

GRAPEVINE

APRIL 2024



The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

A Focused Lens



Without vision, life can be a great struggle. Vision allows one to set a course more focused with

a step by step forward push to take them to the next era of their lives. On Saturday, April 27th, we, as a church, will endeavor to do just that for Goddard. We will have three primary tasks for our time from 9-2 that day.

- 1) We will discern a guiding vision to adopt for our church.
- 2) We will list essential shared values to keep us in the right focus to steer towards that guiding vision.
- 3) Lastly, but essential for the work ahead, is we will discern and set goals, which move us walking to reach that guiding vision.

It is my belief Goddard has the heart, the fire, the eagerness, and the people, to move forward as a congregation to do great, transformative ministry and reach the lives of people, but what we need now is to maximize our gifts and people by way of a guiding vision and goals to meet it. This will lead us to build upon our momentum in both a faithful and strategic way for growth and discipleship.

Lastly, I encourage you to be in prayer for this day and the fruit that can come from our collective work in the name of Jesus Christ. It will be essential that we surround this effort with prayer. Thank you so much.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Chase

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Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for:

April Austin	John Tarrant
Rick Bodine	Polly Taylor
Betty Campbell	Ron Watson
Jim Cavin	Charles Williams
Lauranell Cavin	Leslie Wintory
Jessica Clardy	Bobbie Young
Charles Click	Our Essential Workers
Marilyn Click	Our Firefighters
Helen Cowan	Our First Responders
Linda Dickson	Our Law Enforcement
Jason Echols	Officers
Rusty Echols	Our Troops
Emily Eckhart	Our U.S. Marshals
Jana L. Green	
Dennis Holland	
Diann Ishmael	
Jim Kell	
Raye Levering	
Thomas Levering	
Judy Loux	
Rick Moore	
DeeDee Moore	
Roy Nixon	
Rachel Rhodes	
Eddie Ridener	
Sally Ridener	
Cindy Sauter	
John Sauter	
Grace Ann Settle	
Peggy Smitha	
Tracey Stecher	
Claudia Szendre	
Ruth Szendre	

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
-Ephesians 6:18



Prayer Chain

To add someone to the Goddard Prayer Chain, contact Donny Anderson - 479.522.3080.
To be a member of the Prayer Chain, contact the church office 479.785.1415



Goddard UMC Columbarium

For Columbarium information contact the church office at 479.785.1415



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| 6 - Karissa Crowder | 30 - James Dunn |
| 6 - Nancy Robertson | 30 - Sue Rose |
| 7 - Lynne Gustafson | |
| 9 - Pam Cauthron | |
| 9 - Ann Michau | |
| 10 - Jennifer Jones | |
| 12 - Doris Beaty | |
| 12 - Paul Lanning | |
| 13 - Jane Stromley | |
| 16 - Roger Ross | |
| 23 - Kim Toney | |
| 24 - Robert Wilson | |
| 26 - Judy Loux | |



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| 10 - John & Patsy Withers II | (12) |
| 15 - Scott & Jean McCoubrey | (52) |
| 15 - Donald & Jeannie Holland | (7) |
| 29 - Jimmie & Luranell Cavin | (24) |

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Mary Beth Sudduth

given by:

- Jim & Barbara Kell
- Mike & Sissie Mankin
- Kathy Ann Edwards & Family
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Ricky & Vickie Cross

Jim Tindall

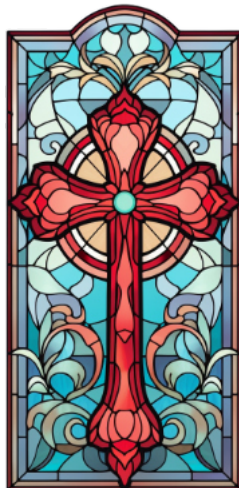
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In Memory of:

