



# THE WITNESS

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Worship This Sunday  
8:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.

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## A Word from Pastor Charles Murry

Recently, our congregation held a memorial service for one of our most faithful members. Her name was Wanda Coleman. Wanda was a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

In the language of 5 Practices for Faithful Congregations, Wanda was a complete Christian. In financial stewardship, Wanda was faithful and extravagantly generous. It was not in the amount that she gave; it relates to the proportion that she gave.

Wanda came to church every Sunday; she missed only when she was sick or when she had to work. When she missed, she brought her offering to the Financial Assistant weekly (in person).

When Wanda died, she was found in her home during the burdensome heat wave we have experienced this summer. She would not turn on her air conditioning because she was afraid she would not have enough money to pay her electric bill. She did not want help from her church, though we offered.

In recognition of Wanda's devotion and as an encouragement for all of us at First United Methodist Church, I am establishing the Wanda Coleman Memorial Fund. It is a reminder that everyone can give something. The offerings to this will go to General Operating, the place where Wanda gave every week.

I am asking everyone to give something in memory of Wanda. I am also asking everyone to give proportionally. A ten-dollar gift is pocket change to many in our congregation; to Wanda, it was a lot of money. When you hear about the Wanda Coleman Memorial Fund, remember the Bible story of the widow's mite. And remember that everyone can give something.

## Interns Join FUMC Staff

Three interns have recently begun working at First United Methodist Church, hired through a specially designated grant through the Taylor Foundation. The purpose of the Taylor Foundation is "to further (the church's educational, evangelical, and missionary work so as to educate youth and to spread the word of God in the mission of Jesus Christ." This grant not only will help our Program Staff, but will also give the students firsthand experience of working in a church.

We welcome Anna Nyseth from Nashville, Tenn., as our new music intern for the year. A sophomore music major at Hendrix College, Anna will start out the year leading our children's choirs. After our Associate Director of Music position is filled, Anna will continue working with the children and help in other areas as time allows.

We welcome Staci Sutton as our Youth Intern for the fall semester. Staci is a member of FUMC and grew up in the youth program here. She will be finishing her senior year at Hendrix College with a major in anthropology. She will be working in the small groups and communication areas of the Youth Program.

We are happy to have Rachel Robbins of Tyler, Texas, working as a college intern in the Children's Department for the fall semester. Rachel is a junior at Hendrix College. She will be working in several different areas of children's ministries.

## Red Cross Blood Drive Planned Sept. 12 in Honor of Adam Lewis

First United Methodist Church will sponsor a blood drive in honor of Adam Lewis (son of Mark and Debbie Lewis) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in the church parking lot at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

For scheduling your appointment, please contact Thea Spatz at [spatz@conwaycorp.net](mailto:spatz@conwaycorp.net) or 328-7680.

Two donors can be scheduled every 15 minutes, so there are plenty of spots available. Donors should expect to spend 45 to 60 minutes in the process of donating blood. Donors are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids beforehand and to increase their iron intake (particularly meats) for a few days before donating.



## Parking for East Campus Students

### Dear East Campus Students:

First United Methodist Church has allocated 32 parking spaces for students at the East Campus of Conway High School. These spaces are free and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To obtain an assigned parking space, please come (in person) to the church office and ask for Mrs. Jackie Waite. Mrs. Waite will provide you with the paperwork you must complete. With the completed paperwork, a parking permit card will be given. Cars parked without a permit are subject to being towed.

FUMC Students: Get your paperwork done ASAP because this information will be given to all students as of Sept. 1.

## Food Pantry Donations on Communion Sunday

Please remember to bring items for our Food Pantry on Communion Sunday, which is Sept. 5. If you cannot bring food, you may bring a check to the church and tag it "Food Pantry." Also, single dollar bills dropped into the offering plates go to Mission, Food Pantry and Outreach. Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the Food Pantry.

