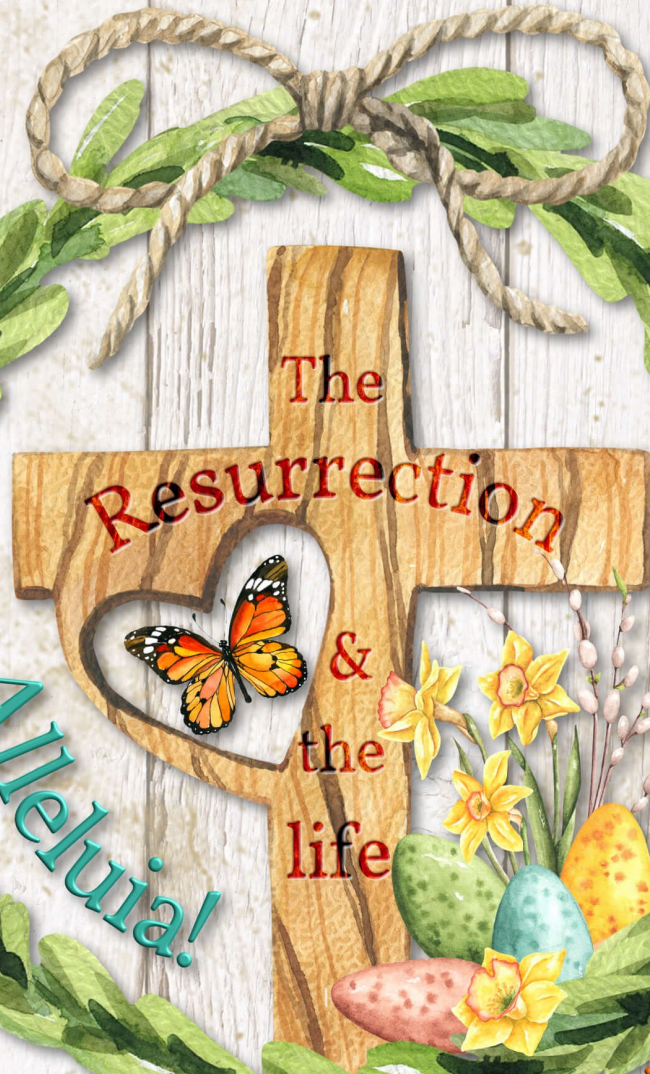




# THE Grapevine

APRIL 2023

*Easter*



*Alleluia!*

The  
Resurrection  
&  
the  
life

*Blessings*



*Wishing everyone a happy Easter!*



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### "The Jesus Tension"

Jesus loves a paradox, loves the tension of two opposite things revealing a truth when they come together. The first shall be last; death leads to eternal life; those who hunger will be filled; in losing your life you will gain; the poor are rich; to lead is to serve. These statements and assertions from Jesus on his teachings are meant to draw us in to look at the world differently, and they shock, too. Jesus wants us to grow in depth of faith and spirit. When we examine statements like the ones above, and really try to digest them with our heart and mind, they lead us to new areas of exploration .

We are in route to Holy Week where we will experience the final hours of Jesus' life, and the paradoxes become more pronounced with life altering faith statements! Jesus gets on his knees and washes the feet of his disciples. Jesus shares in a meal with those whom he trusts most when in a short time will betray him, abandon him, and deny him. God the Son, suffers and dies on the cross. Yes, we really believe God dies. And in superb triumph, God rises. Embrace the story, embrace the tension, embrace the mystery of our faith.

In your embracing, how might it affect your interaction with others? Will you take on Christ's humility? Will your faith be reinforced, where you can stand to your feet proudly to celebrate the blessings God has made possible for you? What role will you take on in the story of Christ's final hours? Will you be one who stands on the road shouting, "Hosanna"; or maybe you will contemplate how you act in similar ways to the disciples who flee and run? Could we take on the role of Pontius Pilot, one who condemns Jesus to death, or perhaps we will be one the stands at the foot of the cross watching our Lord go through such agony? Could we be the thief next to Jesus seeking to be remembered when Jesus enters his kingdom?

Any role we may take is to be a route of tension for holding the truth that in death comes eternal life, in strife and pain comes a new day of blessings. Do the tough work of faith, friends. Don't shy away from the truth. Embrace the Truth! Embrace the Tension! Embrace that God the Son, dies and rises and gives us a new day!

