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NLR FUMC Welcomes New Members!

Lisa Crittenden and Celeste Crittenden joined our church in our Sanctuary service on Sunday, January 29th. This mother-daughter duo joined by transfer of letter from another denomination. Join us in welcoming Lisa and Celeste to our church family!



A Special Thanks from Argenta UMC

On February 15, 2009—with the vision of creating a place for young professionals, post-moderns, and creatives to connect with God and one another—the Arkansas Conference of the UMC, North Little Rock UMC, and the Rev. Will Choate launched Argenta UMC as an alternative expression of faith in the emerging downtown area of NLR.

In its first years the congregation met at The Starving Artist Café on Sunday nights, but as the church grew it acquired its own space (421 Main St.) and moved its Worship Gatherings to the morning.

Regardless of where it has gathered, the church has been guided by the vision of creating places for people to connect with God and one another so that they might progressively surrender their lives to the kingdom of God. Those places have included many acts of service (Broadway Bridge Project, 7th St. Elementary, etc.) and worship, discipleship classes (Financial Peace University, Enneagram, etc.) and Formation Groups (small groups that meet in homes).



ARGENTA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As Argenta UMC prepares to charter on its 10th anniversary, it does so with the awareness that it is only as a result of the faith, generosity, and vision of NLR FUMC. NLR FUMC will have spent ten years birthing, raising, and supporting a part of the body of Christ that they knew would not ultimately be a part of their community, and with that spirit and sense of calling God did something unique that has transformed countless lives for the kingdom.

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



Laura Kent

New addition: Every time children come to a Children's Ministry event, they get to put their names in a jar. At the end of each month, there will be a drawing for the Bible Buck Monthly Surprise! There will be a different winner every month. We are excited about this new addition to our ministry and are also excited about the new things added to the Bible Buck Store! Some of the items are scented markers, scented note pads, puzzles, hot wheels, beanie babies, giant sized candy bars, and HUGE GUMMY BEARS! Children are able to visit the Bible Buck Store on the last Sunday of every month during the Sunday school hour..



Our **Easter Celebration** will be a one day VBS-like event on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-12:00! Children in grades Preschool—5th grade are welcome to attend. The children will be able to go from one activity to another each focused on the Resurrection of our Savior. The Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to help lead age groups of children

from one activity to another (led by another adult specifically for that activity). Please contact Laura Kent at LKent@nlrfumc.org to let her know if you can assist!

VBS 2017 will be June 26th-30th!

Please mark all of your calendars for the biggest week in Children's Ministry at NLRFUMC! The closing ceremony will be that Friday night at 6:00pm.



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



Steven Carr

> **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

- No Soul Café – We will have snacks, but NO MEAL
- Youth 6:15-7:30 – “Movin’ on up!!”
- Waypoint Practice 7:30-8:30

> **Sunday, February 19, 2017**

- Youth from 5:00-7:00
- Bible Study - "Wisdom – Why the Law?"
- Games and Worship

Parents and Youth,

Our youth web page is up and running! Please go to NLRFUMC.org and click the FOR TEENS tab. While you are there, please go to the forms section. I need photo release forms filled out so I can place our youth events online. You can open the file in Word, save it, and the email it back to me. Thank you for your help. I will update the website weekly with information!

Here's info for the next week:

Upcoming Events:

- > Feb. 24-26 – Veritas (7th - 12 grade) in Rogers, AR – Cost: \$100
- > March 20-24 – Spring Break – All schools
- > April 9 – Travs games begin
- > June 26-30 – Vacation Bible School
- > 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

from our Pastor>>>



Rev. Lynn Kilbourne

One of the classic come backs I utilized as a child was the old, “I know you are, but what I am?” Anytime my brother called me any sort of name I was quick with this response. While it is indeed a childish response, I used it as we began our worship series, “I Am.” In John’s gospel, Jesus makes seven “I am” statements about himself. We are pondering what Jesus meant when he said “I Am...the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the True Vine, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the Resurrection and the Life.” As we read each of these texts and learn more about Christ we have asked the question, “I know you are, but who I am?” Each of these statements reveals something about Jesus to us, but they also reveal something about us, those who are called to follow Jesus.

No matter how familiar I believe I am with these well-known sayings of Jesus, I am struck by the new word that comes alive each time I study them. I find much comfort in Jesus’ promise that he is the Good Shepherd – that he will be with me darkest valleys and guide me to places where I will find his provision. I find much comfort in Jesus’ promise that he is the Light of the World and there is no form of darkness that he cannot overpower – not even the darkness of sin. I find comfort in each of his I Am statements!

