



THE WITNESS

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1610 PRINCE ST., CONWAY, ARKANSAS, 72034

Holy Week & Easter at FUMC

All are invited to join in the sacred liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

As we enter into the sacred mystery of our salvation, we will be experiencing with the crowds the triumphal entry of our Lord into the Holy City on Palm Sunday, and sitting at the table in the cenacle, on Maundy Thursday.

On Good Friday, we will participate at the institution of the Lord's Supper, see the establishment of the common priesthood and ministry as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, We will see him pray in the garden, betrayed and arrested, witness him tried and handed over to us from Pilate's pavement, watch as he stumbles and falls along the Sorrowful Way to the Skull Place, be present there with his Mother and the disciple he loved as our Jesus gives up his spirit on the gibbet of the cross, his side pierced with a lance. See him taken down, laid in a borrow tomb.

Then, on Easter Day, we will discover the empty tomb with women of faith, the first to share the news, and see at last our risen Jesus with our own eyes.

The services of Holy Week offer the context for our Easter joy, for through them, we enter most fully into the bitter passion of Jesus, and thus our Easter Alleluias may truly resound in all their glorious splendor.

Candy Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt!

We would love to have donations of candy to use at our upcoming Easter egg hunt on April 1 at Laurel Park.

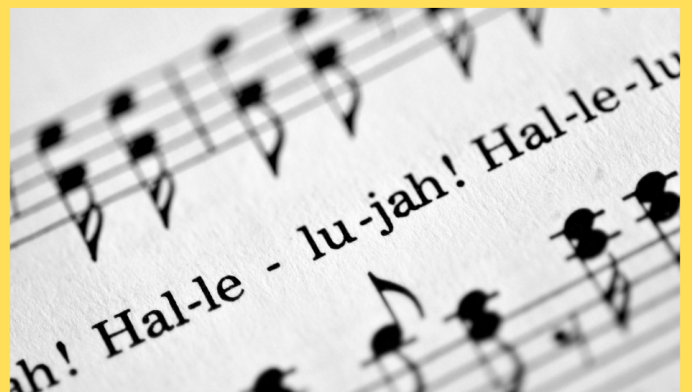
Candy collection bins will be in the Trinity Lobby and the Hospitality Area of the Sanctuary building. (No peanut or peanut butter candy).

Thank you!



Flowers for the Easter Cross!

We would love for you to bring flowers from home on Easter to place on the Easter cross in the Sanctuary and the Great Hall. Don't have any flowers? Don't worry! Extra blooms will be available at the church.



Sing 'Hallelujah' With the Choir

On Easter Day, join the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at 8:30 or 11 a.m. worship to sing Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus from *Messiah*. You may come to the balcony during the final hymn (music is available), or you may sing from your pew. All ages are welcome. The words are easy!

Holy Week & Easter Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Service of Holy Communion in all three worship services

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Ringers, First Service Singers

O Sacred Head — arr. Arnold Sherman

Hosanna to the Song of David — Alan Bullard

Stripping of the altar: What have we done? — Hal Hopson

9:05 a.m., Great Hall

Good News Celebration Praise Band

11 a.m. Sanctuary

Joyful Sound Choir, MidYouth Choir, Chancel Choir

Hosanna, blessed is he! — Katie Houts

Solus ad victimam — Kenneth Leighton

Stripping of the altar: There is a green hill — Bob Chilcott

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

A Litany — Sir William Walton

When I survey the wondrous cross — Bob Chilcott

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

6:30 p.m. Great Hall: Stations of the Cross

The Good News Celebration Praise Band

Were you there?

O Sacred head now wounded

Easter Day, April 9, 2023

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Joyful Sound Choir, MidYouth Choir, First Service Singers, Chancel Choir

Share the Easter joy — Patterson

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks — Herbert Howell

Hallelujah — George Frederick Handel

Toccata in F major, BWV 540 — J. S. Bach

9:05 a.m. Great Hall

The Good News Celebration Praise Band

"Rattle" -- arr. Elevation Worship

"Love Changes Everything" -- arr. Red Rock Worship

"This Fathomless Love" -- arr. Sovereign Grace Music

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

This joyous day, C. S. Lang

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks — Herbert Howell

Ave verum corpus — Marcel Dupré

Hallelujah — George Frederick Handel

Toccata in F major, BWV 540 — J. S. Bach



Rev. J.J. Whitney of Conway (photo at left) was one of several guest speakers at Veritas. (Photo courtesy of ARUMC.org)



Conway Youth Attend Veritas 2023

The C1Youth group from Conway First United Methodist Church sent a delegation of youth and adult chaperones to Veritas this past weekend. Veritas is a ministry of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries. The largest event of the ACCYM year with more than 1,500 youth and adults in attendance, the event concentrates on offering an incredible worship experience with nationally renowned speakers, bands, and specialized artists. Between worship sessions, Veritas

offers a variety of opportunities to connect in community with others through the Ministry Mart that is full of ministry opportunities. There is also a prayer room and learning workshops. AYCCM members from Conway who helped organize the event are Meredith Pearson and Abbey Schrick, and C1Youth Director Zach Schrick. A special part of the event included an anointing ceremony, where Conway's Sarah Mulhearn anointed the new bishop for the Arkansas Conference, Laura Merrill.



