle will join  
the US Air Force**



**Zoe Burton will attend the University  
of Arkansas**

**Her favorite memory at FUMC was  
going to Assembly in 2024 and getting  
to hang out with my friends.**



**Henry Gullic will be attending Arkansas  
State University to study Music & Business**

## 2025 SENIORS



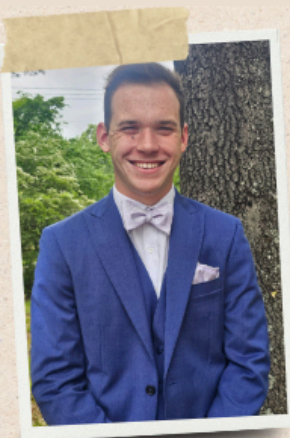
**Katie Cole will attend University of  
Central Arkansas**

**Her favorite memory at FUMC is  
going to ReConnect at the  
beach.**





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Logan Geier will be attending the University of Central Arkansas to study Exercise Science and Special Education

His favorite memories at FUMC involve working in the food pantry and going on side quests with my FUMC friends, like playing in the drama closet to dress like the 3 Wise Guys, fishing after Wednesday youth, and dominating at games in the Trinity Building.



Madison Mathis will be attending school to pursue a double BA in dance and theater.

Her favorite memory at FUMC is "I love you, but more importantly, God loves you and there ain't NOTHING you can do about it." - Zach everyday.



Ashlyn Hollis will be attending the University of Central Arkansas and working toward her doctorate in physical therapy.

Her favorite memory at FUMC is leading yoga at ReConnect in a beautiful field.



Ansley McKeen will be attending the University of Arkansas

Her favorite memory at FUMC is Winning the gold medal for dabbing at assembly



Zeke Huddleson will be attending the University of Central Arkansas and pursuing a degree in Biology

His favorite memory is a quote from Zach. "It's not about efficiency, Zeke, it's about learning!" OMP 2024



2025 SENIORS



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**Chase Mulhearn will be attending the University of Central Arkansas**

**His favorite memory at FUMC is Going to the beach for Reconnect**



**Setler Mulhearn will be attending the University of Arkansas in Little Rock for construction management**

**His favorite memory at FUMC is attending ReConnect 2025.**



**Keaton Olive will be attending the University of Arkansas pursuing a degree in Psychology.**

**His favorite memory at FUMC is worship on the hill at Reconnect 2024.**



**Olivia Prout will be attending the University of Central Arkansas to study Psychology**

**Her favorite memory at FUMC is all of her and Carson's visits to Cane's after youth.**

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**Abbey Schrick will be attending the University of Arkansas in Little Rock for Political Science/Pre-Law**

**Her favorite quote is from Ava Schindler, saying that "we can be goofy but also serious."**





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Emma Smittle plans to work full-time at Target, where she is on track to be part of the leadership team, before pursuing a career in Cosmetology.

Her favorite memory of FUMC is candlelight services at Assembly and leading worship on Sunday nights.



Heath Owen will be attending the University of Arkansas

His favorite memory at FUMC is midyouth summer mission C.A.M.P.



Ava Schindler will be Attending Florida Gulf Coast University to study marine sciences

Her favorite quotes are "Lead with love!!" and her own "goofy but also serious."



Alyson Spears will be attending Hendrix College to study Chemistry and play on the Soccer team.

Her favorite memory of FUMC is assembly and meeting new life long friends



Pierson Wekin will be attending the University of Arkansas (Honors College) and plans on majoring in Sports Journalism with an emphasis of Sports Broadcasting.

His favorite memory of FUMC is jumping into the freezing water at the FUMC Leadership Retreat in my sophomore year.

## 2025 SENIORS



### Not Pictured

Conner Bell  
Katy Haley  
Reagan Slough

Rachel Caplan  
Cora Jones  
Cameron Watson

Catie Durham  
Sam Russell  
Payton Zielstra



**Who did we serve?****April 2025****CHURCH & SOCIETY**  
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Individuals:

**319**

Females:

**68%**

Un-Homed:

**33**

Cost:

**\$3,389**Pounds of  
Food:**7,228****Food Pantry Drive Thru:****June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>****Indoor Food Pantry  
& Amazing Grace Cafe:****June 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>****Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm****Did You Know?**A \$1 billion cut to the U.S.  
Department of Agriculture is  
expected to remove dependable  
protein sources for food banks in  
Arkansas.**Items Needed:**

- Diapers
- Protein (Canned Meat)

**Volunteers Needed to Serve:****2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 2pm; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 1:30- 3:00pm****FOOD PANTRY**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONWAY, AR

Want More Information? Email: [FoodPantry@ConwayFUMC.org](mailto:FoodPantry@ConwayFUMC.org)**Financial Update  
from Pastor Nathan**

The Church is continuing to remain steady financially. Below you will see how the month of April concluded.

