
VUMC Weekly

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Thursday, December 14, 2023, The Chimes Newsletter, Village UMC - HSV

**From Pastor Chris**

The countdown has begun as we find ourselves just over a week away from Christmas Day! It is a holy season, and one I hope will prove a blessing in your spiritual journey again this year.

Sunday we will enjoy the "Lessons and Carols" at 9:00, and the choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Come to the Manger", at 11:00. Both services are favorites of mine, and I trust for you as well.

On Thursday, December 21, at 3:00, we will host our annual Service of Light, sometimes called the Longest Night Service. This service is designed for those who experience grief and sorrow in a variety of ways during this time of year. While this might be the most wonderful time of year for some, we recognize that for many in our community it is anything but. The heartache of loss, the grieving of broken relationships, ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone. All are welcome to this service.

Christmas Eve is the following Sunday, and we will have two services, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Both will be traditional communion and candlelight with a few subtle differences between morning and evening. If you are in the village, come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!

No matter where this season takes you, we pray for God's joyous peace in your life.

Finally, as we draw 2023 to a close, I am grateful that we are ending the year with a solid healthy financial status, and we have met our projected need for 2024 planning. The 2024 budget – coming in at \$633,062 – was approved last week following the news that pledges and non-pledged income balanced our projected budgetary need for 2024. Thank you for your generous support!

Chris

The week leading up to Christmas
at Village United Methodist Church



December 17
Contemporary
Worship Service
9:00am

Our Praise Team
presents
Lessons
and Carols

Angels We Have Heard on High
He Shall Reign Forevermore
Light of the World
All Is Well
Mary, Did You Know?

One Small Child
Away in a Manger
Come and Worship
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Singers: Linda Black, Sandra Jones, Stephen Edds (guitar); & Lisa Hester (keyboard)
Narrator: Rev. Regina Turner



December 17
Traditional Worship Service
11:00 a.m.

The Nativity of Jesus
Away in a Manger
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Midnight Noel

The Chancel Choir presents
"Come To The Manger"
Arranged by: Mark Hayes
Narrator: Rev. Chris Hemund

The Visit of the Wise Men
What Can I Give Him?
The Coventry Carol
Christmas in a Manger

December 20, Wednesday Advent Service, at 5:00 p.m.
at Village United Methodist Church

A Service of Light and Hope

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21
3:00 p.m.

Village United Methodist
Church Sanctuary



Join us for a candlelight service for all those
dealing with grief and loss this Christmas Season.

Christmas Eve Services December 24

Christmas Eve Morning
One Service at 11:00 a.m.
and

Christmas Eve Evening
One Service at 5:00 p.m.

Both the morning and the
evening service will include the
lighting of candles and
celebration of Holy Communion.

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20



Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Silent Night, Holy Night
Joy to the World



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this Sunday are given
by Glenn Wortham in celebration of
his 83rd birthday (12/18) and in loving
remembrance of Susan on their
anniversary (53 years, 12/19).



KVRE.com

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, December 17, will be broadcast on the radio station KVRE 92.9 on December 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](#)

IT'S COMING in 2024!

Connecting, equipping, and
engaging more people in service
and mission as the Hands and
Feet of Christ...

More details coming soon!



In His Service

Serving in ministry as the Hands and Feet of Christ



**Stop by the Opportunity Center
on Sunday to see if any
new ministries have been added.**

**Sign up to help at 2:00 on Tuesdays for
Great Futures - Faith Kids
(you are needed a little earlier).**

The January sheet will be available on Sunday.

Sign up to help at Jackson House.

*****Please read to the end of The Chimes as there is
important information referencing a mission trip
opportunity to UMCOR/Sager Brown.**

Find it after the "Two Words" article.



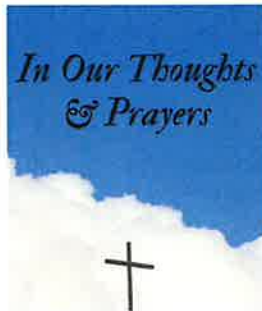
Happy Birthday

12/14 Nancy Long
12/17 Eileen Olson
12/17 Debbie Scott
12/18 Glenn Wortham
12/19 Carolyn Barnes
12/20 Lisa Hester
12/20 Connie Thomason
12/22 Diane McClendon
12/24 Phyllis Hodapp
12/28 Gary Kistler
12/29 Lamar Cowger
12/29 John Shrock
12/29 Maxine Wyatt
12/31 Jay Law



Happy Anniversary

12/22 Ken Harris
and Karen Youngblood
12/23 Dick & Sue Mayer
12/26 Jim & Jackie Morris
12/29 Major & Mary Davis
12/29 Art & Susan Torpy



Our prayers go out to VUMC members Mike and Suzie Reed in the recent death of their daughter, Debbie, in Oklahoma.

Notes of condolence may be sent to:
Mike and Suzie Reed
10 Jumilla Lane
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Our prayers go out to our Financial Manager, Nikki Saltmarsh, in the death of her father, Dr. Bob Hartsell. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 3:00 pm at Barcelona Road Baptist Church, here on the Village.

