

The Focus

First United Presbyterian Church
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8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth
9:30 a.m.

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This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have communion with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have communion with one another... (I John 1:5-7)

Our First United Presbyterian Church mission statement begins: "Called to be a light on the hill...". This year's stewardship theme will be "Walking in the Light," based both on our mission statement and on our theme scripture passage from the first chapter of I John, printed above.

As Presbyterians, we believe that everything we have and everything we are belongs—not to ourselves—but to God. Everything God has entrusted resources of life, relationships, time, talent, and treasure to each of us. Our responsibility is to place these resources in the service of God's purposes, in our own lives, in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our church, in our community, and in our world. This is part of what it means to "walk in the light."

When we think about what it means to walk in the light as a congregation, our thoughts go to the many exciting things are happening in our church and in our life together this summer and fall! Our worship in the Fellowship Hall has deepened our relationships—our communion—with one another. For most of us, the use of projection in our worship has helped us to be more attentive to God's Word and Spirit in our midst, and to be more connected—both to God and to each other as we worship. The "over and above" sanctuary renovation special giving opportunity has exceeded our stated goal of \$97,200 and gifts are still coming in! Our "Growing Young" ministry team retreat was blessed with overwhelming participation (70 people!) and has helped us all be more aware of what attracts and reaches younger members of our community and congregation more effectively. As a result, we are more committed as a congregation to "growing whole, by filling in the holes" in our membership, participation, and programming.

As we prepare for Stewardship season in early November, let's all pray that we will continue to be more and more open to the Holy Spirit, as we give back a more and more generous portion of all that God has entrusted to us, so that our church can better fulfill God's mission for us.

"Called to be a light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the Hope of our changing world."

Blessings,
Revs. Phil and Jan Butin



Following
After the
Servant

October Sermons

10/7 *Jesus, Our Pattern of Service*

10/14 *Putting Service into Action*

10/21 *Serving God in our Worship;*
Worshiping God in our Service

"Walking In the Light"

"God is Light," on October 28 will be the first worship theme of our three-week Stewardship emphasis. Stewardship Challenge Sunday and the Stewardship Brunch are November 4, with the worship theme, "Walking in the Light," from John 1:1-7. Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 11, with the theme, "Called to Be a Light," drawn from Matthew 5:14-16 and our mission statement.

The renovation of the Sanctuary is scheduled to be completed in late October. The Stewardship ministry team believes this is a perfect time to be reminded of our church Mission Statement: "Called to be a Light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the Hope of our changing world."

The lights within the church will be brighter and our spirits will be uplifted as we share and proclaim God's love. God sent Jesus as the Light of the World so all could hear the message and believe.

Dwight Mission All-Church Family Retreat

October 13-14, in Vian, OK

Whether you're able to spend a day or the weekend, there is something fun for everyone. Hike, canoe, study, nap, mingle, and find spiritual renewal. This year's theme is "Come Happy." Food is prepared for us and lodging is offered in a camp-like setting. If you will be staying overnight, we ask that you bring your own linens. Those 18 and under are free. Retreat options include:

Total Retreat (\$30)	Come Saturday morning (9:30 a.m.), enjoy lunch, dinner, activities all day and evening, and leave Sunday after brunch (noon).
Saturday (\$15)	Make it a day trip to enjoy lunch, dinner, and planned activities before heading home.
Friday Add-On (\$20)	Spend Friday night in the dorms. No food will be served until Saturday at lunch.

*Come
Happy*

Registration (due by September 30) is available on Sundays between services and through the Church Office.

Spiritual Growth for All

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This fall we are offering the following opportunities! We hope you'll join us!

Preschoolers meet in Upper Knox with Ruth Rodgers and Lora Horne.

Kindergarten and 1st Graders meet in Upper Knox with Lea Millett.

2nd through 4th Graders meet in Lower Knox with Melissa Werner and Sara Eichmann.

5th and 6th Graders meet in Lower Knox with Hillary Fischer and Rob Button.

8th and 9th Grade Confirmation meets in Lower Knox to learn about the basics of faith with Tom Verdery and Lorraine Brewer.

