

JANUARY/
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The Flame

A Word from Our Pastor

Every follower of Jesus maps their own path in discipleship. Some of us are raised in church. Some of us are in and out of church. Some of us find prayer or financial stewardship easy. For others these are growing edges. While we are all on a similar journey, no two paths are the same. And that is fine. No matter where we are in following Jesus, we are invited to continue on the journey, trusting that Christ will meet us where we are and lead us onward.

We have started 2023 with a focus on discipleship through the sermon series: "Disciple's Path: Long Obedience, Same Direction". Every disciples' journey - no matter our age - begins in baptism. In **baptism** we are claimed by Christ and commissioned for shared ministry. Beginning in baptism, we grow into our Spiritual Disciplines: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, & Witness. **Prayer** can be a challenge and growing edge, but there are many sources from across the church that can help us in our prayer life. Some are available at fumcparagould.org/prayer. Experiment with some of these different prayer techniques! **Presence** means attending and supporting our church's ministries. Our church has just over 1000 members and averages 256 in-person individuals & 40 online households worshipping each week. Cultural challenges continue to grow as extracurricular and social activities are often scheduled on Sundays and Wednesdays. I unapologetically encourage you to be consistent in your "presence" at FUMC. Each of us must navigate our own calendar conflicts, but it is important for the health of our souls to commit ourselves to attending church. **Gifts** means supporting the church with our tithes and offerings. Because God has blessed us, we return a portion of those blessings to our church. I invite and remind you to grow in your giving. Give online at fumcparagould.org/giving. We also give to our church with our time and energy - i.e. **Service**. There are countless opportunities to serve at FUMC Paragould: Ushers, Greeters, Witt House Volunteers, Youth & Children's Leaders, Security Team, Choir, Band, Connect Wednesday Meals, etc. Every FUMC member should find a "place" where they can serve by sharing their time and energy. We **witness** to our faith through practically every aspect of our lives. We witness through the way we spend our time and money, through our conversations and social media. We witness to strangers, friends and family, and even ourselves. We should strive to live in such a way so as to witness to God's goodness and the joy of church! This is the life of discipleship: Baptism leads us to share our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. I hope this call to discipleship will guide our church throughout the year.



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You are aware that FUMC is making a change to our newsletter. The mailing of an every month hard copy has become undependable and costly, plus many people prefer to read it online. Beginning this Jan-Feb we will transition to an every-other-month newsletter (six times/year). It will be shared digitally (email & social media)

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unless you indicate you would prefer to continue to receive a hard copy (including members who do not use email or social media). Hard copies will be available at church. Thanks for your understanding and patience as we make this transition and improve our communications.

We are already enjoying a wonderful Connect Wednesday! Great turn out to Bible Study, Dinner, and other activities. Thanks to everyone who volunteers, cooks, cleans, and shares in this important ministry. My Adult Bible Study on Genesis includes notes and daily readings posted on the FUMC resources webpage (fumcparagould.org/resources). You can study along even if/when you cannot attend in-person.

One highlight of 2023 has been the addition of Mary Hickox as PT Youth Director. Mary will work approx. 12-15 hours per week including Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings (seasonally), monthly recreational and/or missional gatherings (typically Sundays), and various special events/trips. Mary is off to a great start and you can read more about her in the newsletter.

Also you will see images of new members Mike & Marsha Gibson, Phillip & Lori Poston, and Adam, Joy, Jackson, Bennett, & Dinah Sills. How exciting to welcome nine new members to our church! Please help them to feel welcome and included in our ministries. Each of these families came to us because they were invited and encouraged by other members of FUMC. Who will you invite to church next?

Up next is the season of Lent! Ash Wednesday services are Feb. 22 at noon & 6pm in the Sanctuary! There will be *no* Connect Wednesday 4pm Adult Bible Study that day, or 6pm Studies/Activities on Feb. 22, but dinner *will* be served at 5pm like usual!

