

SUNDAYS AT FUMC OF OZARK

In-person Sunday morning services
10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary (Traditional)

Facebook & YouTube Live
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THE MESSENGER

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March 1– March 31, 2026

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For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Lenten Speakers



March 4

Reverend Dr. Sterling Boykin, our District Superintendent for the Southeast District, has served several churches in our Annual Conference.



March 18
TBA



March 11

Reverend Gillian Walters serves as the Senior Pastor of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile, AL.



March 25

Father John Coleman is a retired Episcopal priest. He formerly served as the interim pastor of Church of the Nativity in Dothan, AL.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support group will meet on Monday, **March 2**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship, dinner, and a book study.

Pick-Up Basketball

On Mondays, **March 2, 9, and 16**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in our FLC gym, we will be hosting open pick-up basketball games for men and women ages 19 & up. All skill levels are welcome. If you know someone who would like to play, please spread the word!

Susanne Johnson Circle

The Susanne Johnson Circle will meet on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 10:30 a.m. in room 113.

Lois Robinson Circle

The Lois Robinson Circle will meet on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC dining room.

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries will be meeting on Sunday, **March 8**, after service in the Family Life Center dining room.

Administrative Board

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, **March 10**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for our monthly men's breakfast, fellowship, and prayer on Sunday, **March 15**, at 7:30 a.m. in the FLC dining room.

Souper Day

This month's Souper Day date is Tuesday, **March 17**. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC kitchen. Please continue to support this ministry by preparing food, helping with packing, or delivering food to the home-bound in the community.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, **March 17**, at 6:00 in room 13 .

KCLC Board

The KCLC Board will meet on Monday, **March 23**, at 5:00 p.m. in room 133.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, **March 23**, at 6:00 p.m. in room 133.

SPRC

The next SPRC meeting will be on Monday, **April 13**, at 6:00 p.m. in room 133.

MISSION/OUTREACH

If anyone has a clothes steamer you do not use any longer, "The Blessed Dress" room could really use one. Thank you!

PURPLE TABLECLOTHS

The mystery of the missing **PURPLE TABLECLOTHS** has been solved. Thank you to everyone who kept their eye out for them and those who helped search for them!! They are back where they belong.

LENTEN LUNCH MENU

Lenten Lunch Price — \$8.00

March 4

Host—Lois Robinson Circle
Meal—Taco salad

March 11

Host—First Kids
Meal—Chicken salad Sandwiches

March 18

Host—The Men's Club
Meal—Hamburgers

March 25

Host—PEO
Meal—BBQ

April 1

Host—Hostess Committee and
the Council on Ministries
Meal—TBA

April 5

Easter Sunday
Churchwide Easter Egg Hunt



!! Thank You !!

Thank you for the calls, visit, and prayers before and after the passing of Jodi Morris. Thank you to David and the choir visiting and singing for JoJo in the hospital. Singing was so very important in her life. Thank you for the wonderful meal that you provided for the family before the service.

The family of Jodi Morris

Prayer Concerns

Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack Deloney, Anne Butler, Martha Overstreet, Evan Renfro, Joyce Esslinger, Charles Beverly, Charlotte Lisenby, Charlie & Nancy Breedlove, Melissa Breedlove, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Sam Keys, Ruth Hart, Mary Parsons, Kathryn Harper Lancaster, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Laura Crouch, Susan Crutchfield, Tina Harper, Fannetta Moses, Katrina Littlefield, Sherri Olney

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents: Jean Beverly, Martha Dan Thompson, Bethene & Earl Childree, Sue Ellen Mosley, Georgianna Seymour, Patti Williams, Billy Gaither

****Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Hodges family in the loss of Nathan Hodges.****

(Please contact the church office if you (or a family member) wish to be added or removed from the prayer concerns.)

Let us pray... Heavenly Father, we come to you asking for healing, comfort, and peace for those who are facing illness and loss. Lord, we ask that you calm our fears, anxiety, and sorrow and allow us to feel your healing power. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Children's Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater and Nathan Hodges by Judy J. Mobley
Jodi Morris and Linda Rainwater by Mrs. Carolyn Wooley

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater, Jodi Morris, and Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams
Jodi Morris, Linda Rainwater, and Nathan Hodges by Mrs. Marilyn Tamplin
Hulene Crosby by Mr. Stan Garner

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater and Nathan Hodges by Mrs. Bobbie McLaughlin
Glenda Short and Kenneth Thompson by Margie McGahagin
Glenda Short, Linda Rainwater, Nathan Hodges, and Cecil Skinner by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pittman

General Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater and Nathan Hodges by Mrs. Susan Wright
Linda Rainwater and Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie
Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Clouse
Nathan Hodges by the Pea River Board & Employees
Linda Rainwater by Mrs. Elaine Potts
Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan
Linda Rainwater by Mrs. Becky Robinett
Linda Rainwater and Nathan Rainwater by Mrs. Barbara Jones
Nathan Hodges by Gary Smith & the employees of PowerSouth Energy Cooperative

Memorials Continued...

