

the WEEKEND UPDATE

FUPC 7-Day Forecast

August 9-16

Saturday	Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Worship, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., The Gathering Place Conversations and Connections, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Properties Ministry Team, 6:00 p.m., Calvin 201
Wednesday	Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn Intercessory Prayer, 3:45 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village Nominating Committee, 5:15 p.m., Calvin 201 Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Director of Music Ministry Search Committee, 7:00 p.m., Library
Friday	Hooks and Needles, 10:30 a.m., Lower Witherspoon

This Week's Scripture



Pastoral Care Coverage

If you have a pastoral emergency while our Co-Pastors, Phil and Jan Butin are away on vacation, please contact [Rev. Georgia Senor](tel:479-409-4597) (479-409-4597) on Sunday or [Rev. Kade Curry](tel:501-827-9550) (501-827-9550) Monday through Thursday. Our [Church Office](tel:442-4411) (442-4411) will also be able to help you during the week.

Upcoming Special Offerings

August 18 The Ellen Smith Birthday Endowment Fund August Offering

Gifts to the Ellen Smith Birthday Endowment Fund during July totaled \$510. Thank you to all who gave!



We warmly invite you to join us this summer (June 2 – August 11) for our new worship and “Conversations and Connections” times.

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. Gathering Place Fellowship
(Stay late or come early and grow friendships.)
- 10:00 a.m. Late Service
- 11:00 a.m. Conversations and Connections
(Time for spiritual growth, fellowship, meals, or outreach.)

IMPORTANT SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE NOTE: August 18 is the day that the Sunday Morning schedule changes for the fall.

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth
- 11:00 a.m. Late Service

August 18 is Spiritual Growth Kick-Off where new opportunities begin for ages three years through adults. (*Childcare is available throughout the morning for babies and toddlers under age three.*) Third Grade students receive a Bible with their name embossed on it during the 11:00 a.m. worship. Please make sure [Kristi Button](#) knows which derivation of their name they want.

Summer Sermon Series

Our summer sermon series, *Old Testament Top Ten*, will cover some of the best known stories and characters of the Old Testament.

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| 8/11 | <i>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: Strangers in a Foreign Land</i> | Daniel 1, 3 |
| 8/18 | Jonah: The God of Second Chances | Jonah 1-4 |
| 8/25 | Jesus and the Children | Mark 10:13-16 |

Conversations and Connections

Youth and Adults:

“**TED**” Talks (Upper Witherspoon): Youth and adults are invited to join in a lively conversation as we watch recorded “talks” on interesting topics related to our lives and reflect on their meaning for our faith.

“**Top Ten**” Talks (Library): Want to dig deeper and learn more about the Bible stories we’re hearing in worship this summer? Come and see what else we can

glean together about the character qualities of individuals like Joseph, Esther, Job, etc. These topics match the Sunday preaching schedule.

Children:

Elementary-age children are invited to meet Kristi Button, in The Gathering Place, after 10 o'clock worship to bridge from fellowship time to activities in the Calvin building. Younger children will be with Katie Herzog, Childcare Coordinator. We'll teach some of the same stories that we're all hearing in summer worship. This week is a special event at Walker Park Splash Pad for the entire family.

Announcements



UPY Lake Day is August 25. All seventh-twelfth graders are invited. We'll gather at 12:15 p.m. and take the church bus out to the Verdary's lake house where we will enjoy swimming, boating, tubing, jet-skiing and more! Please bring a snack or side dish to share. Dinner is provided. We will return to the church by 8:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by emailing [Brienne](#) by Monday, August 19th.

UPY programming is on summer break. Fall schedule, starting August 18, is listed below:

- 8/18 (Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.)
- 8/21 (Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 a.m.)
- 9/8 (Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.)



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New international students will be in Fayetteville in just a few weeks, and we have the opportunity to welcome them to Fayetteville! There are close to 500 iFriend hosts and we want to continue offering this life-changing opportunity to others in the NWA community. **We are currently trying to find new iFriend hosts** for the 100+ new international students and scholars that will be joining us this school year. Thanks so much for your consideration. Looking forward to another great year for the [iFriend program!](#)

There will be a congregational meeting to elect new elders and deacons immediately following the late service on August 18.

Welcome to Noelia Young, our new Office Manager! Noelia is currently training with Molly Murray, who very graciously came back to help us as Interim Office Manager this summer. Noelia and Molly are working together through August 16. Noelia will be in worship next Sunday for the congregation to welcome her. Office hours remain the same: Monday–Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m.

August 18 is kick-off Sunday. It will be an exciting morning as we return to our fall schedule, resume all youth and children's classes, and begin three brand new adult learning opportunities. A reception will be held on the new shaded Courtyard between services. Come for fellowship and to grow in your faith. Bibles will be given to all third graders at the late service. If you have been visiting with us and have a third grader in your home, please contact Kristi Button (kbutton@fupcfay.org) by noon Monday so your child can receive a Bible, too. Please update your Sunday calendars to this schedule:

Early Service – 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth – 9:30 a.m. Late Service – 11:00 a.m.

