

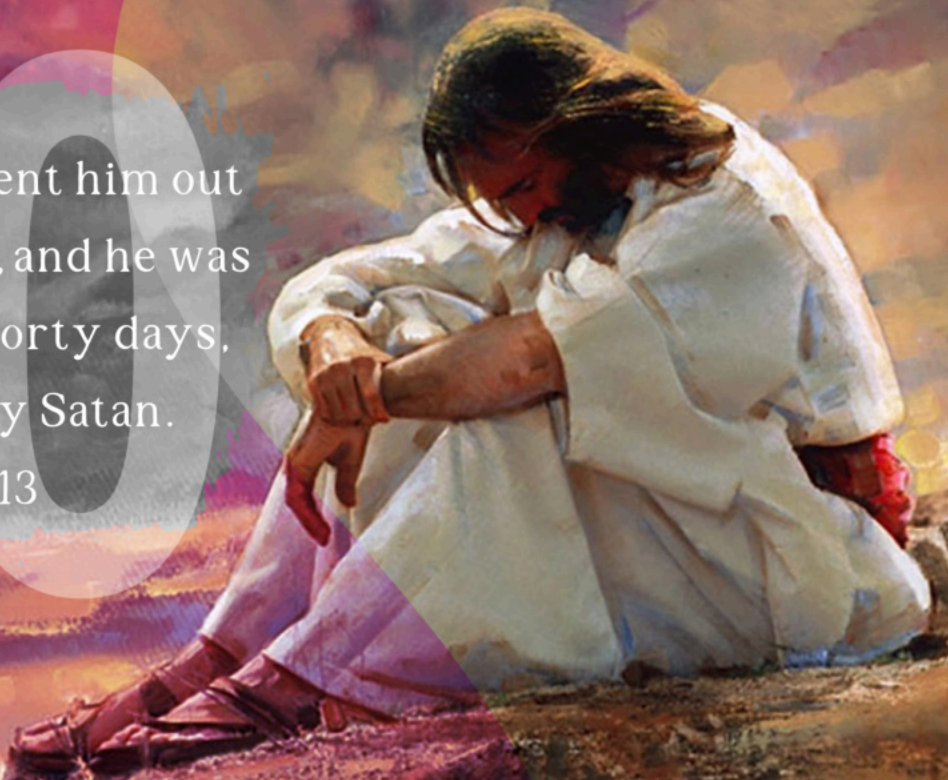
# GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2024

## TEMPTED

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan.

Mark 1:12-13



Lead me in your truth- teach it to me-  
because you are the God who saves me.  
I put my hope in you all day long.  
Psalm 25:5



## “Like Sand in an Hourglass”



Okay, when you read the title of this article did you finish the quote from that well known cultural touchstone? “Like sand in an hourglass...these are the Days of Our Lives.”

Then what comes next are absurd relationship situations, except sometimes they even resemble some well known bible stories and the murky relationships described in the Good Book.

An hourglass of course tells us time, and the passing of time. Time is a strange thing. At one period we can feel as though the day or hour will never end, and at another it goes by in the blink of an eye. January has felt like a snail speed, with the several days of snow and ice that brought some cabin fever along did not help the situation. And yet, as slow as it felt, I am stunned because now as I look up I see Ash Wednesday around the bend, and with that comes additional times to be added to my calendar. I need to remember, I suspect all of us as well, to soak up all the time we are given. The more I can live in the present moment fully, the better use of my time I have spent.

We also may ponder what is a good use of my time? Are you employing love, peace, or service? Are you choosing rest so you will have energy for what is ahead? Are you in conversation with the Lord, or in discernment about where your faith may go along a path? As we join purpose and presence with our time, I think we chip away at any idea that we have wasted our time. Time is valuable. I am so thankful for many of you who give of your time in the service of Jesus Christ through the ministries of Goddard United Methodist Church.

