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Sunday School: 10am in Youth Room - 2nd Floor						
CONNECT WEDNESDAY						
Open Dinner						
Fall Bible Study of New Dawn (Sept 7 - Nov 16) in Welcome Center - Tables						
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October	10/20/22	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Open & God's Word	UMWFF
October	10/29/22	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Open & God's Word	UMWFF
October	10/16/22	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Open & God's Word	UMWFF
October	10/23/22	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Communion Event @ Purisima	Communion at Youth
November	11/6	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Adoration	UMWFF
November	11/13	Sunday	5p	7p-12p	Bible	UMWFF
November	11/20/22	Sunday	2-7p (Open House 6-7p)	7p-12p	Hanging of the Greens & Spring Planning Meeting	Worship



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First United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2022

A word from our pastor Rev. Dane Womack

The Flame



Happy Fall Paragould FUMC!

I know you join me in welcoming this cooler weather! Amen! It's a fun season at church. We are back in the swing of things with fall programming. Connect Wednesday continues to be a strength of FUMC. We meet each week for a meal at 5pm and activities for all ages at 6pm. We celebrated a wonderful Third Grade Bible Sunday in September. Youth are meeting each Sunday evening at 5pm. Our Young-at-Heart ministry enjoyed a fun month! Much to celebrate and share at FUMC! The Witt House is as busy as ever.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9. You may remember celebrating "Laity Sunday" in the past. We are calling Oct. 9, "Laity Appreciation Sunday"! This idea began to germinate a couple months ago as the pastors & staff pondered how we could show our appreciation to the many laity who make ministry possible at FUMC. On Sunday Oct. 9 we will order the service and sermon around expressing our thanks for the many lay servants at FUMC - Sunday School teachers, Mission & Witt House volunteers, Hospitality folks, Worship leaders, and many more. To celebrate, the pastors & staff will serve a light brunch during the 10am hour in the Fellowship Hall as a sign of our THANKS! Come and fellowship with one another. We are so grateful for our church and its dedicated ministry leaders!

I draw your attention to a couple other matters. First, ARUMC Bishop Gary Mueller shared a wonderful essay on Sept. 14 about his hopes and vision for the future of our denomination and conference. You can find it online. I hope you sense in my leadership many of the same sentiments, including the goal of maintaining the "broad Methodist middle." Second, on Thursday September 15, we received news that Bishop Mueller is retiring. I was not expecting this announcement - especially receiving those two emails back-to-back. As of this past summer's Annual Conference, the Bishop indicated he would serve through '24. His decision appears to be both professional and personal. We give thanks for Bishop Mueller's leadership and wish him well in his transition. This means our Conference (and others) will receive new Bishops in 2023. Bishops will be elected and appointed at

Trunk or Treat event slated for October 30

We will hold the annual event on Sunday, October 30. It will start at 4pm and will be held in the parking lot near the Welcome Center. If you are doing a trunk, please be set up and ready to go by 3:30; we have people who will be ready to start visiting trunks early so we will try and be ready to accommodate.

You can sign up on a list in the Welcome Center, or you can sign up in the church center app. Note: you do not have to "sign up" everyone in your household on this registration. Simply put yourself, otherwise it looks like you are signing up multiple trunks.

If you need electricity let us know on the list or in the app.

We will give out books at Trunk or Treat this year and we will also provide hot dogs and chips.

Invite your friends and neighbors!



YOUNG AT HEART



The Young @ Heart crew had a blast during our trip to Dawn's Restaurant and our time together at the church for our monthly movie and game nights!

Come join us for our October gatherings!

Monday, October 10th: 1-3 pm Movie time in the church theater (3rd floor). We'll have freshly popped popcorn via our popcorn master chefs and we are watching "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Thursday, October 20th: 10 am departure for our trip to Portia to eat @ Dairy King (we might even go pumpkin sighting).

Monday, October 24th: Game Night @ 5:30 pm (bring your meal and we'll eat together before the game!)

