**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, JULY 5**  
8:00 - 12:00 PM  Church Office Hours

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**  
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am

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 Gary Herron

9:15 AM  Young Adult Sunday School—Pastor’s Home Led by Pastor Kenny Lee

10:15 AM  SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube

6:00 PM  ROUND ROBIN SUMMER SERVICE  
FUMC El Dorado

**MONDAY, JULY 8**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

**TUESDAY, JULY 9**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours

**THURSDAY, JULY 11**  
8:00 AM—4:00 PM  Church Office Hours

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**South Arkansas UMC**  
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July 3, 2024

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**Sunday**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.—Sanctuary Worship  
 Noon—Cable Channel 13

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**Wednesday**  
7:00 PM—Broadcast of previous Sunday’s 10:15 Service Cable Channel 13

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**How to Reach Us:**  
Church Office Hours  
Monday — Thursday  
8:00 – 4:00  
Friday 8:00 – Noon  
870-234-4530

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**Our Staff:**  
Reverend Kenny Lee  
Shelly Burgess, Children & Families;  
Anne Gantt, Administrative Secretary;  
Dr. Kim Shirey, Director of Music;  
Sharon Ard, Organist;  
Shawn Warlick, Building Supervisor;  
Kenneth Manning, Custodian  
Gaysha Caldwell, Director  
Child Development Center  
Barbara Lewis, Director, The Caring Place  
Stephen and Dionedra Biddle, Stewpot Cooks  
Burlene Easter, Kathy Easter & Kim Easter, nursery attendants

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**First United Methodist Church of Magnolia**  
**Vacation Bible School**

**July 8 - 11**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Ages 4 - 5th Grade  
Register online: https://www.magnoliafumc.org/vbs

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**We welcome all those seeking prayer time.**  
The Chapel is available for individual prayer when the church is open.
My mind is still filled with the colors of vacation. The sunsets over the lake, with their multi-hued light morphing from orange to red, then purple. One can see the trees and yard from the porch swing, the dark greens of soon-to-be summer. Occasionally, a small group of deer feed across the yard near the lake in the evening or the morning. The deer are used to some human presence, so it is routine to watch the group of does with fawns, last year’s yearlings, and occasionally a juvenile buck in velvet feed contentedly across the yard.

I woke up early to enjoy the cool of the morning. Sipping a cup of strong, French press coffee while taking in the sights and sounds of nature. Sitting on a pebble beach and listening to the waves lap the shore. At the same time, the morning mist peacefully lingers over the surface of the water. In the half-light of the hazy scene, a blue heron stalks the shallows, looking for his breakfast. No traffic noise, no sounds of humanity save an occasional fishing boat.

After ample time waking up and enjoying the morning, we would get ready and go to Branson. Penny visited some of her favorite shops and found some new ones. By the time we leisurely went through the morning activity, it was typically 1:30–2 PM, and we enjoyed a late lunch. We did a lot of exploring and taking in the sites following lunch. Usually, we made the short drive back to the cabin by 4–4:30, took a nap if we wanted to, and then enjoyed a simple dinner later in the evening.

The trip was bracketed by trips to East End to stay with my sister on Sunday and Thursday. It was nice to have some family time with them. After a morning appointment in Hot Springs, Penny and I picked Sam up from Tanako. She had a great experience, and we are grateful for the opportunity to meet new friends and deepen our faith in the community that the camp environment affords.

On the way home, she admitted missing her mother badly during the week. She was sad that she would only be home for a few nights. My sister Terri and her husband picked Sam up after church on Sunday and took her to Mississippi for a week. The annual summer holiday in Cleveland is an annual summer ritual that Samantha and Terri really enjoy. She will return with bags of clothes and girl stuff next week, mainly because her aunt and uncle spoiled her rotten.

This week, we look forward to celebrating Independence Day. Penny is lining me up some honey-do items to allow her more access to some of her season storage items. A new shelf will conveniently locate some of the more frequently used items in her storage area. I have had the materials for a while, so it’s just a matter of spending a couple of hours putting it together. Since she promised to help, this item is at the top of my list.

This week is full of volunteer opportunities working together to prepare for Vacation Bible School. Shelly and her crew are already busily transforming Peace Hall into Nazareth. Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for their financial support, donations of materials, and all of the hours volunteering to make this an excellent event for the kids in our community. Tell your friends and neighbors to register online at our website, Facebook, or by scanning the QR code on our promotional materials.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. Luke 4:14-16a

Pastor Kenny