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**VUMC Weekly**

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Thursday, September 14, 2023, The Chimes Newsletter, Village United Methodist Church



**Be sure to check your email on  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for  
special information leading up to the  
September 24  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
at 10:30 a.m.**

**A Message from Pastor Chris**

Clearly the world has changed in this post-pandemic time, and that change has reached community groups, civic clubs, and church life. Many people chose not to return to organizational life in-person this past year, online participation increased, and overall volunteerism declined. For the Church, this creates a challenge given that we exist to carry the gospel message of Jesus to our community and world.

I have been greatly encouraged over the summer months as many of our church leaders have shared in an ongoing conversation about the evolving look of ministry at VUMC. Two words stand out in our current conversations: INNOVATE and ENGAGE.

How do we continue to innovate in a changing world...and how do we engage more people in meaningful ways?

As your Committee on Lay Leadership seeks to answer these questions and guide us into the coming year, some exciting ideas are coming to light:

First, we are expanding our N.O.W. model for ministry, and we are providing new ways to help you engage in active participation in VUMC's many ministries. You will receive a partnership survey in a few weeks with two parts: (1) your estimate of giving pledge for 2024, and (2) a simple volunteer survey inviting you to join us in a variety of ministries for 2024. Your responses will form a database for our lay ministries, and you will get specific information to engage in ministry activities.

Second, in all areas of ministry teams/activity, we will ask for only a 12-month commitment. A shorter-term commitment will be welcomed by all! Of course, you

may recommit for the following year if you desire. And **THIS IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH FOR TRAVELERS!**

Third, we have heard from many of you that multiple venues for communication would be appreciated. In addition to email, we are exploring texting apps designed for church life. We will utilize our website and the Chimes more and more to keep you informed. And we are looking into more effective ways for livestreaming. We want to communicate in the way that is most effective for YOU.

Innovate. Adapt and adjust. All while keeping the Main Thing the main thing.

Engage. We are committed to helping you answer your own call to be disciples.

The conversation continues, and I remain encouraged. God has a plan for us, and the people of VUMC will innovate and engage in that plan to point others to life in Jesus. Thanks be to God!

Chris

### **Scripture Text, Sermon Title and Music**



**9:00**

**God of Wonders  
God of This City  
What A Beautiful Name  
Come Just As You Are**

**11:00**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Blessed Assurance  
Close to Thee**

**Anthem: On Eagle’s Wings**



### **Have you signed up?**

**Planning a Legacy  
Workshop**

**Village Walk for Cancer  
Research**

**Jackson House**

**50th Anniversary Potluck  
with Former Pastors**

**OR**

**Provided Birthday Bags**

**CHECK ARTICLES IN THE  
CHIMES FOR DETAILS**

## Opportunities to Serve

There are more ways to serve than those listed below but take a look at the special ways listed this week. Serving once a month, every week, seasonal; just let us know where you would like to be in ministry at VUMC. Click on the link below to sign up.

The sign-up link is checked every few days for any new signups so prayerfully consider being part of one of these special ministries.



### [Jackson House Kitchen Ministry](#)

**CLICK ABOVE:** Jackson House Kitchen Ministry sign-up sheet.

3rd Monday each month from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Jackson House for helping during the lunch time. Sign up here or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the Opportunity Table.

[Chancel Choir members](#) for the 11:00 Service.

**Click above to sign up.**

The Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays beginning at 3:00p.m.

**The rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata "Come to the Manger" by Mark Hayes have begun.**

The Wednesday rehearsal schedule -

3:00 - 4:00: Sunday morning anthems

Currently 4:00 - 4:15: Cantata

**Come join for all anthems or just the Cantata.**

The Choir room is located in the upstairs area of the church building, East wing.

**The Good Vibrations Handbell Choir** rehearsals are on Thursdays at 3:15 p.m.

The Handbell room is located in the upstairs area of the church building, East wing.

