

Holy Week – Easter 2017

Palm Sunday, April 9

Early Word Worship: 8:45 am
Divine Worship: 10:50am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Children are invited to process with palm branches on the opening hymn.

Sheridan Community Easter Service

Palm Sunday, April 9
6:00 pm
Grace Fellowship Church
Rev. Mike Sullivan, preaching
Pastor, Poyen Assembly of God Church
A love offering will be received which benefits the needy of Sheridan & Grant County

Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:00 p.m. *The Lord's Supper*

The service of Holy Communion remembering The Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples.

Good Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Lessons & Hymns of the Cross
The last hours of Jesus' Passion on the Cross told with scripture and music.
Led by our United Methodist Youth

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15 at 10:30 am

On our church grounds (indoors in case of rain)
A Family Event
Come join the fun for the egg hunt!
Bring a friend and your Easter Basket!
A light lunch will be served for children, youth, & adults

Easter Sunday April 16

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
Early Word Worship: 8:45 am
Divine Worship: 10:50 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
You are invited to bring cut flowers to place on the living flower cross in the Sanctuary before worship.

Cooking Matters and Children's Summer Feeding Program

Cooking Matters is a national program sponsored locally by the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. It provides classes to families to cook nutritional meals on a low-income budget. As one of our outreach mission programs, our church currently is sponsoring the first of three classes. This class began on February 23 and will be completed with graduation on April 6. There are currently eight families taking the classes and ten volunteers from our church providing the training. They have learned to cook turkey tacos, rice jambalaya, baked chicken, sweet potato fries, apple crisps, breakfast burritos and vegetable wraps! The food tastes delicious, the students and volunteers are having so much fun, and most importantly, they are learning how to cook nutritional and eat healthy meals!

The Arkansas Conference sent a video crew to the class on March 30 to record our training and provide our good news story at this year's Annual Conference to be held in June.

FUMC Sheridan will sponsor the second six-week class each Thursday, beginning April 20 and ending on May 25. Our third and final six-week class is scheduled to be held in the fall. If you know of anyone interested in taking this wonderful class, please contact the church office or me.

We also need more volunteers to assist with our next class. Please consider serving in this important program. It only requires a willing spirit and a few hours a week!

The Sheridan Ministerial Alliance is also in the early planning stages for this year's Children's Summer Feeding Program and raising funds for the alliance to do this as a self-sufficient program, rather than under DHS guidelines. If you would like to donate to this mission opportunity, please mark your envelope or check for "Summer Feeding Program." Updates will be provided in the church bulletin and newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mike Carpenter



Spring Stewardship Program

"Giving God our Best"

Our Finance Committee thanks the families and individuals who have returned the 2017 Estimate of Giving cards to underwrite the ministry of our Church for this year. For the 2017 General Budget of \$399,567, we have received Estimate of Giving pledges totaling \$244,270, or 61%. 142 cards were sent, and we are thankful for the 49 families who have responded thus far. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider making this important commitment to the Lord. Additional cards are in the narthex and in the church office.

Charles Tadlock, chair



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Focus: *The Joy Before Us*

Our cup has been overflowing in worship these last several Sundays as we have welcomed new members to our church and been blessed with special music by our chancel choir.

During this season of Lent, in our hearts and imaginations we follow Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem to the last week of His life and His passion, death, and resurrection. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will be blessed with special services and events throughout the week that allow us to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus on His way to the Cross.

Hebrews 12:2 reminds us that *"Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* To help us walk in Jesus' footsteps, during Holy Week I invite you to join us for Maundy Thursday as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with Holy Communion. On Good Friday, we'll be led by our youth and Chancel Choir in a moving service of Lessons & Hymns of the Cross.

These sacred times of worship prepare us for the joy of Easter and His Resurrection victory. In a world filled with uncertainty, we have the greatest news ever to share with others! Invite a neighbor or friend and join us!