## Safe Sanctuary Training

10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Fellowship Hall

## Youth Department News

### Weekly Schedule

#### Thursday, Sept. 2 -

7 to 8 a.m. - Breakfast Club - Great Hall Lobby

#### Sunday, Sept. 5 -

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

No UMYF

#### Monday, Sept. 6 -

6:30 to 8 p.m. - Sr. High Gleebs - Bowen Home

#### Tuesday, Sept. 7 -

6 to 7:30 p.m. - Jr. High Gleebs - Coker Home

#### Wednesday, Sept. 8 -

3:30 to 6 p.m. - Hang Time - Youth Cafe

5:45 to 6:45 p.m. - Knitting Group

6:45 to 8 p.m. - 123 JESUS - Lodge Room

### Presence Numbers

#### Sunday, April 29 -

Sunday School - 39 Youth

UMYF - 44 Youth

### New Youth Calendar Available!

Be sure to check the church website or the table outside Michelle's office for the latest Youth Calendar. It has events and special dates through August 2011! Watch your email and facebook for new programs starting this fall!

### Help Us Go Green!

#### Receive Your Witness By E-mail

We are officially moving toward sending the Witness electronically to as many people as possible. We understand some people do not have e-mail access, and we will continue to send a newsletter by postal mail to those who subscribe. We ask that you sign up for either the e-mail newsletter or to continue a postal mailing. To sign up, contact Colleen Holt at [cholt@conwayfumc.org](mailto:cholt@conwayfumc.org) or call the church office at 329-3801.



### Ballroom Dancing & Lesson

Friday, Sept. 10, Fellowship Hall  
Lesson: 7 to 8 p.m. \$6 per person.

Dance: 8 to 9 p.m. Free!

A foot-tapping warmup for a live band dance to be held Friday, Sept. 24!

No reservations required. Public invited

### Children's Music Open House

Music programming for children (grades 1-6) begins with an Open House/Registration event from 5 to 6 p.m. today \*(Wednesday, Sept. 1) in the Choir Room. All children (new and returning) and parents are encouraged to attend.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8, the weekly schedule is as follows:

**4-4:30** Elementary Chimes (grades 3-4), Choir Room

**4:30-5:15** Junior High Handbells (grades 7-8), Choir Room

**5:20-6:00** Intermediate Handbells (grades 5-6), Choir Room

**4:30-5:15** One Accord Choir (grades 4-6), room 212

**5:20-6:00** Joyful Sound Choir (grades 1-3), room 212

Recreation time will be available in the Great Hall between sessions so children may be brought to the church at 4 and may be picked up at 6. All bell/chime choirs will be led by Janet Gingerich. Anna Nyseth, an intern from Hendrix, will lead Joyful Sound and One Accord.

## Wednesday Fellowship Dinners Sept. 8 - 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Menu:** Chicken strips, potatoes, green beans, bread, dessert.

**Hosts:** Koinonia Sunday School Class.

Cost is \$6 for adults (age 13 and up), \$4 for children 6-12, kids 5 & under eat free, \$20 maximum per household. To RSVP, e-mail Hope Johnson at [hjohnson@conwayfumc.org](mailto:hjohnson@conwayfumc.org), call the church or sign up on the attendance pads during worship.

We still need hosts for several dinners this fall. Also, anyone willing to occasionally help serve, take cash, help with setup, or wash dishes, please contact Hope.



### Adult Sunday School Studies this Week

<b>Believing, Becoming, Belonging (B3)</b>	214
20/30 Bible Study on Prayer	
<b>Conference</b>	220
<b>Dorothy Robins-Light</b>	212
"God's Revelation to Moses," Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15	
<b>Faithbuilders</b>	Parlor
"Enough"	
<b>Faith in Action (FIA)</b>	230
Kings and Deuteronomy study, Leader Jane Harris	
<b>Forum</b>	222
<b>Genesis</b>	227
"1,2,3 John — How Should a Christian Live?"	
<b>George Hartje</b>	218
"God's Revelation to Moses," Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15;	
Leader Johnnye Hartje	
<b>Gussie Scales</b>	216
"God's Revelation to Moses," Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15;	
Leader John Collier	
<b>Koinonia</b>	
"Walking With Jesus," Leader John Williams	
<b>New Covenant</b>	221
"God's Revelation to Moses," Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15	
<b>Open Door</b>	113
"God's Revelation to Moses," Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15;	
Leader David Sutherland; (telephone participation available)	
<b>Round Table</b>	217
"The Gospel of Luke"	

### "Step Up to a Greener Footprint"

#### Did you know:

That if you use fans in conjunction with your air conditioner, you can raise your thermostat setting by 3-5 degrees with no loss in comfort. Reverse blade direction in winter to push warm air down into living areas.