In Christ,

Pastor Chase



## April 2023 Volunteers of the Month

*The Goddard UMC  
Volunteers for the  
month of April 2023  
are Tom and Carol  
McAlister.*

The McAlisters have been members of Goddard for many years and have been active with their gifts of time and talents throughout those years.

Tom has been a member since childhood. His parents were members of GUMC. He is an usher on Sundays.

Tom and Carol are Annual Conference Lay Delegates. They have attended Annual Conference for several years to represent Goddard UMC.

Carol has been a member of Goddard for over 36 years. She is the chair of SPR (Staff Parish Relations) and works closely with the pastor and staff. She is an active member of the Goddard UMW and the Joy Goddard Circle.

Tom assists with the Goddard yardwork and is the Centennial Brick installer. He is an active member of the Goddard UMM.

Both Tom and Carol are members of the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class. They have volunteered in several activities including Vacation Bible School.

Thank you Tom and Carol for your many years of giving to God's church .

*Submitted by Deb Moore*



**Bishop Laura Merrill**  
South Central Jurisdiction

On June 11, 2023, our new bishop  
will be preaching  
at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.  
Please be here to welcome  
Bishop Merrill  
to Goddard UMC.

### Social Media


Facebook – [Bishop Laura Merrill](#)  
Instagram – [@bishoplauramerrill](#)



*Please be in prayer for:*

Marcus Akins  
 April Austin  
 Zoe Ann Batten  
 Rick Bodine  
 Bob Callaway  
 Betty Campbell  
 Jim Cavin  
 Lauranell Cavin  
 Jim Cheyne  
 Jessica Clardy  
 Charles Click  
 Marilyn Click  
 Kevin Cochran  
 Helen Cowan  
 Sheila Croxton  
 Linda Dickson  
 Suzie Dunn  
 Jason Echols  
 Rusty Echols  
 Dewayne Edwards  
 Andrew Godwin  
 Tom Godwin  
 Gary Goembel  
 Jana L. Green  
 Dennis Holland  
 Jim Kell  
 Tom Kenny  
 Raye Levering  
 Thomas Levering  
 Jesse Lewis  
 Judy Loux  
 Rose Lyons  
 Linda Morrison  
 Sharon Neufell  
 Roy Nixon  
 Sandi Parks  
 Rachel Rhodes  
 Sally and Eddie Ridener  
 Julie Rieder

Robert Lee Roam, Jr.  
 Rita Robson  
 Mary Beth Rule  
 Cliff Rush  
 Cindy Sauter  
 John Sauter  
 Grace Ann Settle  
 Tracey Stecher  
 Hayden Stewart  
 Betty Steele  
 Mary Beth Sudduth  
 Claudia Szendre  
 Ruth Szendre  
 John Tarrant  
 Polly Taylor  
 Ron Watson  
 Charles Williams  
 Leslie Wintory  
 Bobbie Young  
 Our Essential Workers  
 Our Firefighters  
 Our First Responders  
 Our Law Enforcement  
     Officers  
 Our Troops  
 Our U.S. Marshals

**Prayer Chain**

**To add someone to the  
 Prayer Chain,  
 contact Donny Anderson  
 479.522.3080**

**To be a member of the  
 Prayer Chain,  
 contact Deb Moore  
 479.785.1415**



For Columbarium Information  
 Call 479.785.1415

**Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:**

**Richard "Dick" Taylor**

**Ducote "Cody" Hunter, Brother of Michelle Greenfield**

***Welcome***

***New Members***

***Tom and Mary King***



## **Pastor and Staff of GUMC**

Rev. Chase Green — Senior Pastor

George A. Mann — Choir Master/Organist

Sami Sue Welch — Associate Director of Music

Keri Cousins — Children's/Youth Director/

Online Ministries

Jenni Crawford — Preschool Director

Michelle Greenfield — Financial Administrator

Deborah Moore — Church Administrator/

Buildings and Grounds/Grapevine Editor

Don Holland — Maintenance/Custodial

Timothy Peerbolte — Audio/Visual

Mark Cheyne — Live Streaming

## **Pastor Chase Green**

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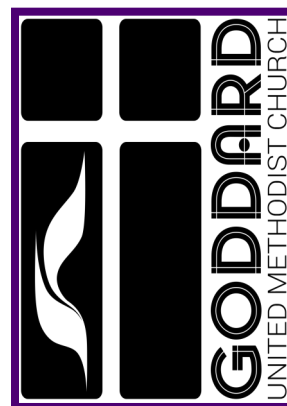
## April Anniversaries

