

# Together

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**Please be in prayer** for our neighbors to the south, as they deal with widespread flooding. Arkansas Conference Disaster Response has received word that many cell phone towers in Baton Rouge are down, the [Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) office has been experiencing a power outage, and many staff have evacuated their homes or are stranded. Still, many of their experienced leaders and churches are kicking into gear as they are able.

**What can we do from Arkansas?**

PRAY for everyone affected by the floods, as well as for the first responders.

GIVE through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which directs 100% of what you give to the need you specify. In this case, visit <http://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects> and select "U.S. Disaster Response."

SUPPLY the disaster response workers by assembling cleaning buckets to send to Louisiana through our Conference Disaster Response Team. Instructions available at <http://www.umcor.org/.../Relief-S.../Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>.

WAIT. Do not self-deploy. Arkansas Conference Disaster Response will assemble and deploy teams when invited by their Louisiana Conference counterparts. For now, our best course of action is to stay out of the way.

Many Blessings,  
ARUMC Disaster Response Team  
disaster@arumc.org



## Way to go NLR FUMC!

On Sunday, August 7th, NLR FUMC was able to give hope and potentially life to 27 Arkansans as a result of our blood drive. Additionally, 5 donors donated their t-shirts to the Global Blood Fund, a charity whose mission is to make safe blood available in the world's poorest countries. Beyond collecting blood, this act of social awareness is an incredible life-saving gesture and a big reason for First United Methodist Church to be proud!

"Thank you and all of First United Methodist Church for all your support and the welcome extended to the Arkansas Blood Institute team. We could not have had a better partner to help us save local lives!" -Arkansas Blood Institute

OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2016			
	2016 YTD	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Operating Income</b>	235,240	200,750	211,595
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Apportionments</b>	25,876	22,083	14,407
<b>Programs</b>	6,996	7,500	8,812
<b>Staffing</b>	106,704	107,966	101,156
<b>Office &amp; Facilities</b>	69,927	63,085	54,327
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	209,503	200,633	178,702
<b>Net Income from Operations</b>	25,737	118	32,893
<b>Building Mortgage Fund Revenue</b>	5,769		9,520



WagPoint

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The Reverend Lynn Kilbourne

Sunday School 10:00



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## **from our Associate Pastor >>>**

While crossing the Atlantic on an ocean liner, F.B. Meyer was asked to address the first class passengers. At the captain's request he spoke on "Answered Prayer."

An agnostic who was present at the service was asked by his friends, "What did you think of Dr. Meyer's sermon?"

He answered, "I didn't believe a word of it."

That afternoon Meyer went to speak to the steerage passengers. Many of the listeners at his morning address went along, including the agnostic, who claimed he just wanted to hear "what the babbler had to say."

Before starting the service, the agnostic put two oranges in his pocket. On his way, he passed an elderly woman sitting in her deck chair fast asleep. Her hands were open. In the spirit of fun, the agnostic put the two oranges in her outstretched palms. After the meeting, he saw the old lady happily eating one of the pieces of fruit.

"You seem to be enjoying that orange," he remarked with a smile.

"Yes, sir," she replied, "My Father is very good to me."

"Your father? Surely your father can't be still alive!"

"Praise God," she replied, "He is very much alive."

"What do you mean?" pressed the agnostic.

She explained, "I'll tell you, sir. I have been seasick for days. I was asking God somehow to send me an orange. I suppose I fell asleep while I was praying.

When I awoke, I found He had not only sent me one orange but two!"



The agnostic then began to tell the old lady that it was he who brought the oranges and surely he was neither an answer for her prayer nor an instrument for God. She thanked God all the more as she felt that if He could use the agnostic, then He answered prayers with what ever is available. The agnostic was speechless. Later he was converted to Christ.

Yes, praying in God's will brings an answer and by whatever means.

## **...from our Minister of Youth and Families >>>**



**> Sunday, August 21, 2016** - Travs game. Need to be at the church by 4:15 or at the field by 4:30. Game starts at 6:00. Currently have Reilly, Aidan, Kami, and Dylan. Need 9 more workers and two adults! Please sign up and let me know! Thanks.

### **Other important info:**

- Summer invoices will be going out soon. If you would like to know your Travs balance or make any mission trip/assembly payments, please let me know.
- Pumpkins will be here on September 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm!!!!

Our UMY NextLevel Youth work the concessions stands at Dickey-Stephens Park to raise money for youth trips and events.

So, COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AT THESE UPCOMING TRAVS GAMES!

**Sunday, August 21 @ 6:10 pm**

**Sunday, August 28 @ 6:10 pm**

**Wednesday, August 31 @ 5:10 pm**

FYI, you can bring your church bulletin to Dickey-Stephens Park to Sunday games and your family (two adults and up to four kids 14 and under) will be admitted for only \$10!

## **...from our Minister of Children and Families >>>**



### **3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION IS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST IN BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES.**

We started a new series this Sunday!! It was Promotion Sunday, school began, football is near, and the Olympics are happening! What other series can be better than GAME CHANGER?! On God's team, life is better!! For the next 7 weeks, we will learn what it's like to be on God's team. With God as our coach, we will huddle up with Him and our teammates each Sunday at 10:00 to learn different plays (stories) from His play book that will help us on the field of LIFE. To make it more fun, kids can wear their "second favorite team" shirt or jersey!

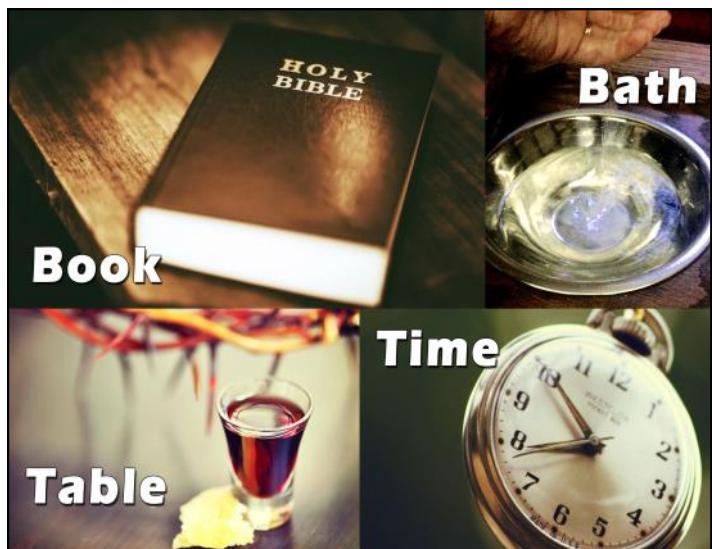


**Bible Boot Camp** is August 26th and 27th at Camp Tanako. The price is \$45 per kid and open to any child entering 3rd or 4th grades. We will be participating with other churches. I would like to know who all is interested in this event. Please call or email Laura Kent.

**Wednesday night activities** start back up on September 14th! Choir starts at 6:00 and Wacky Wednesday will take place from 6:30-7:30. Wacky Wednesday will sure be **WACKY!**



	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
Financial Assist	Bobby Davis & David Barnett	Steven Strode & Bobby Davis
Van Driver:	Tim Caley	Jim Bowling
WayPoint Ushers:	Jim and Terry Brush & Robbie and Heather Theodore	??

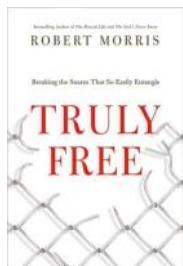


Join us as we continue our worship series with Pastor Lynn: "Book, Bath, Table, Time." Pastor Lynn's message on Sunday, August 21st will cover "Book."

As Christians, we are formed by scripture, baptism, communion, and the Christian year. We participate in these practices throughout our lives.

They never lose their value or relevancy, we never out-grow them, and they are concrete practices that reveal to us the grace of God, the understanding of ourselves as God's children and as members of the Body of Christ, the call to discipleship, and the right/holy ordering of our lives. In other words, they are lessons and reminders of who we are and whose we are.

Each week in "Book, Bath, Table, Time" we will address one of these four practices and how each is formational in the Christian faith.



"Demons - Are They Real Today?" If this question peaks your interest, please join Jo Roberts for a 6 week study based on Robert Morris's book Truly Free. It will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 till 7:30 for 6 weeks beginning September 13, no cost. Please call Jo at 993-2696 for more information or to join.



### Linda White Retirement Reception

Park Hill Christian Church has invited NLRFUMC to join them in an Ice Cream Retirement Reception for Linda White.

She served as the Program Director here at NLRFUMC for 14 years and is the mother of our NLRFUMC Children's Minister, Laura Kent.

