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June 12-15
6:00-8:00 p.m.
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In The First Place

the monthly newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Arkansas
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Eric & Elizabeth Soard

United Methodist Missionaries
Tanzania, Africa
Sunday, June 18
9:45 am
Sunday School

We are privileged to welcome to our church a United Methodist overseas missionary family, Eric and Elizabeth Soard, and their three young sons, Derrick, Micah, and Kaleb, on Sunday, June 18th. The Soards will be introduced at both worship services and will speak and give a presentation at 9:45 a.m. during the Sunday school hour in the Grand Hall. All Sunday school classes, children, youth, and adults, as well as interested persons, are invited to attend. Dub's Donuts, coffee, and juice also will be served in the Grand Hall.

The Soards have served in Tanzania in southwest Africa for the past seven years. They have planted fifteen new United Methodist Churches and have established Wesley College, a United Methodist college of higher education. Elizabeth is a native of Arkansas and the daughter of United Methodist minister Rev. Bill Buchanan of First UMC, Forrest City. She and her husband are graduates of Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee, and she is a graduate of Asbury Seminary in Kentucky with a degree in missions.

We encourage all persons to join us to hear of the exciting work the Lord is doing in Tanzania. The Methodist Church in Africa is growing at 50,000 converts per week, the most dynamic growth of our Methodist church in the world. We thank God for the Soard family as they represent Jesus Christ and serve Him through our Methodist churches in Tanzania.

Welcome to Our New Members!



We welcome to our Church three persons united by transfer: Barbara Scott, above, and the Barker family, Bryan and Haley with son Jaxon, right.

Barbara Scott joined on April 30 at 10:50 a.m. She is a new resident of Sheridan, having moved from Pine Bluff, and is retired from the Ben Pearson company. Her address is 601 South Eagle Street, Sheridan, phone 870-267-4939, and email barbarascott45@gmail.com.

Bryan and Haley Barker and three-year-old son, Jaxon, joined May 7 at 8:45 a.m. Their address is 203 Cunningham Street, Leola, AR 72084, phone 870-941-9558, and email haleycarrell@outlook.com. The Barkers have a baby on the way, due July 17.

We have 12 new members in 2017 for a total membership of 443 persons. We thank God for these persons and as we welcome them to our church family.



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Focus:
*Missionary Family -
The Soards*

Matthew's Gospel recorded the Great Commission of Jesus when He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28: 19, 20) As noted previously, for 2,000 years it has been the unchanging mission of the Christian church.

Our local church focus is making disciples through inviting others to join us and become a part of Christ's family. We are thankful in 2017 of our twelve new members thus far. (See related photos on front page.) In addition to praying for and inviting our unchurched neighbors and friends, our Methodist churches also support overseas missionaries who plant Methodist churches and make disciples by going to "all nations" as Jesus commissioned us to.

On June 18, Fathers' Day, we are privileged to have a United Methodist missionary family, Eric and Elizabeth Soard, and their three young sons, who have served in Tanzania for the past seven years in southwest Africa. In that time they have started fifteen churches and established a Methodist college.

The Soards will share their ministry in Tanzania during the Sunday school hour in the Grand Hall, where we will have Dub's Donuts and coffee. Sunday school classes, children, youth, and adults are invited to come to the Grand Hall at 9:45 a.m. to meet the Soards and hear their story, in lieu of our regular Sunday school class. Eric and Elizabeth will also be introduced in both

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Divine Worship
Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017
8:45 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

SCRIPTURE
Luke 10:25-27

SERMON
The Good Samaritan
Series: *Stories Jesus Told*
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS
Spirit of Faith, Come Down
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Jesu, Jesu

worship services and speak briefly. I hope you will make plans to be here on June 18 to meet Eric and Elizabeth Soard and hear the exciting things God is doing in Tanzania. In Christ's love,

- Bro. Daniel

Stories Jesus Told
The Parables of Jesus
"And Jesus told them many things in parables" Matthew 13:3

- June 4** *The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37*
- June 11** *Rev. Zeke Allen*
- June 18** *The Friend at Midnight - Luke 11:1-10*
- June 25** *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Luke 7:36-50*

Worship Schedule June 2017

- Liturgist:** Mandy Schee
- Greeters:** Sam & Georgia King
- Counters:** Stacey Swilling, Lauren Goins, Betty Lancaster
- Ushers:** Mike Harrington, Charles Tadlock, Bobby Pierce, Jeff Archer, Gary Hines, Scott Hines



Sheridan First United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Services:
8:45 a.m. Early Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Regular Service

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SOS Food of the Month: Macaroni & cheese			1 Summer Feeding Program Volunteer Meeting 6:30	2	3 Red Cross Blood Drive 11-3
4 Coffee & Donuts after 1st church Admin. Board Mtg. 5:00 followed by Watermelon Supper UMY 7-8:30	5 Summer Feeding Program begins weekdays all summer 11-12:30	6 PEO 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Coffee & Donuts before 10:00 SS Monthly Health Screenings UMY 7-8:30	12 VBS 6-8 p.m.	13 VBS 6-8 p.m.	14 VBS 6-8 p.m.	15 VBS 6-8 p.m.	16	17 Dragon Boat Race Little Rock
18 Coffee & Donuts after 1st church Soard Family during SS hour Father's Day No UMY	19 Arkansas UMC Annual Conference Hot Springs	20 Arkansas UMC Annual Conference Hot Springs	21 Arkansas UMC Annual Conference Hot Springs	22	23	24
25 Coffee & Donuts before 10:00 SS UMY 7-8:30	26	27	28	29	30 Wedding Brittany Dunmore and Chris Yates	
<p>LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY</p> <p>Summer Feeding continues—closed July 3 & 4 Youth Trip to Gatlinburg—July 1-8 FUMC volunteers needed for Summer Feeding —July 6-8 and 17-21</p>						
<p>Monthly Health Screenings Sunday, June 11 8:00-8:30 a.m. Jason Kelley 9:45-10:30 a.m. Pam Reed</p>						

Cooking Matters Class



The second Cooking Matters class was completed Thursday, May 25, and was as successful as the first class. The following students graduated and were presented with certificates: Virginia Benquenta and daughter, Lisa Paige, Elaine Partridge, Elaine Jackson, Joyce Partridge and daughter Michaela, Jenna Partridge, Judy Beth McGuire, and Rose Cuddy.

We could not have done this class without the incredible support from volunteers and the church. Thank you to all of our volunteers: Denise Carpenter, Peggy Schee, Gail Harrington, Suzanne and Norm Frisby, Carolyn Duncan, Becky Ross, Betty Robinette, and Bobby and Laura Daniel, and Dorothy Lynch from our first Cooking Matters Class. Also, a big thank you to Jameson Archer for working in the nursery.

All of our students participated in learning about nutrition in informative sessions at the beginning of each class, followed by hands-on cooking in the kitchen. Students learned basic cooking skills, including safety and hygiene procedures, and followed recipes resulting in delicious food served at the end of class. This experience has been such an inspiration, not only for the students but the volunteers, as well.

We will begin a new class in September and need more volunteers who can assist with dishwashing and general kitchen clean up while the students are cooking. Join us! Contact me for more details.

- Mike Carpenter
Cooking Matters Coordinator

Children's Summer Feeding Program

Some have asked, "Why does our church support the Summer Feeding Program (or even the Backpack Program)?" The answer is this: The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance reported on May 15 that Arkansas ranks the second worst in the nation for its population in food insecurity. The national average is 13.4%, but Arkansas's is much higher at 18.4%! However, it did fall from just over 19% the previous year. More than 550,000 people are struggling in Arkansas, and the child food insecurity rate in Arkansas is one out of every four children or 25%. As a father, grandfather, and a Christian, it is so hard for me to grasp on to these figures.

Our church and the Sheridan Ministerial Alliance is making an effort to end hunger in Grant County. We will provide lunches from 11:30 to 12:30 daily, beginning June 5 and ending August 4, at Sheridan High School, Poyen Schools, and at the ICAN facility in East End.

Also, depending on our budget, we will transport lunches to pre-determined areas. Local area churches will volunteer by the week, as has been done the past three years. Tentatively, our church will volunteer the week of July 5-9 and the week of July 17-21.