Memorials may be made to:
Ouachita Baptist University
410 Ouachita St.
Box 3754
Arkadelphia AR 71998

L. W. and Mable Helms Hartsell Scholarship fund 286-3281.

Did You Know?



The first computer used in the operation of VUMC was purchased in 1989, a Northgate Computer System. Its main program was designed to keep track of membership, attendance, finances, and weekly offerings.



If you have an older church directory, be sure to correct the mailing address for Katherline. Katheline Black
New Haven Assisted Living
2300 FM 3009
Schertz, TX 78154

ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
All 39 gifts have made it to our Angel Tree. Blessings and such an amazing bright spot will be delivered to these 13 "angels" next week. And they will receive some age-appropriate books from the Outreach Committee, Christmas blankets and you might even spot some popcorn cans in the picture.



Thank you to all who have provided this special need.



The handiwork of our Sew for Service team!

These amazing Christmas stockings will be going to our shut-ins. This group totals 39 stockings.

The left area in the picture is designated for 13 men and the remaining 26 for our women.

Sock & Trinket Tree

Did you see the video Pastor Chris' made about the Socks and Trinkets tree? It was on Facebook. The LINK is provided below. These items will go to children in kindergarten through 2nd grades at Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine schools. A reminder about "trinkets." They need to be items which are hand-sized or smaller, such as yo-yos, toy cars, nerf balls, etc. and no candy please. The teachers will use these "trinkets" to reward and encourage the children.



We will collect and divide them among the three schools and deliver them when classes resume in early January. Thank you for your participation and generosity in supporting this important mission.

[FACEBOOK LINK: Socks and Trinkets](#)

pictures of interest and happenings.

United Women in Faith

December 11, the United Women in Faith met for their end of the year General Meeting and Luncheon. The meeting was led by UWF Chairperson Betty Weetman and was one of her final responsibilities as she completed her term as chairperson. A special area of the meeting included the recognition of the "Five-Star Women" and the person each of these 5-Star Women recognize for being a guiding light in their life. The person recognized received the special UWF label pin, which are only available after the 5-Star person accomplishes the 5 requirements.

We had 8 Five-Star Women who met the requirements.

Those 8 Five-Star Women and their selected "guiding light" are: Jo Morrison selected Lee Ann Branch; LaVerne Briscoe selected Phyllis Titterington; Rosetta DuBose selected Ev Smyth; Virginia Misch selected Laurie Herman; Gwen Davis selected Grace Vincent; Wilma Gunn selected Rosalind Green; Lynn Harkleroad selected Mary Szezepaniak; and Betty Weetman selected Karen Johnson.

On January 28, 2024, the worship service will be led by the UWF. During this service, a special recognition pin will be given to a person in the church, woman or man, who has made a difference in the life of the church, whether through missions or other ways of helping the church.



Some of the 5-Star Women
and the persons they
recognized:
Wilma Gunn,
LaVerne Briscoe,
Mary Szezepaniak,
Rosetta DuBose,
Ev Smyth,
Phyllis Titterington,
Virginia Misch,
Laurie Herman,
Lee Ann Branch, and
Betty Weetman.
**See article for more
information.**



United Women in Faith
12/11 2023

Music and Shows in The Village

Location: The Woodlands Auditorium **

*Hot Springs Concert Band Christmas Concert - December 14 @ 7:00 p.m. Cost \$15 ***



**COME OUT OF
HIBERNATION**  **DONATE BLOOD
& SAVE LIVES
THIS WINTER!**

Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Village United Methodist Church &
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, January 9
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall, 200 Carmona Rd.

To schedule an appointment, call
Connie Shoemaker, Primary Blood Drive
Coordinator, at (501) 204-2530,
OBI at 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org.



Faith Fellowship, Fun and Food



Marilynn Tanner hosted the Christmas gathering for Shepherd Group 35. Marilynn collected baby pictures of everyone and had a game of trying to identify each. Shelly Cantwell was the winner with four correct responses. As is our custom, donations were collected for Heifer International.

This year we were able to purchase a water buffalo, pig, honeybees, chickens, fish, and kits for clean water. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship. In addition to the host, those attending were Shelly and Paul Cantwell, Judy and Ron Dale, Sherry and Bill Evans, Bobbie Fielden. Roxane Flock, J'Laine and Jim Fox, Mary Lynn and Joe Pollard, Gerrie and Richard Sanders, Bear Starr, Zach Taylor, Darlene and John Whitwell and Glenn Wortham.

Shepherd Group 31 had a delightful Christmas brunch on Saturday, December 9, at the home of Will and Brenda Tarno.

Great food and great fellowship! Those attending from left to right: Front row: Arlene Platz, Colleen & Jim Bland, Lydia Oswalt, Sharon Medica, Debrah Cole.

Second row: Duane Heckelsberg, Jim & Pat Faurot, Trent Cole, Brenda Tarno, Bobby Oswalt, Matt & Cheryl Pedigo, Cathey Kelley.





