

SUNDAYS AT FIRST OZARK UMC

In-person Sunday morning
services

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary (Traditional/
Contemporary)

Facebook & YouTube Live
104.9 FM @12:00 noon



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I give thanks to my God always for
you because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, for in every way you have
been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind –

1 Corinthians 1:4-5



THE MESSENGER

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December 1– December 31, 2023

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167 E. Broad St., Ozark, AL 36360-0583
Return Service Requested

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff of First UMC of Ozark!

Les Perault
Jim Turner
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Melanie Sebastian-Joy
Mabel Colman
Melina Shiver
Holly Pickersel
Nicky Caitlyn Cummings
Dale Elmer
Anisha Eastman
Holly Neuman

2023 Season of Advent

First Sunday of Advent

December 3

Morning worship 10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens, 5:00 p.m. /
Sanctuary/Chili Dinner to follow/
FLC

Evening worship /5:00 p.m. /Chapel

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10

Morning worship /First Kids

Christmas Program 10:00 a.m. /

Sanctuary

Evening worship /5:00 p.m. /Chapel

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17

Morning worship 10:00 a.m. /Choir

Christmas Musical

Blue Christmas Evening Service /

Chapel/5:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24

Morning worship 10:00 a.m. /

Candlelight service at 5:30 p.m. in
the Sanctuary.

Come-and-Go Communion from
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

December 25

Closures: Church office, CLC

December 26

Closures: Church office, CLC

December 27

Closures: CLC

New Year's Eve

December 31

Morning worship 10:00 a.m.

No evening worship

New Year's Day

January 1

Closures: Church office, CLC

Circle Luncheon

The circles of our church will have their fall luncheon on Thursday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. at Hoppergrass. All ladies are invited to this social event. David Ethridge will be our entertainment, getting us ready for Christmas with a musical program of Christian and secular selections.

Grief Support Group

In December we will be continuing the book entitled, "Surviving the Holidays Without You," by Gary Roe. Please join us for dinner and our book study on December 4 and December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CLC Board Meeting

The CLC Board will be meeting Monday, December 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Souper Day

Souper Day meetings for the month are December 5 and December 19. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC.



A big thank you to Wendell Coursey for the awesome job he did building the shed door. It looks amazing!

JOIN US FOR A MATINEE PLAY

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

ALABAMA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH WE WILL
LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 10:00AM, STOP
AT BONEFISH GRILL IN MONTGOMERY
FOR A DUTCH TREAT LUNCH AND THEN
ATTEND THE 2:00PM PLAY. COST IS
\$50.00, INCLUDES PLAY AND BUS RIDE

(We have 5 tickets currently available)



Prayer Concerns

Patti Williams, Lottie Brauer, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Kathryne Harper Lancaster, Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack DeLoney, Anne Butler, Betty Gilland, Martha Overstreet, Larry Pittman, Judge Ben McLaughlin, Joe Adams, Evan Renfroe, John McGee, Ethan and Jason Gentry, Aaron Andrews, Roger Haburey, Bethene and Earl Childree, Debbie Powell, Joyce Esslinger, Charlotte Lisenby, Jan Foshee, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Charlie Breedlove, Melissa Breedlove, Betty Borer, Beverly Raley, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Martha Dan Thompson, Sam Keys

Nursing Home Residents: Virginia Hess, Carroll Skinner

Assisted Living Residents: Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

Please contact the office when you wish to be removed from or added to the Prayer List.

150

YEARS

JOIN US SUNDAY EVENING DEC. 3 AT 5:00PM
DURING THE HANGING OF THE GREENS
SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY TO CELEBRATE 150
YEARS OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF OZARK, FOLLOWED BY THE CHILI SUPPER IN
THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



80-year-old rucker, Sam Patten completed the full 11.1 miles around Boll Weevil Circle. Pictured with Patten is organizer Brandon Smith. Photo by Judi Temple.

Way to go, Sam!

PAINT NIGHT
Ozark First United Methodist Church
167 E Broad St, Ozark, AL 36360



DEC. 4th at 6PM

Food, Fun, & Painting
\$35 Per Painter



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Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Pat Sand by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Peggy Powell by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Pat Sand by Mrs. Elaine Potts

Dot Adams by Ms. Anne Butler

Pat Sand by Mr. Skip Harris

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington, Dot Adams, Harry Potts, Chris Harris,
and Earl Hyers by Mrs. Carolyn Wooley

Bobby Owens by Mr. & Mrs. Max Brown

Dot Adams by Mrs. Barbara Jones

Dot Adams by Mr. Dan Sowell

Pat Sand, Dot Adams, and LaDon Phillips by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Dot Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Michell

Honorariums

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Jerry & Judy Mull, Billy Gaither, and John Weeks by
Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

Communion Fund in Honor of:

Jason Thrower, Petra Prazinko, and Melena Shiver by
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Mitchell

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Holly Newman/First Kids and Make-a-Difference Day
volunteers by Mrs. Becky Robinett

Stan Garner, Sherry Carroll, Whitney & Gigi Gardner,
Doris & Scott Fenn, Rachel Hood, and Anne Butler by
Mrs. Lynn Carrington



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Attendance

In-Person Sunday Morning:

10/29: 367
11/05: 136
11/12: 143
11/19: 142
11/26: 129

In-Person Sunday School:

10/29: 91
11/05: 74
11/12: 64
11/19: 88
11/26: 74

Total Online Worship Reach:

10/29: 360
11/05: 302
11/12: 298
11/19: 204
11/26: 241

Evening Chapel Schedule

12/03: No Evening Worship | Join us for Hanging of the Greens at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

12/10: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

12/17: Blue Christmas—(Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

12/24: No Evening Worship | Join us for Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary & the Come-and-Go Service at 7:00 p.m.

12/31: No Evening Worship

Ushers and Greeters

10:00: Dick Jordan, Gil Anthony

Birthdays

12/05: Earl Childree

12/06: Jim Fenn

12/07: Sammy Judah, Nathan Hodges

12/10: Chris Davis

12/11: Olivia Perault

12/12: Jean Beverly, Barbara Jones

12/13: Nelda Weeks

12/14: Kailey Owen, Louise Coursey

12/16: Danna Merritt, Michelle Mann, Meagan Chapman

12/18: Brandon Johnston, Dan Sowell, Gail Berry

12/19: Ben McLauchlin, Jonathan Chapman, Sam Dean

12/20: Janet Barclift

12/22: Tina Harper

12/23: Jane Schauble, Sue Switzer, Susan Wright

12/24: Melissa Perault

12/26: Carol Adams, Josh Biretz

12/27: Scott Steagall, Barre Borer

12/28: Mark Thrower

12/31: Lisa Smith, Phyllis Hull

Counting Teams

12/03: Team 1

12/10: Team 2

12/17: Team 3

12/24: Team 4

12/31: Team 5

Online Sermons

Catch up on any sermon you might have missed or want to listen to again! Sermons from previous Sundays can be found and listened to on our website. You can also subscribe to our sermon podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Amazon Music, or Spotify. Sermons will be posted weekly.

If you have any questions or trouble accessing the sermons, please contact Caitlyn Cummings by call or text at 334-589-0421 or by email at cailyn.r.cummings@outlook.com

Ministry Minute: Tuesdays

Sunday Preview: Fridays

(Can be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel)