



THE WITNESS

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1610 PRINCE ST., CONWAY, ARKANSAS, 72034

Ingathering for Those Displaced by Tornadoes, Hurricanes and War

The United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) is sponsoring an ingathering of Hygiene Kits and Hygiene Kit items for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) during the summer months of June and July.

In addition to helping locally with hunger, the homeless and those in need, sometimes we also need to reach out to those beyond our neighborhoods to those suffering from disasters. This ingathering of Hygiene Kits comes at a time when many in our country have been displaced and have lost their homes to recent hurricanes and tornadoes. In addition to this, there are thousands who have been displaced by war, notably Ukrainians.

As a connectional church, we have the opportunity and obligation to reach out and help those in need. UMCOR states that these Hygiene Kits are “providing basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster.”

Listed below are the items in each hygiene kit. One kit costs around \$12 to buy and put together. If you like, pick one or two items and just bring those to the church and they will be added with other donated items to make up kits. Look for the marked containers in the church entrance areas where kits and kit items can be dropped off.

Hygiene Kit Materials

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb
Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
No pocket combs or picks
Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
No emery boards or metal nail files



- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
No Ivory or Jergen's soap
Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush
Do not remove from packaging
Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)
Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag



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Worship Times

In-person worship on Sundays:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Online worship: 9:30 a.m. Sundays

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conwayfirstumc](http://www.facebook.com/conwayfirstumc)

www.conwayfumc.org

UCA Wesley Group on Mission Trip in Memphis This Week!



For more information about UCA Wesley, visit:

www.facebook.com/UCAWesley/



Organ Recital Planned Sunday, June 5

Jason A. Saugey, will play an organ recital on Pentecost Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at First United Methodist Church in Conway.

The repertoire selection was inspired by the recollection of a nighttime outing in 1980 to view by candle light the shimmering 12th century frescos in the church of St. Ursula of Cologne in Idensen, Germany, and reminiscing how unrelated, seemingly random things can bring joy in the most unexpected ways.

The program includes works of J.S. Bach, Paul Hindemith, Petr Eben, Gustav Mahler, and Max Reger.

Jason is organist at Conway First United Methodist Church, and has been named as the new Director of Music and Worship Ministries at the church, beginning June 5.

This event is free and open to the public.

FUMC Summer Lunch Program: Volunteers Needed!

This summer, FUMC is partnering with the Faulkner County Library! Starting May 31st, FUMC will pack lack lunches every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and deliver these to the library.

The library staff will serve the meals as a part of their summer children's programming. You can be a part of this exciting ministry through meal prep, delivery, and/or donations.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FACAF29A31-summer

Music Opportunity for Families This Summer

We will offer a three-week "Family Chime Time" experience at FUMC this summer.

It will be on Wednesday, June 15, 22, and 29, from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The activity is open to all ages, from young families to grandparents, singles or groups. We will offer very basic beginning music learning. Chimes come in all sizes, so even the youngest can successfully play them.

We ask that you pre-register by June 10 by emailing Jason Saugey (jason@conwayfumc.org) or Linda Ball (lbball@conwayfumc.org) and tell us how many will be attending.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



CLASS OF 2022

First United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas



Rhea Bittle

Rhea Bittle is planning to go to the University of Arkansas Fort Smith, with plans to go into either Spanish or business.

Favorite memory: The Catacombs game at Assembly was really fun. Our small group convinced the fake guards that we were shepherds and a bunch of sheep, so we never got caught.



Ethan Zinser

Ethan Zinser will be attending the University of Central Arkansas and majoring in physics engineering.

Favorite memory: Attending MidYouth.



Sam Caplan

Sam Caplan will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, majoring in biochemistry, with a minor in Chinese and philosophy/ethics.

Favorite memory: I really enjoyed my first lock-in several years ago, in part because of all the welcoming and friendly people that make up the community here.



Kathleen Johnson

Kathleen Johnson is planning to attend the University of Arkansas.

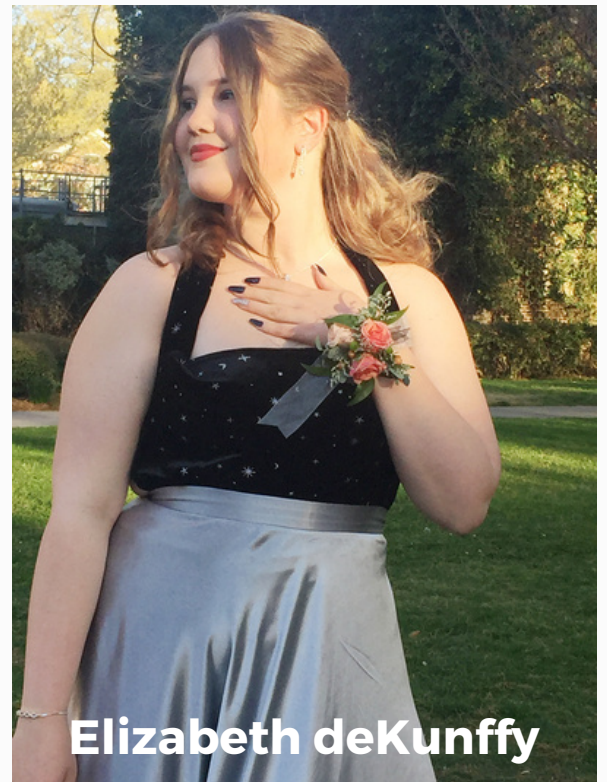
Favorite memory: Ozark Mission Project

Susannah DeBlack



Susannah DeBlack is planning to attend the University of Arkansas and major in business and hopes to have a career with a professional sports team.

