

# Together

North Little Rock  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Proclaiming Christ By Loving God and Serving God's People*

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## WAY TO GO CEC!

Our Children's Enrichment Center (CEC) received a First Place Reader's Choice Award from the North Little Rock Times for Best Daycare in Pulaski County!

Readers were asked to vote who is best among the businesses, people and places in Pulaski County and to help the North Little Rock Times recognize the people and businesses who provide their readers with the best services and products throughout the year.

CEC was voted One of the Best Daycares in 2016, but this year is the first year CEC has been voted first place. Readers Choice winners will be announced in a special section in the North Little Rock Times, Sherwood Voice, Jacksonville Patriot and Maumelle Monitor. In addition, all winners received a special Pulaski County Readers Choice winner's certificate.

A special thank you to NLR times and CEC's wonderful supporters for making this happen!

## COME CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT SUMMER SERMON SERIES!

*That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables. Matthew 13:1-3a.*

The lakeshore is a relaxing place to be. As we learn in scripture, it is also a place where Jesus shares some familiar stories: the parables of the sower/soil, the weeds, the treasure and the pearl, and the seed and the yeast.

***Come to the lakeshore with us June 18-July 9, in both services, to hear Jesus' stories and what they mean for our lives today.***



Contemporary Service 9:00

The Reverend Lynn Kilbourne

Sunday School 10:00



Argenta Service 10:30

The Reverend Will Choate

Sanctuary Service 11:00

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## from our Pastor >>>

### **What are Fathers Made Of?**

Years ago I read an article by Paul Harvey that goes like this: A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic. A father is a thing that growls when it feels good--and laughs very loud when it's scared half to death. A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be--and this worries him, sometimes. So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his children though he knows it's the teacher's fault. Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly

good enough so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's.

I don't know where fathers go when they die. But I've an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't be happy unless there's work to do. He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too, repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

This past Sunday was Father's day and we look to our fathers no matter our relationship with them and hope that we measure up, as well when we look towards our heavenly father, and pray that someday we will measure up to his standards, even though it is only through His Grace that attain our heavenly reward. May we one day pray: Abba Father....



Rev. Brent Higdem

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



Steven Carr

Summer is in full swing and we are preparing to start our summer Wed. schedule as we work at Bro. Paul's, plan for VBS, Mission Trip, and Assembly!! Hope everyone is doing well!!!!

As for now, here are some details for the next few weeks.

#### > **Sunday, June 25, 2017**

- Sunday Night Youth - "Growing in stature - Brotherly love"
- Games, food, fellowship
- Parents meeting/Final mission trip meeting - 6:30pm

#### > **Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30 >** VBS "Maker Fun Factory"

#### > **Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

- Bro. Pauls > Meet at the church at 8:30
- Afternoon activity - Fishing

### **Upcoming Events:**

- > June 30-July 8 - Summer Mission Trip (7th - 12th grade) to Denver, CO - Cost: \$250
- > July 24-28 - Assembly at Hendrix College (6th - 12th grade) - Cost \$135
- > August 4 or 5 - Bake at the Lake
- > Mid August - Schools back in session
- > September 24 - Pumpkins Arrive
- > October 25 - Harvest Party
- > November 3-5 - Fall Retreat
- > December 3 - Parent Appreciation Dinner
- > December 10 - Youth Christmas Party

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



Laura Kent

**VBS is next week!** Things are getting so exciting! We are still in need of toilet paper rolls and pool noodles (regular size). If you are able to bring some in, that would be great! Thank you to everyone who had brought in donations for VBS!

Decorating is taking place all this week. If you would like to help, swing on in!

Our Closing Assembly for VBS will be Friday night, June 30th at 6:00. Please come see what we have learned from VBS! We would love to share it with you!

### **Splash Zone**

is July 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm.

RSVPs are due by July 19th!

There is a limit of space! We invited Lakewood UMC to share this event with us. It allows for great fellowship!



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, July 2 @ 2:10 pm**  
**Wednesday, July 12**  
**@ 7:10 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!





Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. At NLR FUMC Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School we will be transforming our church into a place buzzing with excitement while sparking creativity with interactive experiences!

Registration to attend and volunteer is available on our website at [www.nlr fumc.org](http://www.nlr fumc.org) or contact Laura Kent, Minister of Children and Families at [lkent@nlrfumc.org](mailto:lkent@nlrfumc.org), or by phone at 835-2201.