7th through 12th Graders meet in Lower Witherspoon for UPY Mornings with Brianne and Jacob Christiansen and Megan Ober.

Thoughtful Christians meet in Calvin 201 with Phil Butin and Derrik Olsen for *Searching for Truth: Confessing Christ in an Uncertain World* by Thomas W. Currie III.

The Present Word: God's World and God's People meets in Calvin 203 with Dennis Brewer and Jane Steinkraus to explore Genesis.

A Drop-In Group meets in Upper Witherspoon with Brett and Sara Torbett to discuss *Recapturing the Wonder: Transcendent Faith in a Disenchanted World*, by Mike Cosper.



Chancel Choir

The true light, which gives light, was coming into the world. John 1:9

All are welcome in the Chancel Choir for the Advent season. We have started rehearsing music, but it's never too late to join us. Singing during a particular season is a great way to see if committing to a small group, like the Chancel Choir, is something you would like to do. There is no audition (junior high and up), just come as you are and be ready for fellowship, music, and spiritual nourishment. Each Wednesday rehearsal (7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall) will begin with Advent music so there is no need to stay for the entire time. As always, childcare is available by request with advanced notice.

Celebrate Fall, Y'all!

Sunday Night Suppers

October 21 and November 18

Fellowship Hall

No need to cook! We want you to enjoy the time with your church family. Dinner for all is sponsored by the Fellowship Team and Harris Hospitality Fund. Just make a reservation through the Church Office. Check Sunday bulletins for your registration slip to fill out and put in the offering plate. These meals will include a special presentation and activities to bring us closer in the spirit of joy given to us all through Christ.

OFFICE CHANGES

When you stop by the Church Office this fall, you may find Molly Murray or you may find Heidi Nash. They are both still here until December 31 when Molly will begin student teaching and Heidi plans to retire. They have given so much to FUPC, working with friendliness, skill, dedication, creativity, and kindness. We are grateful for them. It's too early to say "good-bye," but we want to be sure the congregation knows of this upcoming change.

Children, Middle School, and Youth Ministries



Contact Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education, to learn more about children's and middle school ministries.



Spiritual Growth for children is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

We have a special **Time with Children** in worship each week. Afterward, children under 5 may stay in worship or be with our caregivers in Lower Calvin.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship. Third graders and above are invited to acolyte!

Be sure to subscribe to our Children's Ministry weekly email!

To receive texts via the  remind app, text @fupcc to 81010.

We invite individuals of all generations to build new and stronger connections within our congregation by engaging with our preschool children during our Spiritual Growth hour this month.



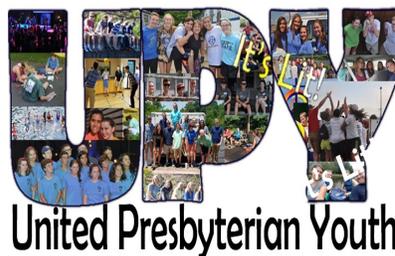
Let's Go Hiking! October 28

The Middle School Group is going hiking! We will meet after 11 o'clock worship and be back to FUPC by 3:00 p.m. Please

wear comfortable clothes with layers (in case you get too warm or cool), and good walking shoes. Bring a bag lunch to eat after church before we head out, a small backpack or drawstring bag, a water bottle, and a snack you can eat to give you energy while we are on the trail. Please only bring what you can carry on your own! We will be walking around beautiful Lincoln Lake. This four-mile trail is very gentle and easy for new and experienced hikers.



Contact Jacob and Brianne Christiansen, Directors of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, to learn more about our youth ministry.



A place where 7th-12th graders come to mature as people, form relationships, and have fun. Together we serve others, learn about God, and reach out to each other.

UPY Together • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us in Upper Witherspoon on Sunday evenings for food, worship, games, and connection.

Fall Fun Youth Event

Saturday, October 20, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

We will enjoy the Ozark Corn Maze, hayride, and other fall festivities before returning to FUPC for hotdogs and s'mores around our firepit. Cost is \$10 per person, and bringing friends is encouraged!