I pray as we begin Lent here soon, you would put added focus upon the time you have and to use it wisely and carefully in service to the Lord.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chase

Rev. Charles Henley (Chase) Green, Jr., Senior Pastor  
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## Prayer Requests

*Please be in prayer for:*

April Austin	Ruth Szendre
Rick Bodine	John Tarrant
Betty Campbell	Polly Taylor
Jim Cavin	Ron Watson
Lauranell Cavin	Charles Williams
Jessica Clardy	Leslie Wintory
Charles Click	Bobbie Young
Marilyn Click	Our Essential Workers
Helen Cowan	Our Firefighters
Linda Dickson	Our First Responders
Jason Echols	Our Law Enforcement
Rusty Echols	Officers
Emily Eckhart	Our Troops
Jana L. Green	Our U.S. Marshalls
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	



Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Beth Sudduth



## 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





# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 - Eleanor Linn
- 4 - Linda Lanning
- 6 - Lucas Allert
- 6 - Fern Daniel
- 9 - Eden Gilbert
- 9 - Pauline Taylor
- 10 - Michael Wineland
- 11 - Richard Bodine, Sr.
- 11 - Colleen Cochran
- 13 - Andy Miller
- 15 - Renee Rockwell
- 16 - Sharon Williams
- 19 - Shawn Miller
- 28 - Diann Ishmael



- 14 - Eric & Elizabeth Sheffer (60)
- 15 - Donny & Vicki Anderson
- 21 - Charles & Marilyn Click (60)
- 22 - Tom & Mary King

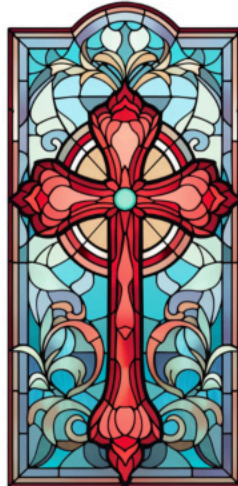
### HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

**In Honor of:**

***Debbie Moore***

given by:

Fred & Marilyn Scheuble



**In Memory of:**

***Mary Beth Sudduth***

given by:

Larry & Patsy Cochran

Elizabeth Eubanks

Mary Margaret Gattis

Chuck & Sandy Johnson

Roy & Betty Nixon

***Marian Wintory***

given by:

Ken & Debbie Wintory

*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
				<b>1</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm	<b>2</b> ► Hilltoppers 10:30am 	<b>3</b> ► UMM Breakfast 8:00am
<b>4</b> ► Sunday School 9:50am ► Worship 10:50am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ► Circle of Hope 10:00am ► Kids & Youth Team Meeting - 11:30am ► Joy Goddard 5:30pm	<b>7</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ► MMM 5:30pm ► Choir 7:00pm	<b>8</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm ► Lydia Bible Study 2:00pm	<b>9</b> ► Hilltoppers 10:30am	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> ► <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> ► Sunday School 9:50am ► Worship 10:50am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ► Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm 	<b>14</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ► Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00pm ► Choir 7:00pm 	<b>15</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm	<b>16</b> ► Hilltoppers 10:30am	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> ► <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> ► Sunday School 9:50am ► Worship 10:50am 	<b>19</b> ► Lenten Lunch Service -12:00pm Lunch - 12:30pm First Presbyterian ► The Way Bible Study 1:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ► Choir 7:00pm	<b>22</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm ► Lydia Bible Study 2:00pm	<b>23</b> ► Hilltoppers 10:30am	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> ► <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> ► Sunday School 9:50am ► Worship 10:50am 	<b>26</b> ► Lenten Lunch Service -12:00pm Lunch - 12:30pm Goddard UMC ► The Way Bible Study 1:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm ► Choir 7:00pm	<b>29</b> ► Food Pantry 9-11:30am ► Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm		

## CONTRIBUTIONS - JANUARY 2024

	JAN 7	JAN 14	JAN 21	JAN 28	TOTAL
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	\$ 13,746	\$ 13,054	\$ 4281	\$ 3248	\$ 34,328
<b>PANTRY</b>	387	830	50	160	\$ 1427
<b>MEMORIALS*</b>	0	0	100	70	\$ 170
<b>OTHER</b>	820	70	70	20	\$ 980
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 14,953	\$ 13,954	\$ 4501	\$ 3498	\$ 36,905