- 10th Bob and Pat Withers  
 15th Don and Jeannie Holland  
 15th Scott and Jean McCoubrey  
 29th Jimmie and Lauranell Cavin



## April Birthdays

- 6th Karissa Crowder  
 6th Nancy Robertson  
 7th Lynne Gustafson  
 9th Pam Cauthron  
 9th Ann Michau  
 12th Doris Beaty  
 12th Paul Lanning  
 13th Jane Stromley  
 23rd Kim Toney  
 26th Judy Loux  
 30th Jim Dunn  
 30th Sue Rose



## One Call Now

Have you signed up for our Goddard One Call Now messaging system?

Get important updates from church as they happen. Sign up to receive messages by text, phone call, or email.

Fill in your preferred contact method below and return to the church office.

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Any:

Call
  Email
  Text

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Designated to General Fund:**

- In memory of James Singleton  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
- In honor of Zoe Ann Batten  
by Betty Morkemo
- In honor of Ruth Szendre  
by Betty Morkemo
- In honor of Ruth Szendre  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In honor of Zoe Ann Batten  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In memory of James Singleton  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In memory of Harry Miller  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In honor of Ruth Szendre  
by Eric and Elizabeth Sheffer
- In honor of Zoe Ann Batten  
by Eric and Elizabeth Sheffer
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of William McKeever  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of Sheila Geren  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of David Smith  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of James Singleton  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In memory of Larry Loux  
by Roger and Peggy Ross

**Designated to General Fund:**

- In memory of Dr. Edwin Coffman  
by Roger and Peggy Ross
- In honor of Zoe Ann Batten  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
- In honor of Ruth Szendre  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn

**Designated to General Fund/Endowment:**

- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Elizabeth Eubanks
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Elizabeth Eubanks
- In memory of James Singleton  
by Elizabeth Eubanks

**Designated to Building Repairs:**

- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Tom and Carol McAlister
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Tom and Carol McAlister
- In honor of Ruth Szendre  
by Sherry Stockton
- In honor of Zoe Ann Batten  
by Sherry Stockton

**Designated to Pantry:**

- In memory of James Singleton  
by Roy and Betty Nixon

Honorariums/Memorials may be given  
online or by check at any time.  
Your donations can be designated to a  
specific ministry or to the general fund.



Pictured at left is Don Holland and Linda Dickson unloading various tools and machines that have been donated to the Goddard Youth "Carpenter's Workshop".



Pictured above are Zoe Ann Batten and Fort Smith Mayor George McGill. See related story on page 11.



The picture above was submitted by Lynne Gustafson of the Joy Goddard Circle Lunch Bunch who ate at Neumeier's Whippoorwill Restaurant on March 21st.

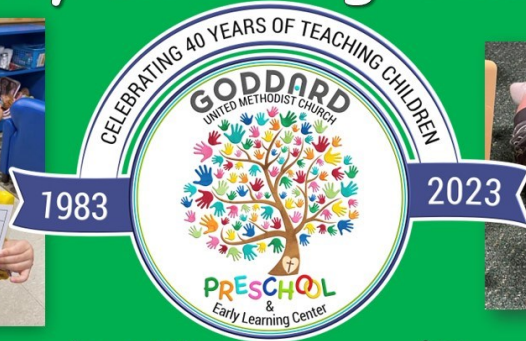
We love pictures!  
Send your church photos to [secretary@goddardumc.org](mailto:secretary@goddardumc.org)

**APRIL USHER SCHEDULE**  
**10:00 a.m. Sunday Service**  
**6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday**  
**6:00 p.m. Good Friday**

