



# THE Grapevine

JULY 2023



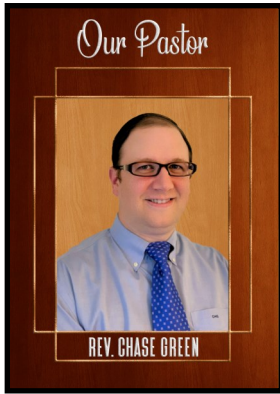
*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*



# Happy Birthday, America! #247

## “A Month of Praise!”

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.—Psalm 100*



It has been a tremendous month for Goddard! We need to stop and give God praise for all that has transpired in just one month. For it is God that has done marvelous works through us, as we hold God’s grace close and utilize it for ministry.

At the beginning of the month, we had our Arkansas Annual Conference Bishop, Laura Merrill, join us for Sunday morning worship at Goddard. This was her first time to Fort Smith and we made her first time a good experience. She preached a great sermon, and to follow we had a reception for her. {See the pictures within this newsletter that show the event}. We had a wonderful time with Bishop Merrill, she is very approachable, and good things are ahead for our United Methodist Church in Arkansas.

This summer Wacky Wednesday kicked off and we have had 30 children participate over the weeks of this program so far. It has been a lot of fun and been so exciting to see so many children. It certainly has taken a great amount of energy, but thanks to Ms. Keri and several volunteers who have made this a wonderful connection to these children and their families.

We have had a wonderful time with our new Ballman Summer Program. Each Monday since June 4th, we have taken food bags from our food pantry, an assortment of children’s books, and snack bags, for Ballman families to come and receive. Over the past month we have handed out 73 food bags and 100 snack bags. Every child gets to come and pick books they would like to take home. We must give thanks to the 200,000 More Reasons, Arkansas Conference program, which gave us \$6,000 towards this ministry and the launch of a Pop-up Library program to supply books to children for reading and literacy. Our Ballman Summer Program has been such a wonderful blessing so far. We have volunteers in the food pantry that help make extra food bags for this program, volunteers that help load these items in trucks and the church bus, and volunteers who hand out in the Ballman parking lot. Each week we have had a representative from the school, either a teacher, or the counselor, who volunteers with us. We are making a difference when the counselor says, “We love Goddard!”

Take a moment and realize all that has to go in to have the many things like this happen over this past month. It takes prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. I thank each and every one of you who have in some way connected to Goddard this past month. Let’s give God praise for so much that we get to be a part of, that we get to make a difference in people’s lives.

Rev. Charles Henley “Chase” Green, Jr.  
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Fort Smith, AR 72901

**Grace & Peace**

**Pastor Chase**

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Office 479.785.1415 / Cell 501.827.8309

## July 2023 Volunteers of the Month

*The Goddard UMC Volunteers for the Month of July 2023 are Rick and Betty Bodine.*

Rick and Betty Bodine have been members of Goddard UMC since 2011. Throughout these twelve years they have been members of the Gathering Disciples Sunday school class. Both have volunteered with Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, Christmas Extravaganza, and Easter Extravaganza.

Rick is a member of the Goddard Trustees. Rick and Betty assist Don Holland each week with unloading groceries for our food pantry.

This summer they have been helping distribute bags of groceries at our Ballman Summer Mission (see picture at right).

Blessings to this wonderful couple for all they do for our Goddard family.

*Submitted by Deb Moore*



*Front cover and other graphics by:  
Rhonda Rieder*



**Betty and Rick Bodine**



**Ballman Summer Mission  
Food Bag Distribution**

**Pictured above:  
Back Row: Betty Bodine, Bill Moore,  
Pastor Chase Green, Rick Bodine  
Middle Row: Sue Rose, Mike Mankin, first grade  
Ballman teacher Melissa Wilson  
Front Row: Coby Cox, Charlie Green**