FUMC's Lenten sermon series & shared church wide study will be based on UMC Bishop Tom Berlin's study *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*. Our schedule will be slightly adjusted to accommodate a visit from new ARUMC Bishop Laura Merrill on the first Sunday in Lent, February 26. I strongly encourage you to be in worship when Bishop Merrill visits, including greeting her at the 10am reception. Let us offer Bishop Merrill a warm welcome to Northeast Arkansas and Paragould. Lastly, be reminded that my family is expecting a baby the last week of March. I will be out of the office/pulpit select weeks following the birth of our third child. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated during this upcoming season of celebration and transition for me and my family. I am convinced 2023 is going to be an exciting year of shared ministry at Paragould FUMC! Practically all of our metrics (giving, attendance, participation) grew from 2021 to 2022. I suspect we will continue our upward trajectory this coming year. First United Methodist Church is a wonderful community of faith in which to share our discipleship journey. I am honored and happy to serve among you!

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Dane Womack, Senior Pastor

Young at Heart

We have an active group and have a full schedule lined up!

February:

February 13 movie: "Groundhog Day" in the 3rd floor movie room

February 16 outing: Lazarri's Italian Oven, leaving at 10am

Feb. 27 game night at 5:30pm in the welcome center

March:

March 13 movie: "Mouse Hunt"

March 16 outing: Going to Memphis to Huey's for lunch, then a tour of Graceland; leaving at 10am

March 27 game night at 5:30pm

April

April 10 movie: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

April 20 outing: Going to Sikeston to Lambert's Cafe, home of the throwed rolls! Leaving the church at 9am.

April 24 game night at 5:30pm

Movies and game night are free. All other activities are dutch treat.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Audra Brown

Audra's reason for volunteering is simple: "I want my kids to remember I was here with them," she said. "Sometimes I want to go to my own class, but I don't," she says, adding: "That's what mamas do." Audra noted that her own mother, Joy Faith Smith, did the same thing.

Audra helps out largely in the children's department. On Wednesday night she shepherds 1st and 2nd graders from class to class. On Sunday morning she is a fill-in Sunday School teacher and helps take attendance. She always helps during Vacation Bible School and even opened her home to be a shower house for Ozark Mission

Project last summer. In addition, she helps with the annual Christmas program.

Audra has been at FUMC since she was 7 years old. She and her brother, Justin, came from Pruet's Chapel Methodist Church to take advantage of the children's programs.

Her favorite thing about her church is "the community feeling here and all my friends here. A lot of us have all grown up together," she said, adding, "I'll always be here."

Audra is married to Jerrod. The couple have two children, Lawson, a 2nd grader, and Katherine, a kindergartner.

Lawson loves baseball and his favorite team is the Razorbacks. Katherine loves to take dance and does ballet and jazz.

Like most moms, Audra's main activities are kid- and family-related, noting that her family loves to spend time outside, participating in sports, camping, and taking trips. She also likes to run and exercise. Audra is a speech language pathologist at the Greene County Tech School District.

We are so thankful for volunteers like Audra!



NEW MEMBERS



From left to right: Mike and Marsha Gibson and Philip and Lori Poston

FUMC has recently received 9 new members, each family joining in the 11:00 service.

Mike and Marsha Gibson came from FUMC Heber Springs. They retired about 9 years ago and had been living near the lake, moving to Paragould to be near their daughter, Tori Thompson, and her family. Mike is a retired attorney and was a district judge in Osceola, and Marsha taught school. The couple love the friendliness of the church. "It's very friendly and warm," said Mike "We're glad to be a part of the church."

Philip and Lori Poston now live in Jonesboro, coming from FUMC in Ft. Smith. As the couple was moving, they talked to friends about where to attend church. "They told us that if they lived in the area, they would go to Dane's church," having a prior connection to him. "So, we came and loved it." Lori notes how welcome the two felt. "It has not escaped us how incredibly welcome we felt day one and how genuine it was," she said, noting: "Every week we make a new connection. The way that we felt and continue to feel is that people are genuinely happy that you walked through the door. It's



Adam and Joy Sills with children Jackson, Bennett, and Dinah

been a wonderful experience for us." Lori works for MidSouth Health System in the community mental health field, and Philip works for Hytrol Conveyor Company. They have a son Cameron, 22, who still lives in Ft. Smith.

