

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2026

TODAY IS PENTECOST! We are celebrating the movement of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church! Grab a shaker or a ribbon stick! The May Birthday Offering will be taken during the regular offering time. It is possible to donate to the Ellen Smith Birthday Offering at any time and you can give online at fupcfay.org/give. For more information about the Ellen Smith Birthday Offering, please see the link in the Weekly Update or stop by the information table in the Gathering Place.

We are heading into the summer months this year riding the wave of our very successful and fun BINGO night. **We have a summer BINGO card with a twist.** Rather than numbers, these cards are full of ways to stay engaged with FUPC over the summer months. Work to cross off as many activities as you can (bring a friend to church, write a note, attend Gulley Park concert with FUPC, and more). For every completely filled card for adults, you will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize gift basket. For every regular line BINGO a child completes on the children's card, they can come to the office for a treat and for a completed card, they receive a prize. The directions are on the back of the cards. You can pick them up on Sundays or in the office. Let's stay connected to our faith and to one another. Questions? – please contact Kristi Button.

June 14 will be Church T-Shirt Sunday! Wear a church T-shirt, a VBS shirt, a church camp or retreat shirt, a presbytery shirt or a UCM shirt. You will be ready to participate in the Team FUPC hike for UCM (United Campus Ministry) after worship. Details below.

Please complete a Time and Talent form by May 31. If you did not complete a form at the annual meeting, blank forms are available in the Gathering Place. If you prefer to fill this form out online go to bit.ly/fupctandt or scan the QR code **on the back** of this page and select “Time and Talent Form.”

During the entire month of June, our Earth Care Taskforce will be hosting a **Book Swap** in the Gathering Place. Bring the books you read last summer (or some other time in the past) and swap them for some new-to-you reads for this summer.

Beginning Sunday, June 14, Stewart will lead a weekly **Summer Sunday Morning Book Study**. The group will read and discuss **Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America, A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace** by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. Please see the Weekly Update for links to more information about the book. The group will meet in Upper Witherspoon. The coffee will be ready, and the doors will open at 9:15am. Discussion will begin at 9:30am. The group will not meet on Sunday, July 5. On the Sunday mornings that the group meets, childcare will be available. Questions? – please contact Rev. Stewart Smith.

Help Team FUPC support UCM: We are participating in the UCM Move-a-thon with the creation of an FUPC team to hike after worship on June 14 on the Brooks-Hummel Nature Preserve Trail. Our team goal is \$2500, ten percent of UCM's total goal. Between now and June 14th, we are collecting money and on June 14th we will hike (Wear a church T-shirt that day.) Follow our fundraising journey by watching the hiking boot marker move along the trail on our poster in the Gathering Place. **Ways to give:** Venmo @ucm-uofa, online at ucmuark.org/supporters or cash or check made out to UCM and placed in the box in the Gathering Place. *Please make a note in Venmo or UCM website that it is for the FUPC team. Join us in reaching our goal and hiking on June 14th!*

Spiritual Growth/Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer. There will be a Summer Sunday Morning Book Study for adults, please see the announcement above for details. Classes/Groups will resume meeting on Kick-off Sunday, September 13. Our 10:00am Fellowship Time will continue through the summer. During this summer break, the Church Nursery will be staffed from 9:45am to 11:45am. It will open earlier as needed for the Summer Sunday Morning Book Study.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will be taking a break for the summer. Wednesday, May 20 will be the last meeting date before summer. Wednesday Night Youth Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 9. Lots of special events are planned for the summer. Please contact Amanda McDonald for more information.

PRESBYTERIANS IN THE PARK: This summer, we are once again planning meetups in Gulley Park for the free outdoor summer concerts sponsored by the City of Fayetteville. Come enjoy a relaxing evening in the park with your church family! The concerts are on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. **Save the 2026 concert dates now: June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our congregation will be joining with First Presbyterian, Springdale, **at the FUPC campus** this summer for Vacation Bible Study. **SAVE JULY 13 to 17 from 9am to Noon.** We are going to be a Pilot VBS for a new curriculum called “Plenty to Share” from the Society of St. Andrew Organization, which is a group that helps feed hungry people in communities around the world. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Kristi Button at kbutton@fupcfay.org.

CEO CURRENT NEEDS: toilet paper, small bottles of dish detergent.

CEO News: CEO has two Special Funds in addition to their regular operating fund. These support critical needs of qualified clients. The *Shelter Fund* supports temporary housing needs of parents with children, especially women. The *Emergency Fund* supports client needs which are significantly above typical CEO monetary assistance levels. Examples are to minimize the chance of a utility shut off or eviction from their home. Your gift will be directed to these CEO funds, by including the name of the fund with your gift.

For additional **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
- Time and Talent Form



Grace Vawter Scholarship: The Trustees of First United Presbyterian Church invite students seeking a post-high school education leading to a degree or certification to submit applications for the VAWTER SCHOLARSHIP for the upcoming academic year. More information and the application form can be found on the FUPC website at bit.ly/fupc2026scholarships or by using the link in the Weekly Update. The application deadline is June 1, 2026. Please contact the Chair of Trustees, Julie Olsen (scholarship@fupcfay.org) with any questions.

The Rev. Lee Power Religious Studies Endowed Scholarship Fund exists to encourage the pursuit of theological education for Christian ministry, and to honor Rev. Power's distinguished service in the ministry and her faithful dedication to First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. The scholarship provides financial assistance to women associated with FUPC seeking graduate education to prepare for service to the church or continuing education while in service to the church. More information can be found on the FUPC website at bit.ly/fupc2026scholarships or by using the link in the Weekly Update. A letter of application should be received by June 1, 2026. Please contact the Chair of Trustees, Julie Olsen (scholarship@fupcfay.org) with any questions.

ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC? We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **above** 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!

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.

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!

The 2025 Annual Report is available online using the link in the Weekly Update. The online version does not contain financial information. If you would like a copy of the financial information or a printed copy of the report, please contact the church office (officemanager@fupcfay.org).

THIS WEEK AT FUPC - Calendar for May 18 to May 22

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10:30am	PW Covenant Book Group (BTV Villa Room)
	Noon	Men's Fellowship Lunch (Whole Hog Café)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)