Nina Mankin

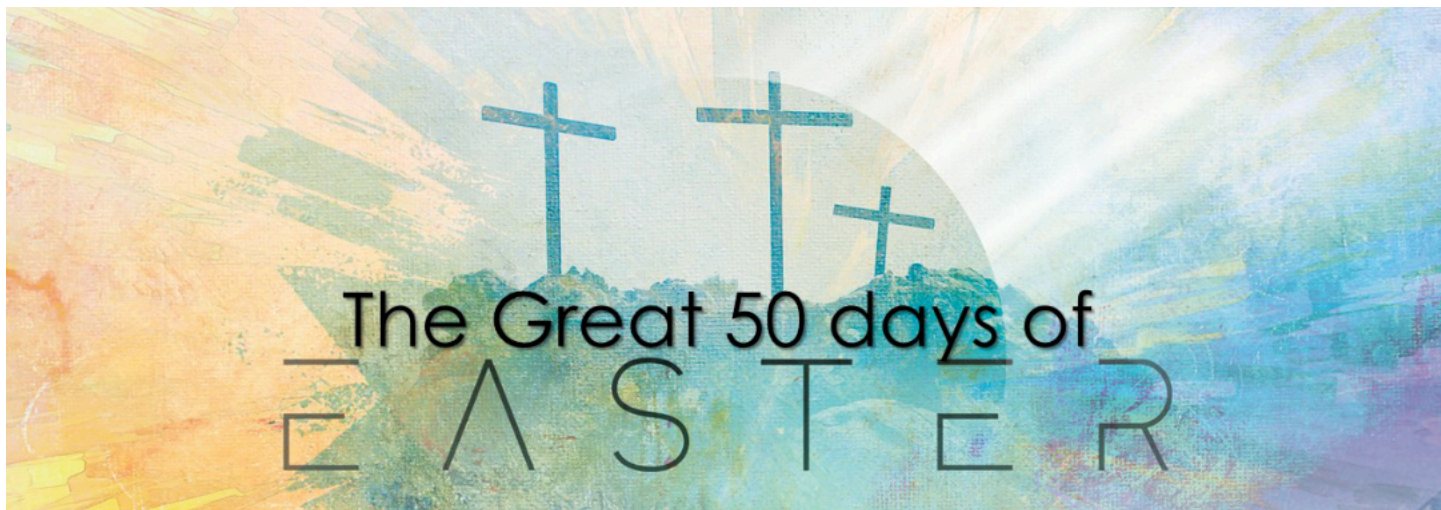
given by:

- Chuck & Sandy Johnson
- Jim & Vicki Hopper
- Mary Margaret Gattis
- Ricky & Vickie Cross
- Lee & Jana Green

*Honorariums and Memorials may be given online or by check at anytime.
Your donations can be designated to a specific ministry or to the general fund.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
	1 ▶ Office closed 	2 ▶ Circle of Hope 10:00am ▶ Joy Goddard 5:30pm	3 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ▶ MMM - 5:30pm ▶ Choir - 7:00pm 	4 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm 	5 ▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am	6 ▶ CONNECT: Women's Springtime Fellowship 9:00am - 4:00pm 
7 ▶ Sunday School 9:50am ▶ Worship 10:50am 	8 ▶ Solar Eclipse 12:31pm - begins 1:50pm - 99.75% max coverage 	9	10 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ▶ Choir 7:00pm	11 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm ▶ Lydia Bible Study 2:00pm 	12 ▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am	13 ▶ UMM Breakfast 8:00am 
14 ▶ Sunday School 9:50am ▶ Worship 10:50am	15 	16	17 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ▶ Choir 7:00pm	18 ▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am ▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm 	19 ▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am	20
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28 ▶ Sunday School 9:50am ▶ Worship 10:50am	29	30	<p>If your group has activities to be included on the church calendar, please contact Keri Cousins to verify dates and times. Email: kcousins@goddardumc.org or call 479.459.7110. Thank you.</p>			

WHAT IS EASTER SEASON FOR? AND WHAT COMES NEXT?



For Christians, Easter is not just one day—it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

Many churches use these weeks to teach the theology of the sacraments and help people discern their spiritual gifts. Congregations may do this both through small group formation and as part of public worship. Ecumenical resources for both have been developed by the North American Association for the Catechumenate, also known as Journey to Baptismal Living (<https://journeytobaptism.org/>), supported through the worship office of Discipleship Ministries. The season may culminate with a service of commissioning laypersons into ministry as part of the Pentecost celebration.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

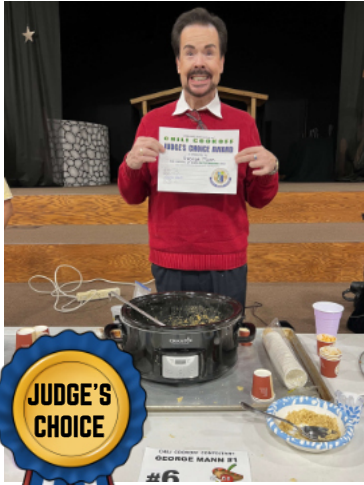
Because contexts for ministry can vary widely, the lectionary readings were chosen to permit more flexibility during this season. The three readings are not related to each other. Pastors and worship planners can create series that follow any one of the three different streams of texts (Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel), whichever seems to be speaking into the missional context of the local church the best.