DATES TO REMEMBER

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE - UPDATED SEPT. 28)

- Sept.7-Nov.16 Connect Wednesday 5pm meal & 6pm activities
- Oct.1-31 ARUMC Ingathering
- Oct.9 Laity Appreciation Sunday
- Oct.9 Sun. 5pm Church Council Meeting
- Oct.23 Sun. Youth @ Pumpkin Hollow
- Oct.30 Sun. Trunk-or-Treat
- Nov.1 5-6th Students "Turkey Tuesday" at Witt House
- Nov.6 All Saints Sunday
- Nov.8 7-9th Students "Turkey Tuesday" at Witt House
- Nov.15 10-12th Students "Turkey Tuesday" at Witt House
- Nov.20 Sun. Hanging of Greens Service
- Nov.27 First Sunday of Advent & College Student Sunday
- Dec.4 Sun. Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner
- Dec.11 Sun. 5pm Children's Christmas Program & Kinders Concert
- Dec.18 Sun. Choral Christmas Concert
- Dec.24 Sat. Christmas Eve: Noon, 5, 7, & 11pm
- Dec.25 Christmas Sunday 10am One Service Sanctuary

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the UMC South Central Jurisdictional Conference, November 2-5, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Also note that the Arkansas Conference will have two sessions of Annual Conference in November surrounding church disaffiliations. I will keep you updated on matters related to our Conference and Denomination as news is available. Much more will be known in December.

There is little to update with respect to financials and facilities within the past month. Our financials continue to remain steady as we are ahead of last year's giving and this year's spending. Thank you for your giving and support of your church. No major maintenance projects were tackled in the last month. The pastors continue to settle into their new homes. Soon we will form a subcommittee to consider the future of 320 W. Main.

Note the upcoming Church Council meeting on Sunday, Oct 9, at 5pm in the FUMC Sanctuary. This year the ARUMC is hosting district-wide Charge Conferences. Therefore, this Church Council meeting will serve a similar purpose including approving end-of-year reports within the ARUMC Charge Conference packets. Look forward to seeing you then.

A couple of other notes to keep in mind. First, the YOUTH will provide dinner at Connect Wednesday, October 5. Enjoy dinner at 5pm and support the YOUTH. Next, Rev. Dane will join the YOUTH at the FCA "Fields of Faith" on GCTHS campus on Wednesday, October 12 (in lieu of attending Connect Wednesday). Also remember that due to C19 challenges in their family, the Betty Fletcher Funeral was/is rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15 at 10 am in the FUMC Sanctuary with reception to follow. Next on your church calendar is Trunk-or-Treat, Sunday October 30! Plan to be there as reachout to our community!

Finally, please note the information in this newsletter about "Ingathering". Ingathering is the decades-old ARUMC effort to share in mission across the state. For our church's participation we are collecting much-needed food for the Witt House and various UMCOR kits. Please find a way to share in this month's mission opportunity.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Dane

YOUNG AT HEART

MOVIE TIME

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

1:00 PM

3RD FLOOR MOVIE ROOM



Sept. 12

Oct. 10

Nov. 14

Dec. 12



Hello FUMC Friends!

I love fall, everything about it-the colors, crisp air, holidays, football, marching bands, and all things in between! One of my favorite holidays during the fall season is Thanksgiving. There's no over-commercialization, no pressure for the perfect gift. It's just a time to get together with family and friends to eat, visit, and reflect on all things for which we are thankful. Our FUMC staff is starting that reflection a little early. We have been discussing and giving thanks for YOU! None of our ministries would be successful if it weren't for faithful church volunteers. It's not always easy to give up your time; we understand that. Is it always worth it? Yes! We are called to go into the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Sometimes "into the world" is physically outside of our building. However, other times it's remaining right here and equipping our children with what they need so that they can go out and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Either way, it's fulfilling our promises that we made when we joined the church and when these children were baptized. I am extremely grateful to all of you that have helped in our children's ministry! If you have had ANY part in Children's Sunday School, Connect Wednesdays, Trunk or Treat, the Children's Christmas Pageant, the Easter Egg Hunt, Ready, Set, READ, or Vacation Bible School, all I can say is thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! And as always, if you would like to become more involved in the Children's Ministry at FUMC, we have a place for you!