*Please be in prayer for:*

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Marcus Akins    | Sally and Eddie Ridener |
| April Austin    | Julie Rieder            |
| Zoe Ann Batten  | Robert Lee Roam, Jr.    |
| Rick Bodine     | Rita Robson             |
| Bob Callaway    | Mary Beth Rule          |
| Betty Campbell  | Cliff Rush              |
| Jim Cavin       | Cindy Sauter            |
| Lauranell Cavin | John Sauter             |
| Jim Cheyne      | Grace Ann Settle        |
| Jessica Clardy  | Tracey Stecher          |
| Charles Click   | Hayden Stewart          |
| Marilyn Click   | Betty Steele            |
| Kevin Cochran   | Mary Beth Sudduth       |
| Helen Cowan     | Claudia Szendre         |
| Sheila Croxton  | Ruth Szendre            |
| Linda Dickson   | John Tarrant            |
| Jason Echols    | Polly Taylor            |
| Rusty Echols    | Ron Watson              |
| Dewayne Edwards | Charles Williams        |
| Andrew Godwin   | Leslie Wintory          |
| Gary Goembel    | Bobbie Young            |
| Jana L. Green   | Our Essential Workers   |
| Dennis Holland  | Our Firefighters        |
| Jim Kell        | Our First Responders    |
| Tom Kenny       | Our Law Enforcement     |
| Raye Levering   | Officers                |
| Thomas Levering | Our Troops              |
| Jesse Lewis     | Our U.S. Marshals       |
| Judy Loux       |                         |
| Linda Morrison  |                         |
| Roy Nixon       |                         |
| Sandi Parks     |                         |
| Rachel Rhodes   |                         |



**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 Deb Moore  
479.785.1415**



**For Columbarium Information  
Call 479.785.1415**





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

**Chuck Gill, brother-in-law of Don Holland**

**Tom Godwin**

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### **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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**Summer Bible Study**

**SUPPORTING CAST:  
LESSER KNOWN  
BIBLICAL FIGURES**

**STARTING JUNE 7TH @ 1:00PM**

**WE WILL MEET FOR 8 SESSIONS IN THE PARLOR**

## July Birthdays

4th Dave Whiteis  
 6th Sam Long  
 7th Mark Cheyne  
 10th Katherine Clardy  
 10th Jane Martin  
 11th Cindy Sauter  
 12th Evan Hawthorne  
 12th Asher Peerbolte  
 13th Betty Morkemo  
 14th Bobbie Young  
 17th Meredith Rice  
 23rd Ronnie Apple  
 24th Sissie Mankin  
 26th Sheila Croxton  
 26th Larry Neuhart  
 21st Jerry Peerbolte  
 25th Claudia Szendre  
 28th Teresa Hawthorne  
 30th Mary Beth Sudduth



## July Anniversaries

1st Robert and Sharon Neuffell  
 5th Michael and Jane Wineland



### Designated to General Fund:

In memory of Tom Godwin by Barbara Kennedy  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Roger and Peggy Ross  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Ricky and Vickie Cross  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Ken and Debbie Wintory  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Pat Baskin  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Chuck and Sandy Johnson  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Jimmy Arthur  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Jim and Suzie Dunn  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Mike and Sissie Mankin  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Lee and Jana Green  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Larry and Patsy Cochran

### Designated to Pantry:

In memory of Randy Woodard by Jean Woodward  
 In memory of Chuck Gill by Jean Woodward  
 In memory of Randy Woodard by Larry and Patsy Cochran  
 In memory of Randy Woodard by Janie Tanner  
 In memory of Randy Woodard by Roger and Peggy Ross  
 In memory of Randy Woodard by Ricky and Vickie Cross  
 In memory of Tom Godwin by Peter Lufkin  
 In honor of Robert Neuffell by Jim and Suzie Dunn

### Designated to Building Repairs:

In memory of Cletis Stockton and Jerry House by Sherry Stockton

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.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TEACHING CHILDREN

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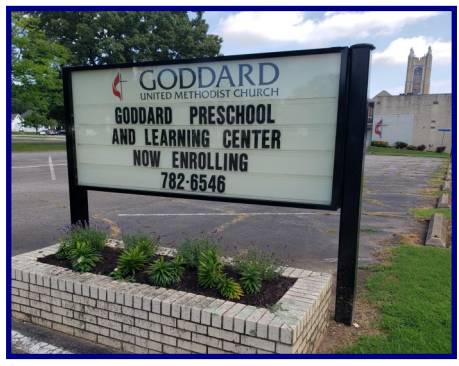
PRESCHOOL & Early Learning Center




Now Enrolling for Fall 2023!

Infants - Pre-K

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



**JULY USHER SCHEDULE**  
**10:00 a.m. Sunday Service**

Robert Neuffell  
 Rick Bodine  
 Mike Mankin  
 Tom McAlister

Alternate  
 Jim Rose



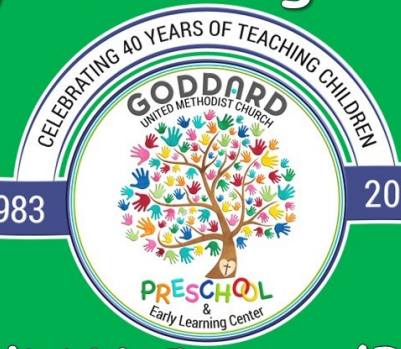
T-Shirts are Here!  
 \$10 each



Pick Up Yours at the Church Office

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

# Goddard Preschool and Early Learning Center



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



June 2023 Pictured (above): High winds caused a large pecan tree to fall down into the middle of Goddard Park. Thank you Ron Apple, Bill Moore and Don Holland for attacking this tree removal project in such a timely manner. Pictured (right): Wacky Wednesday fun!!!