Save the Date!

November 4	NWA Presby Thanksgiving
November 18	Late-Night UPY Together
December 8	UPY Fun Afternoon Event
December 9	Celebration at the Manger
December 16	UPY Christmas Party

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

– Matthew 5:14, 16

First School Update



Grandparents' Day, September 6 and 7, was a huge success with over 230 attending! A heartfelt thank you to our FUPC members, Barbara Rutledge, Barbara Verdery, Jessie Koepp, Kurt Pfitzinger, Mary Mann, Ruth Rodgers, Mary Ellen Moore, Carol Van Scyoc, and Sharon James, who joined us as step-in grandparents. It was so fun and the grandparents loved visiting the classrooms and meeting our teachers. In September, we enjoyed the mobile Pumpkin Patch and our annual Trike Rally fundraiser for St. Jude's Children Hospital. October 1-5 will be our fall Book Fair. All are welcome to come to our Book Fair that week between 8:00-2:30 p.m. Also, thank you for bringing in Box Tops!



FUPC Childcare

Need childcare during a church event? Just submit your request at least one week ahead. You may use the QR code to the left, call, or email us!



Yoga • Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Zumba • Saturdays
10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon
It's fun!!! \$5 donation suggested.



1st Sunday of each month
12:15 p.m.

We'll gather near the coffee bar to decide together where to eat.



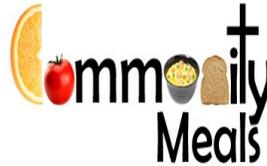
4th Tuesday of each month
12:00 p.m.
Western Sizzlin'

Join us for lunch, a devotion, and prayer.



2nd Friday of each month
6:00 p.m.
Upper Witherspoon

We'll have a brief discussion followed by "Date Night." Childcare is offered with reservation a week ahead.



Sunday Suppers
1st Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church

7Hills Lunch
3rd Friday, 11:00 a.m.
7Hills Homeless Center



Every Wednesday
6:30 a.m.
Village Inn

Join us for breakfast, coffee, prayer, fellowship, scripture, and meditation.



Tuesday, October 4
6:30 p.m.
Pieology (1777 M.L.K. Blvd.)

Who's up for pie? Come for food, fun, and fellowship! All are welcome!



Every Tuesday
3:30 p.m.
Butterfield Trail Village

This group is open to all members who wish to join.



FUPC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen ministers are here to listen, talk with you, and help! Contact Rev. Jan Butin for more information. Stephen Ministry Supervision meets October 25, 6:30 p.m.



Visit our wonderful library throughout the week and on Sunday mornings. Come and explore our colorful collection books for all ages!



Help us share the peace and love of Christ with all who worship with us on Sunday mornings. If you would like to greet members and visitors, please contact Michelle Price (443-7816 or michelle.price@fayar.net).



At Butterfield Trail Village

First Fellowship
2nd Thursday of each month
11:30 a.m.
Lodge

James Johnston presents *Mountain Feds: Arkansas Unionists and the Peace Society*. Lunch is \$8.00 (cash or BTV fob). To R.S.V.P., call Ron Talbert (841-9742).

Vespers
October 14
4:30 p.m.
Convocation Room

Jan Butin will be preaching and Sue Gohn will join us on the piano.

Worship and Communion
3rd Tuesday of each month
4:00 p.m.
Chapel

This service is open to all members and friends.

Monthly Session, Deacons, and Ministry Team Meetings

Thursday, October 4	Belonging (6:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 7	Family Ministries (12:15 p.m.) Planning (4:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 9	Properties (6:00 p.m.) Trustees (tentative)
Wednesday, October 10	Outreach (5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 14	Welcoming (12:15 p.m.) Spiritual Growth (5:00 p.m.) Session (6:00 p.m.)
Thursday, October 18	PW Coordinating Team (10:30 a.m.)
Sunday, October 21	Worship (2:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 23	First School Commission (12:45 p.m.) Stewardship (5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 28	Deacons (12:15 p.m.) Fellowship (4:00 p.m.)