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THE GREAT GODDARD



1ST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

MMM
MEAL • MISSION • MEDITATION

**COME SAVOR
A GREAT MEAL, A GOD-FOCUSED MISSION,
AND A GRACE-FILLED MEDITATION**

APR 3 MEAL AT 5:30
MISSION & MEDITATION
TIME TO FOLLOW

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE
OR RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY
MONDAY PRIOR TO MEAL.
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED




**ATTENTION
SPRING
CLEANERS!**

Our preschool is looking for small bikes, tricycles, balls, and other outdoor play equipment for our kiddos. If you find that you have an abundance of balls and outdoor toys, outgrown trikes or bikes, scoot-arounds, etc., please consider donating them to our preschool. Your gift would be greatly appreciated!



CONNECT A SPRINGTIME FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

*breathe
gather
connect*

Saturday April 6, 2024
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For those women signed up for the CONNECT Fellowship event:

We will meet in the parlor at 9 AM.

Bring your favorite coffee mug. We will be serving coffee, hot teas, and cold drinks, followed by a short time of sharing why our mug is our favorite.

GODDARD UMC

Looking to our future



APRIL 27
9 AM - 2 PM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

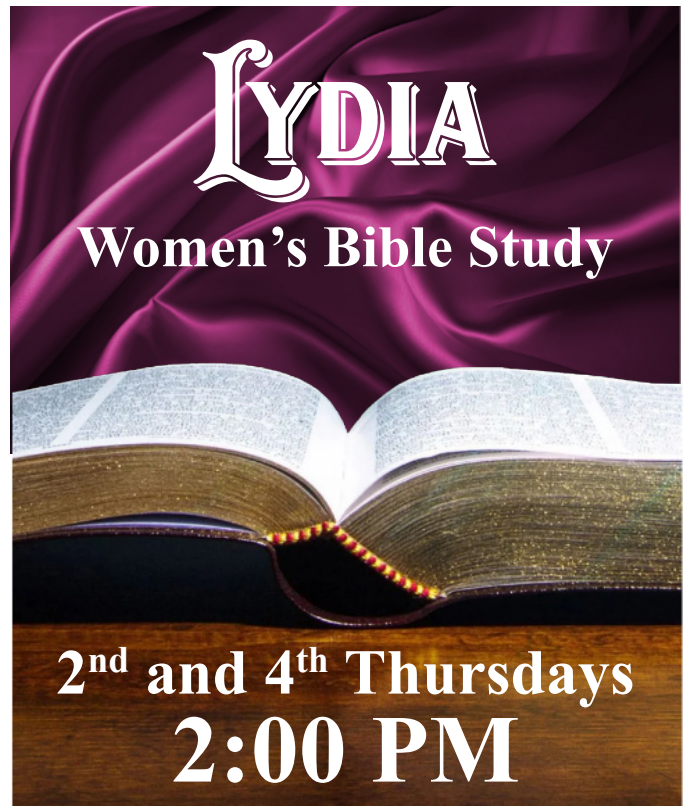
*All church members and staff are encouraged to attend
and be a part of growing Goddard!*

Bible Study with Pastor Chase



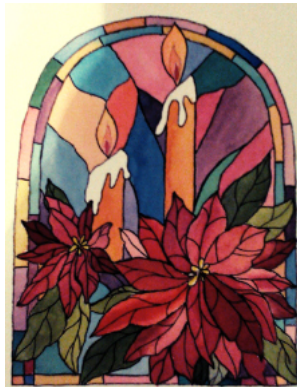
**A Journey with Wisdom:
Exploring Challenging Literature
of the Bible**