Blessings,
Mrs. Angela, Director of Children's Ministries

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers." Philemon 1:4



A Prayer for Young Adults for the mid-term session!

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer. Look with favor upon all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion of young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may "journey together, young and old... to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom."

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.

Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore. Amen.

YOUNG AT HEART

Highlights



MOVIES

Every 2nd Monday is movie day!
Join us at 1pm in the 3rd floor movie room

OCTOBER

Dairy King in Portia
Thursday, October 20 at 10am



NOVEMBER

Lunch at the Pasonage in Jonesboro
Thursday, November 17 at 11am

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 8 from 10am-noon in the Welcome Center. Christmas Cookies and coffee



GAME NIGHTS

Every 4th Monday of the month starting at 5:30pm in the Welcome Center

Come Join Us!



Hey First Student! We are rock'n and roll'n right through this semester! Here are a few things to put on your calendar!

Connect Wednesday Each Wednesday, we are meeting with Rev. Dane and studying Acts! Gathering is from 6pm-7pm at the tables in the Welcome Center!

Gym & God's Word

Check the calendar for select Sunday nights! We will meet in the gym for a short devotion and play time.

Serve Connect Wednesday Our night to serve dinner at Connect Wednesday is October 5th!!!! We will meet at 4pm to set up, serve at 5pm, and clean up at 6pm!

The Breakfast Club

SR High! See yah at Iron Horse Tuesday October 11th @ 6:45am!

Fields of Faith We will use this Wednesday night and head to the field in lieu of youth in the Welcome Center. Wednesday, October 12 from 5-8pm at Greene County Tech High School. Includes tailgate and worship.

Dig for the Cure Game Wear yah Pink and let's support our volleyball players in this event!! Thursday, October 13 at 5pm @ Paragould High School.

Pumpkin Hollow Outing

Our Connexional event this fall is a trip to Pumpkin Hollow on Sunday, October 23! We'll leave at 5pm and get back later that evening - be sure to have your homework done for Monday before Sunday night :)

Trunk or Treat

Watch for more information regarding Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30! We will be assisting in distributing items and/or working a trunk!

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October	10/9/22	Sunday	5p	7th-12th	Gym & God's Word	UMYF
October	10/16/22	Sunday	5p	7th-12th	Gym & God's Word	UMYF
October	10/23/22	Sunday	5p	7th-12th	Connexional Event @ Pumpkin Hollow	Connexional Youth
November	11/6	Sunday	5p	7th-12th	Bonfire	UMYF
November	11/13	Sunday	5p	7th-12th	Gym & God's Word	UMYF
November	11/20/22	Sunday	2-7p (Service 6-7p)	7th-12th	Hanging of the Greens & Spring Planning Meeting	Worship
December	12/11/22	Sunday	5pm-9pm	7th-12th	Progressive Christmas Dinner	UMYF
SPECIAL EVENTS						
October	10/5/22	Wednesday	4pm-6pm	7th-12th	Serve Wednesday Night Meal	Service
October	10/11/22	Tuesday	6:45 AM	10th-12th	Senior High Breakfast Club	Senior High
October	10/13/22	Thursday	5:00 PM	7th-12th	Dig for the Cure Volleyball Game	Community Event
October	10/30/22	Sunday	TBD	7th-12th	Serve @ Trunk-or-Treat	Churchwide
November	11/1/22	Tuesday	4pm-6pm	5th&6th	November Turkey Tuesday's Mission @ Witt House	Mission
November	11/8/22	Tuesday	6:45 AM	10th-12th	Senior High Breakfast Club	Senior High
November	11/8/22	Tuesday	4pm-6pm	7th-9th	November Turkey Tuesday's Mission @ Witt House	Mission



Connect Wednesday

Anyone can join in the Connect Wednesday activities at any time. The adult Bible study on the book of Acts takes place in the community room right by the gym; it is taught by Rev. Chase. Dinner also takes place in the gym. Youth meet in the Welcome Center with Rev. Dane. Children (preschool-6th grade) are on a rotation and start in the chapel or Kid's Zone. They rotate between music, play time, and arts and crafts.

