First United Methodist Church  
320 West Main, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753  
www.magnoliafumc.org

To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships

March 27, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29  
8:00—12:00  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
9:00—10:30  
EASTER FESTIVAL (PEACE Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31  
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am

9:15 AM  
CONFIRMATION CLASS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Clegg/Open Door - Parlor—led by David Cole, Billie Dedgar, 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 Gary Herron

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SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording  
(posted later) on Website, YouTube

4:00 PM  
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY “FOOLISH LOVE” (AVERITT)

5:30 PM  
NO YOUTH

MONDAY, APRIL 1  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Church Office Hours

4:00 PM  
STEWPOT

TUESDAY, APRIL 2  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Church Office Hours

4:00 PM  
STEWPOT

5:30 PM  
MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (AVERITT)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Church Office Hours

11:30 AM  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

‘FOOLISH LOVE’ (AVERITT)

5:00 PM  
CHILDREN’S CHOIR GRADES 4-5

5:30 PM  
CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

5:30 PM  
YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

6:10 PM  
ADULT HANDBELL PRACTICE

7:00 PM  
YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Church Office Hours

10:00 AM  
THE CARING PLACE

4:00 PM  
STEWPOT

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING  
Tuesday, April 2

5:30 pm.  
AVERITT HALL

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SUNDAY LUNCHEON  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (PEACE HALL)

Please return your application for the Tucker Elliott Franks  
Memorial Scholarship  
on or before Monday, April 8  
to the church office.

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Thursday, March 28  
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Join us as we observe Holy Thursday  
by participating in the Lord’s Supper.

Easter Worship Service  
Sunday, March 31  
10:15 a.m.  
Sanctuary

Join us for a grand worship service in which we will  
celebrate the presence of Jesus, our Risen Lord!

Our Staff:  
Rev. Kenny Lee  
Shelly Burgess, Children & Families  
Tracie Nipper, Administrative Secretary  
Dr. Kim Shirey, Director of Music  
Sharon Ard, Organist  
Shawn Warlick, Building Supervisor  
Kenneth Manning, Custodian  
Gwendolyn Murphy, Director, Child Development Center  
Barbara Lewis, Director, The Caring Place  
Stephen and Dioneandra Biddle, Stewpot Cooks  
Burlene Easter, Kathy Easter & Kim Easter, nursery attendants

CHURCH-WIDE EVENT

Come with us to Camp Tanako near Hot Springs to  
view the Solar Eclipse on April 8 and have lunch.  
Call the church office, 234-4530 if you are interested in going.
Spring Break 2024

Last week, our little family pulled out of Magnolia on a Monday morning and traveled to a friend’s cabin on Tablerock Lake. The kiddos were excited to see their friends and revisit one of their favorite places in our state, Berryville. Our journey was primarily uneventful, except that Donovan drove up Hwy. 7, and we chose the more traveled route up Hwy. 65.

Oddly enough, we got into Harrison nearly the same time. Samantha and Donovan struck off for the Community Center in Berryville for the afternoon and the evening. Penny and I took the direct route to the cabin as the GPS took us through the twists and turns of a lightly populated farming area. Most operations consist of cattle farms, chicken farms, or a combination of both nestled in the rolling hills of the Ozarks.

Soon, we were standing on the front porch of a sweet little cabin we would call home for the next several days. The cabin is on a hill overlooking the lake, with no views of any surrounding properties. Deer come through each morning and evening, and occasionally, a gull or heron pokes around the lakeshore. The cabin has a lovely front porch facing the lake with a well-used porch swing. Monday evening, four of our friends dropped by for a surprise visit. The best thing about this cabin is nearly no cell coverage. A flitting one-bar signal came and went at random. Texts might go out, and they might not. Calls were not possible at all. This is an added bonus for Penny and me but not so much for our uber-connected kids. Oh, they had connectivity when we were in more urban settings like Green Forest, Berryville, or Branson. Still, eventually, they bemoaned the deficit of cell service once they returned for the evening to no signal.

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As the evening wore on, Penny became anxious because her chicks had not yet returned to the nest. In a few minutes, we heard them returning to the beach, spilling out of the boat and telling us about their adventure. Charlie had gone swimming, and Samantha jumped in as well. The water was frigid, but no one seemed any worse for the wear. Wednesday was my birthday, and they planned to take me to dinner, but I opted to stay at the lake, grill some burgers, and chill out. Thursday was a family fun day, and we all trekked to Branson. Penny and I were allowed an adult trip to Branson on Tuesday while the kids toured various places in Carroll County. Tourist season is just starting, so some places they hoped to visit were closed. Branson was fully opened, becoming a Spring Break destination for families. Penny and Donovan perused a couple of Penny’s favorite consignment stores on Wednesday. At the same time, Sam and I went to a state park in Branson with the dogs for a brisk four-mile hike.

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A wakeup call

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Not even groping for another hand,
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