\*Designated memorials not included

## WHEN DID ASH WEDNESDAY BEGIN AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Although Ash Wednesday has ancient roots, it does not appear in the rituals of The United Methodist Church or our predecessor denominations until the 20th century.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). After expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the first human beings are told by God, “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19 NRSV). The Hebrew word translated dust, is occasionally translated ashes elsewhere. Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin (see Numbers 19:9, 17; Hebrews 9:13; Jonah 3:6; Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13, among others). The imposition of ashes on the heads of Christians to mark the beginning of Lent can be traced at least to the 10th century. Marking the forehead with the sign of the cross is a more recent adaptation.

In earlier centuries, ashes were used to mark those who had been separated from the church because of serious sins and were seeking to be re-admitted to the fellowship of the church. In effect, they were redoing the process of final preparation for church membership along with those doing it for the first time. They were sprinkled with ashes and given rough garments to wear as a sign of sorrow for their sins and their commitment to seek renewal in Christian life through this season.

Since the tenth century, the observance of Ash Wednesday has become a general rite for all in the Western church. The Orthodox churches have never observed this rite.

United Methodists first adopted an official ritual for Ash Wednesday that involves the use of ashes in the 1992 Book of Worship. Prior to that time, Methodists either had no official service at all for this day (through 1964) or an “ashless” Ash Wednesday Service (1965 Book of Worship). The use of ashes remains optional in the current Book of Worship, and, indeed, in all rites for this day. Ashes are an “accessory” that demonstrates an awareness of mortality and an intent to repent. The actual awareness and the corporate and personal acts of repentance are the substance of services for the first day of Lent.

In many churches the ashes are made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. As the ashes are placed on the forehead, words such as these are spoken: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return,” recalling God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19, or “Repent, and believe the gospel” recalling the message of both John the Baptist and Jesus (Mark 1:15).



Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.

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**ASH**  
*Wednesday*  
Service of Ashes

Beginning Our Lenten Journey

FEBRUARY **14**  
6:00 pm

**DOWNTOWN CHURCHES**  
Lenten  
Lunch & Worship

Service: 12:00  
Lunch: 12:30

MON, FEB 19 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
-REV BUD REEVES

MON, FEB 26 GODDARD UNITED MON, METHODIST  
-FR. JIM MCDONALD

MON, MAR 4 FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
-REV TASHA BLACKBURN

MON, MAR 11 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
-REV CHASE GREEN

MON, MAR 18 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL  
-DEACON GREG PAIR

**LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**United Methodist Lenten Services**

*Sunday evenings @ 5:00PM*

*Fellowship meal will follow service*

**Feb 18 First UMC**  
~David Bassham

**Feb 25 St. Paul UMC/Mission UMC**  
~Chase Green

**Mar 3 Hackett UMC**  
~Dee Dee Autry

**Mar 10 Faith UMC**  
~Jana Green

**Mar 17 Wesley UMC/Cavanaugh UMC**  
~Donna Ward

**Mar 24 Goddard UMC**  
~Latoya Shepherd

**Lenten Bible Study**  
with Lynne Gustafson

ADAM HAMILTON

**The Way**  
Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

**Each Monday during Lent**  
**Feb 19 thru Mar 25**  
**1:30 pm**  
**in the Parlor**



1ST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

**MMM**  
MEAL · MISSION · MEDITATION

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

**FEB 7**

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

SPONSORED BY THE GODDARD CHANCEL CHOIR

**SHROVE**  
*Tuesday*

PANCAKE SUPPER

**FEB 13**

SERVING LINE OPEN 5:30 - 6:00PM

Donations are appreciated

## FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD AWAIT!

**Chili**  
COOK-OFF  
FUNRAISER

THE GREAT GODDARD

Chili Supper \$5 per person  
\$15 per family

Silent Auction  
Country Cupboard  
Goodies Sale

Jams  
Pies  
Cookies

**MAR 1**  
**5:30 - 7:30**

\* Deadline to sign up for cook-off  
is Feb 20. To sign up, email:  
secretary@goddardumc.org



## Bible Study with Pastor Chase



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

**Thursdays at  
1:00 PM**



**LYDIA**  
**Women's Bible Study**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
2:00 PM**

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks  
479.629.8698

## **ATTENTION All Women**

A day event is coming one Saturday in April. We will have fellowship, a mission project, and a bible study. It will be a fun day, and a time to get to know each other a little better, Please watch for more news coming in the March newsletter.