WELCOME
Connect Wednesday
September 7-November 16

4:00 pm Acts Bible Study
5:00 pm Dinner is Served
6:00 pm Acts Bible Study, Youth Group, Children's Rotations, Choir Practice
7:30 pm Praise Band Practice

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Ingathering Event @ Paragould FUMC 2022
 "Fill the Box Truck" October 1-31, 2022

It is my pleasure to serve as this year's Northeast District Coordinator for Ingathering 2022! This year - the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church is celebrating its 45th year of Ingathering (a conference-wide event focused on feeding the hungry and supporting disaster relief). There is no greater joy we can experience than receiving and sharing the love of Christ in all that we do.

This year's ARUMC Ingathering Initiative reflects our call to be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities and throughout the world by focusing on local organizations, which provide food for those in need, as well as by providing items for disaster relief kits for those in need throughout the world.

Our district goal is to reach a communal gathering of 25,000 lbs of food to be distributed by our local churches to local feeding ministries as well as 2,500 kit items to be collected and sent to Newport via local hubs and then delivered to Little Rock for the Conference Ingathering Event. Churches can also engage in this event by collecting donations for UMCOR supplies, Arkansas Disaster Relief, and 200k More Reasons.

What I love most about this incentive is the connexional component! Each church, each member, each item, each cent, and each pound matters!!! Each church has the opportunity to be creative in deciding the "what" and "how" they will gather. From partnering with another church to meet a goal, to collecting one item from the kits, to working with a local feeding ministry and donating food or funds - the possibilities are endless, and we celebrate each engagement!

Paragould FUMC's participation event for the ARUMC Ingathering Initiative is "Fill the Box Truck" October 1-31st. We received a box truck earlier in the year. Several of our members worked diligently in grant writing as well as physical labor to transform the box truck into a Multi-Missional-Mobile. What better way to celebrate this new ministry asset than to fill it up with mission items that will touch lives within our local community and across the world!!!

Let's fill the box truck for this year's ARUMC Ingathering Initiative! Our gathering consists of two components - Food Relief, and Disaster Relief Supplies! Food gathered will remain local and be distributed through our very own Witt House. Kit items will be gathered and celebrated during our NEA District Event @ Newport, then will be delivered to our conference event in Little Rock. Our District's goal this year is to gather 2,500 items for kits and 25,000 lbs of food for our local food pantries. Let's "Fill the Box Truck" (Box Truck Module is in the welcome center - items can be left within the box) as we join United Methodists from all over the state in this initiative! —Rev. Chase

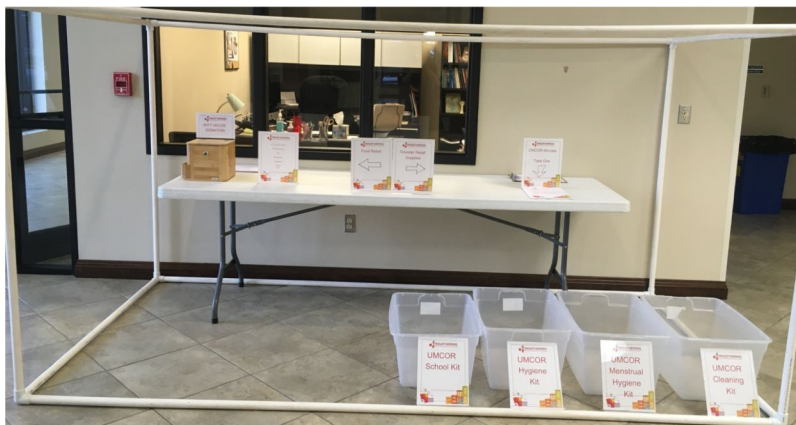
Items to gather for Ingathering 2022	
<p>Witt House Chicken (Canned) Chili Peanut Butter Pinto Beans Ravioli Tuna</p> <p><i>A monetary donation can be left in the donation box in the Ingathering display labeled "Witt House Donations."</i></p>	<p>Disaster Relief Items Hygiene Kit Cleaning Kit School Kit Menstrual Kit</p> <p><i>List of specified items for each kit can be found on in the "Fill the Truck" display in the Welcome Center or through the conference web page: Ingathering 2022 Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church (arumc.org)</i></p>

