

PRAYER REQUEST

YOUR NAME – Please Print

Person or situation for which you are requesting prayer.

- Share this information with the congregation.
- For Pastors Only
- For Pastors & Prayer Team Only

OTHER INVITATIONS

Need Help Planning Your Memorial Service?

Planning your memorial service is both a great gift to your family and something we mean to do, but never make the time to do it. Rev. Donna can help you with both these things. At **noon on Sunday, January 29th**, there will be gathering to share information on what is involved in putting together your final service. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and clarify your desires for how you would like to be remembered. Honestly, putting together your own funeral service is never going to be anyone's favorite task, why not accomplish it surrounded by some of your favorite people. If you would like more information leave your name below and Rev. Donna will contact you.

- I would like more information

NAME

PHONE

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm SERVE Meeting
- 5:00 pm First YOUth
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, January 23, 2023

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 12:00 pm UWF Lunch
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 6:30 pm Taiko Drumming Class

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study (Hybrid/Rm. 204 & Zoom)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 5:00 pm FANN

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- 9:30 am CDC Chapel
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 4:00 pm FANN for Children & Families
- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26, 2023

- 10:00 am PALS Journey Group
- 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, January 27, 2023

Moms Retreat Weekend Begins







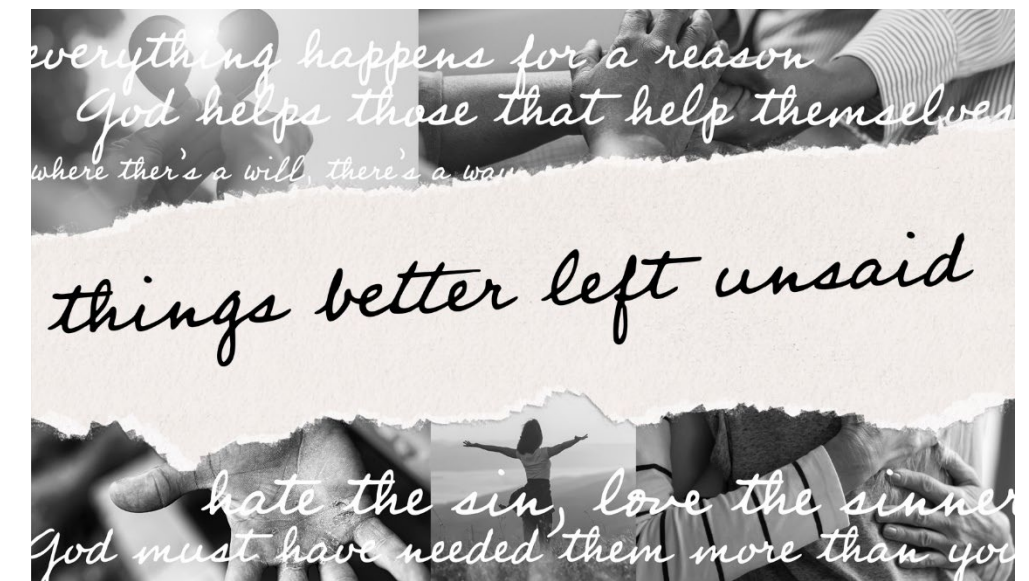
First United Methodist Church
DOWNTOWN
Little Rock

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK. We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. CD's and DVD's of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at landrews@fumclr.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS. We understand worshiping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, if you desire a nursery, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.

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JANUARY 22, 2023 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Beecher | Charles Callahan

James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

You are a child of God created in the Divine Image. We are welcomed, affirmed, and included at First Church, not despite, but because of our age, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, & gender identity.

This is how the Holy Spirit works: when you are welcomed, all are welcomed. When all are welcomed and embraced as the Body of Christ, the world is transformed into a place where all of God's children can THRIVE.

Finding the Trust, Health, Relationship, Imagination, Value, and Education they need. We are all children of God. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN 340, verses 1 & 2 †

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy | United Methodist Hymnal 340

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN 340, verses 3 & 4 †

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy | United Methodist Hymnal 340

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Rev. David C. Freeman

Loving and generous God, source of all good gifts, through your son you taught us how to care for one another. Renew and refresh us through the power of your holy spirit, that by our witness all may know the power of your abundant grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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Jesus Loves Me | United Methodist Hymnal 191

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scarlett Anne Caserta, daughter of Kat & Brian Caserta

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Scarlett, Scarlett, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. Scarlett, Scarlett, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

GOSPEL LESSON †

John 8:1-11 | PEW BIBLE, NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 96

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jordan Wimpy

SERMON

“Hate the Sin. Love the Sinner”
Things Better Left Unsaid – Week 3

Rev. David C. Freeman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Like a River | Tim Oseik

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY †

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | United Methodist Hymnal 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Baptism & Confirmation

Andrew James Foster House

Avangelina Margaret Shaddock

Confirmation

Catherine Ann Block

Richard LaVerne Cochran, III

Matthew Ryan Diamant

Samuel Shane Diamant

Leo Maxwell Freer-Tate

Sophia Elizabeth Lu

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

CLOSING HYMN 584†

Lord, You Give the Great Commission | United Methodist Hymnal 584

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Hanover | Charles Callahan

James Stanley



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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. David C. Freeman, Rev. Haley Jones Wells, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Rev. Donna Hankins

Music & Worship Arts: James Stanley, Shannon Rookey, Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Jordan Wimpy

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone

Altar Guild: Suzanne Mackey & Ruby Wiley

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Floyd J. Tranthan, given by Holly Trantham.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Greg Daniels, Nick Thompson, Jeff Crowe, Dee Deitz, Kaye Hoover, Glenn Taulbee, Lillian Lee, Steve Cross, Bobby Williams, Jason West, Lynda Langford, Irma Jewell, Lee Johnson, Ceile Faulkner, the people of Ukraine, victims of gun violence, our leaders, our church.

Updated COVID Policy:

As we move from surviving to thriving after the past three years of the COVID pandemic, the Board of Stewards is pleased to announce that there is no longer a need for a general mask policy tied to the numbers of COVID cases in our county. The only mask policy that remains at First Church is for nursery workers who care for children less than six months old because these infants are not eligible for vaccinations. It is important to remember that some members of the congregation will continue to wear masks to protect themselves or family members who are at high risk. And in this season of Flu and RSV, some members may choose not to shake hands.

Six dates remaining for Sanctuary Flowers in 2023!

What better way to honor friends and family members than to donate the Sanctuary Flowers in their name on a Sunday? Your gift of \$75 will cover the cost of the two arrangements in Sunday services. You may reserve your date by phoning 372-2256 or emailing Lanie Konecny (officemanager@fumclr.org).

Open Dates:

March 12, 19, 26 July 9, 30 Dec. 31

PASTORAL CARE

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Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

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JOURNEY CARD

We're glad you're here!
Please complete the card
and place in the offering plate.

CHECK IF FIRST-TIME GUEST

FULL NAME – Please Print

CHILDREN & YOUTH PRESENT TODAY
Names & Ages

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL(S) _____

My info has changed.
Please update my records.

Repeat Guest

Member

Friend

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I am interested in joining FUMC.

I would like more information
about FUMC.

I would like a call from the pastor