

# THE WITNESS



## First United Methodist Church

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*Our calling is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ through fellowship, worship, outreach, and nurture.*

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## Valentines for Our Homebound



Help us in letting our Homebound folks know how much they are loved by their congregation! Pick up a list of our homebound members in the hospitality area of either building, make Valentines cards for some/all of them and place your cards in the Valentines boxes provided in the hospitality areas by Sunday, Feb. 12. Your cards will be delivered to these folks by Valentine's Day.

## Music for Sanctuary Worship - Sunday, Feb. 5

This Sunday we will singing a Methodist favorite. Written in 1921 by writer/Methodist minister Thomas Chisholm, this hymn was popular in most evangelical hymnals and songbooks since its first publication in 1923, but never in an official Methodist hymnal until our present edition. For this edition the hymnal committee reported that it was the second most frequently requested hymn after "In the Garden."

Any guesses? If you need more help ... it was based on verses from the third chapter of Lamentations:

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

Enjoy "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" this Sunday in both sanctuary services!

## HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP - February 5, 2012

The people of First United Methodist Church are engaged in renewing our disciplined lives in holistic stewardship. The holistic stewardship focus runs now through Feb. 19.

Holistic Stewardship means "the discipline of the whole person in administration of resources God has entrusted to one's care." On Feb. 5, the congregation is examining "our Gifts." If the Witness arrives at your home by the U.S. Postal Service, a letter arrived in your mail box on or around Jan. 19. The letter contained information about our stewardship emphasis and five cards for each of the Sundays. If the Witness arrives at your home by email, you will receive your third online letter this week, and you have the option of completing the stewardship card on your computer.

This third letter contains the link to this week's card on "our Gifts" as well as the previous weeks' card on "our Prayers" and "our Presence." Prepare by studying the Bible verse, "You Philippians know from the time of my first mission work in Macedonia how no church shared in supporting my ministry except you. You sent contributions repeatedly to take care of my needs even while I was in Thessalonica." (Paul the Apostle writing in Philippians 4:15-16) Extra cards for your response will be available in all worship services.

## Valentine Cafe

The Youth will host the Valentine Cafe again this year! It's a great way to enjoy a great meal with your sweetheart at a good price (just \$10 per person) and keep away from the crowded restaurants. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 11, for either the 5:00 or 7:00 seating. Make reservations with Michelle Moore -- [mmoore@conwayfumc](mailto:mmoore@conwayfumc) or 501-329-3801. Childcare is available upon request. We are also in need of card tables. If you can lend yours, please put your name on the bottom and drop it off by Michelle's office by Friday, Feb. 10.



## Youth Department News

### 2012 Missions

There are still spots available at Junior High C.A.M.P., Senior High Ozark Mission Project (OMP) to Siloam Springs, and CSM to Chicago. Check out details about each trip and getting registered at:

[www.youth.conwayfumc.org/programs/trips-and-retreats](http://www.youth.conwayfumc.org/programs/trips-and-retreats).

### Spring Events & Activities

Check out the youth web site:

[www.youth.conwayfumc.org](http://www.youth.conwayfumc.org)

for information on this semester's small groups and Bible studies, including Mean Girls Book Study, Young Man's Guide Book Study, Let There Be Stuff Small Group, Sr. High Real Talk Small Group, and Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

### Weekly Schedule

#### Thursday, Feb. 2 -

Breakfast Club - 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Great Hall Lobby

#### Sunday, Feb. 5 -

Sunday School - 10:00-10:45 a.m. - Meet in Big Room for Announcements

NO UMYF

#### Tuesday, Feb. 7 -

Mean Girls Book Study - 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Jazz Lounge

Young Man's Guide Book Study - 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Lodge Room

#### Wednesday, Feb. 8 -

Hang Time - 3:30-6:00 p.m. - Meet in Youth Cafe

Youth Praise Band Practice - 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Great Hall

### Presence Numbers

#### Wednesday, Jan. 25-

Hang Time - 35 Youth

#### Thursday, Jan. 26 -

Breakfast Club - 33 Youth

#### Sunday, Jan. 29 -

Sunday School - 21 Youth

UMYF - 43 Youth

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### RIOT

No RIOT this week. Enjoy the time with your friends and family!