We will continue to provide lunches prepared by PepsiCo's Food for Good program. The Alliance has raised almost enough funds equal to the number of meals purchased last year. We need to continue to raise money to reach out more into the community.

We also need you as a volunteer to continue making this a successful program! Not only do we need volunteers the weeks our church volunteers, but we need volunteers who I can call if needed throughout the summer. I have placed sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please let me know if you can volunteer in any capacity!

Again, thank you for your continued support in this mission effort in ending hunger with our children in our community!!

- Mike Carpenter, Director
Children's Summer Feeding Program

Volunteers from our church are needed to serve lunch to our community's children on these days:

Wednesday-Friday, July 5-9
Monday-Friday, July 17-21

A little of your time will make a lot of difference!

Contact Mike Carpenter if you can help

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Myrna Lois Houy

15 November 1934 – 19 May 2017
82 years, 6 months, and 4 days

"I am the Resurrection and the life, and he who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11: 25

Charles Elton Creech

14 December 1936 – 21 May 2017
80 years and 5 months, and 7 days

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."
Deuteronomy 33: 27

Memorials and Honor Gifts Received

In memory of Jack Linton (Joyce McHone's father): Summer Feeding Program by Dave & Jane Robinson and Tom & Pauline Waller

In memory of Dr. Van Smith (Teresa Bennett's father): Summer Feeding Program by Tom & Pauline Waller

In memory of Clinton Graves: Memorial Fund by Bobby Graves and sons

In memory of Sunny Kelly: Matthew 25:40 Fund by Jeanie Camp

In honor of Dee Ann Daniel: Backpacks by John & Melinda Covert

In honor of Joe and Shannon Archer: Youth by Dee Ann Daniel

In honor of 2017 Seniors—Andrey Archer, Charlie Names, Aly Savage, and Rachel Smith: Youth by Jan Brown

Rev. Zeke Allen
Guest Minister
Sunday, June 11
8:45 & 10:50



We welcome to our church Rev. Zeke Allen, guest minister, on Sunday, June 11. Rev. Allen is the associate minister at First United Methodist Church in Benton, Arkansas, and will be preaching in the absence of Bro. Daniel.

Rev. Allen has served within the United Methodist Church since 1996. He served 14 years as a full-time youth minister in multiple UMC churches in Arkansas and Texas and now serves as the Associate Pastor at Benton. He is a graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary. Zeke's wife, Rev. Andrea Allen, is an ordained UMC elder in the Arkansas Conference, as well. They have two children: son, Zebediah, age 11, and daughter Rosalie, age 9. We are happy to welcome him to our church on June 11.

Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday, June 4

5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Watermelon Supper to follow
6:00 p.m.—Family Life Center

The Administrative Board of our church will meet on Sunday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with reports from various committees on the business agenda, according to Chairman Norman Frisby. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be followed by a Watermelon Supper at 6:00 pm hosted by the Family Life Committee, Seth and Dona Glaze, co-chairs. Other desserts will be included. Please make plans to attend both of these events.

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Children's Ministries

June Children's Church

- 4 Lauren Goins
- 11 Johni Beth Teague
- 18 Audra Hines
- 25 Frankie Rutherford



Youth Ministries

The youth celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day meal at Crazy Hibachi. A good time was had by all! School is out, and the youth are ready to enjoy some downtime. Swim nights and ice cream are definitely in the plans. We will begin our summer hours on Sunday, June 4. We will meet Sunday evenings only, from 7:00-8:30. There will be no youth activities on Sunday, June 18, so the youth can enjoy their day with their dads. The youth are looking forward to the summer trip to Gatlinburg July 1-8. Plans include going to Dollywood, white water rafting, and touring the Biltmore Estate.

- Dee Ann Daniel



Senior Sunday was celebrated with UMY high school graduates Rachel Smith (OBU), Aly Savage (Hendrix), Charlie Names (ULM), and Andrey Archer (UCA)

Robin Roark New Youth Director



We are excited to announce the hiring of a new part-time Youth Director, according to Stephen Shirron, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Robin Roark, age 38, of White Hall, Arkansas, has accepted the position. A native of Fordyce and First UMC, Fordyce, he is currently a White Hall High School English teacher for the past seven years, and his family is active at White Hall UMC.