Our all-church annual picnic is Sunday, August 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park. Let the FUN begin! The church will provide the burgers and beverages; please bring a side or dessert. Games, walking trails, and/or riding the bike path are all part of the afternoon. Please plan to attend. We'd like to know how many are coming in order to plan food purchases. Please R.S.V.P. in The Gathering Place or the Church Office (442-4411).

Our annual session retreat is scheduled for August 23-24. On Friday, we'll gather at Butterfield Trail Village Lodge for appetizers at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m., and book reviews on Canoeing the Mountains, The Neighborhood Church, and The Sailboat Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, we'll meet here, in Upper Witherspoon, at 8:30 a.m. for a continental breakfast, followed by a day of important visioning for the upcoming year. We'll conclude at 3:00 p.m. Please be prayerful as a congregation for this work.

Look Before You Leap will be offered Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. If you've been worshipping with us for a while and want to know more about this congregation, Presbyterian beliefs, our pastors and staff, and the living out of our mission to be "a light on the hill," please plan to attend. Afterward, if you'd like to join the church, new members will be received at the late service on Sunday, September 29.

The Blessing Bag: On September 8, immediately following worship, FUPC and First School families will team up to serve our community in a BIG way. We will gather for a meal in Fellowship Hall and then, in an event similar to Pack Shack, will create bags of support items for individuals in Fayetteville. Please come and participate in this hands-on mission opportunity! Children, youth, and adults are all invited!

A human trafficking forum will be held at FUPC on Sunday, September 22, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this church-wide and community-wide event, Illuminate Change in the Human Trafficking World. All are welcome to attend a church-wide and community-wide event. Illuminate Change in the Human Trafficking World. Two different sessions (3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.) will be presented with a complimentary supper break at 5:00 p.m. A separate youth session will be offered to seventh graders and up by a pediatric nurse practitioner and her pastor husband. Topics include Defining Human Trafficking, Risk Factors, Stage of Entry, Prom Culture in the Media-Driven World, and Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking in NW Arkansas. More information and reservation information will be included in the September Focus, bulletins, and the Weekend Update emails.

Come sing in the Choir! Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the choir room. All are welcome, whether you've sung in choir before or not. Even if you need to miss a week, we want you to come! For more information contact Katie Jackson

(wwscribner@yahoo.com). All of God's creatures have a place in the choir!

The back porch studio youth choir, some of whom are involved at FUPC or related to members, under the direction of Treese Muller, will lead "spirited" music at the late service on August 25. The ministry of our First School teachers and director, Cathy Hairston, will also be recognized and blessed as the new academic year begins.

Please sign up to help with hospitality through the Coffee Bar. Helpers are needed from 8:15-8:30, 9:15-10:00, and 10:45-11:15 a.m. each Sunday. This link is live in your Friday Weekend Update: <https://bit.ly/2QkAHIN>. It will automatically generate a reminder. Or you can sign up on the clipboard when you get coffee today. Thank you!

Stephen ministers provide confidential, one-to-one care for any person experiencing changing circumstances (new baby, grief, divorce, parenting, loss, moving, new job, etc.). They are not counselors or advice-givers, but they are good listeners offering spiritual care. If you'd like to consider whether to meet with a Stephen minister, please contact Jan Butin (442-4411).

Cooperative Emergency Outreach (C.E.O.) is in need of peanut butter. Donations can be taken to C.E.O. (1649 E. Hunstville Rd.) Monday-Friday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or placed in the green donation baskets in the Calvin hallway.

A Driver companion is needed for a vision-impaired member one day a week for four to six hours. The purpose of the job is for her to have one day a week to make her appointments, go to the grocery store, or other errands. Driver will use their own vehicle and accompany the member on all appointments or errands.

The congregation is invited to a reception to celebrate the marriage of Molly Murray and Dustin Alexander on Saturday, September 7, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Lake Wedington Lodge (15592 Lake Wedington Entry Rd.). Light snacks, music, and fun will be enjoyed by all. Casual dress is welcome. Feel free to bring your swimsuits and fishing pole. In lieu of gifts, we ask that you bring \$5 for entry into the state park. Please contact Molly (957-2397 or a4alexander@yahoo.com) or R.S.V.P. on Facebook (<https://bit.ly/2YNt4xe>) by August 23 if you are able to attend to help with food and event planning.

Church Directory App Information

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Praise as we celebrate Christ's resurrections!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Scott Stokenbury - recovering at home after hospitalization for staph infection in leg (son of *Judy Stokenberry)
For our children and youth - for growth in faith and life
For our homebound members as we care for them - visits are welcome and encouraged
For others we love who prefer to be

For the PC(USA) - for courage and energy to continue our worldwide mission of love and justice for all people
For this congregation - as we seek to be a light on and off of the hill
For our friends of other faiths
For kindness and friendship for the lonely
For relief from stress for the financially stretched

anonymous - for Christ's peace amid change

For healing for those with substance dependency and/or mental health concerns and for those who love them



We are updating our monthly newsletter mailing lists!

Information slips are available in the Calvin hallway outside Fellowship Hall on Sunday or you may submit your information [here](#). *The Focus* is available by mail, email, or both.



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