

# Newsletter

First United Methodist Church , 608 South Grandview, DeWitt, Arkansas 72042  
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**August 2019**



## Church Potluck Luncheon



**Sunday, August 11  
11:30 am**

Meat and bread Provided by the August social committee. Please bring a side, salad or dessert.



Fourth Annual Prayer Walk  
Sunday, August 11  
DeWitt High School Gymnasium  
7:00 pm

We are proudly hosting the Keith Patterson Memorial Teachers Appreciation Luncheon again this year. It will be on Thursday, August 8 at 11:30 am. We are asking for volunteers to help with desserts. This year we are being more specific on our request in order to make sure we have enough and to make it easier for serving the same size pieces of cake for everyone.

If you are willing to help, please make a homemade rectangular cake. We have such good cooks in our congregation, we are proud to show off your skills!

We need them in the kitchen NO LATER than 9am on the day of the luncheon.

If you are willing to help, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer. Thank you so much!

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gunnell or Jill Bisswanger.



Preschool Parents Meeting  
August 26th at 6:00 pm

Children's Visit Day  
August 29th  
9:00 am—12:00 pm and 1:00—2:00 pm

First Day of Preschool  
September 3rd from 8:00 - 11:00 am

### Social Activity Committee

#### Chris & Kortney Counce

Lowell & Norma Jean Counce, Duane Long,  
Bob & Jill Bisswanger, Bud & Courtney Bisswanger,  
Dan Eldridge, Jessie Relyea, Steve & Stephanie Bradley,  
Gary & Connie Hudson, Jess Essex

**OUR PRAYERS:** Dixie Alter, Edna Bennett, Kai Bimson, Corita Boyd, Sherry Boyd, Rufus T. Buie, Jr., Sammy Cotner, Norma Jean Counce, Sam DeBerry, Carla Dotson, George Dulin, Bytha Dulin, Bret Essex, Mavis Ferguson, Vida Gordon, Clarence & Dottie Gunnell, Eve Gvosdas, Claude Jenkins, Mark Jones, Paula Keffer, Michael Leyva, Chaunda Mannis, Larry Martineau, Kay Mitchell, Gary Morris, Jeff Moyer, Carol Ann Nolley, JoAlla Nutt, Gerry Perry, Johnny Purdy, Sonya Rieves, Belvia Rodgers, John Schallhorn, Cathy Shepherd, Brian Shook, Mary Ellen Span, Glenn & Barbara Stroh, Larry Thompson, Janet Vanderford, B. T. Wallace, Jack Williams



Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Wednesday, September 6  
6:00 am  
First United Methodist Church

### August Birthdays

Kay Eldridge (2) Bradley Rodgers, Clarence Gunnell (6) Brie Alter (8) Tara Gunnell (9) Cara Hudson Coleman (10) Susannah Pace (11) Mary Carr (12) Jacqueline Rader (13) Lisa Franks, Arden Lee Relyea (15) Warren Jennings, Jr., Mavis Ferguson (16) Sam DeBerry (17) Curt Bell (18) Dean Bell (19) Patrick Hudson (20) Larry Thompson, Stacy Carr (21) Sue Currie (22) Matt Stubblefield, John Neukam, Jack Fisher (25) Dale Bennett (26) Christine Beaton (27) Jake Rieves (28) Danita Cotten, Heath Holbert (31)

### Van Driver Needed

We are in need of volunteer van drivers to pick up the children on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to volunteer, please call or email the church office at 946-2328 or [fumcdewitt@centurytel.net](mailto:fumcdewitt@centurytel.net).  
Or get in touch with Mrs. Marj.

### Children's Choirs

Carol Choir, Pre-K - 2nd grade  
Tuesdays at 3:15 pm, starting on August 20

Festival Choir, 3rd -7th grade  
Wednesdays at 3:15 pm, starting August 21

A big thanks goes to the Loma Essex ministry for providing the food for VBS. We appreciate your generosity!

VBS Staff



**We'll be brief**  
**we need underwear.**

For men and boys in all sizes - boxers, briefs, boxer-briefs, t-shirts - if you wear it underneath, we need it.