Also, we tackled the repair of the Trinity Building roof with totals more than \$200,000. We used a variety of reserve funds, memorial funds, and investments to pay for this. This wasn't originally on the docket for the year, but with the current tariff situation, the cost was going to rise \$30,000. We elected to move forward.

Regarding the Capital Campaign, we have now paid the loan down to \$200,000 with \$84,000 in reserve to make all the payments for the year. Any money received at this point, goes directly to the principal. It's amazing that in just 6 months, we've almost raised \$1,000,000 to pay down the loan! Thank you, church!

**April Expenses:** \$113,343.78  
**April Income:** \$112,295.90  
**MTD Loss/Income:** - \$1,047.88  
**YTD Loss/Income:** \$60,799.26

**ORDINATION**

AS AN ELDER IN FULL-CONNECTION

*We invite you to our Service of Ordination  
with the Arkansas Conference of the  
United Methodist Church*

*Chad & Miranda Hornsby***WED. ✦ JUNE 18 ✦ AT 5:30PM**Hot Springs Convention Center,  
Horner Hall

134 Convention Blvd,

Hot Springs, AR 71901, USA

*All are invited to wear red to celebrate  
women in ministry!*

**In Memory & Honor**

**In memory of John Collier by:** Margaret Taverner, Cathy & John Slater, Paul & Katherine Butt, Dotty Robins Light Sunday School Class, Polly Bakker, Michael & Donna Harris

**In memory of Lana Chastain by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Lorlie March, Claudia Davis, Nancy Dornblaser, Rick & Becky Rasnick

**In memory of Rev. Roger Glover by:** Marilyn & Stan Ott

**In memory of Chuck York by:** Milton & Teresa Huff, Pam Wren, Rex & Martha Ross

**In memory of Elle Gober by:** Michael & Donna Harris

**In memory of Coach Harold Horton by:** Pam Wren

**In memory of Armilda McCormack by:** Rex & Martha Ross

**In honor of Kate Berry by:** Pam Wren

**In honor of Jaxon Brown by:** Pam Wren

**In honor of Gracie Heard by:** Pam Wren

**In honor of The Geier Family-Lauren, Trey, Logan, Jack & Norah by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson

**In honor of Claudia Davis's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by:** Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Rick & Becky Rasnick, Matthew & Heidi Crane, Jamie Bird, Brit & Linda Ball, Rex & Martha Ross

**In honor of Joan Ausburn by:** Rex & Martha Ross

**In honor of Kish Jones by:** Charles Pittman

**New Adult Sunday School Class**

If you are looking for a class or just interested in Christian fellowship, this is for you! Our beginning focus will be on prayer: What is prayer? Why do we pray? Different types of prayer for different types of people. Contact Miranda at the church to sign up. [mhornsby@conwayFUMC.org](mailto:mhornsby@conwayFUMC.org)



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## Welcome Cara and Libby to the FUMC Staff

Cara Rucker, who joined the church's Children's Ministry in April 2025, sees her strong faith as the guiding force for working with children and hopes to impart that faith to them by example. Cara's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Religion and Christian Education from the University of the Ozarks, and her experience as a youth director and director of a church-led preschool aid her in that hope. She also cares for a few small children in her home during the week.



Cara was raised in Russellville and resides in Conway with her husband and daughter, who attends UCA. Her adult son lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Cara enjoys reading good books, and would eat at Mike's Place or Pasta Grill any night, but her real favorite is Starbucks coffee.

Libby Conder has been playing hand bells at FUMC for two years. "After growing up in Hope, I made the move to Fort Worth and graduated from Texas Christian University. I spent the next three years in Berkeley, Calif., where I fell in love with the ocean.



"Dallas and the surrounding area was my home for more than 30 years, and when the opportunity to move out of the "big city" arose, my husband and I jumped on the chance to make a change to a smaller town. Conway was the perfect place. So we bought 55 acres, and live a "Green Acres" kind of life! I have spent more than 25 years in education – teaching and leading. I have owned a catering business and an organization business.

Sea turtles absolutely fascinate me. While on our honeymoon in Maui, I got so excited when I saw them in the wild on a snorkeling trip that the life guard thought I was drowning... my dream job would be to work at a sea turtle refuge! I am thrilled to be working with the staff and FUMC Conway."

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## 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  
Campus Dir., Wesley Foundation -- Amy Shores  
Dir., Music/Worship Ministries -- Jason Saugey  
Assoc. Dir., Music (Praise Band) -- Stuart Holt

Assoc. Dir., Music (Children) -- Linda Ball  
Nursery Coordinator -- Cara Rucker  
Church Administrator -- Jill Hankins  
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.:  
[WWW.CONWAYFUMC.ORG](http://WWW.CONWAYFUMC.ORG)  
[FACEBOOK.COM/CONWAYFIRSTUMC](https://FACEBOOK.COM/CONWAYFIRSTUMC)  
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