**Thursdays at
1:00 PM**



**2nd and 4th Thursdays
2:00 PM**

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks
479.629.8698



"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." - Pablo Picasso



I've always appreciated art and admired those who could create beautiful paintings and drawings. Growing up in a small town in Iowa, we had no art teacher at my school until the year after I graduated. In the late 1980s while working at a hospital in Wyoming, a coworker and I were discussing her pending retirement. When asked what she planned to do, she replied, "I'm going to paint!" I told her I had always wanted to

learn to paint, and she invited me to come that weekend to show me the basics of watercolor. We painted a few more times together, and soon I was buying books, taking classes at the local college, and loving my new hobby. I enjoy graphite, pen and ink, and the last couple of years have dabbled in acrylic; but watercolor is still my favorite medium. We moved to Arkansas in 1994, and joined Goddard UMC in 1997. I still continue to paint, but after so many years, the walls have filled up and friends and family have been gifted paintings, so I mainly do cards now. Some of you may have gotten a Christmas card, a birthday card, or a card for a special occasion. It brings me joy not only to make the cards, but to be able to share my passion for art with my friends and family. God has blessed me with wonderful people in my life and an amazing church family.



Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA!





THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Easter Egg-stravaganza so much fun! We had 3,645 eggs!!! Plus more candy and prizes! All given by our congregation! So many great volunteers and one great Easter Bunny! It was a fantastic day!

Thank you all! - Ms. Keri





Contact: Ms. Keri
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kcousins@goddardumc.org

Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is at 9:50 a.m. in the Clubhouse of the Children's Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn about The Easter Story and the Road to Emmaus! Plus learn about Jesus feeding 5,000 people and his story of the Good Samaritan.

- April 7—The Story of Easter (Palm Sunday—Resurrection)
- April 14— The Road to Emmaus
- April 21— Jesus Feeds the 5,000
- April 28— The Good Samaritan



Wacky Wednesdays are fun!!

Children Kindergarten to 5th Grade!

Join us after school until 5:30 p.m.



On March 27, Goddard Kids put candy into cross Easter eggs and made goodie bags for the children to receive on Easter Sunday morning. We even got to take one home, too.





Youth Sunday School!

We have the best snacks in the building! Join us in the Youth Cinema each **Sunday at 9:50 a.m.** before worship! We're sharing our highs and lows each week and praying with each other. And learning great stories about Jesus!
Come join the fun!

A big thank you to our Youth Helpers at the Easter Egg-stravaganza! They helped hide eggs, monitored children, and played the most important role of Easter Bunny!



**Our Youth
are amazing!
Thank you!**

Get the latest information about Goddard Youth and join our Youth Announcements text group!

Send a Text to the number 81010 with the message @goddardyou
You will receive important updates about all of our Youth activities!



For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to give you hope and a future.
-Jeremiah 29:11

Palm Sunday



Hosanna!



Genie and Charlie bringing in the Light on Palm Sunday morning.



The children's Procession of the Palms



Placing their palm fronds on the altar.



Ms. Keri sharing the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem during Children's Time



UMC Lenten Service

Hosted by Goddard UMC
Rev. Latoya Shepherd, Mission UMC, Guest Pastor



Rev. Latoya Shepherd bringing us a beautiful and powerful message.



Pastor Latoya and Pastor Chase preparing to serve Holy Communion



Ashleigh Mathews, Sami Sue Welch, and George Mann singing "Pie Jesu" during Holy Communion.



It was a joy to see so many congregants from Cavanaugh, Faith, First, Goddard, Hackett, Mission, St. Paul, and Wesley UMCs in worship and fellowship together as *United Methodists*! It was an evening filled with a Spirit-driven message by Rev. Shepherd, some lively and beautiful music, and sharing in the Lord's Supper. Following the service, we enjoyed a fabulous meal provided by our United Women in Faith and a time to fellowship together. What a blessed evening! Thank you to all who worked to make it happen.