We also need fleece blankets as well as board games, toys and puzzles for all ages.

Methodist FAMILY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Would you help?

- Contribute online at <https://www.MethodistFamily.org/Donate.html>
- Call Jamie at 501-906-4209 to donate over the phone
- Bring by donations to 1600 Aldersgate Rd., Suite 100, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205



**It's HOT!**  
**And we need deodorant.**

And toothpaste, hairbrushes - even fleece blankets and yoga mats!

Our supply closet at Methodist Family Health is **completely out** of these items for the kids in our care.

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FAMILY HEALTH FOUNDATION

If you would like to contribute, please bring these items to  
1600 Aldersgate Rd., Suite 100  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205



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Mrs. Marjorie M. Jenkins, Choir Director

## Children's Choir 2019 - 20

**Carol Choir - Tuesday, August 20**

**Festival Choir - Wednesday, August 21**

### Registration Form

**Carol Choir:** Grades Pre K - 2nd, Tuesdays: 3:15- 3:45 pm

**Festival Choir:** Grades 3rd - 7th, Wednesdays: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

**\*Please contact the School to grant Permission for Child to Ride on Church Van**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_

(w) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Food Needs/Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: (circle one)

DeWitt Elementary

DeWitt Middle School

Grade: \_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choir Adult Volunteer Helpers needed:

\_\_\_\_ Available during rehearsals

\_\_\_\_ Help with parties

\_\_\_\_ Drop off snacks

\_\_\_\_ Help with transportation/ride along

\_\_\_\_ Help with costumes

\_\_\_\_ Trip chaperone

\_\_\_\_ Help where needed

In case of emergency, notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## August Fellowship Calendar

<p><b>Sun, Aug 4:</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Bridal Shower honoring Meg Boyd</p> <p><b>Wed, Aug 7:</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir practice</p> <p><b>Thurs, Aug 8:</b> 11:30 am Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 5:00 pm DeWitt Public Schools Openhouse</p> <p><b>Sun, Aug 11:</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Back-to-School Potluck Luncheon 7:00 pm Prayer Walk—DeWitt High School</p> <p><b>Tues, Aug 13:</b> First Day of Public Schools</p> <p><b>Wed, Aug 14:</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir practice</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 18:</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Bridal Shower honoring Kristen Keller</p> <p><b>Tues, Aug 20:</b> 3:15 pm Carol Choir</p> <p><b>Wed, Aug 21:</b> 3:15 pm Festival Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir practice</p> <p><b>Sun, Aug 25:</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Bridal Shower honoring Amelia Alter</p> <p><b>Mon, Aug 26:</b> 6:00 pm Preschool Parent's Meeting</p> <p><b>Tues, Aug 27:</b> 3:15 pm Carol Choir practice</p> <p><b>Wed, Aug 28:</b> 3:15 pm Festival Choir practice 7:00 pm Chancel Choir practice</p> <p><b>Thurs, Aug 29:</b> 9:00 am—2:00 pm Rainbow Preschool Visit Day</p>
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### CHURCH STAFF

#### Bishop

*Rev. Gary E. Mueller*

#### Southeast District Superintendent

*Rev. Mark K. Norman*

#### Minister

*Rev. Tony Hill*

#### Choir Director & Organist

*Mrs. Marjorie M. Jenkins*

#### Pianist

*Mrs. Debbie M. Briggs*

#### Church Secretary

*Mrs. Sarah J. Storey*

#### Treasurer

*Mrs. Gena M. Jennings*

#### Buildings & Property

*Mr. Duane Long*

#### Webmaster & Photographer

*Mr. Jimmy Fly*

#### Childcare Attendant

*Ms. Leslie Rone*

#### Custodians

*Ms. Diane Fisher*

*Mr. Will Storey*

For your safety, carrying a handgun is prohibited in any of our church facilities.



## Blessing of the Backpacks



Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, August 11th. After Children's Moments, a special blessing will be offered for our children, parents, teachers, and schools for the upcoming year!



### **First United Methodist Church**

608 South Grandview Drive  
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#### **Our Mission:**

Jesus said, "Go, and make disciples of all nations..."

**Matthew 28: 18-20.**

**Founded 1868**