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A Worship Series

This series will help the congregation get to know the pastor, his family, and his faith. At the same time, this series seeks to help all of us better know ourselves and our faith. As we look at starting our ministry together, we begin with the Gospel of Matthew's account of how Jesus and the disciples began their ministry together.

August 23: I am loved! Matthew 3:13-17
August 30: I am called! Matthew 4:17-22
September 6: I am connected! Matthew 5:21-24
September 13: I am salty! Matthew 5:13-16
September 20: I am more! Matthew 5:41-48

August 30 | I am called! (Matthew 4:17-22)
We continue this Sunday with the idea that God has called you, each of you, all of you, not just by name, but to a special purpose. When you find and claim your own vocation – that which fulfills you and creates good in the world – you are freed from the bonds of what others may expect of you or claim for you. Discipleship comes in many, and sometimes unlikely, forms.

September 6 | I am connected! (Matthew 5:21-24)
Who you are cannot be fulfilled in isolation. You were made for relationship and for passing on the life and love given to you by God.

does living in right relationship with friend and stranger send reverberations into the world and into the future?

September 13 | I am salty! (Matthew 5:13-16)
Being loved, called, and connected are useless if you keep these gifts to yourself. Instead, Jesus reminds you that as the salt of the earth and the light of the world, you are to let his light shine through you from the hilltops for all to see and experience.

September 20 | I am more! (Matthew 5:41-48) Living fully into who you truly are produces such abundance that the fruits of the fields of your lives overflow. Offering this surplus with others is the command of God. But even more than that, scripture invites you to go beyond just what you have to offer, and also move into giving what you must strive to offer on behalf of love. How can you go the extra mile as a church?

GET YOUR MUG TODAY!

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Our altar flowers are always lovely. Recent altar flowers:

- **August 16: In honor of JoAnn Norman's birthday**
- **August 23: In honor of Alden Weeks' upcoming wedding**

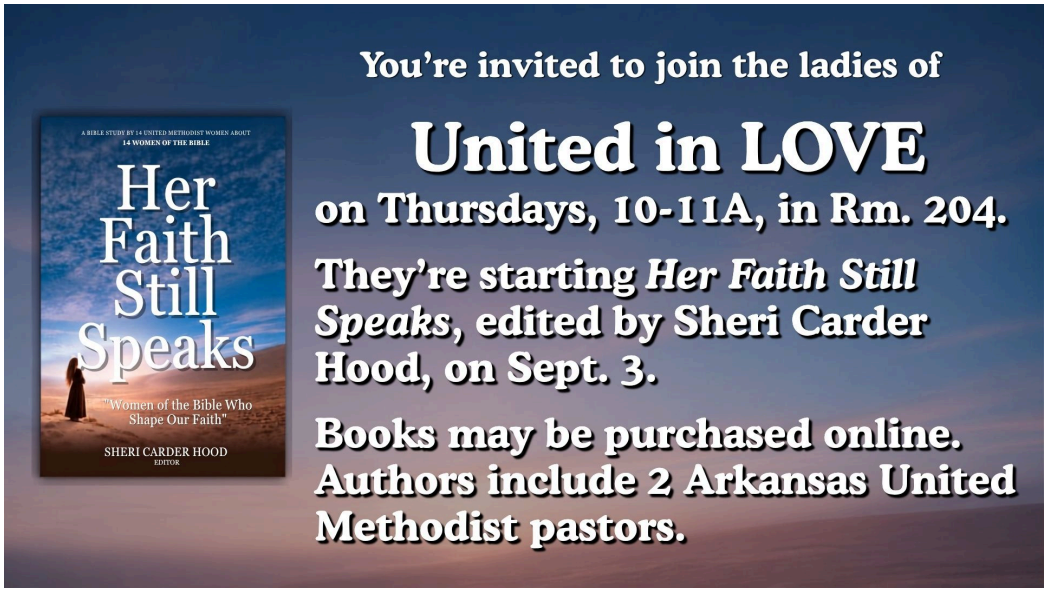
GIVE ONLINE

Click here to give online today!

OTHER NEWS:

YOUTH GATHERING
SUNDAYS
3:30-5 PM
FAITH - FELLOWSHIP - FUN
WE'RE BACK!
NEW TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
10:10 A.M. ON SUNDAYS
Cross & Flame, Room 204
Faith Builders, Morse Family Fellowship Hall
Faith in Training (youth/kids parents), Conference Room
Mrs. Harry Hill/Friendship Class, Room 203
WEEKDAY GROUPS
Prayer Group, Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.
Women of Joy, Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Morse Family Fellowship Hall
MidWeek Bible Study, Wednesdays (September-November & January-March) at 6 p.m., Morse Family Fellowship Hall
United in Love Women's Group, Thursdays at 10 a.m. in Room 204
United Women in Faith, 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 11:30 a.m. in the Morse Family Fellowship Hall
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP


You're invited to join the ladies of
United in LOVE
on Thursdays, 10-11A, in Rm. 204.
They're starting Her Faith Still Speaks, edited by Sheri Carder Hood, on Sept. 3.
Books may be purchased online. Authors include 2 Arkansas United Methodist pastors.
A BIBLE STUDY BY 14 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ABOUT 14 WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
Her Faith Still Speaks
"Women of the Bible Who Shape Our Faith"
SHERI CARDER HOOD
EDITOR

The MidWeek meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., with classes for all ages meeting from 6-7 p.m.