Bro. Daniel

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Divine Worship

5th Sunday in Lent
 2 April 2017
 8:45 am & 10:50 am

SCRIPTURE
 Matthew 13: 24-30

SERMON
Weeds in the Garden
 Series: *Stories Jesus Told*

HYMNS
And Can It Be
Amazing Grace
This Is My Father's World

- Stories Jesus Told**
 The Parables of Jesus
"And Jesus told them many things in parables" Matthew 13:3
- April 2** Weeds in the Garden, Matthew 13:24:30
 - April 9** The Drama of the Little Donkey, Mark 11:1-10
 - April 16** Known by the Scars, John 20:12-19
 - April 23** Wesley Foundation
 - April 30** The Mustard Seed, Matthew 13:31,32

Worship Schedule April 2017

Liturgist: Brent Reichenbach
Greeters: J.D. & Evalyn Drayton
Counters: Virginia Lancaster, Stephen Shirron, Dee Ann Daniel
Ushers: Jim Allen, Bob Andrews, Lang Wells, Norman Frisby, Chris Cody, Deric Wyatt

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

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SOUL FOOD CAFÉ—\$3 5 Taco salad 12 Spaghetti, green beans, rolls 19 Poppy Seed chicken, roasted vegetables, corn, rolls 26 Hamburger steak, mac and cheese, grilled onion, broccoli, rolls Always with a salad bar and dessert. Children's menu available.			SOS Food of the Month: canned fruit		1 Youth Rummage Sale North Church Parking Lot 4:00-7:00 / 7:00-Noon	
2 Coffee & Donuts after 1st church Baby Shower for Kelly Wolfe & baby girl 1:30—3:00 UMW General Mtg. 3:00 UMY 5:30-7:00	3	4 P.E.O. 7:00	5 Lenten Bible Study 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. UMY 5:30-7:30 Soul Food Cafe 5:30-6:30 UM Kids 6:15-7:30	6 Arkansas Gives Cooking Matters 6:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall	7 SECDYM Spring Rally April 7-9 Bear Creek Camp	8
9 Coffee & Donuts before 10:00 SS Palm Sunday Community Easter Service Grace Fellowship Church 6:00 pm Mike Sullivan, Poyen AG No UMY	10	11 UMW Night Circle 7:00	12 Easter lily orders due Lenten Bible Study 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. UMY 5:30-7:30 Soul Food Cafe 5:30-6:30 UM Kids 6:15-7:30	13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00	14 Good Friday Service 7:00	15 Easter Egg Hunt with hot dog lunch 10:30
16 Coffee & Donuts after 1st church Easter Sunday No UMY	17 UMW Day Circle 2:00 UMM Potluck 6:30	18 Grant County Retired Teachers 1:30	19 UMY 5:30-7:30 Soul Food Cafe 5:30-6:30 UM Kids 6:15-7:30	20 Cooking Matters 6:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall	21	22
23 Coffee & Donuts before 10:00 SS UAM Wesley Foundation Kavan Dodson preaching UMY 5:30-7:00	24	25	26 UMY 5:30-7:30 Soul Food Cafe 5:30-6:30 UM Kids 6:15-7:30	27 Cooking Matters 6:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall	28	29
30 Coffee & Donuts after 1st church UAM Wesley Foundation Kavan Dodson preaching UMY 5:30-7:00	Looking ahead: Sunday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m.: Senior Sunday Breakfast			 Monthly Health Screenings Sunday, April 9 8:00-8:30 a.m. Lezleigh Robinette 9:45-10:30 a.m. Shelba Barranco		

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be purchased for Easter Sunday worship services in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone. The cost is \$18.00 each. Checks can be placed in the offering plate with the name of the person to be honored or remembered in the memo line. The deadline to order is Wednesday, April 12.



Easter Flower Cross

You are invited to bring cut living flowers on Easter Sunday before worship to place on a Live Flower Cross in the Sanctuary.

New Newsletter Editor

The first time my name appeared in this newsletter was in April 2009, when Kathy Tadlock wrote about our family as new members of the church. When she interviewed us that day, I would never have guessed that one day I would be her successor as newsletter editor! This first newsletter has been a fun challenge, and I am grateful to Kathy for her advice and direction. I am also grateful Jacob was home on spring break from Hendrix so that he could help me!

Alexis Reid graciously has agreed to be the newsletter production manager. It took two people to replace Kathy, and I appreciate her even more now for all the work she has put into getting the news of our church to us every month for the last several years.

I hope you all enjoy this edition. If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you have any church news that needs to be included here, please email me at sparhamturner@gmail.com.

Have a blessed Easter!

