

September 21,
2016

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Stuttgart, Arkansas



**Smoked Baby
Back Ribs
First umm**

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**Pick-up at FUMC Christian Life Center
between
2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
Saturday,
September 24th**

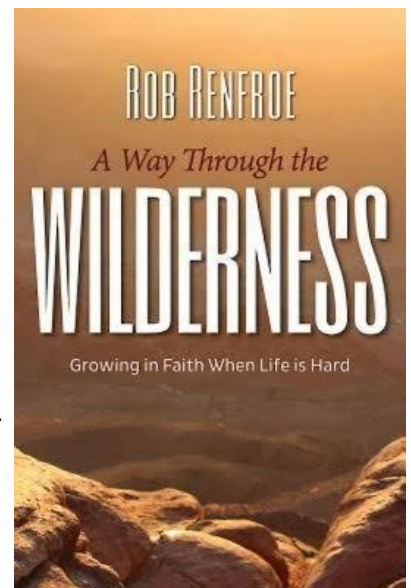
**Purchase a ticket from any 1st umm
member.**

*Proceeds go to benefit scholarships and other projects supported
by the First United Methodist Men*

A Place where Hands and Hearts Meet

The Monday morning bible study is underway. Twelve people attended the first class, Monday the 19th. This is a short term (6 week) bible study— *A Way Through the WILDERNESS* by the Rob Renfroe. The class is in session from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. each Monday! We are meeting in the Christian Life Center!!! It's not too late—COME JOIN US!

Discover how the wilderness can be a training ground that God uses to deepen our trust in him. At one time or another, everyone has a wilderness experience, a time when life is barren and difficult and we feel alone and desperate, not knowing where to turn. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a financial or health crisis, divorce, or some other painful experience, we see no end in sight and wonder how we can make it through another day.





ON THE ROAD
WITH BRO. DAVID



Amy Youngblood
Director of Music Ministries

This year is going by fast. This coming Sunday will be the last Sunday of the 3rd quarter of the year! God is blessing our church with new people joining, children & youth ministries picking up steam. Our new Monday morning bible class had to order 6 more books! Have you seen the choir loft when the Soul Sisters, Solid Ground hook up with our Chancel Choir! WOW! The new parking lot is almost complete! More people involved and going on mission trips. Some folks sharing that they are experiencing a call to go into a ministry. A New Up-To-Date-First Class Nursery is on tap for the future! This is exciting times @ FUMC! As your pastor I have watched us over the last 7 years close out each year very strong in financial victory as well. One thing I have learned over the years is that you can never out give God. As always we need a strong 4th quarter to meet all of our mission needs and goals.

Just like a great football team always closes the fourth quarter strong, I know First Family will close 2016 out strong... I encourage you to pray, pray, pray, invite, invite, invite others to join you in the celebration here @ FUMC! "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Joanie and I love to give to the work of Christ here @ FUMC. We realize it is not equal giving but equal sacrifice. What a joy it is to give, give, give to the work of Jesus in this world!

I am looking forward to seeing you this Sunday as we complete our sermon series on THE APOSTLES' CREED!

God is Good – All the Blessings!

David

PS – There is an envelope in this newsletter! I hope you pray about giving a second mile gift to God through FUMC. It would be great to give it to the budget or the new CLC! Better than mailing it in, bring it to church this Sunday! The Best is yet to be @ FIRST UMC!

A BIG THANK YOU TO... *The Chancel Choir and SOUL Sisters* for blessing us with the uplifting Offertory Anthem Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA INVITATION

CHRISTMAS IS A LITTLE LESS THAN 4 MONTHS AWAY! If you would like to join our adult choirs during this fun time of preparation, come to the choir room on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. You can get the rehearsal schedule then. The Cantata will be presented on December 11th at 10:15 a.m. Come join in the fun of Christmas music!

SOUL Sisters September Scheduled

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 p.m. – Women's Cantata rehearsal

CHANCEL CHOIR SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 p.m. – Women's Cantata rehearsal

SOLID GROUND SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 25

10:15 a.m. – *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

YOUTH HANDBELLS!

This Sunday, September 25th!

This year there will be 2 youth handbell groups. If you are interested in joining, please let Ms. Amy know!

Schedule

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. – Jubilee Ringers (grades 9-11) rehearsal in the Handbell Room

7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. – Group name to be determined (grades 7 & 8) rehearsal in the Handbell Room

GROWING IN GRACE OR GIG NEWS!

We are having a lot of fun Sunday night at GIG. It's not too late to come and join the fun! Below is the schedule. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Amy (870) 830-6466-cell.