### Hymn Books Missing

If you borrowed some of the purple hymn books from the Dorothy Robins Light Class, please return them. Thank you!



The **Fall Children's Newsletter** is now available. Visit the church web site at [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org).

## Our Church Family

### Sympathy

To Peggy and Don Collins on the death of Peggy's mother, Nina Smith.

To Kathleen and Allyson Caruthers and Colleen and Stuart Holt on the death of Allyson's uncle and Kathleen and Colleen's brother-in-law, Joe Sierra.

### Welcome

To Doug and LeeAnn Voss, who joined this community of faith on Sunday, Aug. 29. They have a son, Mason.

To Trent, Jennifer and Emma Teague and Annya Day, who joined this community of faith on Sunday, Aug. 29.

### Congratulations

To Susan and Seth Mulhearn on the baptism of their children, Daylee Joan and Smith Hayes, on Sunday, Aug. 29. They also have an older son, Setler.

## Frank Jones Bible Lectures

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

### A Quick Look At All the Prophets

- **Sept. 5** — Amos, Prophet of Justice
- **Sept. 12** — Hosea, Prophet of Mercy
- **Sept. 19** — Isaiah early years, All About Kings
- **Sept. 26** — Isaiah later years, God's Statesman



## Sunday Transportation Drivers:

**Sept. 5** — Terry and Janice James, 329-0489

**Sept. 12** — Bob McCormack (327-5705) and Pat Bowles

**Sept. 19** — Jerry and Lorlie March, 327-3230

**Sept. 26** — Joe and Wanda Eason, 327-7929

Please call if you want to be picked up for Sunday school or worship and are not on our "regular" rider list.

## School Supply Thank You Letter

To First United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the school supplies for our children — you provided the items they needed. We appreciate you so much. God bless you. Sincerely, Lorna Beach, Division of Children and Family Services, Van Buren County.

## Small Groups Scheduled This Fall

Contact Melissa Polk at [mpolk@conwayfumc.org](mailto:mpolk@conwayfumc.org) to sign up for one of the following classes.

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| • Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study | • Financial Peace University                  | • While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent |
| • The Bible From Scratch — Old Testament | • Dealing With Grief                          | • Dreamwork                                     |
| • Beth Moore Study                       | • Hayesod                                     | • Arkansas Law for Teens                        |
| • Women's Bible Study — Ephesians        | • A Quest for God                             | • Cooking for Fun                               |
| • Heart of Christianity                  | • Christian Believer                          | • Ballroom Dance                                |
|  | • Crazy Love: Overwhelmed By a Relentless God | • Knitting                                      |

## HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP

### HOSPITAL

**Out of Town:** Mike Smyers (Tricia O'Connor's father).

**Dismissed:** Doris Carrithers; Judy Purdy (Danielle Moore's mother).

### PRAYERS

**For Those Serving Overseas:** Robert Courtway; Ben Rand (nephew of Roy and Polly Martin); Rob Kielty (Jill Hankins' brother-in-law); Patrick Miller (Joyce Miller's son and Melanie Coderemo's brother); Dave McClanahan (Lowell and Marsha McClanahan's son).

### PRESENCE

Total Attendance in worship: 571

Aug. 29, 2010

{8:45-107; 9:00-234; 11:00-230}

Sunday School Attendance: 141

Fifth Sunday Worship Attendance: 108

Fifth Sunday Worship offering for Haiti Relief: \$535.30.

