

Announcements

Easter Lilies. Forms are available to purchase Easter lilies. Each plant is \$20. If you would like to order a lily, please fill out the form and place it in the collection plate or bring it by the office.

Confirmation Class. Calling all 5th and 6th graders! We are having confirmation classes every Wednesday 4:45-5:45 in Sturgis. On Sunday, June 5th, we will celebrate you with the whole church. Transportation to and from the classes are available so please let Jewelie Mills or the church office know if a ride is needed.

Sunday Night Youth. We will meet in Sturgis at 2:00 to ride together. We should be back about 4:45. Please let Jewelie know if you will be able to go. I hear it is a great show!

Discipleship Bands. Want to know more? Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm with Pastor Randy.

Tenebrae Service. Please join us Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for the Tenebrae Service, remembering Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.

Office Closed. The office will be closed April 15th for Good Friday.

Communion. On Easter Sunday, April 17th, we will be serving Communion as follows: At the SonRise and 9:00 am services, the bread will be handed to you and the individual cup of juice placed in front of you. At the 11:00 service, Communion will be served at the rails. Communion servers will hand each person their bread and place the juice on the rail. Servers will wear masks.

SonRise Service. Join us Sunday, April 17th, at 6:30 am for our Easter SonRise Service under the pecan trees. Breakfast will be served following the service at 7:00 am in Sturgis.

Easter Party. Children grades 2-5 are invited to an Easter Party April 17th during the Sunday school hour, 10-11 am. We will hunt eggs, have a snack, and play games. Youth are invited to help hide the eggs. The entire church is welcome to enjoy the festivities and fellowship. Please see Jewelie Mills with questions or to help.

Easter Services: Our Contemporary Easter service will be at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary for the Traditional Easter Service.

Food Pantry. Distribution Day is Tuesday, April 19th. We are requesting peanut butter and canned soup as donations.

Please Remember:

- You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at www.facebook.com/fumcark or www.youtube.com/user/fumcark.
- Watch previous services at www.fumcark.org/sermons.
- Face masks are optional but are encouraged.

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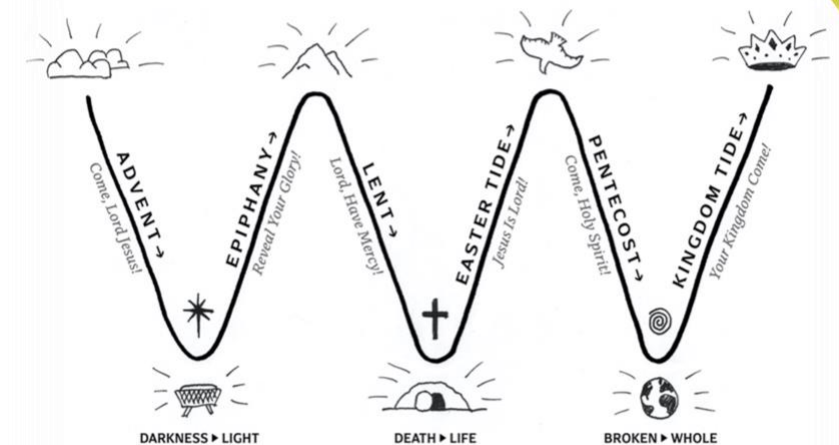
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FEAR, NOT EVIL, IS THE PROBLEM

1 Peter 3:13-17

THE AWAKENING CALENDAR



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First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Bill Higgins

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord
-by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Centering Prayer (Focus) Pastor Randy

*Prayer of Confession & Invitation Congregation
Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. And on this rock you are building your Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Thank you for this mighty fortress—a bulwark never failing. We long to trust you more. Jesus, Jesus, how we trust you, how we've proved you over and over. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust you more! Lord, we don't want to play at this. We want to rise up into it. Perfect love, Jesus. You are perfect love. Holy Spirit bring us perfect love. Praying in Jesus name. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 280
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

*The Gloria Patri UMH No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moments for Young Methodists Nevada Mills

Pastoral Prayer and Offering
The Lord's Prayer Congregation

The Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross* Kay McAfee
-by Lloyd Larsen

* The Doxology UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Reading God's Word Responsively 1 Peter 3:13-17
Hear the Word of the LORD

¹³ *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?*

¹⁴ ***But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.***

"Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ ***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.***

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect,

¹⁶ *keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

¹⁷ ***For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.***

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Lift High the Cross* Chancel Choir
-arr. Michael Newbolt

Sermon *Fear, Not Evil, is the Problem* Pastor Randy

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 292
What Wondrous Love is This

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary *Hosanna!* Kay McAfee
-by Everett Titcomb

Sermon Outline

I. When you know things won't end well- (Luke 22:39-46)

II. Submit to the one who loves you like no other (John 13:1)

III. Know they will end gloriously! (1 Peter 3:13-17))

A. "Not my will, but yours" (Luke 22:42)

B. Evil is not the problem. It's fear.

IV. "You go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)