Church Mice	5:30 – 5:50
Music Time/Upstairs <i>(infant – years and a parent)</i>	5:50
Snack Supper (optional)	
Mustard Seed Choir and Chimes	5:30 – 6:00
Play time in the Gym & Snack Supper <i>(Grades K-2)</i>	6:00 – 7:00
Choir/Chimes/Activities – Upstairs	
Covenant Singers and Ringers	6:00 – 7:00
Choir/Bells/Activities- Choir & Bell Room	

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
5:30 p.m. Church Mice
5:30 p.m. Growing in Grace (GIG)
7:00 p.m. Jr. High Handbells

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:00 p.m. Carillon Ringers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 p.m. Women's Cantata Rehearsal



WDCM
Jacob's Ladder
Pre-K Student of
the Week
Devin Eason

Devin is in the Pre-K class. She will be 4 in November! Her parents are Jake and Elizabeth Eason. Devin is our actress, she loves to pretend to be Elsa from "Frozen" and knows the words to every song. She is a very smart, funny, feisty girl, and we love her so much!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS—MONDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD @ 6:00 P.M.
IN THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
 We have shifted gears and are going to study *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst. You can order a book online from www.Cokesbury.com for \$9.95 or contact Misti Coker or Michele Kennedy.

In this six-session video Bible study, Lysa TerKeurst digs deep into God's Word to help you explore the roots of rejection, the way other relationships get tainted because of a past rejection, and the truth about what it looks like to live loved. With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa will take you on a visual journey in the Holy Land to some of the places where people of the Bible such as Hannah, David, and even Jesus lived and walked.



USED SHOE DRIVE

During the month of **September** we are collecting new & slightly used shoes for the

OZARK WATER projects.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING SHOES FOR THE **OZARK WATER**

projects

Containers for the shoe drive are placed in the church hallways.

**MONETARY GIFTS—PLEASE SEND TO:
 OZARK WATER PROJECTS, 10701 RIVERCREST DR.,
 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212**



Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for those listed and not listed, but who are in our hearts as they struggle with life's problems.

AT HOME: Gerry Daniels, Sylvia Gist, Martine Molock, Newt & Flossie Neighbors, Yvonne Kennedy, and Joy White.

NURSING HOMES: *Stuttgart Crestpark:* Virbell Carnahan, and Louise Yaeger.

Bella Vista Ret. Home: Carolyn Moore. *Highlands NLR:* Nelma Pelton.

IN HOSPITALS:

OTHERS: Rayanne Coker, Sandra Bush, Jennifer Deitrick, (daughter of Jan & Larry Chastain), Kathleen Elam, Mary Nina Fischer, Mike Hill, Heidi Denman Hogan, Stacey Homra, Grace Kelso, Carmelita King (aunt of Donna Lee), Baby Knox Knight (son of Andrea & Chris Knight, Tyler TX), Sharon Konecny, Deborah Jo Leech, Connor Levey (son of Mike Levey), Mark Phillips (brother-in-law of Ashley & Chad Coleman & son-in-law of Dot Flanagan), Margie Ragland, Harold Rogers, Lake-wood, CO (Brother of Judy Baser). April Calloway Stephens, Gary Sebree, Marolyn Speer, Marc Stringer (husband of Lauren Coker Stringer), Sarah Wilson (daughter of Cynthia Hines).

This is our Prayer List for September 2016. Please call the church office to update any information for our prayer list. Names may be extended by calling the church office after 30 days.*



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We're on the Web!
 www.stuttgartfumc.org

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
- 5:00 p.m. . Jubilee Ringers grds 9-11
- 5:30 p.m. . Church Mice
- 5:30 p.m. . GIG—Mustard Seed Choir
 & Chimes—Covenant
 Choir & Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. . 7th—8th grade UMY
- 6:00 p.m. . 9th—12th grade UMY
- 7:00 p.m. . Jr. Hi Ringers grds 7 & 8

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

- 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob's Ladder
- 10:00 a.m... Monday Morning Bible**
 **Study in the CLC**
- 5:30 p.m. . Finance Committee Meets
- 6:00 p.m. . KIDS Under Construction

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

- 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob's Ladder
- 6:00 p.m... Carillon Ringers Rehearsal**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

- 5:30 a.m... See You at the Pole-UMY
- 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob's Ladder
- 6:00 p.m... Women's Cantata Rhsl**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

- 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob's Ladder

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

- 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob's Ladder

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

- No events scheduled

RECENT MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- A gift in memory of Lucille Y. Franzen has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Travis Trice.
- A gift in memory of William S. Denman has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Travis Trice.
- A gift in memory of William S. Denman has been given by Mr. James Beck.
- A gift in memory of William S. Denman has been given by Mrs. Karen Carnahan.
- A gift in memory of William S. Denman has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Doepel.
- A gift in memory of William S. Denman has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Baden.
- A gift in memory of Wayne & Lucille Franzen has been given by Lida Holland Rich.
- A gift in memory of Natalie Newkirk Dickson has been given by Mrs. Judy Baser.
- A gift in memory of Stacey Ann Ragland has been given by Mrs. Judy Baser.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are ever striving to be a center of faith, study, growth, healing, and hope for the community by reaching out and receiving people as they are; helping them relate to God; and strengthening that relationship.



Come Worship With Us!