The Healing Touch Program

is a gentle hands-on practice designed to promote peace and relaxation. For more info, please visit healingtouchprogram.com, call 310-5135, or email EvasHouseofHealing@gmail.com.

Music at FUPC

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Children's Music Rehearsals (preschool-middle school)	Knox
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (junior high and up)	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Music Ensemble Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to join one or more of our Presbyterian Women's circles or groups each month. For more information, contact Barbara Verdery (bjverdery@gmail.com or 466-1539).

The Presbyterian Women of FUPC presented Katie Jackson with an Honorary Life Membership at their fall coffee on September 8. Katie (left) and her mother, Sandy Parkerson (right), are both members of FUPC.



Circle and Covenant Meetings

Circle One • 2nd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

October 9, at the home of Mary Ellen Moore
Horizons Bible Study: *God's Promise, I Am With You*
by Amy Poling Sutherlun

Circle Two • 1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.

October 2, at the home of Kim Hodous
Book Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible* by Rachel Held Evans

Circle Three • 2nd Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

October 8, at Butterfield Trail Village, Green Room
Horizons Bible Study: *God's Promise, I Am With You*
by Amy Poling Sutherlun

Circle Four • 1st Mondays, 1:30 p.m.

October 1, at the home of Ann Roberts
Horizons Bible Study: *God's Promise, I Am With You*
by Amy Poling Sutherlun

Covenant Group • 4th Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

October 23, at FUPC, Lower Witherspoon
Book Study: *Perpetua's Passion* by Joyce E. Salisbury

Hooks & Needles • Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, Lower Witherspoon
Bring a project and join us for knitting and fellowship.

SABBATICAL PRESENTATION

Some of you have had an opportunity to hear Rev. Jan Butin's sabbatical update from visits to many congregations over the summer. If not (or if you want to hear it again!), please plan to come to the Sunday Night Supper, October 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. we will enjoy an autumn meal and there will also be a Sanctuary Area Renovation update during this event. Please call the Church Office if you need transportation.



Save
the
Date

December 2

The Alternative Gift Market

December 9

Celebration at the Manger

Presbytery of Arkansas Prayer Connections

Please keep these congregations and individuals of our presbytery in your prayers:

- Oct. 7** Cane Hill Presbyterian Church, Cane Hill, and active and retired Christian Educators and Youth Directors
- Oct. 14** Faith Presbyterian Church, Van Buren, and First Presbyterian Church, Batesville
- Oct. 21** First Presbyterian Church, Eureka Springs, and Central Presbyterian Church, Russellville
- Oct. 28** First Presbyterian Church, Helena, and West End Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) provides spiritual and emotional care and aid to Presbyterians and communities affected by natural and human-caused emergencies. Donations may be made online (pma.pcusa.org), by phone (800-872-3283), or by giving through FUPC. The PDA designated identification code for Hurricane Florence is DR000169.

Lewis Lecture Series

Saturday, September 29 • 6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
307 W. Elm Street, Rogers

Bishop Minerva Garza Carcano, the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the UMC episcopacy (2004), will be speaking on *“Immigration Reform in America.”* For more information, contact Amy McCann (501-658-1259).

Galbaugh Lecture Series

Sunday, October 7 • 6:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
901 NE J Street, Bentonville

Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White will give a presentation entitled *“God and the Loud Silence of Race Talk,”* followed by reception. Rev. White is an Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York and Executive Director of the Society for the Study of Black Religion. For more information, call 479-273-5450.

Session Highlights • Clerk of Session Report

• Stated Session Meeting • September 9, 2018 •

Session approved...

Update of Church Rolls:

- **William (Bill) Ray Medley** (born November 20, 1926) passed away July 21 in Fayetteville, AR. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
- **Anne Clay** (born August 20, 1934) passed away August 17 in Fayetteville, AR. A columbarium service was held September 1. A memorial service was held that afternoon at The Gardens of Arkanshire with Revs. Phil and Jan Butin officiating.
- A memorial service was held in the Fellowship Hall for Suzann Harrison Kerr, spouse of member Frank Kerr, September 2 with Revs. Phil and Jan Butin as officiants.

