

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 15, 2026

Today, those from First United Presbyterian Church who are participating in the **Presbytery of AR Spring Break Mission Trip to Honduras** will be commissioned.

IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT GETTING READY FOR HOLY WEEK:

- **THE FUPC SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 28 - the Saturday before Palm Sunday!** All our members and visitors are welcome to come and help beautify our church campus to get us ready for Easter. There will be work for all as we rake up, trim, weed, plant, and wash – bring work gloves and any tools you want to bring. Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship! If you have questions, please contact Sabra Martin or James Moore (Properties Committee and Garden and Grounds Sub-Committee Planners)
- **PALM SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 29** – If you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate in the Palm Parade, please let Kristi Button know.
- **Please make your EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS by Wednesday, April 1.** Every Easter the congregation can help beautify our sanctuary by making contributions towards the cost of the lilies used in the sanctuary. Dedications can be made in honor or in memory and a contribution of any amount may accompany your dedication. These dedications will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletin. There are dedication forms and contribution envelopes available in the Gathering Place. You may make a contribution online using our secure giving form at fupcfay.org/give and selecting “Easter Lily Dedications” from the drop down fund menu. If you make your contribution online, please email the wording of your dedication to communications@fupcfay.org.
- **On EASTER morning, when we conclude our Easter worship service, our choir will be singing a different “Hallelujah” by G. F. Handel.** It is titled “Hallelujah, Amen” (from Handel’s oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*). At that time the congregation is invited to come forward and join the choir in singing the hymn. Please see our email newsletter, The Weekly Update, for more information and links to YouTube music videos of “Hallelujah, Amen.”

PNC Update: Our **Pastor Nominating Committee** is busy searching for our next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. They have made great progress. An update from the committee was published in our most recent printed newsletter, including the ad which will begin appearing in Presbyterian Outlook in March. **The committee wants to make sure everyone sees the update and the ad.** You can find links to the update and ad in the Weekly Update email newsletter or pick up a copy of the printed newsletter in the Gathering Place.

Our Lenten Theme is “Signs of Lent and Easter.” Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we will see signs along our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. We will have a series of 10 worship services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter based on the concept of road signs and how their messages apply to our life in Christ. For more information about Lent at FUPC, please scan the QR code to the right or go to fupcfay.org/lent-at-fupc.



During Lent, we are joining with area churches for Lenten services. Each Tuesday at noon, we are gathering with several Fayetteville congregations for a **light lunch and worship service (aka Soup and Sermon)**. **This Tuesday, the service will be at First Christian Church.** On March 24 the service will be at Sequoyah United Methodist Church. We will host the service on Tuesday, March 31. The services are designed so that those who work will have time to get back to work within an hour. If you are interested in coming to FUPC and traveling by bus or carpooling to and from these services, please call or email the church office.

Our spring speaker series “Between Sundays: Where Neighbors, Justice and Jesus Meet” continues Thursday, March 19 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Becci Jones who serves as CEO of 7Hills Homeless Center, a key organization responding to homelessness and extreme-weather needs across Northwest Arkansas. She’ll help us better understand the challenges our unhoused neighbors face locally - and share practical ways churches and community members can partner in real solutions.

Our **Friday Noon Women’s Bible Study** is taking a break. Please be on the lookout for news of their next study! Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

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 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.

CEO UPDATE: In January, Cooperative Emergency Outreach (CEO) distributed \$16,784 to assist families: rent (46%), utilities (42%), purchased food (7%), clothes (4.2%), prescriptions and other (0.8%). Donated food with an estimated value of \$12,045 was also distributed to families. In January CEO was open for 16 days and assisted 570 family members (180 families).

Here are some ways you can help:

- **CURRENT NEEDS:** cans of mixed vegetables, peas, and carrots; toothpaste, and boxes of cold cereal (12-20 oz).
- **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.
- **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 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 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 March 16-20

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	Noon	Soup and Sermon (First Christian Church)
	4:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Board of Deacons (Church Library)
	7:00pm	Gambler's Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	5:30pm	Outreach and Service Committee (Calvin 201)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:00pm	Spring Speaker Series (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)