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 100 East Church & Main Streets
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Our Seniors



Andrey Joseph Archer

Andrey will attend the University of Central Arkansas to major in secondary education & leadership. Andrey has served as UMY President, SEDCYM Executive Council Member and Youth Service Fund Chair, ACCYM Executive Council Member and Sr. High Assembly member, YSF state chair, and is currently AV Director for Sheridan FUMC. His favorite memories as a member of our church and of UMY include being distracted by Bro. Bruce's robe during Children's moments, watching his dad, Jeff, perform in the church play of the Last Supper, Sarah Covert yelling, "NO MERCY" while ruthlessly playing kickball at the church picnic, every youth trip, and every bus ride and all the good times with the youth.

Rachel Miriam Smith



Rachel will attend Ouachita Baptist University and major in biology. Her goal is to become a pediatric oncologist. Rachel participated in the Youth Choir Tour in 2015 and had a wonderful experience traveling the state and singing with other conference youth. Her favorite memory of UMY is getting to tour the new Ronald McDonald house at Christmas and seeing the positive impact the UMY's donations have on those families in need who stay.

Senior Sunday May 7, 10:50 Service

Our high school seniors will be recognized at the 10:50 a.m. service following the annual Senior Breakfast with their families at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We congratulate our seniors and pray for them as they enter into exciting and challenging new phases in their lives.

Charlie Nicole Names



Charlie will attend the University of Louisiana Monroe to major in biology. Her plans are to earn a nursing degree and become a nurse practitioner, working with children with diabetes. She has received a softball scholarship from ULM. Her favorite memories are the cake walks during the Halloween Carnival and the back-to-school activities Coach Dee had for the youth.

Alyssa Michelle Savage



Aly will attend Hendrix College to study Pre-Law with an emphasis in international relations. She plans to attend law school to pursue a career as an immigration attorney. Aly has served our church as a liturgist, fill-in media technician, and was an acolyte for many years. Her favorite memories are of going to VBS because it made her closer to God. She was baptized by Bro. Bruce in December 1999 and went through confirmation with Bro. John Fleming in 2012. Aly joined our church on her 13th birthday, June 10, 2012.

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Focus: Last Words

Our Holy Week special services made for a glorious Easter Sunday! Our thanks to our Chancel Choir, youth, and dedicated church staff and volunteers who led us in this sacred week.

After his Resurrection, Jesus continued to appear to His followers for 40 days before ascending into Heaven. Last words spoken by our loved ones are meaningful to us. Matthew's Gospel records some of His for us: Jesus 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." (Matthew 28:19,20) His words are called "The Great Commission" as Jesus Himself set the mission for His Church, the joyful task of making disciples of men, women, youth, and children of Him. For 2,000 years it has been the unchanging mission of the Christian church. Our United Methodist Book of the Discipline of course sets His words as the mission of the United Methodist Church. That is why they are front and center on our worship bulletin each week and why our Methodist worship services always include an invitation to Christian discipleship.

When someone visits our church, a universal response

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Divine Worship
4th Sunday in Easter—Senior Sunday
May 7, 2017
8:45 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

SCRIPTURE
 Matthew 13:33

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

HYMNS
Christ is Alive!
In the Garden
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

is the warm reception and acceptance that our congregation shows toward a new person. I am so thankful that our loving and caring church family is winsome as we make others feel a part of God's family. Jesus's mission to us of making disciples is simple: evangelism is a two-word definition—*loving people*.

In this newsletter is a photo of three college/graduate students who are the newest members of our church family. We thank God for them—as we pray, invite and open our hearts to obey and fulfill our Risen Lord's last words to us.