Contact Stephen Edds at [Stephen@villageumc.net](mailto:Stephen@villageumc.net) or call the church office at

501-922-1030 to claim your spot.

### [Hallway Bulletin Board for Witness Team](#)

Click above to sign up. Needed for the Witness Team

### [Greeter for 11:00 Service](#)

Click above to sign up. *Put your smile to good use.*

Be a greeter in the Narthex before the 11:00 Worship Service

### [Candlelighter for 11:00 Service](#)

Click above to sign up. Sundays, 11:00 - 12:00

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## Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special, call the church office (501-922-1030) to reserve a Sunday. The cost is \$85.



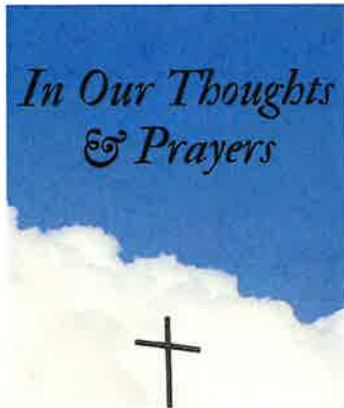
## Happy Birthday

9/15 Paul Cantwell  
9/15 Jim Furot  
9/16 Katheline Black  
9/16 Jackie Morris  
9/18 Deanna Pope  
9/18 Mary Szczepaniak  
9/19 Mary Hushaw  
9/19 Loraine Melcher  
9/12 Rick Perryman  
9/23 Barbara English  
9/24 Mike Fleming  
9/25 Sherry Evans



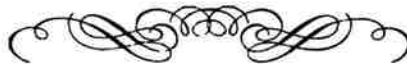
## Happy Anniversary

9/18 Madison & Deanna Pope



"Our hearts and sympathy are with the family of former villager Skippy Leek who died September 7 in Dumas, Arkansas. Skippy and his wife, Sandra, were regular attenders at VUMC during their Village years. Some will remember Skippy for his work tending the East Gate most days. We pray for God's comfort for Sandra and family."

The mailing address for Sandra Leek is  
P.O. Box 504, Gillett, AR 72055



Join us in lifting prayers for Tony Privatte and family in the death of his wife and our VUMC member Mary Sue Privatte. Mary Sue passed away Saturday morning, September 9. Her memorial service was held in our sanctuary this morning, Thursday, September 14. The service was livestreamed and is available to watch on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/hsvumc](http://www.facebook.com/hsvumc).

Notes of condolence may be sent to  
Tony Privatte, 4 Leganes Lane,  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.





## Planning a Legacy

**Thursday,  
September 28  
11:00 a.m.  
(includes a lunch)**

### Steel Hall

#### **Deadline to sign up: Noon, Tuesday Sept. 26**

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas has designed a new "Planning a Legacy" holistic estate planning seminar for our local churches. This complimentary seminar includes hearing information and receiving a binder of resources on basic information about wills, funeral and memorial services, end-of-life planning, and legacy gifts. The goal of the seminar is to inspire participants to take their next steps in their estate planning and to see it as a part of their legacy. For some that may be an initial trip to an attorney; for others it may be a follow-up appointment, sharing their funeral plans with a loved one, or adding their church to their will.

The seminar includes a Q&A time with an attorney.

Other United Methodist churches in the surrounding communities have been invited to join us for this special seminar.

**A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or call the church office (501) 922-1030.**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND! Sign up by Noon, Sept. 26**

#### **STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

During the September 24 one worship service at 10:30 a.m., a portion has been set aside for Staff Appreciation. You will hear snippets about each of our staff and try to guess which staff it is. **NEXT WEEK, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Sept. 18-20), you will receive daily emails from the church with a BABY**

**picture of a couple of our staff, till all staff BABY pictures have been sent.** We would like you to note which staff person you think the baby is. They will be noted as "Staff baby #1, Staff baby # 2, etc. The staff list will be included in each of the emails and some FUN FACTS about the babies pictured will be noted. Be on the lookout for the Monday - Wednesday emails and take a moment to figure out who is who.

