

NEWS & EVENTS

SPRC Corner

What is SPRC? Glad you asked. SPRC is an acronym for “Staff Parish Relations Committee.” The United Methodist Church makes provision for this committee, entrusting to it the relationship between the congregation and the staff (both pastors and non-pastors). There are nine persons on SPRC at FUMCLR, with rotating three-year terms.

So what does SPRC do? One function is to “care for” staff. It makes recommendations each year to the bishop about pastors assigned to FUMCLR, looks to alleviate problems staff may face in the performance of ministry and duties, recommends appropriate salaries to the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and occasionally provides suggestions for the smooth operation of staff.

Anything else? Equally important is that the committee serves as liaison between the congregation and staff. From a staff standpoint, that can mean the “alleviate problems” mentioned earlier. From a congregational standpoint, that means SPRC is where to go if there are questions or perceived problems or concerns related to staff.

One more function of SPRC is to set employment policy for FUMCLR, and ensure that it’s followed. In this duty, and to some degree the previous two, SPRC is the “Personnel Committee” or the “Human Resources Committee” of the church. Perhaps the most critical task for SPRC is to listen. This means, in the areas delegated to SPRC, listening to pastors and non-pastoral staff and it means listening to members of the congregation. After listening, decisions need to be reached. Not all decisions may prove satisfactory to every party involved, and that’s where SPRC membership can be difficult. But know that SPRC’s intention is to do what’s best for FUMCLR – not necessarily for any individual staff member or congregation member.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact any SPRC member. This year’s members are Georgia Bell, John Bethel (vice-chair), Elaine Bultena, Stuart Mackey (lay leader), Pamela Owen, Phil Reemes (chair), Jeanne Schallhorn, Troy Schmit, Rickie Smith, Janet Uchendu
Phil Reemes, SPRC Chair, 2024

UPDATED DATE

Please join us to kick off the
Campaign for a Sacred Spaces with a

Prayer Service

5:30 p.m. January 28
in the Sanctuary



SACRED SPACES
Windows to Our Past, Bridges to Our Future

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



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PRAYER REQUEST

YOUR NAME – Please Print

Person or situation for which you are requesting prayer.

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

OTHER INVITATIONS

Youth Suppers

We need individuals or groups to provide supper for our youth on Sunday evening. If you are willing to help, fill in the information below. We will be in touch!

☐ I will help!

Name

Email

First Arts Volunteers

We need individuals to assist with supervising elementary age students on Tuesday afternoons during the First Arts program. If you are willing to help, fill in the information below. Shannon Webb will contact you!

☐ I will help!

Name

Email

OUR HOUSE

Fifth Sunday Supper

March 31

June 30
Anderson Sherman Sunday School

September 29
FUMCLR Faith Friend Group

December 29
UWF

Register your small group
for a 5th Sunday in 2024
with Rev. Haley at
hjones@fumclr.org

Teams shop, prep, cook, and serve the meal for 80 Our House residents on a 5th Sunday in 2024.

FUMCLR
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK



Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. and The City of Little Rock present:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Service

02. 04. 2024 | 5:00 PM

Saint Mark Baptist Church
5722 West 12th Street
Little Rock, AR



Sanctuary Tours with Jerry

Sundays, January 14, 21, 28- 10:15 am in the Sanctuary

Do you want to see and learn about the repairs and updates being made to the sanctuary? Take a tour with our Director of Facilities and Grounds, Jerry Carpenter. Jerry will be offering walk throughs of the sanctuary and other places receiving repairs. You'll be able to see and hear about the needs of our historic building and witness Jerry's passion for caring for our church building.