In Christ's love,
Bro. Daniel

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

May 7 *The Leaven* - Matthew 13:33
May 14 *Steel Magnolias* - Proverbs 31:10-31
May 21 *Children in the Market Place* - Luke 7: 31-35
May 28 *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* - Luke 7:36-50

Worship Schedule May 2017

Liturgist: Steve Myers
Greeters: Sparky and Cindy Hedden
Counters: Scott Hines, Charles Tadlock, Chris Cody
Ushers: Sparky Hedden, Joe Archer, Mike Carpenter, Casey Hedden, Sam King, David Holloway

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

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, June 3 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Save the date and save three lives!</p> </div>			
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">SOUL FOOD CAFÉ—\$3</p> <p>3 pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, baked beans 10 smorgasbord casseroles, green beans 17 hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies Always with a salad bar and dessert. Children's menu available. Soul Food Café will reopen in September!</p> </div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Health Screenings Sunday, May 14 8:00-8:30 a.m. Jennifer Kelley 9:45-10:30 a.m. Johni Beth Teague</p> </div>						

Children's Summer Feeding Program

As many of you know, the Sheridan Ministerial Alliance will conduct this summer's program self-sufficiently, and with the help of individuals, communities, and a major corporate donation from Entergy, we are planning for a bigger and better summer!

This summer will be the fourth year the Sheridan Ministerial Alliance has sponsored the Children's Summer Feeding Program in Grant County. Over the past three years, the Alliance served over 7,000 lunches, and this year we hope to reach out to more hungry children!

We will provide lunches at Sheridan High School, Poyen schools, at the I Can! Arts and Resource Center's facility in East End, and possibly in Prattsville. Also, we will transport lunches to pre-determined areas. Meals this summer will be provided May 30-August 11.

Local area churches will volunteer by the week, as has been done the past three years. Tentatively, our church will be volunteering the week of May 29-June 2 (starting on Tuesday, May 30, after Memorial Day) and the week of July 17-21. We will continue providing lunches prepared by PepsiCo's Food for Good program. Sack lunches, along with milk or juice, will be delivered to our church on Tuesdays and Fridays and distributed daily from our church.

Most importantly, we need you as a volunteer to continue to make this a successful program! 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

Wednesday Night Activities to Take a Summer Break

Soul Food Café, UMK, UMY, and the women's Bible study group will meet for the last time on Wednesday, May 17. We thank all of the women who plan and prepare wonderful meals for us each week and all of the crew who stays to help clean the kitchen and dining areas. We thank all of our teachers for their commitment to lead classes each week. Our Wednesday night activities will start up again in September. Everyone have a happy and safe summer, and we will see you in the fall!

Cooking Matters Class



The following students graduated on April 6 from our first Cooking Matters class: Barbara Scott, Jennifer Mayfield with daughters Hannah and Natalee, Rhonda Grooms, Deanna Arnold, Dorothy Lynch, and Richard Jenkins. Not pictured: Stephanie Wyatt.

Our first Cooking Matters class was a great success, thanks in part to the incredible support from volunteers and the church. We had informative nutrition sessions to begin each class, then hands-on cooking with students learning basic kitchen skills, including safety and hygiene procedures, and following recipes that resulted in delicious food shared by all at the end of class. Thank you to all of our volunteers: Denise Carpenter, Judy Green, Sandra Turner, Peggy Schee, Linda Gatling, Gail Harrington, Suzanne Frisby, Norm Frisby, Carolyn Duncan, Becky Ross, and Betty Robinette.

Our next class began with eight students on Thursday, April 20, and will end on May 25. We would love to have more volunteers who can assist with dishwashing and general kitchen clean up while the students are cooking. Even though the class has started, it is not too late to volunteer! We also will have one in the fall. Contact Mike Carpenter for more details.

Soul Food Café Take Out Meal Drivers Needed

Our church will need volunteers this fall on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to deliver Soul Food Café meals to three or four homes of people in our church. Please call the church office at 942-4127 to sign up or call/text Bro. Daniel at 501-690-8488. Help make a difference in the lives of others!

Marie Smith 85th Birthday Reception

Sam and Judy Green invite everyone to a drop-in reception on Sunday, May 14, 2:00-3:30, for her mother, Marie Smith, in honor of her 85th birthday. No gifts, please!

Welcome to Our New Members!



We welcome to our church three college students who united by transfer with us on Palm Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. service. Rachel Sanders (ph. 501-304-3300) is a graduate student at UCA, working on her doctorate in psychology. Cole Sanders (ph. 501-304-3301), shown at left, is a junior accounting major at UCA. Cobey Wingfield (ph. 501-478-9159) is a senior at Baptist School of Health Professions in Little Rock, majoring in radiology.