## **PUZZLE Swap**

Don't stick your finished puzzles in the closet or toss them out, bring them to the church and swap them out for a different one! Puzzles are located in the pantry office as you come in the entrance.





**FROZEN BUBBLES!**

Some folks aren't too keen on the cold of winter, but that cold can produce some awe inspiring beauty. Case in point, these magnificent frozen bubbles! Our very own Barbara Rogers is the talented mind behind these beautiful creations. So...how did she do that? Here's the secret: She used a mixture of water, some liquid detergent, a bit of glycerin and placed the liquid in the hollow of an upside down soda can. Then used a straw to blow the bubble (no high tech gadgetry here!). Those frigid, bone-chilling, single digit temperatures that we experienced in January then quickly went to work making this amazing wintertime experiment a success! Barbara quickly grabbed her camera and snapped these stunning photographs catching the morning sun as it refracted off of the ice crystals before the wind picked up and sadly obliterated these dazzling displays of nature. Barbara has a very keen eye and is quite talented with a camera, so I am certain that we will be seeing more of her creativity in the future. Thank you Barbara for sharing your creative talents with us.







Contact Ms. Keri  
 479-459-7110  
 kcousins@goddardumc.org

**Sunday School**

Kids Sunday School is at 9:50 a.m. We meet in the Clubhouse in the Children’s Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn all about God’s Love, Jesus’ Transfiguration, the season of Lent, and Jesus’ first miracle

- February 4—You are Loved By God
- February 11— The Transfiguration
- February 18— Lent
- February 25—Jesus Turns Water into Wine



**Wacky Wednesdays**  
 Children Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!  
 Join us after school until 5:30 p.m.

Thank you to our Sunday School and Wacky Wednesday teachers! We are so grateful for each of you! Debbie Moore, Trish McCully, Pat Singleton, Bill Moore, Elizabeth Eubanks, and Lynne Gustafson.



Children’s Message Jan. 21, 2024  
 Children’s message is always our favorite time of worship!  
 We love learning about God with Ms. Keri!

# Goddard Youth



## 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 having fun learning about the church year, Lent and Easter, and we're looking forward to Season 4 of The Chosen. We're also sharing our highs and lows each week and praying with each other. Come join the fun!

## Youth Wednesdays!

3:15-5:30 p.m.

Register Online at  
[GoddardUMC.org/Youth](http://GoddardUMC.org/Youth)

Youth 6—12<sup>th</sup> Grade



### From the Carpenter's Workshop

Linda Dickson and Goddard Youth, Aiden Cheyne, removed a damaged stained glass panel and carried it to the Carpenter's Workshop for repair. What an awesome project for our youth! We can't wait to see the finished product!

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*





Joy Goddard Circle met on Jan 9 at the home of Sue Rose for their annual Christmas Potluck.



The wonderful and yummy looking spread for the Joy Goddard Circle Christmas Potluck.



Cody Scott Walls singing "Consecration" during the Offertory.



Gianna DeWitt singing "In the Bleak Midwinter" during Communion on Epiphany Sunday.



Barbara "Babs" Jetton taking a seat on the bench as Guest Organist on January 14.



Pastor Chase filling in for Ms. Keri during Children's Time.



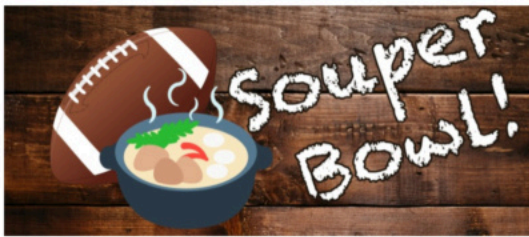


# United Women in Faith

We have received a thank you note from Cher Horwedel with the Fort Smith Retired Teachers Association. I share it with you because this was a church wide effort. Everyone’s help was so wonderful and appreciated. Ms. Horwedel wrote “Your thoughtfulness is a blessing and so are you. Thank You for putting the merry in our Christmas

with your warm and gracious hospitality in serving us at the Christmas luncheon. The food was over the top delicious and the setting so beautifully festive. We wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and hopeful 2024.”