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





Start collecting your items for the  
**Goddard Garage Sale  
Fundraiser**  
that will be held in September.

- Clothes
- Furniture
- Kitchen
- Electronics

Thank you!



**CHANGE FOR CHURCH  
FUNDRAISER**

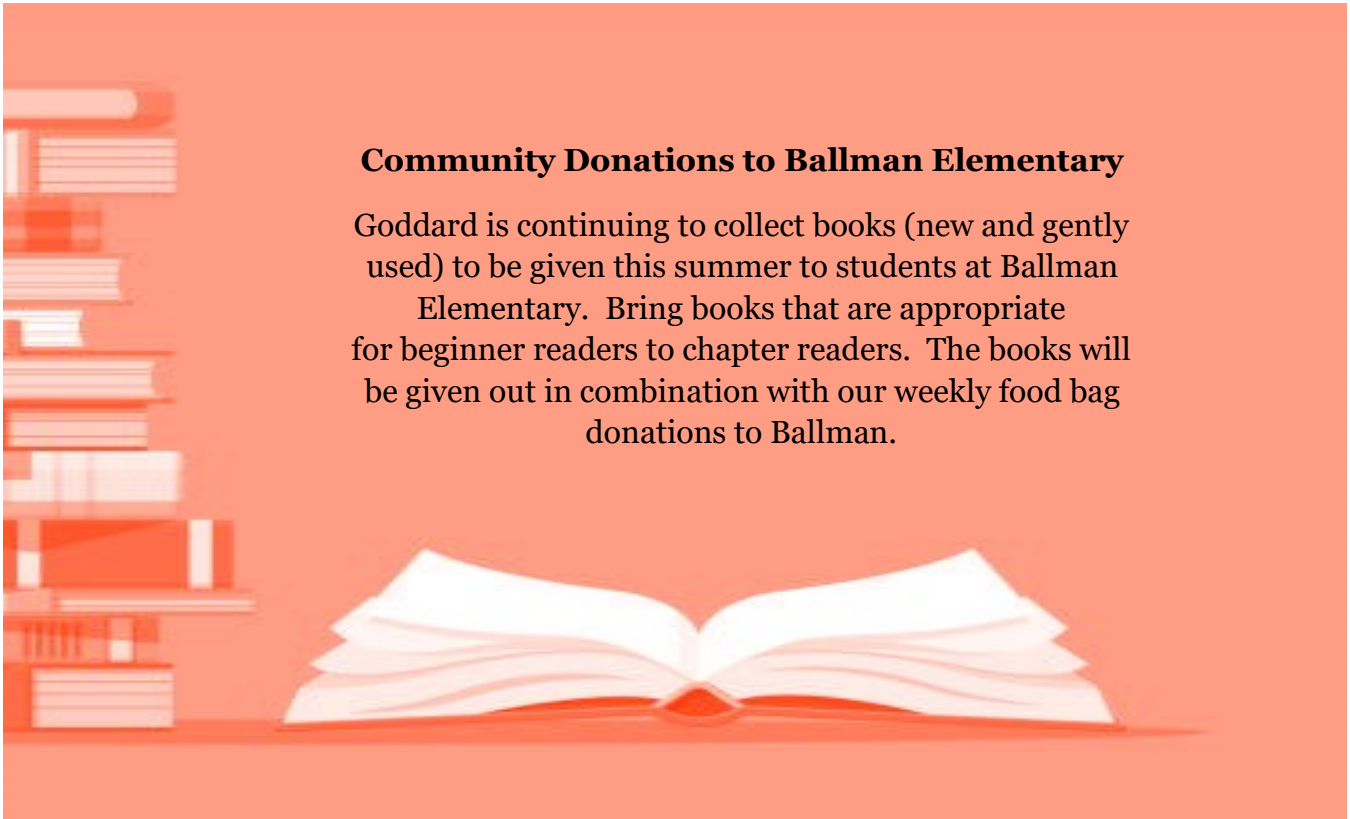
**Collect Your Change in the Months  
of July and August**

Special Offering Boxes  
are waiting for you on the Narthex table.