He has a call to ordained ministry and will enroll in seminary for the fall of 2017. He and his wife, Amanda, a kindergarten teacher in the White Hall schools, have four children: son Reid, age 15; son Bryce, age 10; daughter Reese, age 7; and son Brock, age 6.

His start date will be Sunday, July 23. His address is 513 Green Oak Lane, White Hall, AR 71602, email is robin.roark@yahoo.com, and mobile is 501-352-5023. Please remember Robin Roark and his family in your prayers as we welcome him to our church staff in this important ministry position.

Arkansas Annual Conference Sunday, June 18 - Wed., June 21 Hot Springs Convention Center

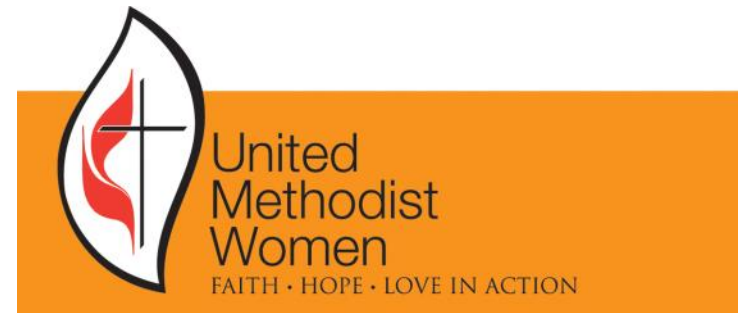
The upcoming Arkansas Annual Conference will be June 19-21, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Bishop Gary Mueller will preside over the business sessions. Tuesday night worship includes the Ordination Service of new ministers. Worship services are each evening at 7:30 pm in the Bank of the Ozarks arena and persons are invited to drive over and join us. Our church will be represented by: Zoe Hines, Shelia Aaron, Liz Shannon, Dee Ann Daniel, Betty Cook, Mike Carpenter, and Bro. Daniel.

We are excited that Mike Carpenter will be a part of a panel discussion and presentation at the business session on the Children's Summer Feeding Program and Cooking Matters classes.

Please remember our churches and clergy and lay delegates in prayer for this important annual gathering.

Congratulations College Graduates



The United Methodist Women have finished a busy year and are taking a summer break from meetings. The day and night circles will resume their regular meetings in September. We will celebrate United Methodist Women Sunday on August 6. Before you know it, it will be October and time for the annual UMW Salad Luncheon! We thank all of you for your generous support of our many projects, especially our cookbook with your contributions of recipes and purchase of books. We still have cookbooks for sale. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

- Betty Cook, UMW President

A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those who receive,
without making poorer those who give.
It takes a moment,
but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich or mighty
that he can get along without it,
and none is so poor, but that he can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home,
fosters goodwill in business,
and is the countersign of friendship.
It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad,
and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen,
for it is something that is of no value to anyone,
until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile;
Give them one of yours,
as none needs a smile so much
as he who has no more to give.

- Anonymous

Thank you from UAM Wesley Ministry Team

UAM Wesley wishes to let you know how much we appreciate your support. We are so thankful! Your generosity makes ministry happen! God Bless you!!!



We congratulate our recent college graduates in our church. **Dr. Laura Daniel** completed a doctorate in Education in Educational Leadership from Harding University in Searcy on May 5. She is currently Assistant Superintendent in the Poyen School District. She is the wife of Bobby Daniel of our church and mother of Rachel Sanders and Cole Sanders.

Lindsay Reichenbach, daughter of Brent Reichenbach and Jenny McCoy, and granddaughter of Bill and Rita Crossley, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway on May 5 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Lindsay plans to attend UAMS Medical School in the fall of 2018 to become a physician.



Stephen Names, son of Kelly and Denise Names, graduated May 13 from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Stephen is in a relationship with Ashley Harris, and they have two children, Aubreigh and Casen.

Cobey Wingfield graduated from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia on May 12 with a Bachelor of Science in Radiology and from Baptist School of Health Professions in Little Rock. He will work in the vascular lab at Baptist Medical Center in west Little Rock beginning in June.

We thank God for these persons and their achievements.

