



THE WITNESS

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

More than \$14,000 Raised for Summer Lunch Program!



A couple of weeks ago we began to spread the word that our plan to provide 150 lunches per week for children at the Faulkner County Library was not going to be enough. To better meet the need, we knew we had to adjust our goal upward to 300 lunches per week.

We asked for help....and you responded! We have been humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from this congregation and from our community!

Our goal was to raise \$12,000. As of June 20, the total raised was \$14,007.71.

These donations have come from individuals, businesses, and other church congregations. We cannot tell you how grateful we are for your generosity!

Contributions are being accepted at

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4R0/home>

You may also send a check to the church, attention Laura Bounds.

VBS JULY 17-20 5:30-8:00PM

Conway FUMC is having a family style VBS this summer! Your whole family is invited to join us July 17-20 from 5:30-8:00pm for dinner, singing, storytelling, crafts, science, mission, games, worship and more. We are asking you to sign up so that we can make plans for food and supplies. Please follow the QR code below to sign up.



A Goodbye Message from Janet

Dear Conway FUMC friends.
Greetings from Retirement!

I'm taking a moment from the frenzy of packing (I am about to leave for my annual England trip) to write my last article for the newsletter.

I couldn't think of leaving without expressing my deep and heartfelt "thank yous." It's "thank you" for my 29 years of work and worship with the most wonderful congregation. It's "thank you" for entrusting to me your worship, your ensembles, your children; for trusting me with your most sacred moments, for allowing me to guide you musically, and for your patience with some "outside the box" musical adventures.

It's "thank you" for welcoming me as a young, nervous, shy and homesick English girl - for nurturing me then and supporting me every step of the way. It's "thank you" for welcoming my parents as members of your extended family and for helping to raise our children; for giving me the flexibility to go home every summer, and even for an extended leave of absence when my mother was in hospice care.

It's "thank you" for an incredible send-off: for a wonderful concert and spectacular reception a couple of weeks ago; for your kind cards and expressions of love; for your moving tributes at the June 5 worship services and for the best hugs.



I shall never be able to adequately express what it has meant for me to work and worship with you for the last 29 years. There are many moments when I wonder what in the world I was thinking when I made the decision to retire, when this has been my life, my soul and passion for all these years. But I know it's time. It's time to step back and let someone new energize the music and worship ministries of FUMC and let this old Brit retire to her garden, piano, knitting and family. (Probably should have listed those in a different order!!)

I know you will extend to Jason the same kindness and grace that sustained me and I look forward to seeing (from a safe pew distance!) the many wonderful things that will happen under his leadership.

Thank you all, dear friends, and may God bless you and keep you.




C1Youth at Ozark Mission Project

Members of our C1Youth group joined with youth from around the state at a weeklong Ozark Mission Project camp in West Memphis recently.

OMP helps meet the needs of individuals and families in Arkansas through the completion of beautification and accessibility projects such as wheelchair ramps, painting, minor construction repair and yard work.

More members of our C1Youth group will be at camps the last week of June in other parts of the state, while youth from other parts of the state will come to Conway June 27-July 1 to work in our community. Conway FUMC will serve as the host church for this camp.

Please keep the campers and their adult leaders in your prayers this summer!



2022 FUMC

TRIVIA NIGHT

Exercise Your Brain

Raise Funds for Missions

Friday, July 15th
7:00-9:00pm
FUMC Great Hall

Register your team at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/d0pEb98cJS>

In Honor & In Memory

In memory of Marion Baker by: Linda Tyler, Conway Chamber of Commerce Family, Pam Wren, Jim & Carolyn Bruce, Jerry & Cherry White, Margaret Taverner, Carol Schedler, Jack & Liz Ann Case, John & Brenda Brownlee, Chris & Thea Spatz, Rebecca Mills, Richard Clark, Rick & Becky Rasnick, Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Larry & Hilda Malpica, Judy McKnight, Gene & Meredith Wilbourn, John & Betty Pickett, Chris & Kathy Cooper, Bill & Lyn Owens, Sally Sockwell, Sherry Owen, Nancy & Wayland Holyfield, Bob & Nancy Williams, Marilyn Dickie, Cliff & Maribeth Garrison, Fletch & Sherry Smith, Carol Ann McAdams

In memory of Jim Caudle by: The Workman Family

In memory of Jack & Doris Carrithers by: Rick & Becky Rasnick

In memory of Frankie Reynolds by: Connie Taylor, Reggie Ludwig

In honor of Janet Gingerich by: Pamela Woodard George, Pam Wren, Margaret Taverner, David & Pebble Sutherland, The Walls Family, The Davis Family, Bob & Nancy Williams

In honor of Pastor Michael & Pastor Dede Roberts by: Pam Wren, Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Wyatt Gregory Zion Wills by: Pam Wren

In honor of Mary Kay Dunaway by: UMW

In honor of Jason Saugey by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Mary Mitchell Circle by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Healing Prayer Team by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Prayer Shawl Ministry by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor Congregational Care Team by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Carole & Sam Teague by: Family of Marion Baker

In honor of Sharon Thompson by: Family of Marion Baker

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Texas Tech Trombone Choir to Perform at Conway FUMC

First United Methodist Church will present the Texas Tech University Trombone Choir in concert at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, in the Sanctuary.

On the evening's program are works by Frigyes Hidas, Darion Jackson, Steven Verhelst, and works composed by choir members Dominick Casadonte and Matthew Ramirez. The 12-member Trombone Choir is an ensemble of University music students and faculty, with James T. Decker as Music Director.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jason A. Saugey, director of music and worship ministries, by email, jason@conwayfumc.org.

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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