### **Community Donations to Ballman Elementary**

Goddard is continuing to collect books (new and gently used) to be given this summer to students at Ballman Elementary. Bring books that are appropriate for beginner readers to chapter readers. The books will be given out in combination with our weekly food bag donations to Ballman.



#### **Sunday School**

**Adults 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

**Children 9:00 a.m.**

**Youth 11:15 a.m.**



### **June Perfect Attendance**

#### ***Susan C. King***

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

#### ***Gathering Disciples***

*Betty Bodine, Rick Bodine, Don Holland,  
Betty Morkemo, Barbara Rumage*

#### ***Pairs and Spares***

*Jimmy Arthur, Chuck Johnson,  
Sandy Johnson, Mike Lyons, Mike Mankin,  
Sissie Mankin, Nancy Robertson,  
Tom Robertson*



Bishop Laura Merrill preached at Goddard UMC on Sunday, June 11, 2023. A reception hosted by United Women in Faith was held in her honor in the Great Room following the 10 a.m. worship service. She is the bishop of the Arkansas Annual Conference.



Bishop Laura Merrill

# Goddard Youth



## Youth Sunday School!

We have the best snacks in the building!

Join us in the Youth Cinema each  
**Sunday at 11:15 a.m.** after worship!

While we're enjoying some down time this summer, it's a great time to join our Youth Announcements text group!



**Send a Text to the number 81010 with the message  
@goddardyou**

You will receive important updates about our Youth activities and plans for the Fall when they are sent out!



Camp Goddard  
Lock-in 2023 was  
a lot of fun!  
Thank you to all  
our brave adults  
who stayed up all  
night with us!!

*For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to give you hope and a future.*

*-Jeremiah 29:11*



Read a good book lately? Our **Goddard UWF Library** has some marvelous books available for you to check out, read, and return. The UWF Library is located in the Pantry. (See photo below right)

On June 13, **Jenni Crawford, Director of our Goddard Preschool Ministry** was our speaker (see photo at right) She has a wonderful heart for helping children to learn. Please join her and our UWF members to pray for the success and growth of our Preschool.

The **Joy Goddard Circle** is our featured UWF Circle this month. (see photo below left) This circle usually meets the first Tuesday evening of each month in the parlor. However, Joy Goddard does not meet in July; their next meeting will be Tuesday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Braum's (4418 Rogers) for an ice cream fellowship meeting.

Some of the **mission work** by Joy Goddard Circle Members includes supporting The Ronald McDonald Family Room and Heifer International, sewing Prayer Blankets, sewing "blankies" and bonnets for our newborns, and maintaining the flower bed near the church office entrance.



Jenni Crawford spoke at the June UWF Quarterly Meeting.

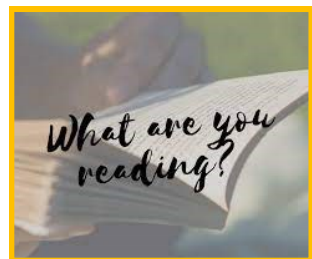


Not pictured at left but members of Joy Goddard are: Sandy Hartgraves, Jean McCoubrey, and Cornelia Schardt

**Next Circle Meetings in August**

10:00 a.m. Circle of Hope

5:30 p.m. Joy Goddard



The UWF Library is located inside the Food Pantry room across from the church office. Books are available for check out Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.





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

## Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Clubhouse in the Children's Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn amazing Bible stories involving water from a series called "Water You Doing, God?"

- July 2–4th of July
- July 9–Jonah and the Whale
- July 16–The Woman at the Well
- July 23–Parting the Red Sea
- July 30–Noah's Ark

## Summer Wacky Wednesdays!

June 7, 14, 21, 28  
July 5, 19, 26

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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

We're having a blast at Summer Wacky Wednesdays! In June we learned about Jesus turning water into wine, Jesus calming the storm, Moses parting the Red Sea, and Jonah and the Whale.

There's still time to join in the fun in July!





# STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



# VBS

July 10–14

5:00–8:00 p.m.

