



# First United Methodist Challenge

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June 19, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

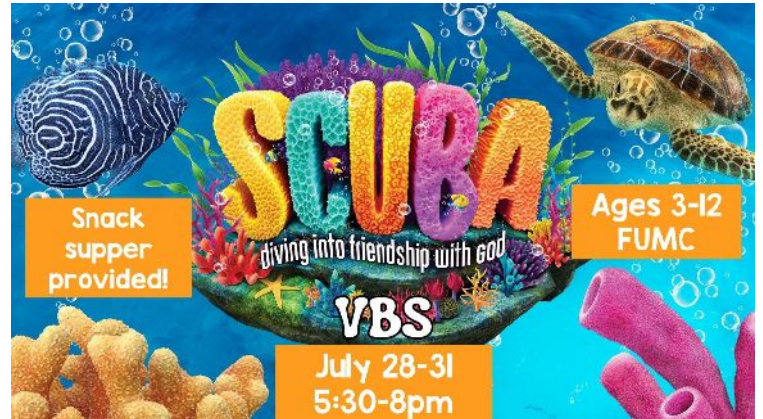
Dear Church Family,

Last week I gathered in Nashville, Tennessee with friends from my first-year study group from divinity school. The six of us now live in five different states but most of us were able to get together for a long weekend for the first time in 14 years. It warmed my heart to be back with these dear friends, meet their families, and reminisce about our divinity school days. I am so thankful to the staff, worship leaders, and my friend, Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove, for filling in for me while I was out of town. I encourage you to connect with an old friend this week; maybe someone who lives far away, or maybe someone in Batesville who you haven't seen in a while. It will be a blessing for both you and them.



This Sunday we will be continuing our series In the Beginning on the book of Genesis. This Sunday's story is from Genesis 32:24-31, the story of God and Jacob wrestling and Jacob receiving a new name: Israel. I think this story tells us a lot about God and our relationship with God. I hope you will read the scripture passage in advance, and I hope to see you at worship this Sunday!

God Bless,  
Pastor Katie



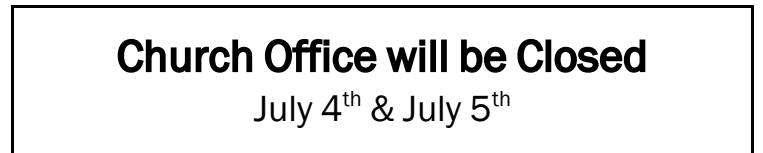
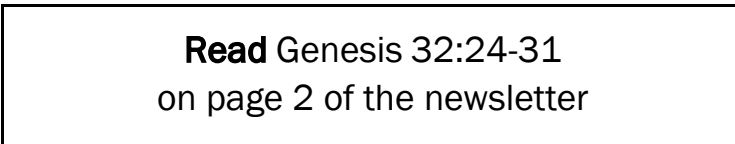
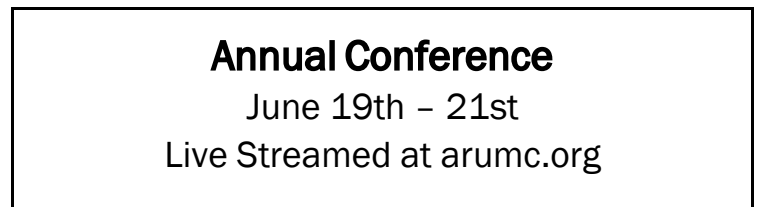
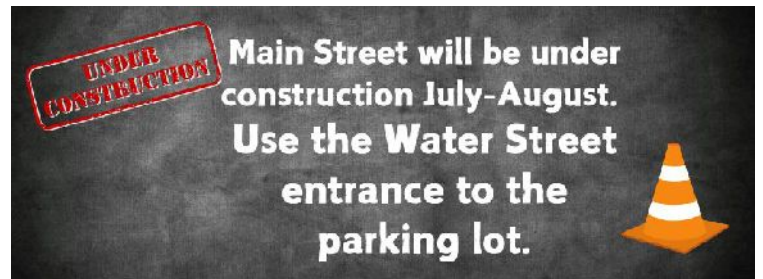
**Would YOU like to volunteer at VBS?**

**We need you!**

July 28-31

5:30-8:00pm

**Positions needed:** kitchen helpers, preschool and elementary helpers, dancers to help lead worship, registration desk, deliver snacks and set up and clean up. Please contact the church office (870.793.3803) to sign up!