Sandra Turner

Lenten Bible Study

"Jesus and Easter"

Led by Claire Gatling

3 Sessions

Wednesdays

10:00 am

& 6:30 pm

March 29, April 5, & April 12

Faith & Fellowship Classroom

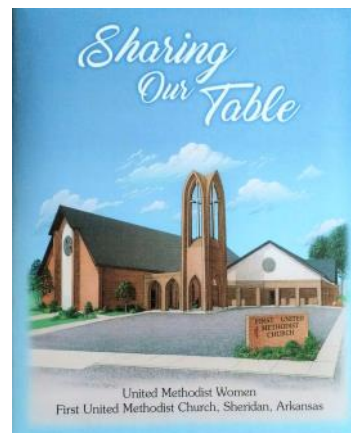
Ham Quiche

Joan Pierce

4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 c. half and half
1 c. ham, finely chopped
1/2 c. mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/2 c. cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/8 tsp. red pepper (optional)
1 (9-inch) unbaked pie crust

In a medium bowl, whisk eggs and half and half together. Stir in ham, both cheeses, and both peppers. Pour mixture into pie shell, spreading out cheese and ham evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes, until knife inserted comes out clean. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

This is a delicious recipe for using leftover ham from your Easter dinner! Find it and more wonderful recipes in *Sharing Our Table*, available now for \$20 from any UMW member. All proceeds go to the UMW's missions and ministries.



Memorials and Honor Gifts Received

In memory of Wanda Bush: Memorial Fund by Melba Childs & family, Tom & Susan Epperson, Drew Illing, Charles & Kathy Tadlock, Janice Early, Marilyn & Bryan Fitzgerald, Jan Brown, Credit Counseling of Arkansas, Inc., Tom & Pauline Waller, Jim & Lois Goss; Backpacks by Betty Robinette; Youth by Mark & Patsy Reynolds and Scott & Susan Schultz; Music Fund by Ron & Joyce McHone

In memory of Calvin Blake: Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Carr; Backpack Food by Charles & Kathy Tadlock

In memory of Dorothy VanLandingham: Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines

In memory of Ed Dorey: Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines

In memory of Ruby Glaze (Seth Glaze's grandmother): Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines

In memory of Thomas Ramsey (Summer Scott's father): Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines; Youth by Ron & Joyce McHone

In memory of Barbara Womble (Shawn Womble's mother): Summer Feeding by Zoe & Gary Hines

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

In honor of Dee Ann Daniel: Youth by David & Charlene Holloway

Birth Announcement

Kyle and Amy Reynolds are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anne Douglas, who was born on Thursday, March 9, in Birmingham, Alabama, the sister to Lila. Anne was 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mark and Patsy Reynolds and great-grandparents are Betty Robinette and the late Charles Robinette.



Anne Douglas Reynolds

Welcome to Our New Members!



Lorenzo, Kerri, and Tres Arguello



Michael Skorcz

We are excited to welcome to our church four persons who have joined in recent weeks.

Lorenzo, Kerri, and Tres Arguello united by transfer on March 5 at the 10:50 a.m. service. They are new residents in Sheridan coming from Hudson, North Carolina. Kerri is the Human Resources manager at Kohler, Lorenzo is former military, and Tres is a junior at Sheridan High School and is active in UM Youth. Their address is 917 Spray Street, Sheridan, and their phone number is 942-2083.

Michael Skorcz united by transfer from Landmark Baptist Church on March 12 at the 10:50 a.m. service. His two sons are Daniel & Garrett. He is employed with Diamond Trucking in North Little Rock. His address is 93 Grant 803, Sheridan, and his phone number is 941-0107.

We currently have 7 new members in 2017 for a membership of 437. We thank God for these people and are happy to welcome them as the newest members of our church family.

Children's Ministries



**Cock-a-doodle-doo! Hosanna! Alleluia!
Come to Breakfast! Feed My Sheep!**

Our lesson titles for April from our Deep Blue "Where Kids Dive Deep Into the Bible" curriculum tell us we are going to celebrate Jesus and what Easter means! In our Sunday school classes, we begin our weekly unit lesson with learning the Bible verse, hearing the story from the Bible in a way we can understand and apply to our lives, and doing fun activities. On Wednesday nights at UMK (United Methodist Kids), all ages meet at 6:15 to sing songs, dance, and watch a short devotional from the Deep Blue kids. Then, we break into classes and go deeper into our lesson with more fun group activities. We finish out our evening by going to the playground and having a great time playing with our friends! We invite all of our pre-K through 6th grade children to join us, and to bring a friend!