### GIFTS

In honor of Jim & Zettie Caudle by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Larry Farris by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of John & Kristie Beasley & Children by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Rod & Betty Beasley by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Rex & Martha Ross by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of John & Marette Stiritz by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Clint & Ellen Johnson by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Harold & Mary Henderson by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Andy & Kim Hawkins by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Tom, Susan & Susannah DeBlack by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Ron, Pam & Lana Chastain by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Milburn Adams by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Matt, Heidi & James Crane by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Tom & Patsy Desaulniers 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

In memory of George Alread by: Betty Courtway

In memory of Wanda Coleman by: Betty Courtway, Molsie Osborne

## Music Calendar

**Wednesday, Sept. 1, 5 to 6 p.m.** — Children's Music Open House/Registration (Choir Room); Chancel Choir rehearsals begin at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 5** — No Youth Choir/Praise Band

**Monday, Sept. 6** — No Senior High Handbells or Chancel Ringers

**Wednesday, Sept. 8, 4 to 6 p.m.** — regular Wednesday music programming begins

**Sunday, Sept. 19** — Youth Choir, 8:45 service

**Sunday, Oct. 3** — Chancel Ringers, both sanctuary services

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

Our prelude on Sunday at both services will be an arrangement of "I Come With Joy," played and written by Karen Griebing. Karen is professor of music at Hendrix College, where she teaches viola, music theory and composition, and conducts the Hendrix Chamber Orchestra. We are delighted to welcome Karen as a relatively new member of the Chancel Choir, and are grateful for her sharing her many musical gifts with us!

## Worship on Sunday, Sept. 5

**Sanctuary Worship: 8:45 & 11 a.m.**

**Scripture** — Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 1; Luke 14:25-33

**Sermon** — “The Cost of Discipleship”

**Preaching** — Rev. Regina Gideon

“Give away all your possessions.” “Carry your cross.” “Hate father, mother, wife, children and life.” These are the requisites for discipleship. Do you think we would get many people placing membership or getting baptized at First Conway if we put that in our brochure? On Sunday, we are going to take Jesus’ words seriously, and explore what he meant by them. Could it be that we’ve forgotten that discipleship has a cost?

**Good News Celebration: 9 a.m., Great Hall**

**Scripture** — Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Sermon** — “In the Potter’s Hands”

**Preaching** — Rev. J.J. Whitney

I appreciate the invitation from Pastor Charles and Pastor Regina to preach the message and celebrate communion at the Good News Service this Sunday. The Old Testament scripture lesson reminds us that God is the “potter” and we are the “clay” to be molded into God’s loving purpose. Yet, are we allowing ourselves to cooperate with what God had in mind for our lives? We will consider how we are using the gifts that God has given us and how we might empower others to do the same. We’ll also celebrate the many gifts of the one body of Christ as we break bread together at God’s holy table. Peace, J.J.

## Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010

- 8:00 A.M. First Service Singers warmup, 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 warmup, 202\*
- 11:00 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary\*

## Monday, Sept. 6, 2010

Office Closed for Labor Day

- 6:30 P.M. Sr. High GLEEkS, Bowen home

## Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010

- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Food Pantry (until noon), Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 A.M. Staff meeting, 216
- 6:00 P.M. Boy Scout District meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Jr. High GLEEkS, Coker home
- 6:00 P.M. Trustees, 124
- 7:00 P.M. Alzheimer’s Support Group, 216
- 7:00 P.M. Scouts, Pack 71 pack meeting, B13
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee meeting, 214

## Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

- 7:00 A.M. Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- Noon Witness Labelers, 107
- 3:00 P.M. Hang Time, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1110
- 3:00 P.M. Youth Gym Time, Great Hall
- 4:00 P.M. Elementary Chimes, 202
- 4:30 P.M. Junior High Bells, 202
- 4:30 P.M. One Accord Choir, 212
- 5:15 P.M. Intermediate Bells, 202
- 6:00 P.M. Practice in Chapel
- 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 P.M. 1, 2, 3 J.E.S.U.S. (7th-12th), 1109, 1110, 1112
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir, 202

## Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast Club, Lobby
- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Food Pantry (until noon), Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 P.M. Amazing Grace Café, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Praise Band practice, Great Hall

## Friday, Sept. 10, 2010

- 10:00 A.M. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 216
- 7:00 P.M. Ballroom Dancing, Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010

- 8:00 A.M. United Methodist Women district meeting, Mount Tabor UMC

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

## Willson Lecture at Hendrix College

Featuring Jeannette Walls, author of “The Glass Castle”  
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, Staples Auditorium, Hendrix  
No tickets or reservations required.  
Book signing following in Greene Chapel

## FACEBOOK!



Become a fan of Conway First United Methodist Church on Facebook. There are pages for the church in general; Youth Ministries; College Ministries; and the Early Childhood Center!

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