We currently have 9 new members in 2017 for a membership of 444. We thank God for these three persons and ask you to join us in welcoming them to our church family.

Birth Announcement Katherine Iris "Kitsy" Wolfe



Dennis, Kelly, and Eli Wolfe are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Katherine Iris, on Thursday, April 20. Kitsy was born at 9:00 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long. We welcome this newest blessing to our church family. Shown above is Eli proudly holding his baby sister for the first time, an answer to his many prayers. We thank God for the birth of this baby.

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Grace Vivian Hensley

August 23, 1910 – March 23, 2017
106 years, 7 months

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

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Joyce McHone in the death of her father, Jack Linton, to Nicole Cacciatori in the death of her mother, Joyce Peel, and to Teresa Bennett in the death of her father, Dr. Van Smith.

Memorials and Honor Gifts Received

In memory of Wanda Bush: Memorial Fund by Allison & Ben Richardson; Youth by Lisa & Gary Treat, Norma Daniel; Backpack Program by Jack Bush

In memory of Calvin Blake: Youth by Norma Daniel; Backpack Program by Carolyn & Ken Gaddis

In memory of Nadine Weatherly: Youth by Norma Daniel

In memory of Jack Linton (Joyce McHone's father): Choir Fund by Jim & Betty Lancaster and Jenny Swilling, Youth by Sparky & Cindy Hedden

In memory of Dr. Van Smith (Teresa Bennett's father): Youth by Sparky & Cindy Hedden and Jim & Betty Lancaster

In memory of Clinton Graves: Summer Feeding Program by Bobby Graves

In memory of Bonnie Henderson: Youth by Norma Daniel

In memory of Bob Shannon: Cookson Hills by Charles & Kathy Tadlock

In memory of Joyce Peel: UMK by Scott & Audra Hines; UMY by David & Charlene Holloway

In honor of Mike Carpenter: Summer Feeding Program by Jeanie Camp

Children's Ministries

As another year is wrapping up for UMK, there are many people to thank. We have several volunteers who teach our children on Wednesday nights: Karen Rutherford, Chris and Tamyra Cody, Sandra Turner, Pam Reed, Helen Shirron, and Steve Myers. We also have people willing to fill in at the last minute, including Zoe Hines, Dona Glaze, Johni Beth Teague, Barbara Kirkpatrick, and Jeff Appleget. I sincerely hope I haven't left anyone out since we do have so many who have helped whenever asked.

In addition to the volunteers who are with the children on Wednesday nights, we want to thank the group of women who cook the best meals every week for Soul Food Cafe! Without their efforts to prepare delicious meals, it would make it harder for everyone to get their children to UMK on Wednesday nights.

We enjoy the opportunity to interact with your children every week. I believe our church has the best group of kids around, from birth through high school. Everyone enjoys the summer, and we will see you in September at the "Back to Wednesdays Bash!" - *Nicole Cacciatori*



Sheridan UMY at Spring Retreat at Bear Creek Camp
Ashton, Archer, Andrey Archer, Jackson Grant (Monticello), Preston Scott, Christine Thompson

SEDCYM Elects New Officers

Congratulations to the new Southeast District Youth officers for 2017-18! They are: Christine Thompson, Sheridan, President & Veritas Representative; Ashton Archer, Sheridan, Vice-President & Secretary; Preston Scott, Sheridan, Media Coordinator & Refuge Representative; Phoebe Norrell, Center Grove, YSF Chair & YSF Representative; Kelly Murray-Norman, White Hall, Chaplain and Choir Tour Representative; Mylias Norman, White Hall, Mitto Representative; Jackson Grant, Monticello, Media Representative

VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL

June 12-15

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are needed for everything from setup to clean-up; from leading to feeding! Contact Dona Glaze, Johni Beth Teague, or Jennifer Kelley for more details and check the Sunday bulletins for volunteer sheets.