## Adult Sunday School Studies

<b>Dorothy Robins-Light</b>	212
"Justified By Faith," Galatians 2:15-21	
<b>Faithbuilders</b>	220
<b>Faith in Action (FIA)</b>	214
"The Bible From Scratch: The Old Testament"	
<b>Forum</b>	222
Last Train Home documentary, Part One.	
<b>Genesis</b>	224
<b>George Hartje</b>	218
"Justified By Faith," Galatians 2:15-21	
<b>Gussie Scales</b>	216
"Justified By Faith," Galatians 2:15-21; Leader John Collier	
<b>Koinonia</b>	219
"Spiritual Disciplines"; Leader John Thompson	
<b>New Covenant</b>	221
<b>Open Door</b>	113
"Justified By Faith," Galatians 2:15-21;	
Leader David Sutherland	
<b>Round Table</b>	217
The Gospel of Mark	

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### Sunday Transportation Drivers:

**Jan. 29** — Ed Anthes, 269-0542, John Bailey and Tom Courtney.

**Feb. 5** -- Kathleen Caruthers (994-9473) & Carole Teague.

**Feb. 12** -- TBA

**Feb. 19** -- Joe & Wanda Eason, 327-7929

Please call Kisha Bumpers, 351-3143, to be added or dropped from the riding list.

### DivorceCare Support Group Forming for Spring/Summer

Separated? Divorced? Contact Kisha Bumpers, [kbumpers@conwayfumc.org](mailto:kbumpers@conwayfumc.org) or 329.3801, if you are interested in joining our support group to be offered late Spring/early Summer. We're interested in knowing the best day and time for you. We use the DivorceCare curriculum ([www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)) for this group.

### Why Must I Sign In at Church?

You may have noticed that our hospitality staff is asking you to sign in when you enter the church building for activities. This is so that, in the event of an emergency, we will have some idea of who is in the building and can then effect a complete evacuation, when appropriate. If we don't know you are here, we can't account for you in an emergency.

### Possible Trip for Primetimers

Your input is requested concerning an April trip to Bentonville to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. If you are interested in visiting this outstanding museum, please contact Mary Jane Morse at 329-8740.

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## Our Church Family:

### Welcome

To Berkeley Smith, who joined this community of faith on Sunday, Jan. 29.

### Sympathy

To Sue and Bud Hines on the recent death of their nephew, Drew Blankenship.

To Bruce and Barbara Sossamon and Donna, Tab and Riley Townsell on the recent death of Hazel Grace Sossamon, Bruce's mother, Donna's grandmother and Riley's great-grandmother.

To Mike, Monica, Maggie and Hannah Hutchison on the recent death of Frieda Herter, Mike's grandmother and Maggie and Hannah's great-grandmother.

### Congratulations

To Chris and Crystal Henson on the birth of a daughter, Madison Elizabeth Henson, born Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012. Proud great-grandmother is Aleene Henson.

To Hugh and Gwen Churchill on the birth of a son, Edward Olen "Ned" Churchill, born Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012. Proud grandparents are John and Jean Churchill.

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## Sunday Worship on Feb. 5

**8:45 and 11:00 -- Sanctuary.**

**Scriptures** -- Philippians 4:15-20 & Mark 12:28-34

**Sermon** -- "Holistic Stewardship: Gifts"

Rev. Charles Murry preaching

Rev. Murry's weekly introduction for each week of the Holistic Stewardship sermon series is on the web site of First United Methodist Church.

Go to [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org) and click on the link with Pastor Charles' photo at the bottom of the home page to find "You Sent Contributions Repeatedly".

**9:00 -- Great Hall.**

**Scripture** -- 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

**Sermon** -- "Holistic Stewardship: Gifts"

Rev. Lynn Kilbourne preaching

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## Frank Jones Bible Lectures

**10 a.m. Sundays in the Chapel. All invited!**

**"Matthew: A Gospel for the Church"**

- **Feb. 5** -- Chapter 19-20: "Moving Toward Jerusalem, Rich Young Ruler"

## HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP

### HOSPITAL

**Conway Regional:** Jewell Moore; John Workman; Kathryn Waters.

**Out of Town:** Stella Mulhearn (daughter of Travis and Amanda Mulhearn); Carin Evans (Linda Koger's mother).

**Dismissed:** Jessica Sutherland.

### PRAYERS

**For Those Serving Overseas With the Military:**

Patrick Miller (Joyce Miller's son and Melanie Codemo's brother); Caleb Euseppi (cousin of Vickie and Dani Bench); Jordan Mertes and Tim Wiese (nephews of JR and Mary Wiese); John Thomas Workman (grandson of Liz and John Workman); Brett Stuart.

### PRESENCE

Total Attendance in worship: 514  
(8:45-10:5; 9:00-16:5; 11:00-244)

Jan. 29, 2012

Sunday School attendance: 233

Taize service: 122.