*"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.  
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

**Our Prayers for Those at Home**

- Bill Beller.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Marcus Bowers .....member
- Ginger Davis .....member
- Emma Herrington .....friend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Louise Hughes .....member
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Anne Luster .....member
- Bill Luster .....member
- Aline McCracken .....member
- Jerry Millspaugh .....Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's  
Great Grandson
- Sonja Massey Turner .....member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

- White River Medical Center Rehab**
- Bill Waldrip.....member
- UAMS - Little Rock**
- Belinda Turner.....friend of the Reynolds
- Arkansas Children's Hospital - Little Rock**
- Faith McClurg .....member

Genesis 32:24-31,  
24 But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. 25 When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. 26 The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me." 27 He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel,[c] because you struggled with God and with men and won." 29 Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name." But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel,[d] "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." 31 The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

**Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes**

- Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**
- Bennie Burks ..... member
- Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
- Connie Crafton ..... sister of Joel Wagoner
- Asa Whitaker ..... member
- The Springs Batesville**
- Judy Murrah..... member
- Wildwood Independent Living**
- Nelda Hackworth..... member
- Wood-Lawn Heights**
- Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
- Wood-Lawn Heights - Rehab**
- Billy Prickett..... member
- Woodcrest Assisted Living**
- Ernestine Boyce ..... member

**Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service**

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren .....
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member

**Blessing Box**

If you would like to help stock our Blessing Box, here's a list of items:

Pull tops please on can goods.

Canned meat, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages

Thank you for being a blessing those less fortunate!

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

### Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Mailing Address is:  
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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views June 2<sup>nd</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 18 + FB 108) ..... 126  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 289

### In-Person Attendance

June 16<sup>th</sup> ..... 118

## Our Gifts

### Received in June

Received through ..... 06-02-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$13,033.48  
Received through ..... 06-09-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$10,593.58  
Received through ..... 06-16-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$4,832.31

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Genesis 32:24-31

## Our Service

### for June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and glory of God by Billy & Joyce Prickett in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat  
11:00 Tom & Ruby Curl

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Amanda Lucy

**LITURGIST:** Evan McLean

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

June 23 Nancy Weaver  
Melinda Jackson Murphy  
June 24 Justin Taylor  
June 25 Ronda Bryant  
June 26 Christopher Moore  
Amanda Roberts  
June 27 Hudson Harris Carter  
June 28 Elizabeth Arnold  
Mallory McClure  
June 29 Scott Crossett  
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June 23 Shelby & Beatrice Moore  
David & Pam Smith  
June 25 Billy & Joyce Prickett

## Sonshine Ministry



We are in need of people to deliver flowers from the altar to Nursing homes, Assisted Living, an/or home bound people, on Mondays or Tuesdays. Call the church office for more information.

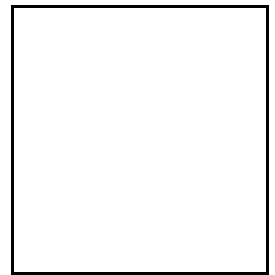


## Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!  
Come pick your special Sunday to do the altarflowers!



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on  
 YouTube and on Facebook

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

**Announcements**

- June 19<sup>th</sup> No Chancel Choir Practice  
 No BFUMC Kids  
 No BFUMC Youth  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- June 20<sup>th</sup> College Group - 6:30pm
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm



**Community Breakfast**

**Free**  
**8:30 Every Saturday**  
**FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the June 26<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).