CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00—12:00 Church Office Hours
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Parlor- led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar, Roger Guevara
Explorers/Morning Star -Upstairs—Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diana Courson
Jr. High and High School- Basement- led by Pastor Kenny
10:15 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube
4:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY “FOOLISH LOVE” (AVERITT)
5:30 PM YOUTH
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
11:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM CHILDREN’S CHOIR GRADES 4-5
5:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
5:30 PM YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
6:10 PM YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)
7:00 PM ADULT HANDBELL PRACTICE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
10:00 AM THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM STEWPOT

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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Join us this Sunday to welcome Rev. J. Wayne Clark, President and CEO of The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas. He will be our guest speaker this Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

President’s Day
Monday, February 19

The Lenten Bible Study comes to us as a gift from Bentonville FUMC, entitled Foolish Love. Bentonville FUMC has graciously provided a daily devotional, a bible study guide, and seven videos suitable for personal or group bible study. We will meet weekly beginning on Ash Wednesday at 11 AM and Sundays at 4 PM. Materials are available, so you may pick them up at your convenience. I hope that you make plans to join us as we walk the Lenten journey together.
Monday, February 12, was a fantastic day in the church's life. Thanks to the dedication of one of the best confirmation teachers I've ever worked with, Elizabeth Tye, our confirmations have had an exceptionally positive experience. The two of us met before Confirmation began, and we mapped out what the trip would look like.

Our first stop was the offices of the Arkansas Annual Conference at Philander Smith College. The staff there met us warmly, and our four confirmands interacted for over a half hour with resident Bishop Laura Merrill. Initially, the group was somewhat overawed and reserved, but soon warmed up to her. In a flash, they were asking questions, making observations, and learning a great deal about the social focus of the United Methodist faith.

The next stop was First United Methodist Church in Little Rock for a tour of the Methodist Museum. The curator, Keelah, had set up a scavenger hunt with some of the exhibits, which the kiddos loved. We saw a photography exhibit, including pictures of Bishops who served the Arkansas Annual Conference and those who served in other conferences with Arkansas ties.

Once we completed our museum tour, we went into the historic sanctuary. Our kids loved all of the ornate decorations, the historic stained glass windows, the paraments, and the chancel furnishings. Ryder even posed behind the pulpit for a picture! Ms. Penny showed us the place she used to sit on the balcony when she was a student at Arkansas School for the Blind. Apparently, she was a United Methodist longer than she realized.

The group was starving when we finished, and we headed to a Chic-fil-A on Broadway. That store had no dining room, so we headed across town to get a little closer to our next stop. We ended up at a Chic-fil-A on Rodney Parham and were quite surprised when we discovered they did not feature a dining room either. Time would not allow us to search further, so we ate lunch in the van.

The final stop was the synagogue of the Congregation B'nai Israel for a tour by Dale Ronnel. She carefully offered many details about Judaism, the Torah, Shabbat, and community worship. We were shown the Ark, where the Torah scrolls are stored in beautifully decorated fabric covers. Dale showed us the pointers used to read the scripture because the scrolls are never touched due to their being handwritten on vellum. Our kids were quiet, respectful, and very impressed. We even learned that the Jewish people keep a different calendar than we do and mark 2024 as 5784. The Hebrew calendar marks time from the year 3761 BC with the world's creation.

We all came away with a new appreciation for the historical roots of our faith that began in Judaism, the early Christian Church, and then in the Church of England. John Wesley logged over 250,000 miles, mainly astride a horse, spreading the gospel.

Methodism was planted and blossomed on the fringes of the early American frontier. Bishop Francis Asbury logged over 270,000 miles on horseback in his early work following the War of Independence. Countless circuit riders spent their short lives doing vital kingdom work of spreading the Christian faith.

God has worked over millennia to prepare mankind to receive the gift of salvation. Abraham is the progenitor of three world religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Jesus is the epitome of God's work toward us, the ultimate expression of God's love for us, and the ultimate example of what a life surrendered to God looks like. What a joy to be a small part of the Missio Dei, God's mission to the world.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Pastor Kenny