What has been surprising is the challenge that resounds for Jesus’ followers in each of his promises. Because Jesus is the Light of the World, I am called to bear the light of Christ in the world and offer forgiveness to others. Because Jesus is the True Vine and I am one of the branches, I am called to be connected to Christ and other Christians, other branches. Because Christ is the Good Shepherd and his sheep know the sound of his voice, I am to keep my ears and heart open to hear him speak to me today. I am grateful for the words of comfort that equip me for the words of challenge!

This Sunday we’ll continue in our series, and no doubt hear words of comfort and challenge, as we consider Jesus’ statement “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

Parents' Night Out

Children of all ages welcome! Friday, February 17th
\$10/child or \$30/family max 6:00-9:00 pm
sign-up by Feb. 15th. For more information, contact Laura Kent

Parents Night Out will be Friday, February 17th from 6:00-9:00. Please RSVP for this by Wednesday, Feb 15th. The cost is \$10 a child or \$30 max per family. As always, please bring a snack for your child to share. The snacks need to be COMPLETELY NUT FREE please.

The Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place Tuesday, February 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come ready to enjoy a jazz band, a delicious pancake supper, and fun pancake-themed activities for all ages! Bring your friends! Sugar-free syrups and gluten-free pancakes will be available. There will be no cost, however donations are appreciated.



Church Women United will attend World Day of Prayer at Parkhill Christian Church on Friday, March 3rd.

Fellowship & Refreshments—10:00 am.
Business—10:30. Program—11:00 am. Carpool will leave NLR FUMC at 9:45 am.



Scout Sunday Feb. 26th

Sager Brown—Anyone interested in attending, please contact the church office (835-2201) or Jo Roberts ((501) 993-2696) by Monday, Feb. 20th so we can get registration turned in. Limit is 10 people to attend.



How can we have Spiritual Revival? P-R-A-Y

Bishop Mueller has suggested ways of commitment during the month of February.

- Spend five minutes a day praying for revival.
- Invite five other people to pray five minutes a day for spiritual revival.
- Invite five different people to join you for group prayer once a week.
- And if the Holy Spirit moves you, consider fasting five times during the week.

Will YOU join me by praying for a
SPIRITUAL REVIVAL
in ourselves—our families—our church—our nation?

February 19		February 26
Financial Assist:	Dora Bradley & Jerry Green	Robby Theodore & ?
Van Driver:	Bill White	Bob Willson
WayPoint Communion & Ushers	Kevin & Amy Newsom, Angie Curran, & Ed Leopard	Kevin & Amy Newsom, Angie Curran, & Chris Bradley

...events for the weeks of Feb.19 - March 5

SUNDAY, February 19

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

MONDAY, February 20

PRESIDENTS' DAY

10:00 Faith N Action
1:30 Nell Dyer UMW Circle
6:30 Scout Meetings

TUESDAY, February 21

6:30 Bible Study
9:30 Creative Hands Group
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, February 22

9:00 CEC Storytime
9:30 Quilters
5:00 JuBELLation Ringers
6:00 UMY NextLevel
6:15 WOW Group
6:30 Wacky Wednesday
6:30 Chapel Service*
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 23

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

10:00 Bible Study
11:30 Lion's Club Business Meeting
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00 Faith Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, February 24

UMY @ Veritas

SATURDAY, February 25

UMY @ Veritas
8:00 Body & Soul Fitness

SUNDAY, February 26

SCOUT SUNDAY

UMY @ Veritas
9 & 11 Kid's Praise
9:00 WayPoint Service*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:30 Argenta Service*
11:00 Sanctuary Service*
4:00 Stewardship Meeting
5:00 UMY NextLevel

MONDAY, February 27

NEWSLETTER WEEK

4:00 Broadway Bridge
6:30 Scout Meetings

TUESDAY, February 28

MARDI GRAS

6:30 Bible Study
9:30 Creative Hands Group
1:30 UMW Leadership Meeting
6:00 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

WEDNESDAY, March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 CEC Storytime
9:30 Quilters
5:00 Soul Café—Chick-fil-a!
5:00 JuBELLatoin Ringers
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service*
6:30 Chancel Choir Reh.

THURSDAY, March 2

10:00 Bible Study
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00 Faith Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 3

6:00 Builders SS Class Chili Supper

SATURDAY, March 4

8:00 Body & Soul Fitness

SUNDAY, March 5

9 & 11 Family Worship
9:00 WayPoint Service*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:30 Argenta Service*
11:00 Sanctuary Service*
3:30 Confirmation Class
5:00 UMY NextLevel

***Denotes Childcare Provided**

Let Us Pray >>>

May we pray that the Holy Spirit will enable our church to be the "hands and feet" of Christ in our areas of outreach, each of us being guided by His Spirit.

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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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