May Children's Church

- 7 Beverly Wells
- 14 Lezleigh Robinette
- 21 Anne Wells
- 28 Suzanne Frisby



Youth Ministries

The UMY would like to thank everyone for their support with the Rummage Sale. It was a huge success, making over \$4,441! They will use those funds to finance their various mission efforts. The first donation was to the backpack fund for new backpacks at SES and SHS.

The youth would like to invite their mothers, grandmothers, and other influential women in their lives, along with the sixth graders and their moms, to a Mother's Day Outing on May 7 at 5:30. Cost is Dutch treat.

There will be NO EVENING YOUTH ACTIVITIES May 14 or May 28 in recognition of Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

The summer Youth trip will be July 1-8 to Gatlinburg. A \$100 deposit is due by May 17 to guarantee your youth's place. An additional \$50 for food at the cabin will be due June 11. They will need spending and eating out money. A more detailed agenda will be sent out closer to the trip.

- *Dee Ann Daniel*

YOUTH MEALS FOR MAY

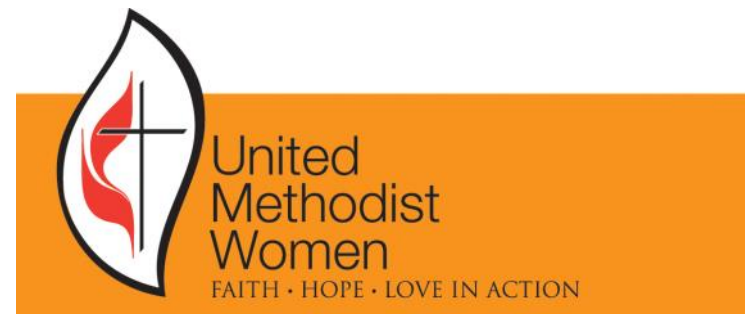
- 7 Mother's Day Outing, Dutch treat
- 14 No UMY; Mother's Day
- 21 Church picnic
- 28 No UMY; Memorial Day weekend

Man Church (UM Men)

Monday, May 15 - 6:30 pm
Potluck & Guest Speaker
Jim Blanton
Former FBI agent



The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, May 15, for their monthly potluck dinner & program, according to Sam Green, president. Guest speaker is Jim Blanton of First United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia. Jim is a retired FBI agent and present-day cattle rancher with his wife, Debbie, in Okolona, Arkansas. He will share some of his experiences of his years in the FBI in the Dallas, Texas region. Jim is a graduate of Henderson State University in Arkadelphia and a military veteran. This will be the last Man Church meeting as we break for the summer months of June, July, and August. All men and guests are invited to attend.



The United Methodist Women will honor our seniors with a senior breakfast at 8:30 Sunday, May 7. Plans are also underway for a confirmation breakfast, the annual Salad Luncheon in October, and a Christmas store in December. You will hear much more about the Salad Luncheon and the Christmas store in the upcoming months. We also will be observing United Methodist Women Sunday on August 6. The last circle meetings will be a dinner meeting for the night circle on May 9 and a lunch meeting for the day circle on May 15. We will not meet in June, July, or August. The United Methodist Women appreciate all the support from our church members with our various programs.

Betty Cook, UMW President

Lessons from Maya Angelou

- *I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.
- *I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.
- *I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.
- *I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a life.
- *I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.
- *I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.
- *I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.
- *I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.
- *I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.
- *I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.
- *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Life Touch Church Photo Directory

Make Up Photo Day
Wednesday, May 10
2:00-9:00 pm

Our church has a make up day for photos for the new church directory, Wednesday, May 10, from 2:00—9:00 pm. Please sign the appointment sheet in the church narthex or call the church office at 942-4127. You will receive a free 8x10 photo, a copy of the new church photo directory with addresses and phone numbers, and a digital mobile directory for computers or smart phones, all at no charge.

Seth & Dona Glaze, Family Life Committee

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, May 21 at 5:30

Our annual church picnic will be held Sunday, May 21, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship for everyone! We will have grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and everything that goes with a great picnic! You are asked to bring a dessert and if you want to sit outside, a lawn chair. For more information, please contact Seth or Dona Glaze, Family Life Committee chairs.