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In memory of Susan Sidebottom by: Michael & Donna Harris

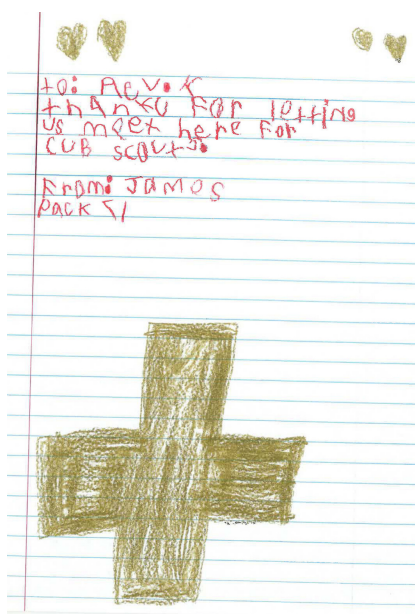
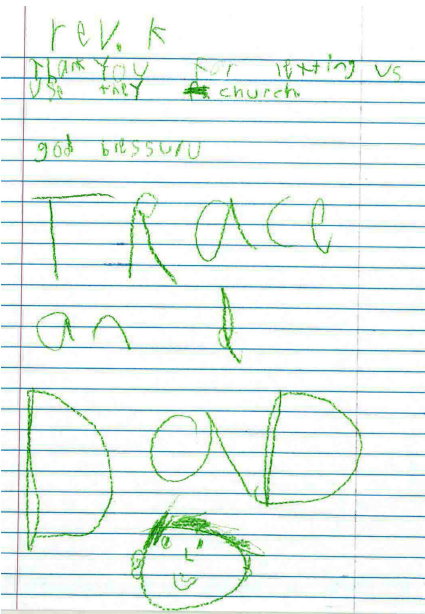
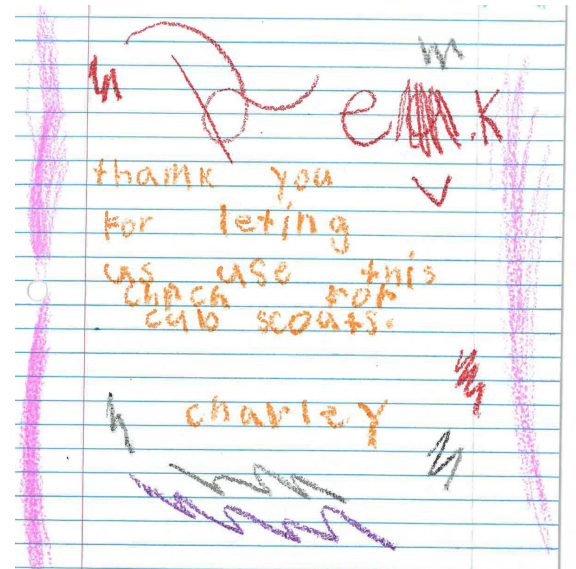
In memory of Joel Lane by: Nancy Williams

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

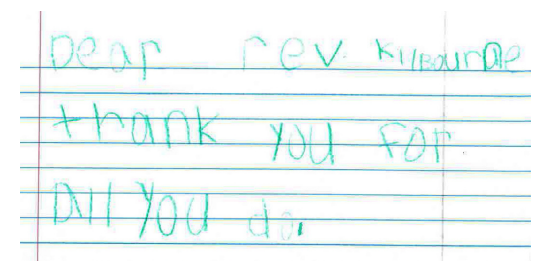
In honor of Bud Hines by: Libba, Beth, Scott & Ashton

In honor of FUMC Food Pantry Workers by: Men's Prayer Breakfast

In honor of Sam Teague by: Nancy Williams



Members of the Cub Scout Troop that meets at the church each week recently sent Pastor Nathan some awesome 'thank you' cards. He wanted to share those with you so you can see how much the use of our facility means to members of the community.



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Sarah Mulhearn Earns Methodist Scholarship



Sarah Mulhearn of Conway recently received the Nancy M. Wood Scholarship, given annually to an Arkansas United Methodist young woman who has demonstrated her commitment to her church and community. The award was presented by Mrs. Wood at the Good News Celebration service on Sunday, March 12.

Established in 2015, the scholarship is managed by The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. The goal is to encourage lifelong female lay service to the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Wood, a lifelong Methodist and former high school teacher, hopes scholarship winners will become strong lay leaders in United Methodist churches after completing their college education.

Sarah is a daughter of Dawson and Lori Mulhearn and a granddaughter of Nancy Mulhearn. She plans to attend Hendrix College.

Sunday Worship

In-person:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:05 and 11 a.m.
services are
livestreamed on
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