The Sills family comes from northwest and southeast Arkansas but have been in the area for 10 years. The couple homeschooled their children and attended a church with the co-op group. The children now attend Crowley's Ridge Academy. "I grew up in the church, and it feels like home. It looks similar to my old church, and it makes me feel like home," said Joy. "We all love that service (the 11:00 am service). We prayed about it and visited other churches, and everything feels right. We agree on our basic beliefs and the preaching and people have been wonderful. We'd like to get involved in things like OMP and VBS." Adam is a dermatologist at Sills Dermatology in Jonesboro. Joy is a nurse and is in her second year in the nurse practitioner program at ASU. Jackson is 16 and in 10th grade, Bennett is 13 and in the 8th grade, and Dinah is almost 11 and in the 5th grade.



A few of our CORE members attended "Respite" @ Mount Eagle Retreat Center January 13-15th. We met up with roughly 40 other young adults and students from around the state. Students present were from The Wesley ASU, Wesley UCA, Wesley Henderson/OBU, Hendrix students, and several Ozark Mission Project staffers. Michelle Moore and representatives of Project Transformation and Ozark Mission Project gave presentations during the retreat. We worshipped the first night by walking through prayer stations and celebrated Holy Communion together on Sunday morning. We hiked all of the trails, ate a lot of food, played a number of games, sat around the fireplace reading, gathered around the bonfire making s'mores in the evenings, caught up with old friends and made some new friends from across the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church. Personally, it was a blessing to see the emerging leaders of our church engaged, excited, and passionate about the love they have for Christ and each other. Looking forward to our next connexional event! -Rev. Chase



MARY HICKOX

New Minister to Youth



Mary Hickox joined the FUMC Staff as part-time Director of Youth (7th-12th grade) Ministry! This position will be about 12-15 hours per week, including Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings (seasonally), monthly recreational and/or missional gatherings (typically Sundays), and various special events/trips.

Mary and her family have been members of FUMC since 2013. Mary was an active volunteer as her boys Luke (U.S. Army) and Logan (BRTC) came through the youth program. Mary has continued to help in youth ministry, including chaperoning a number of youth trips. Mary has worked as a social worker and alternative education teacher. She is currently employed full-time with the Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services.

Says Mary, "I am excited to join and work with the staff of Paragould FUMC along with the opportunity to serve the youth of our church."

Mary began her new position on Sunday, Jan. 8. Soon she will transition to leading the Youth program, including Sunday School, Connect Wednesday, and special events (Veritas is March 3-5). Rev. Chase will continue to serve as a guide for Mary and the youth.

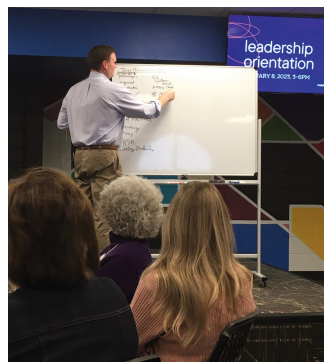
It is a wonderful time to be in ministry at Paragould FUMC. In some ways, the Youth Director staff position was the missing link. Mary came with the strongest endorsements from many FUMC members and will excel in this position.



LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

LEADERS AT FUMC MET THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 8 FOR AN ORIENTATION AND FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF 2023.

This meeting served as our first Church Council meeting for 2023. The group reviewed 2022 financials, approved the 2023 budget, went over facilities issues and challenges, discussed the state of the United Methodist Church, and shaped our plan for shared ministry in 2023. Concerns, joys, and plans for the future were begun during this meeting.



Connect Wednesday

Connect Wednesday began January 18 and will run through May 17 with two exceptions: Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday, where services at noon and 6pm will take the place of all other Wednesday night activities (we will still serve dinner at 5pm); and March 22, which is the week of Spring Break where there will be no meal or activities.

Rev. Dane leads a Bible study on an introduction to Genesis in the Community Room at 4pm and 6pm; both sections are exactly the same. Children Pre-K through 6th grade have activities including art, music, and playtime in the gym. They begin in the Children's Department. Youth (7th-12th grades) meet for small group study on the 2nd floor youth department with Mary Hickox. Chancel Choir meets in the choir loft for an hour of rehearsal; Praise Band follows at 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join in these activities at any time.