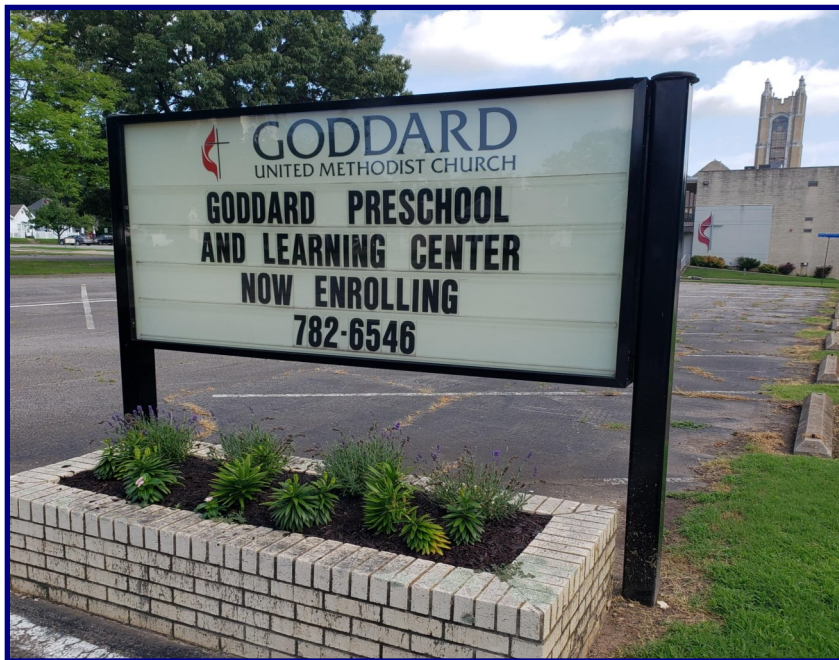
Tom McAlister  
Charlie Smith  
Robert Neufell  
Phil Woodard  
Alternate  
Jim Rose



# Goddard Preschool and Early Learning Center



[GoddardUMC.org/Preschool](http://GoddardUMC.org/Preschool)



## GUMC Calendar / April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 UMM Breakfast— 8 am
2 Palm Sunday	3 Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch—11:30, 12:15, 12:45 Goddard UMC	4 Circle of Hope— 10am	5 Food Pantry—9-11:30 am Youth—3:30—7:00 pm MMM—5:30 pm Handbells—6pm Choir—7pm	6 Maundy Thursday Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Service—6 pm	7 Good Friday Service— 6pm	8 Easter “Egg”stravaganza —10:30 am  Easter Music Rehearsal—3pm
9 Easter	10 Office Closed	11 Fundraising Meeting—3 pm Joy Goddard - 5:30pm	12 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth—3:30-7:00 pm Choir—7pm	13 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am  Lydia—1pm	14	15
16	17 Apostle Paul Study—1 pm Church Council—5pm	18	19 Food Pantry—9-11:30 am Youth—3:30—7:00 pm Choir—7pm	20 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	21	22
23	24 Apostle Paul Study—1 pm	25	26 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth—3:30—7:00 pm Choir—7pm	27 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am  Lydia—1 pm	28	29 UMM Breakfast—8 am
30 Piano Recital—3pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u>            Sunday School - 9 am (Kids, Adults)            Worship—10 am            Sunday School - 11:15 am (Youth, Adults)</p>					

**Sunday School****Adults 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.****Children 9:00 a.m.****Youth 11:15 a.m.**


**GRIEF SHARE®**

**Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. / Susan C. King Classroom**

## Goddard United Methodist Women

*Submitted by Elizabeth Eubanks*

Thank you for your gracious spirit and hard work preparing for all the activities we have had the last few weeks. Our church family is the greatest!

Our next big event is **UMW Sunday** on May 7th. Our speaker will be **Rev. Sam Meadors**, Director of Project Transformation. You will want to make plans to be here to hear this dynamic speaker inform us about what our conference is doing for literacy in Arkansas.

### Circle Meetings in April:

Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday,

April 4 at 10 a.m.

Joy Goddard will meet Tuesday,

April 11 at 5:30 p.m.



UMW hosted a birthday celebration for **Zoe Ann Batten** on Sunday, March 26th in the parlor. Zoe Ann turned **100 years** young on March 20th. (See picture at left and on page 8.)

The mayor of Fort Smith, George McGill, presented Zoe Ann with a proclamation. Besides her church family, Zoe Ann's daughters and son-in-law were present to celebrate.

Photo by Michelle Baumann

Dear Goddard Friends,

Your kind words, cards and prayers were greatly appreciated by this family as we deal with the loss of our son, William McKeever and with the decline in Jim Kell's health. Knowing so many of you have been through such trials makes your concern for us most meaningful.

