



THE WITNESS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1610 PRINCE ST., CONWAY, ARKANSAS, 72034

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| 4:30 | Joyful Sound | | | | | |
| 4:45 | MidYouth Bells | | | | | |
| 5:00 | 4:30-5:20 pm | | | | | |
| 5:15 | Joyful Ringers | | | | | |
| 5:30 | MidYouth Choir | | | | | |
| 5:45 | 5:20-6:00 | | | | | |
| 6:00 | K-1 Choir | | | | | |
| 6:15 | 6:00-6:30 | | | | | |
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| 7:30 | Chancel Choir | | | | | |
| 7:45 | 7:00-8:30 pm | | | | | |
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Wednesday Night Schedule of Activities at Conway FUMC for the fall semester

Wonderful Wednesdays!

Plan now for Wonderful Wednesdays beginning Aug. 31 at First UMC!

There will be opportunities for fellowship, learning, worship and a meal for all ages. A catered meal and worship will anchor the wonder of gathering children, MidYouth, Youth, college students, and adults for music training, bible study, and community building for the whole congregation. Every part of our building will be utilized and we are planning for you and your guests. The schedule is printed above, but in case you prefer a list, here is what you can expect!

3:15 -- Youth gather in the Trinity Building for Hangtime

4:30 -- Music ensembles begin practices in the Music Suite

5:30 -- Dinner is served in Fellowship Hall followed by worship

6:30 -- Activities/Studies begin for Children, MidYouth, Youth & Adults

7:00 -- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 -- Wesley Foundation Worship starts in the Chapel

7:30 -- Age Level programs end

8:30 -- Chancel Choir dismisses

9:00 -- Wesley Worship dismisses

Childcare will be provided for dinner and evening activities. Pre-registration is encouraged and a donation of \$6 per person is suggested for dinner.

The list of adult offerings and registration information will be available in the E-Witness and weekly bulletins beginning Aug. 6. Menus will be published each week. Questions? Contact any member of the church staff for more information.

An Update from the Trustees



Each month in the Witness magazine, the Trustees Committee plans to give an update on all of the work being done around the church campus. For July, here is that update:

- Mold remediation has been professionally taken care of and tests have come back with an all clear. We are now working to put that section of the basement back together with an end goal of getting the children's program down to the basement again ... stay tuned.
- All of our AED machines have been updated and tested.
- Trustees is meeting with the maintenance staff throughout this summer to address some issues. Stay tuned as we bring you updates on those improvements.

If you would like to contact the Trustees with a "thumbs up" about the state of the church campus or if you see issues that need attention, please email fixit@conwayfumc.org. The chairman of the Trustees is Emily Walter and Pastor Dede is the staff representative on the committee.



Family Choir at FUMC

All ages welcome!

All abilities welcome!

**Wednesday, Aug. 3 and 10
6 to 6:45 in the Choir Room (Room
202 in the Sanctuary Building)**

Come to learn a new song or two, and sing some old favorites. We plan to share what we have learned at worship on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the 11 a.m. service – with a bit of help from the Chancel Choir.

Email Jason Saugey (jason@conwayfumc.org), or Linda Ball (lbball@conwayfumc.org) to register. Registration is helpful, but not necessary.

Adopt a Student Program Starts

Want to give a second family to students who are away from home for college?

Adopt a student for this school year to support them on their academic journey. You can support your student by inviting them to monthly meals at your home, inviting them to join you in church and just checking in on them.

If you would like to participate, sign up at <https://forms.gle/c31egNR2V5TP5hhh6> by September 11.

Contact Sarah Ross at ross.sarah23@gmail.com or Amy Shores at ashores@conwayfumc.org or 501-733-7870 with any questions.

Invitation to Join a Bereavement Meal or Bereavement Reception Team

We would love for you to join us in our ministry to our grieving church families. There are two opportunities to choose from: A Bereavement Meal Team or a Bereavement Reception Team. The meal teams have been in existence for years and are working well.

At the present time our biggest need is in the newly formed reception teams. The two reception teams will consist of four members each. The teams will alternate being responsible for simple receptions following funerals or memorial services held at our church. This team works closely with the chairperson of the Bereavement Meal Teams. This is not a large time commitment or a great deal of responsibility for any one person. The rewards are great, as Love Grows Here while we minister to our grieving families.

For more information, contact either Wanda Eason at (501) 730-1504 or Kisha Bumpers at (501) 329-3801.



Members of our C1Youth and MidYouth have been participating in mission work throughout the state this summer. The C1Youth groups (photos above) have gone on several Ozark Mission Project trips, where they worked with families that needed minor home repairs.

Conway FUMC also hosted an OMP camp this summer. Our MidYouth members (photo at left) are currently at C.A.M.P. (Central Arkansas Mission Project), learning about ways to help their neighbors in need.

In Honor & In Memory

In memory of Marion Baker by: Cathy & Tony Bozynsk, Jim & Suzanne Dunn, Paul & Patricia Thessing, Beth Moore Peatross, Robert & Myung Courtway

In memory of Veneta Jones by: Michael & Donna Harris

In memory of Dustin Lea by: G.P. Crowe

In memory of John & Liz Workman by: Vicki Crockett

In memory of Paul Giessen by: Sam & Carole Teague

In memory of Joe Guenter by: Sam & Carole Teague

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

In honor of Chris Spatz by: Robert & Judy Reising

Camping Trip Planned in September

Enjoy Camping? The Outdoor Committee is planning a camping trip Sept. 23-25 at Mount Eagle!

There is an RV park for those with campers and a tent campground for those who would rather rough it! Be on the lookout for further details.

Join the AV Team at Conway FUMC

The church plans to begin live-streaming our worship services soon. We would love to add more members to our audio-visual teams.

If you would like to participate in this important ministry area by operating the computer or camera in worship at 9:05 or 11 a.m., please contact Colleen Holt at cholt@conwayfumc.org

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Trivia Night Winners!

Congratulations to
team Better Than You
on their win at the
2022 edition of Trivia
Night at Conway
FUMC. Thank you to
all who attended and
those who organized
the evening!



Sunday Worship

In-person:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall
11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Online:

9:30 a.m. Sundays

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