Handbells again meeting Sundays from 3-4pm in the 2nd floor music room. Open to ages 13+.

CHILDREN & Youth Ministries

Hello FUMC Friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! I'm always sad to see it go. As I'm writing this, I'm taking breaks every so often to look at my Christmas lights. Yes, it's mid-January, but I love them. I will take them down soon, but I'll be sad as I do it. The warm glow from the tree lights brings me so much joy. However, they have to come down. Taking them down reminds me that Jesus did not stay little forever. He grows up and begins his ministry and journey to the cross. He had work to do, and so do we.

Our work in our Children's Ministry at FUMC has been very busy. Our Connect Wednesdays theme is "My Life and the Bible." We have rotations in music, story time, crafts, games, and a mission moment. Please join us on Wednesdays! Kelsey Matheney is leading a NEW Sunday School class for our three year olds! This class will begin on Sunday, January 29!



First Students of 2023 hit the ground running! We had a good crowd for our Bowling night January 15th! Discipleship gatherings are in play Connect Wednesday - Meal 5pm / First Students 6pm & Sunday Morning Sunday School @ 10am on Sundays (both sessions are meeting in the youth room - 2nd floor). Several special events to put on the calendar: Second Tuesday of each month is Senior High Breakfast @ Iron Horse @ 6:45am; February 12th is our Superbowl Sunday (youth room - 2nd floor ; 5pm - end of Halftime show); Prayer Walk: A Preparation for Lent is Sunday, February 19th @ 5pm; Veritas is Friday-Sunday, March 3-5th (this is a conference-wide youth event at Rogers, Arkansas); and Serve Sunday is Sunday, March 12th noon-7pm. Be sure to register for the following events so we can make logistical arrangements: Veritas, Serve Sunday, Ozark Mission Project!

Veritas: Veritas is the largest event of the ACCYM (Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries) year - with over 1,500 youth and adults in attendance. The event is hosted at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas - Hotel, Spa & Convention Center in Rogers, AR. The event concentrates on offering an incredible worship experience with nationally renowned speakers, bands, and special artists. The event is orchestrated by fellow United Methodist Youth!

Serve Sunday: Serve Sunday is a time the youth set aside to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community through serving others. We have taken on several projects, such as building ramps, cleaning community gardens, yardwork, serving meals at the Mission, and much more. We have two Serve Sundays scheduled for the Spring!

Just a reminder of our other Children's Sunday School classes:

PreK-K is led by Scarlett McMunn and Jessica Brewer

1st and 2nd is led by Susie Cook

3rd and 4th is led by Hayley Richardson

5th and 6th is led by Andrea Pearson



I am so thankful for the leadership of these ladies every Sunday. However, there are times when we need subs or extra hands. If you would like to help on Sundays or Wednesdays, please let me know. We would welcome your servant's heart. As always, please continue to pray for our children and their families.

Blessings,

Angela, Children's Ministry Director

The first is Sunday, March 12, 2023. After the 11 o'clock service, we will pack our lunch to-go and head out to work on a few projects. After our projects are completed, we will head to Larry's Pizza for our dinner. Looking forward to an afternoon of serving our neighbors through Youth Serve Sunday!

OMP (Ozark Mission Project): Ozark Mission Project pairs short-term mission work with long-term connection in the communities we serve. Whether you are building a wheelchair ramp, or cleaning up someone's yard, you can make a difference and help create lasting change in communities across Arkansas. The experience is not just about the work that is done, but about building and deepening relationships with others, ourselves, and with God. Opportunities for fellowship are purposefully built into the program, and we find that friendships are naturally fostered among youth at OMP. Through our Morning Watch Devotion, lunch-time reflection, evening sharing and worship, students are provided opportunities to dive into God's word and are challenged to see how the Word comes alive in them as they spend a week serving outside of themselves. Discipleship grows organically and intentionally. This year, we (Paragould FUMC) are hosting one of the camps. Our camp is July 9th-14th. Participant spots for this camp are limited. Be sure to register through the church center app ASAP!