Transfer of Membership:

- **David and Sandra Davies** transferred their membership to First Presbyterian Church, Morrilton, AR, August 5.

Building Use Request:

- JitterBugs request the use of the Fellowship Hall on January 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for their Semi-annual Preschool Performance.

Baptism Request:

- Rev. John King will baptize his grandson, Lincoln Oliver King, of Denver, CO, at FUPC during the late service, November 11.

Motions:

- a motion that the \$28,788 owed to Milestone Inc. in approved change orders be paid by using the balance of the Capital Campaign Receipts (about \$22,792.01), and that the remainder be paid from the contingency line item in the Milestone Construction Budget.
- a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve a revision to the Personnel Policy.
- a motion from the Belonging Subcommittee to approve a letter to be sent to members who have moved away from Fayetteville.

Session Minutes are available to members of the congregation upon request from the Clerk of Session.

Phillip Harrington, Clerk of Session

Daily Bible Readings

10/1 Luke 5:1-11	10/9 Acts 23:12-24	10/17 Acts 27:9-26	10/25 Revelation 9:1-12
10/2 Acts 5:12-26	10/10 Hosea 8:1-14	10/18 Hosea 13:4-8	10/26 Luke 10:38-42
10/3 Hosea 3:1-5	10/11 Luke 7:36-50	10/19 Luke 9:28-36	10/27 Micah 7:1-7
10/4 Luke 6:1-11	10/12 Hosea 9:1-17	10/20 Acts 28:17-31	10/28 Jonah 1:1-17a
10/5 Acts 21:37-22:16	10/13 Acts 25:13-27	10/21 Micah 1:1-19	10/29 Revelation 11:1-14
10/6 Hosea 5:1-7	10/14 Matthew 15:21-28	10/22 Revelation 7:1-8	10/30 Luke 11:27-36
10/7 I Corinthians 2:6-16	10/15 Hosea 11:12-12:1	10/23 Luke 10:1-16	10/31 Nahum 1:1-14
10/8 Luke 6:39-49	10/16 Luke 8:40-56	10/24 Micah 3:9-4:5	



United Campus Ministry Open House

902 W Maple Street, Fayetteville
Sunday, October 21 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This is a time to meet new students, enjoy fellowship with others, hear about the exciting things happening at UCM, and learn how you can become involved! Beverages and light hor d'oeuvres will be served with a presentation at 3:00 p.m. A group will carpool from FUPC at 1:45 p.m. if reservations are made in advance. Please join us!

Prayers for our Honduras Mission Team

Four people will participate in the Presbytery trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, beginning this coming Saturday, September 29. The trip will include time with the Presbyterian new church development in El Guayabo, where \$6000 of FUPC mission funds have allowed the construction of a church building. We also plan to visit Guimaca, where Edward Lopez-Guerrero, son of a Presbyterian lay pastor and his wife, will be having major life-saving heart surgery thanks to a gift of \$3000 provided by our congregation, and similar gifts from other presbyteries and congregations around the U.S. Please hold our Honduras mission team in your prayers through October 6, when we are scheduled to return.



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Mission Statement

Called to be a light on the hill,
 we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,
 the Hope of our changing world.

Vision Statement

Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace,
 we will meet people where they are,
 inviting all into Christ's family through engaging
 worship, fellowship, learning, and service.

Core Values

Inspiring Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Praising God together
 and being touched
 and changed by the Spirit

Spiritual Growth

Colossians 2:6-7

Encouraging growth
 by studying scripture
 and the Christian faith

Loving Relationships

I John 4:11

Nurturing connections
 in a joyful and
 safe environment

Faithful Service

I John 3:18

Working together to
 reflect and demonstrate
 God's love to all people

Generous Stewardship

II Corinthians 9:8

Sharing our gifts and
 cultivating our resources
 for God's purposes

Welcoming Community

I Thessalonians 2:8

Striving to be an
 inviting and supportive
 Christian family

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November Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, October 17