



# Newsletter

First United Methodist Church 608 South Grandview DeWitt, Arkansas 72042

January 2018



Our newest members who joined through Confirmation

Left to right: Jaxon Ward, Mackenzie Stroh, Tory Rodgers, Carson Mitchell, Makayla Counce



Maxee Stubblefield and Harlyn Padgett Singing *A Special Night* on December 17



Our Church will begin a weekly grief share support group on, January 22. Meetings will be held in the Parlor on Monday nights starting at 5:30 pm, sessions will be approximately 2 hours long with a light meal provided.

Anyone that is interested is encouraged to come. For more information, please contact the church office at 946-2328.

The Loma Essex ministry would like to thank the families of the First United Methodist Church for your support. We have had a blessed year thanks to you.

In Christ we serve

## **Chicken Noodle Luncheon Sunday, January 28**

**11:30 am**

Hosts: January Social Committee  
Donations benefit the Landscape Fund  
Carryout's available

## **Wesley Foundation Lunch**

Each year our church furnishes a meal to the UAM Wesley Foundation students. We are taking donations to provide their lunch on February 12. Please make checks payable to the church and designate for the Wesley Foundation lunch.

### Social Activity Committee

**CO-CHAIRS: Glenn Dale & Barbara Stroh and Steven & Suzanne Stroh**, Barbara Gunnell, Lonnie & Jane Stoddard, Kay Whitcomb, Charles & Belvia Rodgers, Jarrad & Angela Stroh, Cole & Brittany Briggs

**My Vow to God:** *I will be loyal to First United Methodist Church & uphold it by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service & my witness.*

**OUR PRAYERS:** Shane Adams, Barry Allen, E.K. Dillion, Bytha Dulin, Elvin Dupslaff, Jr., Terry Fuhrman, Eddie Griffie, Clarence & Dottie Gunnell, Cheryl Hornbeck, Lakelann Kimbrell, Michael Leyva, Larry Martineau, Kay Mitchell, Gary Morris, Jeff Moyer, Jo Morgan, Buddy Noble, Carol Ann Nolley, Ken Norwood, Glenda Patton, Tammy Pfaffenberger, Johnny Purdy, Sonya Rieves, John Schallhorn, Kathy Shadwick, Chip Stewart, Glenn & Barbara Stroh, B. T. Wallace, Jack Williams, Scotty Williams

**OUR PRESENCE:** December 31:   Worship: 70  
                                                      Sunday School: 17

*Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring  
Kasey McAlpin & Slade Patterson*

Sunday, January 28  
1:30 - 3:30 pm

First United Methodist Church  
DeWitt, Arkansas



The bride and groom are registered at:  
Dean's  
The Registry  
Target  
Bed, Bath, and Beyond

### January Birthdays

Steve Bradley, Vicki Whiting (4), Ava Grace Ward (6) Joyce Allen (7) Margie Rousseau, Dencie McIntosh (8), CW Simpson (9), John Alter (10), Marie Storey (12), Jimmy Boyd, Cathy Shepherd (13), Joyce Lepine (15), Dorothy Currie (16), Edna Bennett (17), Jane Stoddard, Joan Bullock (21), Cody Bullock (22), Stephanie Bradley, Andrea Perry (23), Tami Strain, Dixie Alter (24), John Briggs (25), Dale Davis (26), Bill Koen (29) Jake Essex (31)





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## 2018 Administrative Council

Administrative Council Chair: Jerry Rodgers  
Vice-Chair: Warren Jennings, Jr.  
Lay Leader (& Alternate Member of Annual Conf.): John Schallhorn  
Lay Member of Annual Conference: Jess V. Essex  
Recording Secretary: Tammy DeBerry

**Finance Committee:** Chair: Dean Bell  
Class of 2018 David Jessup  
Class of 2019 Park Eldridge  
Class of 2020 Brad Koen  
Stephanie Bradley Dean Bell Tabatha Rodgers  
Shane Fisher Cooper Essex Norma Jean Counce

Lay Leader: John Schallhorn Treasurer: Gena Jennings  
Admin. Council Chair: Jerry Rodgers PPRC Chair: Heath Holbert  
Trustee Comm. Chair: Christina Boyd Stewardship Chair: Gary Hudson  
Minister: Tony Hill

**Trustee Committee** 2018 Chair: Christina Boyd  
Class of 2018 Christina Boyd  
Class of 2019 Dale Davis  
Class of 2020 Whitney Neal  
David Bussey Sam DeBerry Duane Long  
Connie Essex Carl Crawley Chris Counce

**Property Committee** Chair: Duane Long  
Class of 2018 Matt Stubblefield  
Class of 2019 Chris Counce  
Class of 2020 Joe O'Dell  
John Neukam Will Storey Jimmy Boyd  
Craig Mannis John Schallhorn Gary Padgett

