

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18, 2026

**Today is our Chili Cook-off!** Our youth will be traveling to Atlanta this summer for their summer mission trip and the funds raised will help make this possible. Head to Fellowship Hall after worship for a chili-buffet complete with toppings and chips, corn bread and brownies. The suggested donation is 5 dollars per person over the age of 5. For each dollar you donate, you will get a ticket that you can use to vote for your favorite chili! Muffin tins are available so you can sample multiple types of chili.

**IMPORTANT:** The Church Office and First School will be closed on Monday, January 19 due to the holiday. During the day the water supply to the campus is being turned off to make some important plumbing repairs. If you need to contact any of the staff, please email the staff member or call the church office and leave a voicemail.

### **New Speaker Series! Between Sundays: Where Neighbors, Justice and Jesus Meet.**

Faith doesn't clock out after worship. This series gathers practitioners, storytellers, and neighbors to explore current issues in our community through the lens of Jesus' life and teaching. We'll cultivate a community that listens deeply, learns humbly, and carries the gospel into weekday action. All the events in the series will be at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? - Contact Amanda McDonald.

- January 22 - **Borders & Belonging:** Navigating immigration in our community
- February 19 - **Created & Called:** LGBTQIA inclusion, belonging, and discipleship
- March 19 - **Bread & Belonging:** Hunger, housing, and what it means to love our neighbors
- April 16 - **Kingdom & Country:** Christian nationalism and the claims of Jesus
- May 21 - **Safety & Shalom:** Gun violence, public fear, and faithful responses

**Gardens and Grounds is recruiting team members for 2026!** Our Garden and Grounds group has wonderful leaders that have a wealth of experience and gardening knowledge. They need your assistance with the physical aspects of the work. Prayers and financial donations are also welcome and appreciated! Please fill out an information form and indicate your activity preferences. The form may be filled out online ([fupcfay.org/garden-and-grounds](http://fupcfay.org/garden-and-grounds) or use the QR code at right), or on paper, available in the Gathering Place. Please return the form to the basket provided or the church office.



**The Brown Baggers Book Group** (aka the United Campus Ministry's Book Group) meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. This semester, they are reading and discussing *King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution: A Story of Hubris, Delusion and Catastrophic Miscalculation* by Scott Anderson. Contact Sally King for more information and the Zoom link.

**COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE:** FUPC continues to serve the unhoused and food insecure population of Fayetteville with 2 monthly community meals -1st Sunday of the month at Central on Garland (Trinity Methodist Church) and 7 Hills Day Center on the third Friday of the month. The number of clients needing a meal continues to increase. In 2025, we prepared approximately 1645 meals and served 1550 with an average cost of \$3/meal. On average, 23 people per month enjoy the Sunday Supper meal and on average, 110 people per month enjoy the 7 Hills meal. We also provide meals for church members when the need arises.

Amanda McDonald and Kristi Button continue to oversee Sunday Supper meals with members of Mt Comfort Presbyterian Church help with serving and cleaning up. Barbara Verdery oversees the 7 Hills monthly meals. Twenty-six church members, along with youth and 1 business helped prepare, transport and serve the meals in 2025. Thirteen members helped with more than 1 meal.

**The church offers a link on the church's website and in the weekly update for volunteers to sign up to help.** Please consider helping with this important hands-on mission in 2026. For additional information, please contact Barbara, Kristi or Amanda.

**ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC?** We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **on the back** or type [fupcfay.org/links](http://fupcfay.org/links) in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons. Please select the button that says, "New to FUPC?" Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

**Friendly Reminder: Please help us care for one another** by leaving designated handicapped parking spaces available for those who need them. On Sunday mornings, all the spaces in the parking lot next to the sanctuary are dedicated handicap spots. Thank you for your kindness and consideration!

**CONTACT INFORMATION** can be found in the Instant Church Directory App. If you need assistance connecting with a church member or information about the app, please **call the Church Office** (442-4411) and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

The **FRIDAY NOON WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY** has begun a new study. They meet on Fridays at noon in the Church Library and on Zoom 1. They are reading and discussing ***Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*** by Adam Hamilton. Nancy Cain is the contact person for the group and the discussions will be led by Lorraine Brewer.

**CEO UPDATE:** In the first 9 months of 2025, **CEO (Cooperative Emergency Outreach)** assisted 5,451 family members: checks to providers totaled \$159,733 and food to families totaled \$116,407. FUPC donations to CEO totaled \$13,418. **Here are some ways you can help:**

- **CURRENT NEEDS:** shampoo (small bottles) and can openers.
- **You can make a gift at any time.** Either clearly note that the donation is for CEO on your check or donation envelope or select Community Emergency Outreach from the drop-down menu when giving online at [www.fupcfay.org/give](http://www.fupcfay.org/give).
- **Volunteer Receptionists and Client Interviewers are needed.** Both regular volunteers and substitutes are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Clay.
- **Donations** can be placed in the blue tub at the north entrance to Calvin. Donations are picked up Sun., Wed., & Fri. after 11:00am.

For **GIVING AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** please use this link to the church website: [fupcfay.org/current-needs](http://fupcfay.org/current-needs) or use the QR code below and select "Outreach Opportunities".

**NEED A LINK?** Use the QR code to the right or type [fupcfay.org/links](http://fupcfay.org/links) in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons to access:

- Worship Guide
- Announcements
- Giving Form
- Contact Information Form for Visitors
- Current Issue of Weekly Update (contains sign-up links and details)
- Current Opportunities to Give and Serve
- Sunday School Information



#### Calendar for January 19-23

<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00pm	First School Commission (Church Library)
	4:00pm	Bell Choir Party (Sanctuary/Upper Witherspoon)
	5:30pm	Board of Deacons (Church Library)
	7:00pm	Personnel Committee (Zoom1)
	7:00pm	Gambler's Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	6:00pm	Presbytery of AR Honduras Mission Trip Orientation (Zoom1)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00pm	Between Sundays: Where Neighbors, Justice and Jesus Meet (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)
	Noon	Women's Bible Study (Church Library)

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

- If there is inclement weather on a Sunday morning, the church campus will be closed, and worship will occur remotely. A decision will be made by 8:00am and will be announced shortly after that. Specific instructions will be added to the yellow bar at the top of the church website [www.fupcfay.org](http://www.fupcfay.org).
- On weekdays, if the Fayetteville Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church campus will be closed. This will also be announced on the yellow bar on the website.
- Prior to coming to the church campus, please check your email, the church website and Facebook for updates in the case of road conditions being icy.