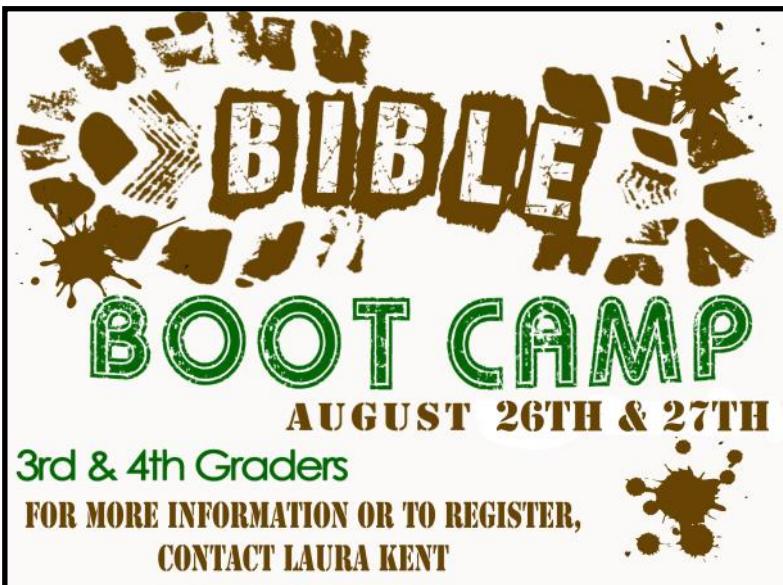
The reception will take place this Sunday, August 21st from 3:00-5:00 in the Family Life Center at Park Hill Christian Church.

There will be some speakers, singing, and of course some ice cream. All are welcome to attend and offer support to Linda during this special time in her life.

**Our Children's Enrichment Center (CEC)** is currently accepting applications for 2 paid internship positions. Interns must be at least 16 years of age, have an interest in learning about early childhood education, and willing to work Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. Males are encouraged to apply.



**We are currently looking to hire a part-time church nursery worker.  
If you're interested,  
please contact Laura Kent.**



**SAVE THE DATE!** The annual Bazaar and chili supper will take place on Friday, October 21 at 5:00 pm. This event is sponsored by our United Methodist Women and all proceeds go to benefit missions.

**Save the date!!** The Mission Team is sponsoring a trip to Sager-Brown Mission in Baldwin, Louisiana the week of May 7 - 13, 2017. Cost is approximately \$250. Please contact Jo Roberts at 993-2696 for more information.



# ...events for the weeks of August 21—September 4

## SUNDAY, August 21

9 & 11 Kid's Praise  
9:00 WayPoint Service\*  
10:00 Sunday School\*  
10:30 Argenta Service\*  
11:00 Sanctuary Service\*  
12:15 Trustees Committee Mtg.  
4:00 Finance Committee Mtg.  
5:00 UMY NextLevel

## MONDAY, August 22

4:00 Broadway Bridge Project  
7:00 Scout Meetings

## TUESDAY, August 23

9:30 Craft Group  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class

## WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:30 Quilters  
6:00 UMY NextLevel  
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal\*

## THURSDAY, August 25

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness  
7:00 FaithRingers Rehearsal\*

## FRIDAY, August 26

5:30 Bible Boot Camp

## SATURDAY, August 27

Children @ Bible Boot Camp  
9:00 CEC Training  
1:00 Solomon Baby Shower

## SUNDAY, August 28

9 & 11 Kid's Praise  
9:00 WayPoint Service\*  
10:00 Sunday School\*  
10:30 Argenta Service\*  
11:00 Sanctuary Service\*  
3:00 Eagle Scout Event  
5:00 UMY NextLevel

## MONDAY, August 29

**NEWSLETTER WEEK**  
7:00 Scout Meetings

## TUESDAY, August 30

9:30 Craft Group  
1:00 UMW Leadership Meeting  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class

## WEDNESDAY, August 31

9:00 Quilters  
6:00 UMY NextLevel  
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal\*

## THURSDAY, September 1

5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class  
7:00 FaithRingers Rehearsal\*

## SATURDAY, September 3

5:00 Brush & Finley Wedding

## SUNDAY, September 4

9 & 11 Family Worship  
9:00 WayPoint Service\*  
10:00 Sunday School\*  
10:30 Argenta Service\*  
11:00 Sanctuary Service\*  
5:00 UMY NextLevel

\*Denotes Childcare Provided

## **Let Us Pray >>>**

Please pray for all those who serve as caregivers to loved ones with long-term illnesses: may they have strength and courage and compassion for each day.



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