**On September 24 it will all be REVEALED!**



**ONE  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**SEPTEMBER 24  
10:30 A.M.**



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## Radio Ministry

If you would like to sponsor the Radio Ministry in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, call the church office (501)-922-1030 to reserve a Sunday. The cost is \$75.

The sermon for Sunday, September 17, will be broadcast on the radio station KVRE 92.9 on September 24.

You can hear the sermon on the radio station at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm on Sundays. Reminder the sermon will be from the prior Sunday.

Use the LINK below to listen to the radio station anytime.

[Click this Link for KVRE 92.9 FM](#)

### Why Attend

To learn specific techniques of constructive communication and conflict resolution that will help you maintain, and often deepen, valued relationships.

The Golden Rule

**THIS MONDAY**  
**September 18**  
**1:00 pm**

### Who Should Attend

Anyone who wishes to:

- 1) have meaningful and/or difficult conversations with civility
- 2) maintain current relationships and gain new ones
- 3) curiously learn from, and about, others

The Arkansas Alliance of Braver Angels Seminar

"The Golden Rule: How to Live It"

For information contact David Childs at [dchilds@braverangels.org](mailto:dchilds@braverangels.org)



VUMC has an impressive history in charitable giving. The program in which our church has had the longest involvement is Jackson House, a crisis intervention center in Hot Springs. Since 1978, VUMC members have played significant roles in this important ministry. Longtime member, Leoma Tate, was a member of the founding board for Jackson House. She served on the board until she was in her 90's. At one point in time, three VUMC members were serving on the board at the same time—Leoma Tate, Marion DuBose, and Joe Pollard. Marion served as president of the board during his tenure. Joe served multiple years as treasurer during his sixteen years on the board. Currently, Rosetta DuBose is the president of the Jackson House board and Art Torpy is a board member. Many VUMC members have served this program in operational roles over the past 45 years.



August 24 - Count 39  
August 31 - Count 68  
September 7 - Count 101  
September 14 - Count 103



Amount raised for Cancer  
Research over \$4560

## THE WALK IS SEPTEMBER 30

**ARE YOU NEEDING TO REGISTER?** The cost is now \$40.  
We still have forms available at the church. Need help finding them or  
filling them out, check with the office (501-922-1030) or  
Joyce Barone this Sunday or next.

**YOU PROBABLY KNOW THE INFORMATION BUT IF NOT CHECK OUR  
WEBSITE FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM LAST WEEK.**

HERE IS THE LINK:

**[CLICK HERE for THE CHIMES from Last Week](#)**  
**(September 7, 2023)**

**TO THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED FOR  
"THE WALK"**

**Saturday, September 30**  
**Signing in begins at 7:30 a.m.**  
**Opening Ceremony 8:00 a.m.**  
**Balboa Pavilion**



**BLUE SHIRT:** If you have one of the blue 50th  
Anniversary shirts, please wear it for the Walk  
(or spectator participation). If you do not have a  
50th shirt, then any blue shirt would be great,  
showing you are part of the VUMC Team. If you forget to wear your blue,  
don't worry and just come be a part of this special morning.

**GROUP PICTURE UPDATE:** (Note from Lisa - I now have a grasp that The Walk  
goes towards a spillway and not the dam ... new discoveries on my end.)

Picture location will be the grassy area on the waterside of the pavilion.  
Just look for a lot of blue shirts.

**PRAYER BOOTH:** Our Prayer Booth will be there. As in the past, if you  
would like to share the name of a family member whom you would like to  
remember or whom you would like to lift survival praises, make a moment to  
stop by the booth for a moment and see Betty Gress and Joyce Barone,  
from our VUMC prayer team.

**INFO: PICK UP YOUR WALK T-SHIRT** September 25 or 26 (Mon or Tues)  
1-3 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church parking lot,  
**295 Balearic Road** (at Fresno Road).

The walking area is Balboa and Hernando Trails (5 miles).