Area UMC Pastors taking part in the UMC Community Lenten Evening Service at Faith United Methodist Church on March 10, 2024.
Front row L-R: Rev. Donna Ward (*Faith UMC*), Rev. Latoya Shepherd (*Mission UMC*), Rev. DeeDee Autry (*First UMC*).
Second row L-R: Rev. Mike Topham (*Retired*), Rev. Steve Poarch (*St. Paul UMC*), Rev. Bud Reeves (*First UMC*).
Third row L-R: Rev. David Bassham, (*Hackett UMC*), Rev. Chase Green (*Goddard UMC*).
Back row L-R: Rev. Dr. Blake Bradford (*NW District Superintendent*), Rev. Jana Green (*Cavanaugh UMC & Wesley UMC*)



Pastor Chase with Deacon Greg Pair at Immaculate Conception Church. Pastor Chase provided the message while I.C. hosted the Downtown Churches Lenten Service and Lunch on March 11th.





Maundy Thursday



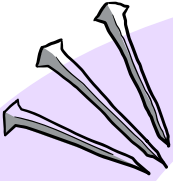
“Depth of Mercy” with string quartet. Hieu Li - 1st Violin, Lily Fry - 2nd Violin, Thanh Lu - Viola, and Erin Clardy - Cello

“Pie Jesu”
Ashleigh Mathews and Sami Sue Welch



Stripping of the Sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday





Good Friday TENEBRAE



Nora Linn and Charlie Green extinguishing candles after each lesson is read.



Cody Walls, George Mann, and Jon Gustafson singing "My Master"



Easter Sunday

ALLELUIA!



Babs Jetton took a seat at the organ once again to assist us on Easter.



The congregation enjoyed a plethora of donuts and some pre-service fellowship.

The handbells kicked off the service with "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "The Strife Is O'er" for the Offertory.





United
Women
in Faith

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Can't say those words too many times because so many of you have done so much, for so many, in so many ways, and for so many events at our church during the last few weeks! Seems like we started cooking and serving people in February and March and are just now taking a break!

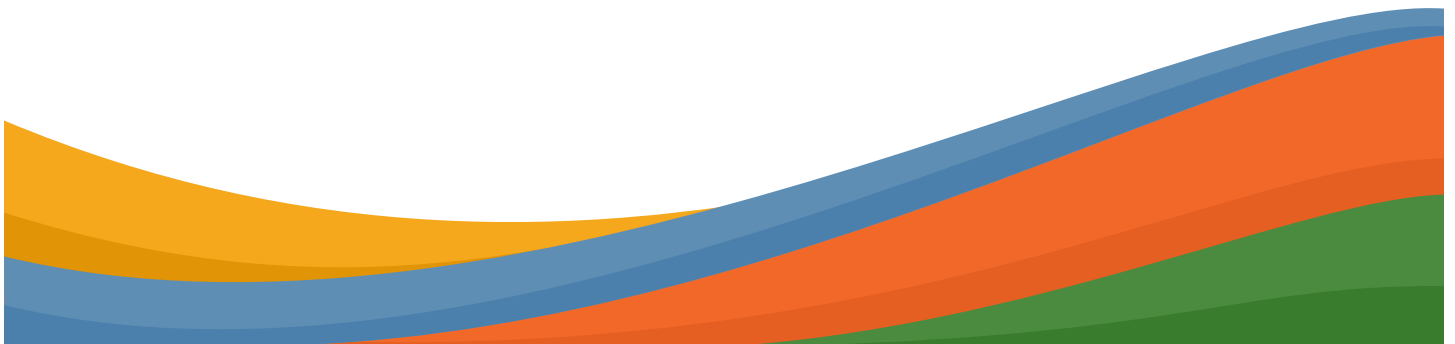
A great way to relax and have some fun together is coming April 6! Hope you are planning to join with other women in our church to get to know and enjoy being with one another. Cornelia Schardt, Betty Morkemo and Lynne Gustafson have been putting together a delightful event. Please don't miss the fun!

Goddard United Women in Faith Sunday is coming May 19. If you would like to have an active part in our worship service that day please let Elizabeth Eubanks know. That Sunday is also Pentecost. Wonder what the Holy Spirit has planned for us?! Mark your calendar and don't miss this special Sunday!

Meanwhile, with all the activities we have going on, let us remember the words from Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." I hope you are enjoying the beginning of spring and all of God's glory that is blooming around us.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Happy Easter Season!

Elizabeth Eubanks
Goddard UWF President





Our fun-lovin' Hilltoppers are exploring the River Valley in search of all the good places to eat and fun things to do! If you wanna hang out with the "COOL KIDS", just hop on the bus! The Hilltoppers meet at the church on Fridays at 10:30 to head out on their adventures. If you would like information contact Pat Singleton or Linda Dickson and they will let you know what's coming up.



