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PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

(and This Week in Worship):

Abide in God's Love

This Sunday we will hear the word “abide,” as used in the Gospel of John. The word most often translated as “abide” is the root word for home. The word means to make a home, to be present, and to remain through it all. Abide! While we are called to abide in God, please notice that the truly good news of the text is that God abides with us.

This call to abide is the foreword that leads into the key word of all of scripture, a word that we call the great commandment – the summary of it all, to love God and love others as a part of ourselves. To love God is to love “love,” for “God is love.” We know what this love looks like. It is patient and kind and does not insist on its own way. It grows as we abide, as we make our home in God. It grows as we encounter others and come to know that God is already there, making a home, cultivating the possibility of love, given and received.

This will be our focus this Sunday in worship. To prepare you are invited to read John 15:1-9.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Michael



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
All are welcome!

Mon., May 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Morse Family Fellowship Hall



Stock the Pantry

Help us stock the youth pantry!

Favorites:

Canned Sodas + Single Serving Snacks
 (chips, cookies, Fruit Roll-Ups, granola bars, gummies, Gushers, Rice Krispies treats, etc.)



OMP
 OZARK MISSION PROJECT
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SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Our church is providing a taco dinner at the Ozark Mission Project camp at Paragould FUMC on Monday, June 22. If you'd like to help, call the church office at 870.932.7479. We're building our team now!



STREAMLINED 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.



Need a Wardrobe Refresh?

Check out our church merch at United in Love (the official store of 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.](#)

Volunteers Needed

We need 6 people on Wednesdays May 27-Aug. 5 to help prepare/serve a meal at Fisher St. UMC.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; can be split into 2 shifts

You can help however often you want.
Call the church office (932-7479) to volunteer.

Medical Ministry

Our MEDICAL MINISTRY operates through the generosity of folks donated used medical items in clean/good condition. We are currently low on ROLLATORS, SHOWER CHAIRS & WHEELCHAIRS.



***Drop off in the church office,
Monday-Thursday, 9A-4P.

SAVE THE DATE:

Roberts

FAMILY FAREWELL
POTLUCK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

📍 5:30 P.M. | WESLEY HALL



*Bring your best casserole (or potlucky goodness) and be ready for lively fellowship as we bid farewell to Michael, Dede, Emma & Jacob.



*****VBS*****

JULY 8-10

Below are a few key elements:

- Intergenerational Potluck on Wednesday Night
- All-day VBS Experience on Thursday
- Parents Night Out on Friday
- SO. MUCH. FUN.
- Numerous opportunities to love and serve our youngest neighbors well!

Confirmation Classes



Sundays 10:10-10:50 a.m. | February-May

***We won't meet March 1 & 22, April 5 and May 10**

Classes are for current 5th & 6th graders and up.

Confirmation classes will conclude on May 17, and our Confirmation services will occur on May 31. If you have any questions or would like to help with Confirmation classes, call/text/email Christi at 501.860.5678 or christi.crawford@arumc.org.

- **May 17: Session 12: Inviting Others into God's Story**
- **May 24: NO CLASS (Memorial Day)**
- **May 31: Confirmation Service**



May

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Events + Activities

- **Mother's Day**
No Youth Sunday School
- **Confirmation Service**
During Worship Services
- **Ozark Mission Project**
Shoal Creek Camp - New Blaine
- **Annual Conference**
Hot Springs Convention Center
- **VBS**
*Pre-K4 through 5th Grade
- **Assembly @ Hendrix**
*Completed 6th-12th Grade
- **OMP 101 in Little Rock**
*Completed 4th-5th Grade
- **Youth Retreat**
*Completed 6th-12th Grade
- **Back to School**
 - Aug. 12: Jonesboro, Nettleton & Valley View
 - Aug. 13: Westside
 - Aug. 17: Brookland

EXTENDED FAMILY MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:

- **JUNE 7-12:** Ozark Mission Project: Shoal Creek Camp (6th-12th Graders)
 - **JUNE 15-17:** Annual Conference in Hot Springs
 - **JULY 20-24:** Assembly at Hendrix College (Current 6th-12th Graders)
 - **JULY 24-25:** CCYM Planning Retreat at Hendrix College (CCYM ONLY)
 - **JULY 26-29:** OMP 101, Little Rock (Current 4th & 5th Graders)
 - **JULY 31-AUGUST 2:** Youth Back to School Retreat at Ferncliff in Little Rock (Rising 6th-12 Graders & Recent Graduates)
 - **NOV. 6-8:** Refuge: Shepherd of the Ozarks (Current 5th-8th Graders)
 - **JULY 11-14, 2027:** Youth 2027 (A worldwide United Methodist youth gathering that happens every 4 years; the 2027 event is in Dallas)
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M.G. Ferguson-Myering

Allison Gentry

Paul Holmes

Iona Jones

William Kaloghirou

Jean McCain

Tommy Nesmith

Tommy Rankin

Nathan Raviscioni

Simon Storer

*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.

Get in touch with us!

870.932.7479

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

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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