Rain or Shine. Available will be free fruit, water, coffee, hot dogs and brats.  
You will need to get there early. Signing in begins at 7:30 a.m.



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**The 50th Anniversary Committee** wishes to thank all our church family and friends who registered for the Village Walk for Cancer Research. The count of registrations may have increased but we are aware of at least 102 have registered and we raised over \$4500!

**REMINDER:** Our goal was 50 for our 50th Anniversary, and we more than doubled that!

Most of us have been touched by the "C", whether family members, friends or ourselves and as we remember those who fought this hard battle and rejoice in those who fought and are in the survivor's circle, the 50th Anniversary Committee thank you for your amazing support of this worthy cause. Bless you all for everything that you have done.

**50th Anniversary Committee**  
**Bob Shoemaker, Chair**

## **50th Anniversary Celebration Former Pastor Appreciation Potluck Lunch**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Noon to 2:00PM  
Steel Hall**

**Join the celebration!**

**Make plans to attend the Village UMC Potluck Lunch on Sunday,  
October 8th from noon to 2:00PM in Steel Hall.**

**On that day, we will have only  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30am.**

**A sign-up sheet began last Sunday, September 10th,  
and it will be in the Narthex again this Sunday,  
giving us three Sundays left for signing up.**

**As part of continuing our 50th Anniversary Celebration,  
we will honor former Senior Pastors and Associate Pastors who have  
served Village UMC. Let's all show our appreciation for their service at  
this special Potluck Lunch.**

**The meat entrees of ham and turkey will be provided by the church so  
bring your favorite casserole dish, side dish, salad or dessert and  
enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family. Remember to label  
your dish and bring it to the kitchen on Sunday morning before the  
service. Church dinnerware will be used, so there is no need to bring  
your own. Coffee, tea and water will be served.**

**Mark Your Calendars Now!  
And don't forget to sign up to help with our preparation!**



## Enneagram and Me

*A few words of what The Enneagram Journey means to our congregational family.*

"Finding our true self is indeed a journey."

*Mary Szczepaniak*



### TWO WORDS

The July 23 sermon, Pastor Chris told of two words that change everything. Those words were "In Christ."

"The Bible in 50 Words" for our 50th Anniversary in ministry. Be looking weekly for a Bible story, a total of 25 stories, with just 2 words each. Here is the seventh story.

#### #7. Bush talked. Exodus 3: 2-4

Have you been following the Two Words?  
God made; Adam bit; Noah arked;  
Abraham split; Jacob fooled; Joseph ruled.



**Did you miss worshipping with us this past Sunday?**

Pastor Chris' message  
"Better Together"

**Watch online anytime!**  
**Click the LINK below.**

Click this LINK for the Contemporary Service.  
**LINK September 10, 2023,**  
**Contemporary Worship LINK**

Click this LINK for the Traditional Service.  
**LINK, September 10, 2023,**  
**Traditional Service LINK.**

During the message for September 10, Pastor Chris mentioned to venture back into the scriptures from the past few weeks to see where we are going .... read Matthew 16, 17 and maybe go a little farther to see how the story unfolds.

**INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WEBSITE: *Did you know that you can see the weekly calendar on our website? Did you know that the Chimes from July to current are archived on our website? CHECK IT OUT BY USING THESE LINKS.***

**WEEKLY CALENDAR & OTHER INFORMATION**

(The button for weekly calendar is on the HOME page.)

**ARCHIVED The Chimes NEWSLETTERS**

(The archive Chimes are found on the drop-down menu which shows NEWSLETTER.)

## Martha Circle of the United Women in Faith

The September 11 program during the monthly meeting of the Martha Circle was presented by Casey from the faith-based addiction recovery program Shalom Women's Recovery Center located in Hot Springs. Very informative, Casey explained how the court system is one of the main ways the women find out about Shalom, but there are situations where the women have heard about them and show up at their doorstep with just the clothes on their back. The facility holds 40 women and is full most of the time, with a waiting list for when there is available space. Shalom's goal is to just love them and to help give them a relationship with Jesus Christ, while giving them structure and consistency as they help them give up their drug addictions.