We also received a lovely thank you card from Debbie Moore. “Sending a note of gratitude for hosting the Deb Moore Retirement Reception after worship on Sunday, December 17, 2023. There was an overwhelming abundance of well wishes and love shown to me and my family. The cake and cookies were good, too! Love and affection to all. “



### **Souper Bowl Souper Sunday is coming up Feb. 11!**

The cost is \$10.00 for 30 oz. of Goddard UMW’s Famous Tortilla Soup and 2 pieces of Pat & Sharon’s delicious cornbread. The order form is on the table in the Narthex. The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, Feb. 4. Orders will be available for pickup or delivery after

worship on Sunday, Feb. 12. Please contact **Elizabeth Eubanks (479-629-8698) or Carol McAlister (479-461-6086) to request delivery.** Profits from our Souper Bowl Souper Sale will be used to help fund future mission projects.

The next Northwest District UWF gathering is set for March 16 at Berryville United Methodist Church. This will be a Soul Care Study (new name for Spiritual Growth Mission Study). This will be a four hour study from 10 AM to 2 PM being led by Cindy Miller. The NW District will send us more information about this event later this month.

Our next Goddard Quarterly Meeting will be March 12 at 1 PM in the parlor. We will be hosted by the Circle of Hope. I hope you will plan to attend to hear our favorite inspirational and witty speaker, Dr. Keith Fudge.

Note that our circles have changed their February meeting dates:

**Circle of Hope meets Feb. 6 at 10 AM in the parlor.**

**Joy Goddard Circle meets Feb. 6 at 3 PM in the parlor.**

Elizabeth Eubanks  
Goddard UWF President



*Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Jean Woodward!*



**Report for January 2024**



Number of bags distributed = **120**  
Number of individuals fed = **278**  
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



**Feb 4**  
Charlie and Justin

**Feb 11**  
Jason and Nora

**Feb 18**  
Lyndsey and Genie

**Feb 25**  
Jason and Justin

**Usher  
Schedule**  
February 2024



Tom King  
Robert Neufell  
Mike Mankin  
Charlie Smith

Back Up:  
Scott McCoubrey



*Pairs & Spares*

Ricky Cross, Vickie Cross, Katie Linn  
Mike Lyons, Carol McAlister

*Susan C. King*

Brad McCully, Trish McCully, Sherry Stockton,  
Lorraine Tarrant



**First Sunday of each month**

*February 4, 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 on

**Saturday, February, 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00AM**

**FEBRUARY 2024**



<b>FEB 4</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sun after Epiphany</i>	<b>FEB 11</b> <i>Transfiguration Sun</i>	<b>FEB 18</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun in Lent</i>	<b>FEB 25</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun in Lent</i>
Isa 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Gen 9:8-17	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16
Ps 147:1-11, 20c	Ps 50:1-6	Ps 25:1-10	Ps 22:23-31
1 Cor 9:16-23	2 Cor 4:3-6	1 Pet 3:18-22	Rom 4:13-25
Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38



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## **Pastor and Staff of GUMC**

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Jenni Crawford — Preschool Director  
Michelle Greenfield — Financial Administrator  
Don Holland — Maintenance/Custodial  
Timothy Peerbolte — Audio/Visual  
Mark Cheyne — Live Streaming  
Rhonda Rieder — Grapevine Editor

**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](http://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](mailto:grapevine@goddardumc.org) (if sending photos, please include a brief description)



Online at [www.goddardumc.org](http://www.goddardumc.org)  
Facebook.com/GoddardUMC  
YouTube.com/GoddardUMC

Across the month of **January** we had **670** views of our worship services through Facebook and YouTube

**Thank you for watching!**