We are blessed to be a part of Goddard Methodist Church and hope to return to the comfort provided by attending church services soon.

God Bless each of you in the days ahead.

Barbara and Jim Kell



**EGGS IN MY BASKET AND JESUS IN MY HEART**

## 1st Wednesday Fellowship

**Come join us in fellowship as we savor**

- A great meal
- A God-focused mission
- A grace-filled meditation

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

PLEASE RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY PRIOR TO MEAL. DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED



# Goddard Summer Camp

June 7<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 \*Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>\*  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Register for Summer 2023!  
 Infants – Pre-K





**T-Shirts  
are Here!  
\$10 each**



**Pick Up Yours at the Church Office**

*A few Goddard tees remain for sale.  
 Check with the office for your size today.*



# Easter EGG-stravaganza!

**FREE!**

Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m.

Games, Prizes, Food, the Easter Bunny and a

## HUGE Egg Hunt!

Indoor and Outdoor Fun for All Ages!!



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

Easter "Egg-stravaganza"  
Saturday April 8—10:30 a.m.



## Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is now meeting at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Clubhouse in the Children's Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn from a unit called "Resurrection and Miracles"

- April 2—The Story of Easter (The Triumphal Entry)
- April 9— The Story of Easter (Palm Sunday – Resurrection)
- April 16—The Road to Emmaus
- April 23— Jesus Walks on Water
- April 30—Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind



Easter  
Egg-Stravaganza!  
Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m.

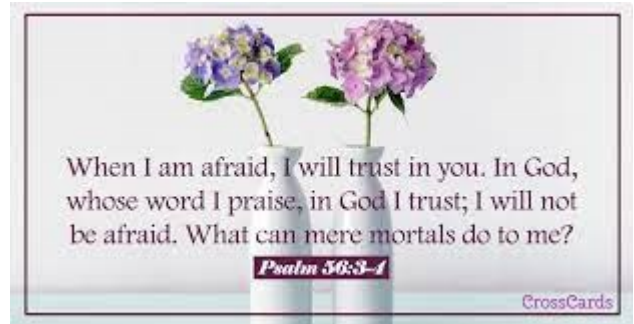


Save the Date for VBS!  
Mon. July 10—Fri. July 14  
Evening Hours

## PSALM 56 CEB

God, have mercy on me because I'm being trampled. All day long the enemy oppresses me. 2 My attackers trample me all day long because I have so many enemies. Exalted one, 3 whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you—4 in God, whose word I praise. I trust in God; I won't be afraid. What can mere flesh do to me? 5 All day long they frustrate my pursuits, all their thoughts are evil against me. 6 They get together and set an ambush—they are watching my steps, hoping for my death. 7 Don't rescue them for any reason! In wrath bring down the people, God! 8 You yourself have kept track of my misery. Put my tears into your bottle—aren't they on your scroll

already? 9 Then my enemies will retreat when I cry out. I know this because God is mine. 10 God; whose word I praise. The Lord; whose word I praise. 11 I trust in God, I won't be afraid. What can anyone do to me?



12 I will fulfill my promises to you, God. I will present thanksgiving offerings to you 13 because you have saved my life from death, saved my feet from stumbling so that I can walk before God in the light of life.



### **COMMUNION AT HOME First Sunday of Each Month**

**April 2, 2023 / 10:00 a.m.  
During "Online" Live Streaming  
Worship Service**

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



## Contributions March 2023

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 14,024	\$ 8,125	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,729	\$ 29,472
Pantry	1,034	765	550	60	\$ 2,409
Memorials*	30	320	250	50	\$ 650
Other	385	70	173	20	\$ 648
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,473</b>	<b>\$ 9,280</b>	<b>\$ 4,568</b>	<b>\$ 3,859</b>	<b>\$ 33,179</b>

\*Designated memorials not included

### APRIL 2023 LECTIONARY

**2nd Palm Sunday** Isa 50:4-9a, Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764), Phil 2:5-11, Matt 26:14-27:66  
or 27:11-54

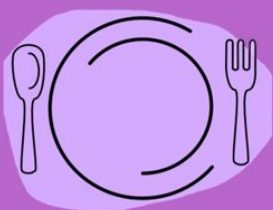
**9th Easter Sunday** Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839), Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-18  
or Matt 28:1-10