## Faith Fellowship, Fun and Food



**One of our Sunday Lunch Bunch Groups on September 10 at Granada Mexican Grill. A group of 12.**

**Pictured: In left booth, Lydia and Bobby Oswalt. At long table, center front then left side over to right side: Lisa Hester, J.R.DiMarzio, Ev Smyth, Rosetta DuBose, Mary Lea Butler, Ruth Hamm, Joy Winston, Judy Nutter, Ashley Nutter, Mary Hushaw. Not present: Jo Morrison, Trudy Penton and Sandra Fletcher.**

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## **BIRTHDAY BAGS NEEDED!**

This on-going, year-round, mission opportunity is still in need of Birthday Bags. The bags are part of a twice-a-month food pantry distribution at Faith Fellowship Church on Hwy. 7 and are handed out when a family has a child with a birthday in the near future.

**Each Birthday Bag should contain the following:**

**9x12 aluminum baking pan with lid,  
one box cakemix and container of frosting,  
birthday paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic forks,  
birthday candles AND  
a large birthday gift bag to put it all in.**

**Leave the Birthday Bags in the Narthex below the Opportunity Table.**

## **Some Dates to Remember**

**(check articles for more information):**

**September 18 - The Golden Rule, presented by  
The Arkansas Alliance of Braver Angels**

**September 18-20 - Daily emails with staff  
information**

**September 24 - ONE SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.  
Staff Appreciation Sunday**

**September 27 - Leadership Team Meeting**

**September 27 - Staff Luncheon**

**September 28 - Planning a Legacy  
presented by The Methodist Foundation of AR  
(Sign up early as lunch is provided)**

**September 30 - Walk for Cancer Research**

**October 1 - World Communion Sunday  
Special Giving Sunday**

**October 8 - ONE SERVICE at 10:30 am with  
Potluck Luncheon. Former Pastors & Associate  
Pastors will be here.**

**October 15 - Pledge Commitment Sunday**

**October 20 - Deals on Wheels**



CLICK [LINK](#) BELOW to see the VUMC Weekly Calendar  
[September 17 - 24 LINK Weekly Calendar](#)

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## 2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

*\*denotes Chairperson*

### Class of 2023

Linda Black (*\*Witness*)  
Gary Buettner (*\*Trustee*)  
John Whitwell (*L.T. Chair*)  
Connie Shoemaker (*\*SPRC*)

### Class of 2024

Debbie Perryman (*SPRC*)  
Joe Pollard (*\*Finance*)  
Duane Heckelsberg (*Trustee*)  
Gary Mouton (*Trustee*)

### Class of 2025

Rosetta DuBose (*\*Outreach*)  
Genell Harris (*SPRC*)  
Slade Strickland (*Trustee*)  
Mary Hushaw (*\*Nurture*)

*Also with vote:* Glenn Wortham – *Lay Leader/Lay Member to Annual Conference*  
Rick Perryman – *United Methodist Men*  
Betty Weetman – *United Women of Faith (SPRC)*

*Without vote: Senior Pastor, Financial Manager/Treasurer, Recording Secretary*

**CURRENT COMMITTEES:** Committee on Lay Leadership; Nurture; Outreach; Witness; and Scholarship.

Rev. Chris Hemund,  
Senior Pastor  
Rev. Regina Turner,  
Associate Pastor  
Lee Ann Branch,  
Community Life  
Mary Anne Settle,  
Spiritual Director

Bettie Land,  
Administrative Secretary  
Lisa Hester, Communications  
Nikki Saltmarsh, Finance  
Stephen Edds, Music Director  
Lisa Hester, Accompanist  
Houston Pierce, Audio/Video  
Katie Goodwin, Custodian

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
9:00 PRAISE SERVICE  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 TRADITIONAL  
SERVICE

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