Other activities: Feb 12 at 5pm is a Super Bowl Party, 2nd floor Youth Room, and Feb. 19 at 5pm is a Youth Prayer Walk in preparation for Lent.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

FUMC LENT SERMON & STUDY PLANS

FUMC's Lenten sermon series & shared church wide study will be based on UMC Bishop Tom Berlin's study *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess* (Abingdon Press 2016). From Berlin, "We were created in God's image, but for many of us, sin has made that a distant memory. In this series we will walk together through the process of redemption, from mess management to life restoration. The mess is obvious, but God's grace is the greater part of our story!"

The church will provide a book for anyone who wants to read along. I hope each Sunday School class will use this series. The material includes powerful video lessons which can be accessed on Cokesbury's "Amplify Media" online streaming service. Most Sunday School classes have a television & Roku device to access the Amplify app. Contact Karoline Risker if you have a question about media resources.

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Join us for the 2023 Lent Soup & Sermon Lunches! Each Thursday (excluding spring break week) during Lent, we will gather during the lunch hour for prayer, singing, scripture, sermons and soup! What a great way to gather during this season as we reflect and grow in our faith alongside each other! Looking forward to seeing you there!

And don't forget Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 22 at noon & 6pm in the Sanctuary! There will be *no* Connect Wednesday 4pm Adult Bible Study ,or 6pm Studies or Activities. Dinner *will* be served at 5pm like usual!

2023 SOUP & SERMON		
Thursday - Noon - 1pm	HOST CHURCH	GUEST PREACHER
March 2	PFUMC	Rev. Jerry
March 9	Griffin	Rev. Chase
March 16	Shiloh	Rev. Cody
March 30	PFUMC	Rev. Rocky

Feb.22: ASH WEDNESDAY	Services Sanctuary Noon & 6pm (Connect Wed Meal 5pm)
Feb.26: 1st SUNDAY LENT	ARUMC Bishop Laura Merrill Preaching & 10am Reception Gym
Mar.5: 2nd SUNDAY LENT	Restored Ch1 "This is a Real Mess" & Ch2 "Who Left this Mess?"
Mar.12: 3rd SUNDAY LENT	Restored Ch3 "Bless this Mess"
Mar.19: 4th SUNDAY LENT	Restored Ch4 "No Messing Around"
Mar.26: 5th SUNDAY LENT	Restored Ch5 "Address this Mess"
Apr.2: PALM SUNDAY	Restored Ch6 "The Message in the Mess"
Apr.6: MAUNDY THURSDAY	Services Sanctuary Noon & 6pm
Apr.7: GOOD FRIDAY	Services Sanctuary Noon & 6pm
Apr.8: HOLY SATURDAY	9am Childrens Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch
Apr.9: EASTER SUNDAY	Worship: 8 & 11am Sanctuary & 9am Worship Center; 10am Sunday School



Women's Event
First United Methodist
Saturday Feb 11
10am-noon

Cookie exchange, encouragement, light lunch

Bring 24 of your favorite cookies and all of the women in your life!

Be my Galentine

Women of the church- please join us for a time of fellowship and discipleship on Feb 11 from 10am-noon. We will have a guest speaker (Sara Ellzey, UMC pastor), light lunch (provided by the church), and cookie exchange. You are welcome to bring 24 of your favorite cookies to share with friends. We will all take a variety of cookies home! Please invite the women in your life to this time of fellowship and encouragement! Moms, sisters, friends, coworkers!

Mission Project

The Mission Team is asking people to bring the following items anytime during the month of February for the Witt House.

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar soap
- Tooth paste
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hotel/motel toiletries

Donations can be brought and put in boxes in the Welcome Center.



JUBILATION JAZZ

Sharing the gospel with the Big Band Sound

MARCH 4 | 4 PM

Join us Saturday, March 4 at 4pm in the Worship Center as we welcome Jubilation Jazz, a group of retired band directors, retired military musicians and other professional musicians who donate their time, travel expenses and musical abilities to share God's message in an entertaining Big Band Jazz format. This is a free event.