Register Now at

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

**BUT I WILL SING OF  
YOUR STRENGTH;  
IN THE MORNING I  
WILL SING OF  
YOUR LOVE.  
FOR YOU ARE MY  
FORTRESS, MY  
REFUGE IN TIMES  
OF TROUBLE.  
PSALM 59:16**

### **PSALM 59 CEB**

Oh, my God,  
deliver me from  
my enemies, put  
me out of reach

from those who rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from evildoers; save me from the bloodthirsty. 3 Look at how they lie in ambush for my life! Powerful people are attacking me, Lord—but not because of any error or sin of mine. 4 They run and take their stand—but now because of any fault of mine. Get up when I cry out to you! Look at what’s happening! 5 You are the Lord God of heavenly forces, the God of Israel! Wake up and punish all the nations! Grant no mercy to any wicked traitor! 6 They come back every evening, growling like dogs, prowling around the city. 7 See what they belch out with their mouths: swords are between their lips! Who can listen to them? 8 But you, Lord, laugh at them. You mock all the nations. 9 I keep looking for you, my strength, because God is my stronghold.

10 My loving God will come to meet me. God will allow me to look down on my enemies. 11 Don’t kill them, or my people might forget; instead, by your power shake them up and bring them down, you who are our shield my Lord. 12 For the sin of their mouths, the words that they speak, let them be captured in their pride. For the curses and lies they repeat, 13 finish them off in anger, finish them off until they are gone! Then let it be known to the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob. 14 They come back every evening, growling like dogs, prowling around the city. 15 They roam about for food, and if they don’t get their fill, they stay all night. 16 But me? I will sing of your strength! In the morning I will shout out loud about your faithful love because you have been my stronghold, my shelter when I was distraught. 17 I will sing praises to you, my strength, because God is my stronghold, my loving God.



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

**July 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 June 2023

	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 18	Jun 25	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 15,341	\$ 6,054	\$ 8,258	\$ 2,673	\$ 32,326
Pantry	1,096	385	550	375	2,406
Memorials*	0	0	250	205	455
Other	223	70	170	70	533
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,660</b>	<b>\$ 6,509</b>	<b>\$ 9,228</b>	<b>\$ 3,323</b>	<b>\$ 35,720</b>

\*Designated memorials not included

## JULY 2023 LECTONARY

2nd Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Gen 22:1-14, Ps 13 (UMH 746), Rom 6:12-23, Matt 10:4—42

9th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Ps 45:10-17 or Ps 72 (UMH 795), Rom 7:15-25a, Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

16th Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Gen 25:19-34, Ps 119:105-112 (UMH 854), Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

23rd Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Gen 29:15-28, Ps 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828), Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

30th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Gen 29:15-28, Ps 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828), Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

## GUMC Calendar / July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3 Ballman Summer Mission – 12 pm	4 Church Office Closed	5 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids – 11 am – 2pm Bible Study – 1 pm	6 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	7 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	8
9	10 Ballman Summer Mission – 12 pm  VBS – 5-8 pm	11 Preschool – 9 am – 2 pm VBS – 5-8 pm	12 Preschool – 9 am – 2 pm Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Bible Study – 1 pm VBS – 5-8 pm Choir – 6:30 pm	13 Preschool – 9 am – 2 pm Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1 pm VBS – 5-8pm	14 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am  VBS – 5-8pm	15
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30	31 Ballman Summer Mission – 12 pm	<b>Sundays</b> Sunday School - 9:00 am (Kids, Adults) Worship – 10:00 am Sunday School - 11:15 am (Youth, Adults)				

## Goddard Food Pantry Report June 2023



Number of bags distributed at Goddard= 142

Number of individuals fed = 362

Total Pantry volunteer hours = 113

Pantry hours open = 22.5 hours

Number of bags distributed at Ballman= 73

Number of Kids bags given out at Ballman = 100

Total Ballman volunteer hours = 64

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

***Submitted by: Sissie Mankin, Pantry Committee***

A promotional graphic for a Bible study. On the left, a purple background with a white floral pattern contains the text: "Lydia Women's Bible Study", "2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month", and "1:00 p.m.". On the right, an open Bible is shown, with text from the Gospel of John visible on the pages.

### Lydia Study

Will meet Thursday,  
July 13th & 27nd  
1 p.m. / Parlor

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks  
479.629.8698



The bell tower lightning rod system has been installed.

The exterior wood door project is almost complete.

The doors have yet to be stained and sealed.

We are on the schedule for repair of the youth roof.

The Preschool floors are on schedule to be replaced. There is a July 5 start date.

Some funds have been donated.

The choir room was recently painted.

Funds were donated for this project.

*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 **June 2023** equaled **153**.

**Thank you for watching!!!**

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

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

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

*Open your camera*

*Hold over the QR code*

*Tap the link to register your attendance*



**Event Sign-Up**  
[goddardumc.org/events](http://goddardumc.org/events)

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