- Nicole Cacciatori

UAM Wesley Foundation

College Students To Lead Worship

Sunday, April 23

8:45 am & 10:50 am

Rev. Kavan Dodson, UAM Wesley Director,
preaching

College students from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Methodist Student Center will lead worship at both services, with campus minister Rev. Dodson preaching.

A Second-Mile love offering will be received to support the Wesley Foundation Ministry. The UAM Wesley Foundation is one of the largest Methodist campus ministries in our state with over 200 students participating weekly.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-8

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

Contact Dona Glaze

or Johni Beth Teague



Volunteers are needed for everything from setup to clean-up; from leading to feeding. Contact Dona or Johni Beth for more details and look for volunteer sheets soon.

April Children's Church

2 Frankie Rutherford

9 Dona Glaze

16 Pam Reed

23 Shannon Archer

30 Helen Shirron



Youth Ministries

Our youth have been studying Mark 10-16 in preparation for Easter Sunday and the celebration of our risen Savior. The UMY Rummage Sale will be March 31 and April 1. Please bring your items after 3:30 on March 31. If you need items picked up, please contact Joe Archer or Dee Ann Daniel, or let Betty know by calling the church office. The youth will participate in the Southeast District Spring Rally April 7-9. There will be no youth activities on either April 9 or April 16, Easter Sunday. Our youth are extremely busy with their spring activities. Please keep them in your prayers as they tryout and participate in both church and school activities.

- Dee Ann Daniel

YOUTH
MEALS
FOR
APRIL

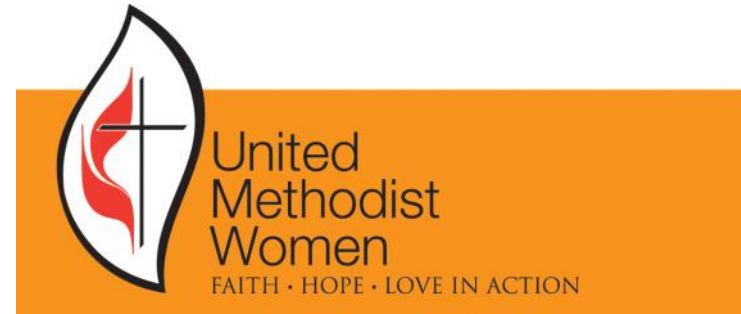
2 Craig Savage

9 No Youth - Spring Rally

16 No Youth - Easter Sunday

23 Zoe Hines

**SUPPORT UMY—BUY YOUTH
STOCK!**



The United Methodist Women will have a general meeting on Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. Please plan to attend this important planning meeting for the spring's events (Senior Breakfast, Confirmation Breakfast, UMW Sunday, etc.).

The Day Circle is currently working on a project known as Days for Girls which puts freedom and opportunity back into the hands of women and girls. They are doing this by sewing sustainable hygiene kits for girls in India, Brazil and Sub-Saharan Africa, and other countries. Days for Girls has reached over 640,000 women and girls in 100+ countries with Kits, each of which will last a girl or woman 2 - 3 years. This translates into over 115 million days of education and opportunity that would otherwise be lost without sustainable hygiene solutions. Hats off to these ladies in our United Methodist Women's Day Circle who are making a difference in the lives of girls and women throughout the world.

Happy Easter! I leave you with this short story of inspiration about an act of kindness and its impact on one little boy.

Betty Cook, UMW President

Socks and Shoes

A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a

shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel.

By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's Wife?"

Author Unknown

Man Church (UM Men)

Monday, April 17

6:30 pm

Potluck Dinner

Grand Hall

Come join the men of our church with a potluck dinner. We'll announce plans for the next Mission wheelchair ramp project, according to Sam Green, president.

A Card of Thanks

I want to thank my church family for keeping me and my family in your thoughts and prayers as I had back surgery. Everything went fine and I'm doing great. The food the church sent over was great and well appreciated. We love our church. It's always full of unexpected blessings.

Thanks for all—Steve, Joy, and Katelyn Cox