General Fund in Memory of Continued:

Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Miller
Nathan Hodges by Imogene Mixson

Kingsley CLC General Fund in Memory of:

Nathan Hodges by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Meditation Garden Fund in Memory of:

Nathan Hodges by Mr. Dan Sowell
John Shinn by Kathryn Buchan

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Honorariums

Communion Fund in Honor of:

Wendell Coursey by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Steve Clouse by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall



New Member

We would like to welcome David Harrison as a new member of our church family. Also, we would like to welcome back Marye Bess. We are so glad to have you join us!

OUR STAFF

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Birthdays

03/02: Holly Swain
03/04: Henry Scott
03/05: Debbie Patton
03/07: Robert O. Lisenby
Victoria Peyer
03/08: Madison Smith
03/09: Becky Robinett
03/10: Kaci Ernst
Mary Russell
03/17: James Lisenby
Adam Fenn
03/18: Mary Flurer
03/19: Stacian Guilford
03/20: Kelcey Dendy
03/23: John Weeks
Chad Bush
03/24: William McNab
Melissa Gardner
03/25: Melanie Davis
Larry Russell
03/26: Jacki Outlaw
03/30: Barbara Terrell
Jacob McNab
03/31: Heather Cohen

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Heather Cohen, Nicole Biretz, and Donna Shuman helping out in the Blessed Dress room.

Evening Chapel Schedule

03/01: No Evening Worship
03/08: No Evening Worship
03/15: No Evening Worship
03/22: No Evening Worship
03/29: No Evening Worship

Low-Impact Aerobics

Come and join Betty on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a low-impact aerobics class at 8:00 a.m. in the FLC. We hope to see you there! Classes are free.

\$\$ Counters Needed \$\$

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our counting teams. If you enjoy numbers and are looking for a way to serve, we need you! Counting teams consist of two to three individuals who work together once on a monthly rotation to count the offerings for that Sunday. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Petra in the church office at (334) 774-2569.

March Ushers

Drew Swain
Margie McGahagin

Counting Teams

03/01: Team 3
03/08: Team 4
03/15: Team 5
03/22: Team 1
03/29: Team 2

Podcast: Faith Talks

Join Jason and Nick each week as we explore a wide range of topics through the lens of God's Word. We will answer your questions and dive into meaningful conversations on faith, life, and everything in between, often joined by special guests. Be sure to follow us on our website at <https://firstozarkumc.org>, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or iHeartRadio to stay updated on the latest episodes and discussions. Do you have a topic you'd like us to cover? Email us at faithtalksozark@gmail.com. Need help finding the podcast? Feel free to contact Nick via text at (334) 237-2239.



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Director of Children Ministries:
Holly Newman
Contact Information:
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FIRST KIDS MARCH CALENDAR:

- 03/01: Normal 1st Kids 5:00-6:30 Ferguson dinner
- 03/08: Normal 1st Kids 5:00-6:30 Jeff dinner
- 03/15: Trip to Axion Air 4:00-7:00 (rescheduled from February 22)
- 03/22: no activities spring break
- 03/29: Palm Sunday
- 04/05: Easter no activities

Thank you to everyone who made our dessert auction such a success. We were able to raise \$1,700 to help get our kids to Blue Lake!

Thanks to your generosity and support, we were able to collect over 200 non-perishable food items to benefit the Mary Hill Service Center. Thank you for supporting our Souper Day of Caring!





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Director of Youth Ministries:

Melissa (Les) Perault

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TOPFLOOR YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH SCHEDULE

March Theme: The Wilderness Season:
Growing happens when we are in uncomfortable places

03/01: Sunday Night Youth 5-6:30

03/04: Wednesday Night Youth 6-7:30

03/08: Sunday Night Youth 5-6:30

03/15: Axion Air (Rescheduled from February)

03/18: Wednesday Night Youth 6-7:30

03/22: No Youth—Spring Break

03/29: Sunday Night Youth 5-6:30