Favorite memory: MidYouth Little Rock Mission trip.



Elizabeth deKunffy

Elizabeth deKunffy plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in psychology; she has interest in becoming a therapist. She intends to maintain her passions for music, drama, and cats in her hobbies, and promises to be only a phone call away any time any of you need advice or a sarcastic comment.

Favorite memory: Assembly 2018 (ask me about it! I love discussing it but also I will probably cry).



Brianna Elms

Brianna Elms plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in Social Work.

Favorite memory: My first (and only) Veritas right before Covid. I loved spending time with some of my best friends while getting closer to God.



Daniel Greeson

Daniel Greeson will be attending Oklahoma State University to study Animal Science.

Favorite memory: During confirmation Rod gave me a special rock that I still have.



Leah Grace Fimple

Leah Grace Fimple is planning to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in theatre.

Favorite memory: Wednesday nights.

Olivia Smittle will major in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at the Schedler Honors College at the University of Central Arkansas. She hopes to earn a Masters Degree and eventually teach English in South America.

Favorite memory: When Zach said, "Your calling is where the world's greatest need and your greatest passion collide."

Sydney Talley is heading to the University of Arkansas Honors College and will be majoring in Earth Science.

Favorite memory: The mission trips I have been attending since MidYouth! Those trips have taught me so much, and I learned a love for community service from experiences like OMP and mystery mission trips!



Olivia Smittle



Sydney Talley

**Rebecca
Boone**



Rebecca Boone will be attending Washington University and studying engineering.

Favorite memory: Going on youth trips, especially Reconnect.

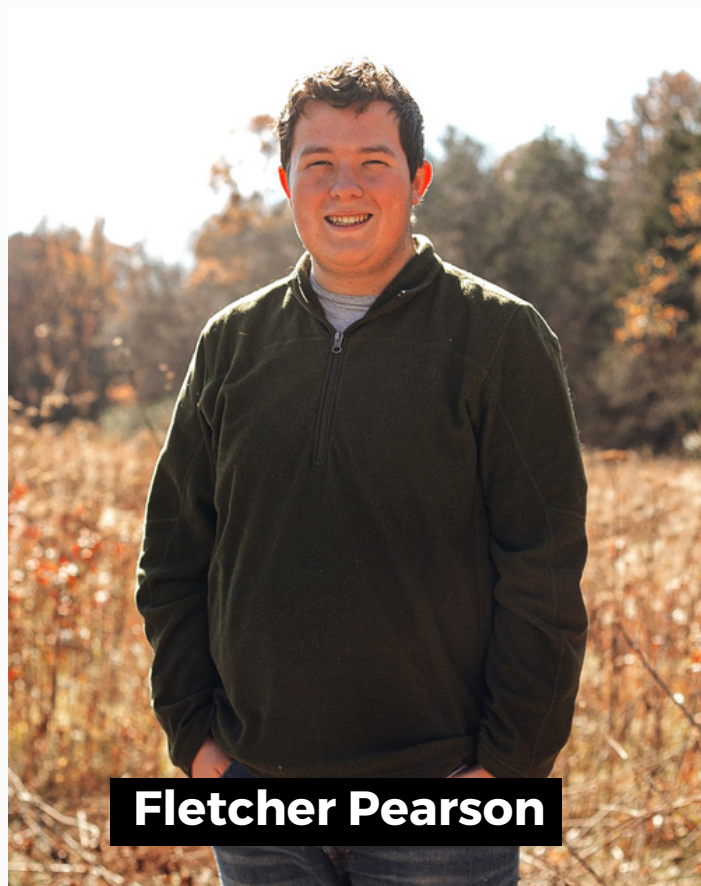
Fletcher Pearson plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in Civil Engineering.

Favorite memories: Ozark Mission Project and volunteering at the food pantry since 9th grade.

Elisabeth Bartholomew will be attending Oklahoma City University for a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting.

Favorite memory: I really enjoyed the restaurants and places we volunteered at during our mission trip to Houston.

Fletcher Pearson



**Elisabeth
Bartholomew**



Thank You to Our Phone Volunteers!



A dedicated group of women and men volunteer each week to answer the phones and welcome visitors to the church during office hours. A reception to say "thank you" to this group was held May 12. If you would like to join this stalwart group, or if you would like more information, please contact Cherry White at jerryandcherry@gmail.com or Jill Hankins in the church office at 501-329-3801. Three-hour shifts are available.



First United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Sunday, June 12 • 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment, visit arkbi.org
and enter sponsor keyword: L594 or call
Mrs. Susan Mulhearn at 501-551-6974.


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Commissioning of those
working in Congregational
Care Ministries

June 5, 2022

All three worship services:
8:30 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
9:05 a.m., Great Hall

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In memory of Greg Wren by: Tommy E. Hollowell

In honor of Zach & FUMC Seniors by: Bill & Cecilia Patterson
In honor of Layton Parks by: Jeffrey & Darla Embry
In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

FUMC F.U.N. (Find Ur Niche)

Are you looking to Find Ur Niche (FUN) here at Conway FUMC? Or do you already have a niche, hobby, interest, etc., that you would love to do in community?

Join us this summer as we gather around these common interests. These groups will be designed for you to drop in as you are able throughout the summer and are open to all ages. We've suggested some activities in our sign up form, but also hope that you might suggest others. We would appreciate your feedback in helping to create these opportunities.

For more information, contact
Kisha Bumpers at kbumpers@conwayfumc.org.

You may give us your feedback
by scanning the QR code.



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