**16th Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Ps 16 (UMH 748), I Pet 1:3-9,  
John 20:19-31

**23rd Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837), I Pet 1:17-23,  
Luke 24:13-35

**30th Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:42-47, Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137), I Pet 2:19-25,  
John 10:1-10

## Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch 2023



Lunch served 11:30a - 12:00p

**Worship 12:15 - 12:45p**

Lunch served 12:45 - 1:15p



**Apr. 3 Goddard United Methodist Rev. Phillip Blackburn**

## Goddard Food Pantry Report March 2023

Number of bags distributed = 134

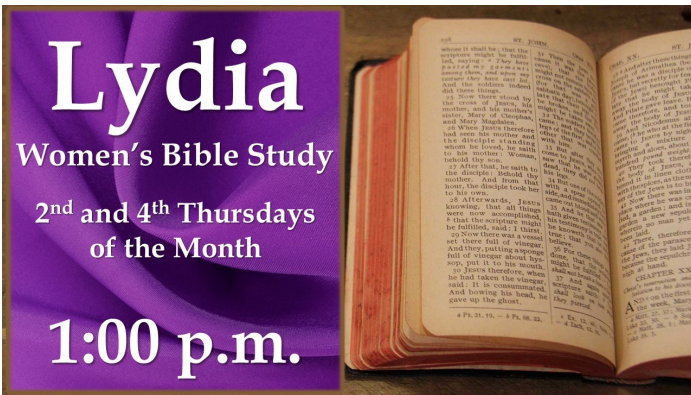
Number of individuals fed = 312

Total Pantry Volunteer hours = 119

Pantry hours open = 25

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

***Submitted by: Betty Morkemo, Pantry Committee***



### **Lydia Study**

Will meet Thursday,  
April 13th & 27th

at 1 p.m. / Parlor

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks  
479.629.8698



### **March Perfect Attendance**

**Susan C. King**

*Brad McCully, Sherry Stockton, John Tarrant,  
Loraine Tarrant*

**Gathering Disciples**

*Betty Morkemo, Jeannie Holland, Barbara Rumage*

**Pairs and Spares**

*Ricky Cross, Vickie Cross, Chuck Johnson,  
Sandy Johnson, Mike Mankin*



The Trustees approved the sale of the 2013 twelve passenger van for the amount of \$17,500.

Phase II of the bell tower repair has yet to occur due to the conditions of the ground. The lightning rod system will go up after the bell tower repair is completed.

Work on the Bluff Avenue entrance metal roof is scheduled to begin on April 10th. The existing roof has allowed water to leak into the church.

The shingled roofs damaged in the April 11th, 2022 hailstorm have been replaced. Insurance paid.

Tuckpointing on the Northeast side of the building has been completed. Other outer brick walls are in need of tuckpointing work.

*Goddard Trustees*



Goddard UMC continues to reach a great number of individuals and families each week with our live streaming.

The **average number of homes** that watched our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service each week in the month of **March 2023** equaled **117**.  
**Thank you for watching!!!**

**In-Person and Sunday Worship Live Streaming / 10:00 a.m.**

**April 6th / Maundy Thursday / 6:00 p.m.**

**April 7th / Good Friday / 6:00 p.m.**

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

Event Sign-Up  
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**Register your attendance at worship with the QR Code found in your bulletin**

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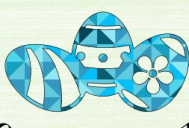

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*You are cordially invited to attend our Holy Week services and events*

## HOLY WEEK

GODDARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 1922 Dodson Avenue, Fort Smith, AR

<p>PALM</p>  <p>SUNDAY</p>	<p>MAUNDY</p>  <p>THURSDAY</p>	<p>GOOD</p>  <p>FRIDAY</p>	<p>EASTER</p>  <p>EGGSTRAVAGANZA</p>	<p>EASTER</p>  <p>SUNDAY</p>
<p>Sunday APRIL 2</p> <p>10:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday APRIL 6</p> <p>6:00 pm</p>	<p>Friday APRIL 7</p> <p>6:00 pm</p>	<p>Saturday APRIL 8</p> <p>10:30 am Egg Hunt &amp; Games</p>	<p>Sunday APRIL 9</p> <p>10:00 am</p>