Upcoming Visit from the Bishop



The newly-appointed bishop for the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church, Laura Merrill, will be at FUMC and will preach February 26 in all three services that morning. Bishop Merrill was elected bishop in November 2022, taking the place of Bishop Gary Mueller, whose retirement became official January 1.

Before Merrill's current position, she was assistant to the bishop and director of clergy excellence for Rio Texas. A former church secretary, she served as assistant to the dean and director of communications for Candler School of Theology at Emory University before becoming associate pastor at a church in Victoria, Texas, then pastor of churches in Los Fresnos and Wimberley, Texas. Merrill also served as a missionary in Chile for the Desert Southwest Conference.

Merrill received a bachelor's degree in international studies from Southwestern University in 1984 and a Master of Divinity from Candler in 1995. Bishop Merrill is mother to Joe Sisto, a graduate student at Boston University, and Caroline Sisto, an undergraduate at Texas State University. Merrill enjoys the theater, live music, travel, thrift shops, time with her kids, and walks with her dog.

Baby Shower

You Are Invited to a Baby Shower for Jill Womack
Sunday, February 26, 2pm – 4pm
Fellowship Hall
Registered at Target, Babylist.com and Cutie Patootie

Wedding Shower

You Are Invited to a Wedding Shower for
Kyleigh Horner, Bride elect of Zach Hoggard
Saturday, March 4, 10am – 11:30am
FUMC Welcome Center
Registered at Perfect Touch, Dillards and Amazon

Financial Report

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Year Ending 2022

Total General Contributions: \$892,793

Total Building/100 Year Contributions: \$688,603

A Dollar A Week \$7,378

Building Loan Principal Balance: \$2,979,836

In Memory of:

Virginia Weeks by Chester & Nancy Key, Robin Patten, Larry & Denise Chipman

Karl Hamblen by Bob Branch, Kay & Herb Bland, Robin Patten, Larry & Denise Chipman

Bob Resler by Robin Patten, Larry & Denise Chipman, Jeff & Kerry Combs, Davey & Rena Jackson, George & Susie Cook, Kay & Herb Bland, Brenda Anderson, Jerrod & Audra Smith, Bob Branch, Wesley Sunday School Class, Mike & Tracy Finch, Virginia Walls, the Kellett Family

Scarlett Jarman by Robin Patten, Stephen Duncan, Denise & Larry Chipman, Linda Black, Dr. Jon & Ranae Collier, Carol, Larry & Mark Levi, Fred & Judy Workman, George & Susie Cook, Donis & Bonnie Hamilton, Bob & Debbie Bratton, Davey & Rena Jackson, Ann Dickinson, Virginia Walls, Coffee Break Sunday School Class, Kay & Herb Bland, Clay & Ashley Bolen, Leola Atchison

Mike Patten by Greg & Michele Graham, Jeff & Kerry Combs, Sylvia & Donnie Roland & family, Joe & Noelle McDaniel & family, Chris & Andrea McDaniel & family, Debbie DaVault, George & Susie Cook, Reba Pillow, Donis & Bonnie Hamilton, Bob & Debbie Bratton, Gary & Beverly Biggs, Mike & Mary Harvey, Wesley Sunday School Class, Mike & Tracy Finch, Karl & Phyllis Hamblen, Sally Martin

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Fred Swindle by Kristin Mitchel Frankowski

Larry Adams by Vance & Nancy Cupp

Pete Black III by Linda Black

Betty Fletcher by George & Susie Cook

Frances Boone by George & Susie Cook

In Honor of:

Everett Rogers by Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class

DOLLAR PER WEEK GRANTS



Paragould FUMC designates all \$1 offerings to be used in support of local nonprofits via the "Dollar Per Week" Grant Program. Applications can be found at the church's website and are due Feb. 15.

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If you are associated with a non-profit, or know of an organization that could benefit from this program, let them know they can find an application on our website at <https://www.fumcparagould.org/1-a-week-offering.html>

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8:30AM-4:30PM MON-THURS
8:30AM-NOON FRIDAY

*Witt House
Food Pantry*

4:30PM-6PM TUESDAY
9:30AM-11:00AM FRIDAY

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