The UMW Reading Program reports need to be turned in to Cindy Ballard by July 1. There are new books available in the UMW corner of the church library.



Stop by and check out some of the beautiful, handmade patriotic items for sale in the craft window located by the library.



**LOST ITEMS:** Please check the rack outside of the gym—numerous hats, jackets, umbrellas and one sport coat. Bibles and glasses are in the church office. Items not picked up by July 2 will be donated to Goodwill. Thank you



thanks...

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to everyone responsible for making the purchase of our new handbell cases a reality. Some of our bells are over 50 years old, and their original cases were worn beyond repair. Thanks to your generous support, we will be able to protect our bells, and the music they provide, for generations to come. Blessings to you,

-Sandra Flynn

Hello, faithful friends!

I am putting together a task force to help develop a Faith in Film Summer Sermon Series. Whew! That was a lot of alliteration! If you or someone you know might like to be included, for your love of film, your love of the church, your embracing attitude of all things new, and/or your love of creative ways to bring people together. Please contact me, Prisca Selhorst, or do not hesitate to pass along my information! Feel free to text/call me at [501-786-1007](tel:501-786-1007) or email [priscadawn@aol.com](mailto:priscadawn@aol.com).



June 25		July 2
Financial Assist	Steven Strode & Larry Tadlock	Becky Hawkins & ?
Van Driver:	Phil Holder	David Barnett
WayPoint Communion & Ushers	Robbie & Heather Theodore, Bill Frye, & Angie Curran	?

# ...events for the weeks of June 25 -

## SUNDAY, June 25

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

## MONDAY, June 26

9:00 VBS 2017  
4:00 Broadway Bridge Project

## TUESDAY, June 27

9:00 VBS 2017  
9:30 Creative Hands  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness  
5:30 UMW Leadership Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, June 28

9:00 VBS 2017  
9:00 UMY @ Bro. Paul's  
9:30 Quilters  
5:00 JuBellation Ringers  
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal\*

## THURSDAY, June 29

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 VBS 2017  
11:30 Lion's Club Business Mtg  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness

## FRIDAY, June 30

8:00 UMY @ Mission Trip  
9:00 VBS 2017  
6:00 VBS Performance

## SATURDAY, July 1

8:00 Body & Soul Fitness  
7:00 ACCYM Choir Tour @ NLR  
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## SUNDAY, July 2

### FATHER'S DAY

### ANNUAL CONF. @ HOT SPRINGS

9 & 11 Kid's Praise  
9:00 WayPoint Service\*  
10:00 Sunday School\*  
10:30 Argenta Service\*  
11:00 Sanctuary Service\*  
2:10 UMY @ Travs Game  
5:00 UMY NextLevel

## MONDAY, July 3

### NEWSLETTER WEEK

### ANNUAL CONF. @ HOT SPRINGS

11:00 CEC Chapel Time  
12:30 Nell Dyer UMW Circle

## TUESDAY, July 4

### ANNUAL CONF. @ HOT SPRINGS

9:30 Creative Hands Group  
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class

## WEDNESDAY, July 5

### ANNUAL CONF. @ HOT SPRINGS

9:00 UMY @ Bro. Paul's  
9:30 Quilters  
5:00 JuBellation Ringers  
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal\*  
7:10 UMY @ Travs Game

## THURSDAY, July 6

### ANNUAL CONF. @ HOT SPRINGS

5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class

## SATURDAY, July 8

8:00 Body & Soul Fitness

## SUNDAY, July 9

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

## Let Us Pray >>>

*May we pray that the Spirit that ignited fires of enthusiasm in the early church will so inspire each of us and our congregation.*



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**NEWSLETTER WEEK**

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**CHURCH OFFICE & CEC CLOSED**

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## FRIDAY, July 7

UMY @ Mission Trip

## SATURDAY, July 8

UMY @ Mission Trip  
8:00 Body & Soul Fitness

## SUNDAY, July 9

UMY @ Mission Trip  
9 & 11 Kid's Praise  
9:00 WayPoint Service\*  
10:00 Sunday School\*  
10:30 Argenta Service\*  
11:00 Sanctuary Service\*  
4:00 Missions Team Meeting  
5:00 UMY NextLevel

\*Denotes Childcare Provided

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*Please be in prayer for our Annual Conference Convening June 18-21 in Hot Springs. Please pray for the clergy and lay members attending that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the decisions they make.*



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