FRIDAY, JULY 19
8:00 - 12:00 PM Church Office Hours

SUNDAY, JULY 21
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Pastor 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
Young Adult Sunday School - Pastor’s Home

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

2:00 PM DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RECEPTION FOR DEE DEE AUTREY (MONTICELLO)

4:00 PM CID BOARD MEETING (CONFERENCE)

6:00 PM ROUND ROBIN SUMMER SERIES
FUMC - CAMDEN

MONDAY, JULY 22
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPORT

TUESDAY, JULY 23
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPORT
5:30 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (AVERITT)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Church Office Hours

THURSDAY, JULY 25
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Church Office Hours

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 23, 5:30 P.M.
AVERITT HALL

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FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you so much for the prayer square I received on Senior Sunday. I am thankful for prayers as I start my college career.

Love,
Landry Carter

THE VISITOR
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To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships July 17, 2024

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HOMETOWN NAZARETH
WHERE JESUS WAS A KID

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

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

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

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
I can’t remember the last time that I’ve enjoyed VBS so much. Hometown Nazareth proved to be so much fun! Everyone wants the room to be full, but lower numbers allowed us to be a bit more informal and allowed the grown-ups to spend more time one on one with the kids.

The decorations were very well done and the kids loved the synagogue school set. Roger look so official as a rabbi, and Ryder looked every bit a young Jewish student. One might think they were parachute dropped into Jesus hometown.

It was great to see these kids anxious to show up and excited to participate in the program. I can’t tell you how good it was to watch kids connecting with each other, and the adult leaders. Magnolia FUMC is excellent at making kids at home and helping them to discover their faith.

One of the biggest challenges for me was bringing an old laptop out of mothballs to use with my projector and cart to run the music. It hadn’t been out of the closet since VBS last year, so it took an update at least once a day. If I use it again next year, I’m going to get it out of the closet a week ahead of time and let it update and flex for a while before putting it into service.

Chelsea did an amazing job creating the PowerPoint that had all of the music on it. She had an intricate set of movements that went with each song. The kids loved every minute of it!

Your generosity, your time and attention, and this church’s dedication to this program means that it is always going to be good. Tabitha Lewis did an excellent job coordinating the program and Diana Coursen and Lea Hickmott portrayed Jesus’ mother and a skeptical next-door neighbor who does not believe that Jesus is “special.” The kiddos got to take Mary’s side before the week was through.

For the last several weeks we have been experimenting with different elements in the worship service. I want to invite you to provide feedback regarding the changes. Change can be good, and it helps us to get a new perspective when we try new things.

Jesus was very much a new thing. His teaching and ministry was so radically different from the status quo, that he was perceived as a threat to Judaism itself. One of the things that I do know is that we were not meant to get stuck in a rut. God created us for much more. So much more.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:18-19a

Ms. Pat Bell
Child Development Center Teacher
Ms. Pat has been a teacher in the CDC infant room for almost 17 years. She was diagnosed with cancer a short time ago. She took her vacation time and is now taking treatments with no income.

If you are willing to help, we are taking up donations for her. Drop it by the church office or put it in the collection plate.

Thank you for your help.

South Arkansas UMC
Summer Round Robin Series

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Services start at 6:00pm followed by fellowship

REDEMING “WASTED” TIME

In Just Like Jesus, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we’ve lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: “What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! Where are my keys?”

But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. Simple phrases such as ‘Thank you, Father,’ ‘Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,’ ‘You are my resting place, Jesus’ can turn a commute into a pilgrimage,” he writes. “You needn’t leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts.”

When we do this, “the common becomes uncommon,” Lucado adds. What’s more, “wasted” time becomes valuable; boring waits become meditative; the lost — your time, if not also your keys — is redeemed.