Chowing down at Patrick's Burgers



Pizza and pasta at Goodfellas.



Report for March 2024



**FOOD
PANTRY**

Number of bags distributed = 90
Number of individuals fed = 206
Total Pantry volunteer hours = 113
Pantry hours open = 20

**Thank you for your continued
support of this vital ministry
to our community!**

*Submitted by Sissie Mankin
Pantry Committee*

Goddard UMC Aprons

We are taking orders for Goddard UMC Aprons. The cost is **\$15.00**. If you would like your name also embroidered on your apron, the total cost of an embroidered apron is

\$20.00. This is a fundraiser to help support some of our UMW mission projects. Please see Elizabeth Eubanks to place your order.



Apron modeled by our very own Michelle Greenfield



Acolyte

Schedule

Apr 7

Justin and Charlie

Apr 14

Nora and Genie

Apr 21

Lyndsey and Justin

Apr 28

Genie and Lyndsey

Usher Schedule

April 2024



Tom King

Jim Hopper

Mike Mankin

Rick Bodine

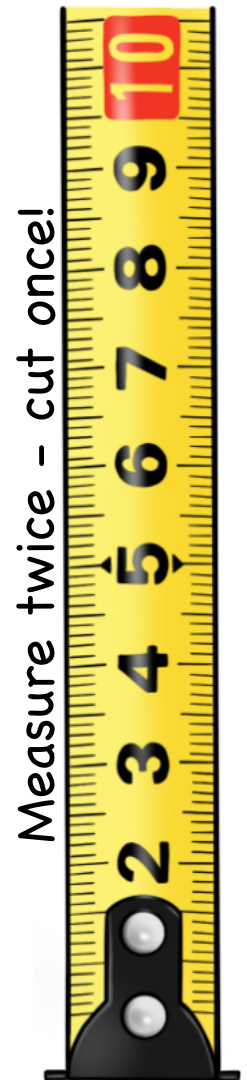
Back Up:

Robert Neufell

Scott McCoubrey

Goddard United Methodist Church has such a long and rich history here in the River Valley that we needed more space for our church archives. Don Holland, Randy O’Kelley, and Elizabeth Eubanks tackled the job by removing a large section of wall to open up more space.

Thank you Don, Randy, and Elizabeth!!!



CONTRIBUTIONS - MARCH 2024

	MAR 3	MAR 10	MAR 17	MAR 24	MAR 31	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$ 15,966	\$ 7,236	\$ 14,313	\$ 3,670	\$ 4,596	\$ 45,781
PANTRY	755	520	770	400	100	\$ 2,545
MEMORIALS*	0	425	10	25	0	\$ 460
OTHER	120	160	120	1,693	120	\$ 2,213
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,841	\$ 8,341	\$ 15,213	\$ 5,788	\$ 4,816	\$ 50,999

*Designated memorials not included



Susan C. King

Brenda Partin and Loraine Tarrant



First Sunday of each month

April 7, 2024 / 10:50 AM

During "Online" Live Streaming
Worship Service

*Please have bread and juice ready in
your home to receive the elements
during Communion.*



Goddard UMM will meet

Saturday, April 13th

8:00AM

APRIL 2024 LECTIONARY



APR 7	APR 14	APR 21	APR 28
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
Ps 133	Ps 4	Ps 23	Ps 22:25-31
1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8

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Timothy Peerbolte — Audio/Visual
Mark Cheyne — Live Streaming
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**SUNDAY IN-PERSON
AND
LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP
10:50 AM**

**Register your worship attendance with the
QR Code found in your bulletin**

1. Open your camera
2. Hold over QR code
3. Tap the link to register
your attendance



Event Sign-Up go to:
goddardumc.org/events



If you have information or photos that you would like to have appear in the Grapevine, please email them to Rhonda Rieder at grapevine@goddardumc.org

(If sending photos, please include a brief description. Please send submissions at your earliest convenience. Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month)



Online at www.goddardumc.org

Facebook.com/GoddardUMC

YouTube.com/GoddardUMC

Across the month of **March** we had **1782** views of our worship services through Facebook and YouTube.

Holy Week services had **807** views

Thank you for watching!