

News and Events

Christmas/New Year's Schedule. We will have a single service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. On New Year's Day, we will have a single service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The office will be closed Monday, December 26th, for Christmas and Monday, January 1st, for New Year's Day.

End of Year Contributions. To qualify as a 2022 contribution, your gift must be postmarked or given by 12/31/2022. As per IRS code, we cannot accept checks dated 12/31/2022 for 2022 credit after 12/31/2022 unless it has been postmarked by 12/31/2022. The office will be open Friday, December 30th, until 1:30 pm.

United Women in Faith. UWinF meets Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Our program will be "Racial Justice in our Global Community." Please join us and bring a friend with you. UWinF's Annual Recognition Sunday is January 8th at both services. Please join us as we announce and honor the 2023 Person(s) of the Year.

Russ' Birthday Bash. HSU/OBU director Russ Breshears raised over \$12,000 for scholarships at his Ugly Sweater Party/Auction! Congratulations to Russ and the students who will benefit from this.

Please Remember:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



In Person
Offering plate



By Mail
107 N. 9th Street



Online
Scan

Blessed

Matthew 1:18-25



This is a Sanctuary, a place of peace. With the exception of municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement, carrying a gun on First United Methodist Church property is prohibited. Thank you for respecting this covenant of trust.

Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve

Special Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Ryan Lewis

Opening Voluntary *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Kay McAfee
-by Carolyn Hamlin

*Call to Worship

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels awaits their cue to sing

Excitement is all around us

Prepare your hearts – the grace of God takes on human form.

The time is almost here

Good news! Emmanuel, God – with – us, comes to us

We gather to ready our hearts for the coming of Christ

*Hymn of Praise *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH No. 218

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Covington Family

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering

Special Music *O Holy Night* Michelle Smith, soprano
-by Adolph Adam

*Doxology

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!

*Hymn of Praise *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH No. 230

Reading of God's Word *Luke 2:1-20* Ryan Lewis

Homily *Blessed* Rev. Zeke Allen

Holy Communion UMH P. 12

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Sharing of the Light of Christ

*Hymn of Response *Silent Night, Holy Night* UMH No. 239

*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

**Please stand if able*

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are from Lee, Rachel, and families in memory of our father, Wayne McAfee, and our aunt, Nancy Kemph. We love and miss you.

Serving in Worship:

Minister: Reverend Zeke Allen

Organist: Kay McAfee

Choir Master: William Higgins

Soloist: Michelle Smith

Ushers: Norm Coppernoll, Bob Shehane, Eddie Graham,
Jim Blanton, Daniel Maxey, Robert McCallum

Liturgist: Ryan Lewis

Acolytes: Morgan Lewis

Tech: Michael Wyatt