### GIFTS

In memory of Heather McDonald by: Sam & Carole Teague  
In memory of Robert Cohen by: Sam & Carole Teague, Ann Davis

In memory of Fritz Shock by: Waddy & Gay Moore, Phil & Polly Bumpers

In memory of Max Dyer by: Phil & Polly Bumpers  
In honor of Janet Gingerich & The Choir by: Waddy & Gay Moore

In honor of Jo Fleming by: Steve & Betty Cohen

### SERVICE

Jennifer and Walter Baumgarten chaperoned Darci Burris, Ethan Talley and Ella Baumgarten at the "Handbell Olympics" (a bell festival for children's bell choirs from all over the state) in Searcy last Saturday. Many thanks to the Baumgartens, to the children for attending, and to their parents for attending the final concert.

## Music Calendar

**Sunday, Feb. 5** – Chancel Ringers, 9:00 and 11:00

**Sunday, Feb. 12** – WOW choir, 9:00; Youth Bells, 3:45-4:30.  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30-5:00.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15** – Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30-5:00.

**Sunday, Feb. 19** – Youth Bells, 3:45-4:30. Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30-5:00

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** – Youth Choir and Praise Band rehearsal, 4:30-5:30; Ash Wednesday service (6:30-pm) Youth Choir, Youth Bells and Youth Praise Band.

**Sunday, Feb. 26** – Genesis Ringers and One Accord, 8:45 and 11:00

**Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012**

- 7:30 A.M. Chancel Ringers, 202, Sanctuary
- 8:00 A.M. First Service Singers rehearsal, 202
- 8:00 A.M. Praise Band practice, Great Hall
- 8:45 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary\*
- 9:00 A.M. Good News Celebration, Great Hall\*
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School\*
- 10:40 A.M. Chancel Choir warm-up, 202
- 11:00 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary\*
- 3:30 P.M. Christian Believer, 216
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Handbells, 202
- 4:00 P.M. Fun in the Garden small group, 107
- 4:30 P.M. 2000 Years of Christian Thought, 213

**Monday, Feb. 6, 2012**

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Group, Prayer Room
- 11:00 A.M. Staff meeting, 216
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 71, B13, B20, B27, B31, B16
- 6:45 P.M. Chancel Ringers rehearsal, 202\*
- 7:00 P.M. GNC Planning meeting, 107

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012**

- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Pack 112 Cub Scout Banquet, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Trustees, 124
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Mean Girls Book Study, 1103
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Young Man's Guide to Making Good Choices Book Study, 1112
- 7:00 P.M. Church Council, Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Pack 71 Parent meeting, B13
- 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Pack 71, B20, B27, B29, B31, B32
- 7:00 P.M. Old Men's Basketball, Great Hall

- 7:00 P.M. Alzheimer's Support Group, 107

**Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012**

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 A.M. Dreamwork Small Group, 213
- Noon Witness Labelers, 107
- 2:30 P.M. Carl Stuart Shuttle (bus)
- 3:30 P.M. Youth Hang Time, Youth Rooms
- 4:00 P.M. Joyful Ringers, 202
- 4:00 P.M. Wonders of Worship Choir, 212
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Gym Time, Great Hall
- 4:30 P.M. One Accord Choir, 212
- 5:00 P.M. History Committee, Library (124)
- 5:15 P.M. Genesis Ringers, 202
- 5:15 P.M. Joyful Sound Choir, 212
- 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Picnic, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Knitting, 124
- 6:30 P.M. Making Love Last a Lifetime, 217
- 6:30 P.M. Understanding Social Media, 216
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir rehearsal, 202
- 7:00 P.M. Green Team meeting, 124

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012**

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast Club, Lobby
- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 10:00 A.M. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 107
- 10:30 A.M. ASU — Better Beginnings Clinic, B13
- 3:30 P.M. Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 P.M. Cavaliers Basketball practice, Great Hall
- 5:00 P.M. Valentine Café Food Prep, Great Hall Kitchen
- 5:30 P.M. Amazing Grace Café, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Stephen Ministry, 214
- 7:00 P.M. GNC Band Practice, Great Hall
- 7:00 P.M. The Odyssey small group, 217

**Friday, Feb. 10, 2012****Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012**

- 9:00 A.M. Setup for Chocoholics event, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Valentine Café setup, Great Hall
- 1:00 P.M. Chocoholics event, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Valentine Café, Great Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Valentine Café, Great Hall

(\* Child care provided. To request childcare for a calendared event, call Pam at the church.

**New Small Group On Social Media**

Don't know the difference between a 'post' and a 'tag'? Confused on how to get to someone's 'wall'? If you are interested in learning more about Facebook and other types of social media programs, Vicki Crockett will be facilitating a small group that starts this week. We'll meet Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 6:45 to 7:45, in room 216. We'll cover Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and reserve the final meeting for participants' choice. The class is aimed at beginners, but current users are also welcome. For parents, we'll talk a bit about concerns for children and teens using the programs. All are welcome.

**Taize Service at Hendrix College**

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6,  
Greene Chapel

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