What to Gather

Detailed lists are located on the website at www.fumcparagould.org/ingathering

Where to Bring Your Items

Bring your items to the bins located in the Welcome Center



New Member



Above: We would like to welcome Mona Tullos, who joined in September. We are so glad you joined!

Third Grade Bible Presentations



Above: 3rd graders receiving their Bibles. From left to right: Bodee Williams, Beckett Rogers, Allie Randleman, Kensington DeMarco, Emma Huffman, Collier Wooldridge, Damian LaHaie, Edith Womack, Bella Baldwin. Below: Alice Ann Bland, Edith Womack.



Chancel Choir

We are always looking for new voices for the chancel choir which leads worship in the 11:00 am service. Practices are from 6:00-6:15 pm every Wednesday night in the sanctuary. The choir has also begun work on the Christmas Cantata, so now is a great time to join if you would like to be a part of that musical event. Brian Peason is the director of the choir.

Finance

2022 Budget \$1,269,130

September 2022

General Contributions: \$65,727

Building/100 Year Contributions: \$28,624

Building Load Principal Balance: \$2,998,872

A Dollar A Week

\$5,613 to date

Memorials

Sara Schexnaydre by Joe & Jackie Barnett

Betty Fletcher by Tim & Gina Jarrett, Deanna Lane, Martha Chiles, Mark & Carrie Rowland, John & Ann Honeycutt, John Eden, Kay & Herb Bland, Phyllis Laymon, Dr. Everett & Sandy Rogers, Janice Wilcox, Carolyn Samuel, Clifford & Beverly Gordon, Reba Pillow, Bill & Pat Phillips, Mary Ann Allen, Terry Shultz, Sally Martin, Nan Dickey, Phillip & Paige Wooldridge, Anne Wells, Melyssa Wyatt Kinnear, Pat Stallcup, Debbie DaVault, Bill Rowland, Terry & Angie Lamb & family, Linda Black, Charles & Donna Brazil, Rena & Davey Joe Jackson

Mary Beth Weidman by Dr. Everett & Sandy Rogers, Robin Patten, Bill & Pat Phillips, Nan Dickey, Phillip & Paige Wooldridge, Larry & Denise Chipman, Charles & Donna Brazil, Joe & Jackie Barnett

Anne Fisher by Bill Fisher, Kay & Herb Bland, Rucina & Howard Johnson, Emily L. & Jim Burrow, Nan Dickey, Anne Wells, Linda Black, Betty & Randy Hedge
Ron Schneider by Martha Chiles, Clifford & Beverly Gordon

Frances Boone by Robin Patten, Clifford & Beverly Gordon, Reba Pillow, Kelley Huffman

Terry Waits by Mary Ann Stallcup

Bobbie Jean Adams by PHS Class of 1968

Mike Vaughn by PHS Class of 1968

Rev. Wayne Clark by Jimmy C. Dodd, Jr., Dr. Lawrence D. Dodd, Denise & Larry Chipman

Fred Swindle by Nan Dickey, Sally Martin

Joan Ratton by Sally Martin, Nan Dickey, Linda Black

Mark Middleton by Phillip & Paige Wooldridge

Pete Black by Linda Black

Frankie Babcock by Nan Dickey

Carolyn Haynes by Linda Black

Rev. Jim Keith by Sally Martin

Dick Pace by Sally Martin

Hillis Pratt, Jr. by Nan Dickey

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