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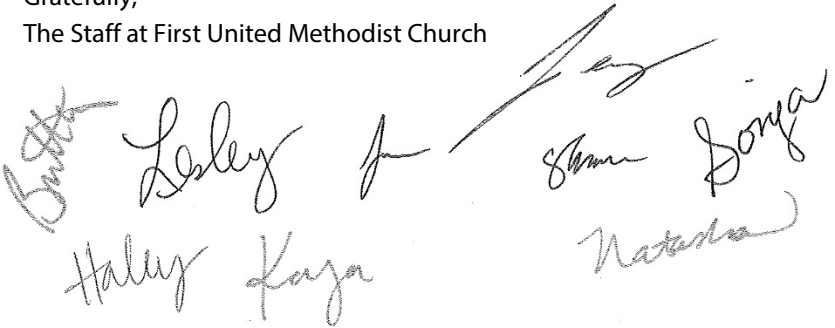
**August 4, 2024**

Welcome to First Church and our Gospel According to Broadway series. We are excited to bring this series back as we explore the spiritual truths of God found in the music and storytelling of these musicals. Rather than simple entertainment, we hope your life is enriched and you experience God's grace through these worship services.

If you are a guest, we extend a special welcome to you. God's vision for our church is "being good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where all God's children THRIVE." We believe that all people are created in the Divine Image and thus we are all children of God. Therefore, we want our church to be a community of love and belonging where you can thrive! Thank you for worshipping with us and we hope you will come again.

Now, get ready for this singular sensation, give your regards, and strike up the band.

Gratefully,  
The Staff at First United Methodist Church



Handwritten signatures of church staff members: Britt, Lesley, Holly, Kaye, Steve, Sonya, and Natasha.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024

**ACT ONE - GATHER**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Natasha Murray

† **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

Stephen Schwartz

**Save the People**

Stephen Schwartz

*God save the people, for thine they are,  
Thy children as thy angels fair.  
God save the people from despair.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ACT TWO - WORD**

† **GOSPEL LESSON**

Tim Bartlett

Mathew 3: 1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Day by Day**

Stephen Schwartz

*Day by day, Day by day, Oh Dear Lord Three things I pray  
To see more clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly  
Day by Day*

**All for the Best**

Stephen Schwartz

*But who is the land for, the sun and the sand for?*

**SERMON**

Which Direction?

Rev. Haley Jones Wells, LMSW

**ACT THREE - TABLE**

**OFFERTORY**

**All Good Gifts**

Stephen Schwartz

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above  
So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All Singing: ***All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above***

Holy are you and blessed your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit...

... we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Singing: ***All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All Singing: ***All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above***

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those, who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING OF THE CUP

***By My Side***

*I'll take your hand*

*Finally Glad*

*That I am here by your side*

Stephen Schwartz

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of the cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

## ACT FOUR – SENDING

### *Light of the World*

Stephen Schwartz

*Let your light so shine before men.*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

As a community and individuals, responding to God's grace, we seek to be good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where all God's children THRIVE. Through our spiritual journey and life in the community, we will work for the core values we believe all children of God need; Trust, Health, Relationships, Imagination, Value, and Education.

### *Beautiful City*

Stephen Schwartz

*We can build a beautiful city, yes we can, yes we can.*

## BENEDICTION

### *Reprise: Finale*

Stephen Schwartz

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:** Rev. Natasha Murray, Rev. Haley Jones Wells

**Music & Worship Arts:** James Stanley, Shannon Webb, Emory Molitor, Jake Wyatt, Liz Cohen, Kelley Ponder, Stuart Mackey, Troy Schmit, Cory Olson, Clint Kesterson, Tim Bartlett

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone, Gilbert Ponder

**Altar Guild:** Coralie Hawkins, Laura Elrod

**Liturgist:** Tim Bartlett

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Mimi Margaret Myer and Joseph B. Hurst, Jr. on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1979 and their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary given by Mimi and Joe Hurst, Jr.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Requesting Prayer:** Kathy Blackmon, Jason Cline & Family, Melba Yancy, Brian Kinder, Emily Taylor, The Clark Family, Mary Davis, Sharon Urserly, Sidney Beal, Chad Wycoff, Linda Deloney, Savannah Smith, Coralie Hawkins, Les Haynie, Steve Cross, Heather Rose, Heather Hill, Bill Lewis, Ann Marie Trammell, Rosie Howard, Jeff Crowe, Mike Pack, Tracy Tomlinson, Gayle Bogy



# The Enneagram as Spiritual Companion

A retreat at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock on September 7th from 9am-4 pm.  
*Contact Rev. Mary Jane for more or see below.*

## Retreat: The Enneagram as Spiritual Companion

The Enneagram is not only a tool for understanding self and others better, but also a tool for spiritual transformation. The self-knowledge gained from knowing oneself better leads to awareness and opportunity for the habits of the personality to fall away and the invitation of the essence of oneself to shine forth. This leads to more healthy and balanced ways of responding to self and others.

Please join me for a one-day retreat at beautiful Camp Ferncliff to experience the spiritual dimensions of the Enneagram in depth. The day will include silence and solitude to explore the beauty of God’s creation around Camp Ferncliff. Participants will learn more about the Enneagram and experience spiritual practices for your Enneagram type. Prior knowledge or awareness of your Enneagram type is preferred.

Date: September 7, 2024      Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Location: Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, 1720 Ferncliff Rd., Paron  
 Fee: \$75 For more information, please contact me at [mcole@fumclr.org](mailto:mcole@fumclr.org)  
 or 501-960-7731



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**July 28th and Aug. 4th!**  
**You may also purchase tickets**  
**in church office on weekdays.**  
**Deadline is August 7th.**

**AUGUST 10th at 6 pm**

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### SUNDAY, August 4, 2024

7:30 am Quapaw Quarter  
Breakfast (Quapaw UMC)  
9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)  
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

### MONDAY, August 5, 2024

9:00 am Flower Girls  
1:00 pm Community Café  
6:00 pm Walking the Mourner's Path

### TUESDAY, August 6, 2024

7:00 am Tuesday Morning Study Group  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:30 am Worship Planning  
1:00 pm Community Café  
6:00 pm Taiko Drumming

### WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024

11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep  
1:00 pm Community Café

### THURSDAY, August 8, 2024

10:00 am PALS Journey Group  
12:00 pm Caregivers Group

## PASTORAL CARE

### Rev. Natasha Murray

Pastor of Hospitality & Belonging

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CHILDREN & YOUTH PRESENT

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- My info has changed.  
Please update my records.
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- Friend
- Subscribe to E-Newsletter
- I am interested in joining FUMC.
- I would like more information about FUMC.
- I would like a call from the pastor.

# PRAYER REQUEST

YOUR NAME – Please Print

Person or situation for which you are requesting prayer.

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

# OTHER INVITATIONS

Retreat: The Enneagram as Spiritual Companion Sept. 7th, 9 am – 4 pm

The Enneagram is not only a tool for better understanding oneself and others but also for spiritual transformation. Re. Mary Jane Cole is hosting a special Enneagram Retreat. If you would like more information, please write your information below.

Name & Email

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# Ones for the Many



Every time you place a \$1.00 bill in the offering plate, it goes straight back into our community ministries with our unhoused or low-income neighbors. One's for the Many funds help purchase IDs, birth certificates, and prescriptions. The funds also help support the 75+ snack bags we hand out in our Community Café three days a week.

# AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE.

CDs and DVDs of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or 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, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary if you desire a nursery. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.