- **FOR THE ADULTS:** Pastor Jacob will be teaching ***Gospel Discipleship*** by Rev. Michelle Morris, senior pastor of FUMC Bentonville, as we begin our fall semester of MidWeek. This study will meet in the Morse Family Fellowship Hall.
    - If you plan to attend, mark your Connect Card in worship or contact the church office so we can order your book.
- **FOR THE YOUTH:** Long a fan of the work of Rachel Held Evans, Christi will be leading the youth in an exploration of selections from ***Braving the Truth: Essential Essays for Reckoning with an Reimagining Faith*** by Evans. Each week will feature time for our own questions as well as a little bit of lighthearted fun. This study will meet in Room 212.
    - For a generation finding its footing ***after*** evangelicalism, Rachel was among the most trusted Christian voices of her time. Stubborn in her hope, courageous in her questions and devoted to inclusivity, Rachel was a trailblazer, and her blog was a sanctuary to the millions who read her words. Her death to a sudden illness in 2019 invoked a global outpouring of her influence. The book was edited by Evans' friend (and *New York Times* bestselling author, Sarah Bessey.

- **FOR THE KIDS:** Our pre-K-5th graders will be together in Room 117. This year we'll spend our MidWeek time together asking some big questions about God. Each week, we'll read scripture together, wonder together, experience spiritual practices together, grow together and play together.
    - Each week, we'll begin with a question – some questions are about God, some are about Jesus, some are about the church and the Bible and some are about us as Jesus followers. Some questions have answers and some don't; some questions are simple and some are complex. As we learn from scripture and from our own wonder, we'll be reminded over and over again that we are all beloved children of God.

If you'd like to be added to our YOUTH GroupMe, call/text Christi at 501.860.5678!

*****FOR YOUTH & PARENTS*****

We don't currently have a GroupMe for KIDS' parents. If you're interested in us creating one, let Christi know.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **AUG. 30:** Registration for Refuge (6th-9th graders) opens!
- **SEPT. 9:** MidWeek resumes for all ages!
- **SEPT. 20:** 3rd Grade (and up) Bible Sunday
- **OCT. 4:** Community Pet Blessing
- **OCT. 28:** Block Party, 6-7:30 p.m.
  - Streets will close at 1:30 p.m. to traffic; setup begins at 2 p.m.
  - Closer to October, we'll begin sign-ups for our trunk or treats and will begin collecting candy and small prizes.
- **NOV. 6-8:** Refuge: Shepherd of the Ozarks (6th-9th Graders)
- **NOV. 13-14:** Bible Quest at Camp Tanako (3rd-5th Graders)
  - This opportunity for learning, fellowship and worship is a fun weekend for our 3rd-5th graders. They're invited into a path of learning more about their Bibles as they have fun around camp. There's a special pathway just for 5th graders that will give them a taste of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries. Registration will open soon.
- **NOV. 18:** Friendsgiving Potluck
- **FEB. 12-14:** Veritas in Fort Smith (6th-12th Graders)
- **JULY 11-14, 2027:** Youth 2027 (A nationwide United Methodist youth gathering that happens every 4 years; the 2027 event is in Dallas)
- **JULY 24-28, 2027:** Assembly (Current 6th-12th Graders) ***tentative date**

FUMC Jonesboro)! We have several styles of t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies, plus hats and even a blanket and a Christmas ornament.

This is your chance to take the church with you everywhere you go this summer (and beyond), and all proceeds benefit youth ministries here at FUMC Jonesboro.

Click here to visit our store.

Ashton Bryant
M.G. Ferguson-Myering
Paul Holmes
Nixon Holmes
Carolyn Hudgins
Iona Jones
William Kaloghirou
Jeff Landers
Jay Melton
Tommy Nesmith
Nathan Raviscioni
Will Roach
Farrah Senteney
Murl Sickbert
Simon Storer
Kenny Williams

*This list represents those for whom we have been notified.
Please call the church office (870.932.7479) to be added to the prayer list.
In your prayers please include all who are written upon our hearts.

COMMUNICATIONS PROCESS

We've created an online form for you to submit announcements, event details or articles for our church newsletter, ***The Messenger***. **Click here to visit the form now**.

Please note that all submissions are due by **Tuesday at noon** for publication in that week's newsletter and any submissions not received by Tuesday at noon will be held for the following week.

Submission does ***not*** guarantee inclusion; publication is at the discretion of staff; submissions may be edited for clarity, brevity and formatting.

Get in touch with us!

870.932.7479
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9A-4P; Friday 9A-Noon

Sunday Schedule:

9:15 a.m. Modern Worship in Wesley Hall
10:10 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m. Classic Worship in the Sanctuary

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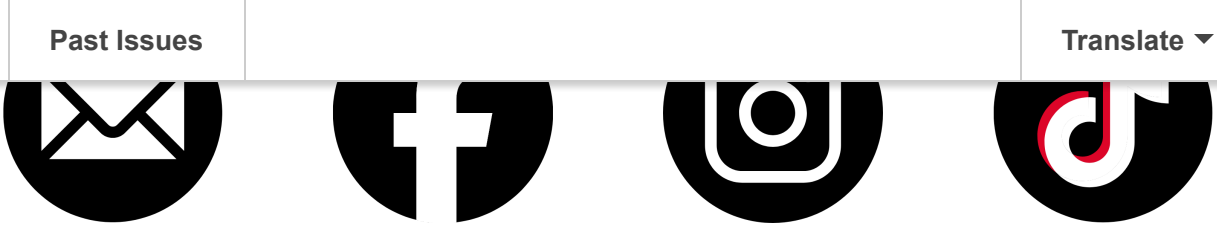

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