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

Watch online anytime!

Click this LINK for the Contemporary Service.

[LINK December 10, 2023, Contemporary Service.](#)

Click this LINK for the Traditional Service.

[LINK, December 10, Traditional Service.](#)

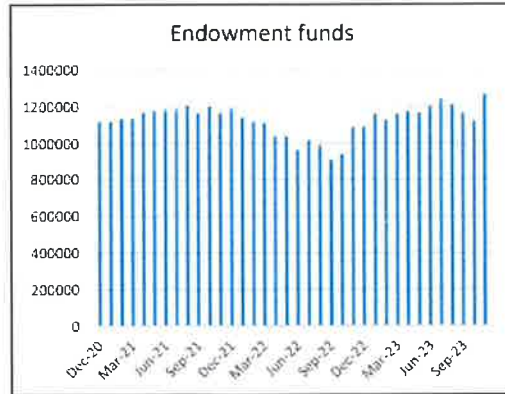
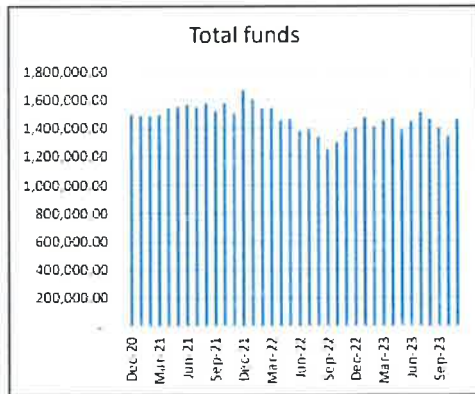
Click this LINK for the Wednesday Advent Service.

[LINK, Wednesday Advent Service, December 13](#)

**Last Sunday was the
2nd Sunday of Advent.**
Pastor Chris' message was titled.
"It's All About Who You Know"

**Village UMC Financial Report
Year to date as of November 30, 2023**

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund: (checking account)				
Receipts	\$ 50,645.92	\$ 51,344.56	\$ 557,230.12	\$ 568,013.21
Transfers for capital/Capital donations		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 83,549.58
Disbursements	\$ 46,589.58	\$ 54,082.62	\$ 538,860.18	\$ 548,227.74
Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ 43,719.23	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 150,818.81
Designated funds: (checking and savings account)				
Receipts		\$ 77,201.02		
Disbursements		\$ 70,265.90		
Checking and Savings Accounts Balance				\$ 46,295.24
Special funds:				
Arkansas Methodist Foundation Bldg/Prop Reserve Fund				\$ 31,929.60
Arkansas Methodist Foundation Endowment Fund				\$ 1,267,249.91
Arkansas Methodist Foundation Endowment Income Fund				\$ 13,950.62
Arkansas Methodist Foundation Galloway Bequest/Mobile Food Pantry				\$ 105,233.86
Total special funds				\$ 1,418,363.99



Detailed report available in church library.



TWO WORDS

The July 23 sermon, Pastor Chris told of two words that changed 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 nineteenth story.

#19 Jesus born. Luke 2: 6-7

Have you been following the Two Words?

**As we are in the Season of Advent and journeying to Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, this #19 will remain the story until Epiphany.
The final 6 stories in 2 words will return beginning January 4.**

God made; Adam bit; Noah arked; Abraham split; Jacob fooled; Joseph ruled; Bush talked; Pharaoh plagued; Sea divided; Tablets guided; Promised landed; Judges led; Saul freaked; David peeked; Kingdom divided; Prophets warned; People exiled; Hope rose.



UMCOR/Sager Brown Mission Trip for 2024

**Sunday, March 10 - Friday, March 15, 2024
Baldwin, Louisiana**

A group of volunteers is forming now to ensure that we can attend in March of next year on the above date.

The registration fee, lodging, and cost of meals must be sent to Sager Brown the first week of January.

Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer. You will have opportunities to check and assemble hygiene kits, volunteer in the community, or provide maintenance on the Sager Brown campus. An added bonus is meeting other Methodists from across the United States that volunteer on the same week. You will come to realize it is a special place as you go about doing the Lord's work.

The total cost to you is \$330 for the week which includes: 5 nights lodging, 13 meals (Sunday & Wednesday nights we are on our own). The registration fee is \$40 and is non-refundable. Therefore, the cost for the lodging and meals is \$290. If there is enough interest, a meeting will be set up to provide further information.

Please contact Glenn Wortham at 501-922-0924 or email to theworthams@suddenlink.net, if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

[Click this LINK to Sign up Online for the 2024 Pledge Card form AND the 2024 Time and Talents form.](#)



Some Dates to Remember

(check articles for more info):

**December 17 - Contemporary Lessons and Carols Service 9:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir Cantata during 11:00 a.m. Worship.**

December 20 - Wednesday Advent Services. 5:00 p.m.

December 21 - Longest Night Service 3:00 p.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve (Morning 11:00 a.m. and Evening 5:00 p.m.)

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

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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