**Pastor Parish Relations Committee** DeWitt Chair: Heath Holbert  
Class of 2018 Robert Franks  
Class of 2019 T. Buie  
Class of 2020 Heath Holbert  
Tabatha Rodgers Cole Briggs Kelli Koen  
Linda Gunnell Charles Rodgers Bob Bisswanger  
St. Charles Chair: Sharon Young  
Lay Leader: John Schallhorn  
Lay Member of Annual Conference: Jess Essex/ Robert Patrick

**Evangelism Committee** Chair: Laura Essex  
Class of 2018 Ann Fly  
Class of 2019 Sarah Storey  
Class of 2020 Mike Merritt  
Carla O'Dell Marjorie Jenkins Robin Pattillo  
Rachel Mitchell Belvia Rodgers Lou Cree Schallhorn  
Minister: Tony Hill

**Mission Committee** Chair: Terri Patton  
Class of 2018 Jean Prange  
Class of 2019 Mark Michaelis  
Class of 2020 Mike Merritt  
Belvia Rodgers Marilyn Braswell Ann Fly  
Cheryl Hornbeck Terri Patton Jean Prange

**Parsonage Committee** Chair: Barbara Rodgers  
Belvia Rodgers Debbie Briggs Duane Long  
Marilyn Braswell Barbara Rodgers Barbara Hill  
Mark Michaelis Marjorie Jenkins

**Education Committee** Chair: Paige Patterson  
Class of 2018 Trisha Rawls  
Class of 2019 Paige Patterson  
Class of 2020 Diana Merritt  
Deena Fisher Meagan Padgett Whitney Neal  
Amy Neukam Brittany Briggs Carla Walton

**Worship Committee** Chair: Traci Davis  
Class of 2018 Carla Walton  
Class of 2019 Sarah Storey  
Class of 2020 Laura Essex  
Diana Merritt Marjorie Jenkins Kortney Counce  
Hannah Stubblefield Heath Holbert Traci Davis  
Ushers: Gary Padgett & Shan Rodgers  
Flowers: Tammy DeBerry & Marjorie Jenkins  
Acolyte Coordinator: Kortney Counce

**Membership Committee** Chair: Marilyn Braswell  
Class of 2018 Barbara Gunnell  
Class of 2019 Cooper Essex  
Class of 2020 Margaret Cazort  
Ida Marilyn Lindsey Sarah Storey Cathy Shepherd

**Stewardship Committee** Chair: Gary Hudson  
Stephanie Bradley Gary Hudson Dean Bell  
LouCree Schallhorn Robert Franks Cathy Shepherd

**Monthly Social Activity Committee**  
Tri-Coordinator: Amy Holbert, Carla O'Dell, & LouCree Schallhorn

**Landscape Committee** Shelia Patterson & Barbara Rodgers, co-chairs  
Marilyn Braswell Dottie Gunnell Shelia Patterson  
LouCree Schallhorn Joan Bullock Ann Fly  
Carla O'Dell Barbara Rodgers Glenn Dale Stroh

**Transportation Committee:** (church van maintenance)  
Robert Franks Lonnie Stoddard John Currie  
Matt Stubblefield Jason Rieves Craig Mannis

**Nomination Committee**  
Chair: Minister: Tony Hill  
Vice-Chair/Lay Leader: John Schallhorn  
Class of 2018 Cooper Essex  
Class of 2019 Sheila Patterson  
Class of 2020 Jerry Staton  
Park Eldridge Pat Rawls John Schallhorn  
Andrea Nutt Robert Franks Duane Long

**Members at Large**  
Class of 2018 Dottie Gunnell  
Class of 2019 Michelle Hollimon  
Class of 2020 Gail Pittman  
Jennifer Bussey  
Dale Bennett

Sunday School Superintendent: Sarah Storey  
Older Adult Coordinator—Mature Methodists Diana Merritt  
Communications: Stephanie Bradley  
Web Master-Photographer Jimmy Fly  
District Steward: John Schallhorn  
United Methodist Men Chris Counce  
Historian: Stephanie Bradley  
UMY Leader: Kortney Counce



**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*

**Youth Sponsors**  
*Kortney Counce*

**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*

**Fellowship Calendar**

**Mon, Jan 1:** Church office closed  
**Wed, Jan 3:** 6:00 am Men's Breakfast—  
McAdams Road Church  
**Thurs, Jan 4:** DeWitt Public Schools resume  
**Sun, Jan 7:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
**Sun, Jan 14:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

**Sun, Jan 21:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
**Wed, Jan 24:** 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
**Sun, Jan 28:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Chicken Noodle Luncheon  
1:30 pm Wedding Shower for  
Kasey McAlpin & Slade Patterson

**Sager Brown Mission Trip**

**Sunday, January 14—Friday, January 19**

Nineteen volunteers will travel to Baldwin, Louisiana for the Sager Brown Mission trip. We will have a dedication for the volunteers on Sunday, Jan. 7th during worship. Volunteers should have the remainder of their money turned in by January 9th.



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**Our Mission:**

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

**Matthew 28: 18-20.**

**Founded 1858**