



# THE Grapevine

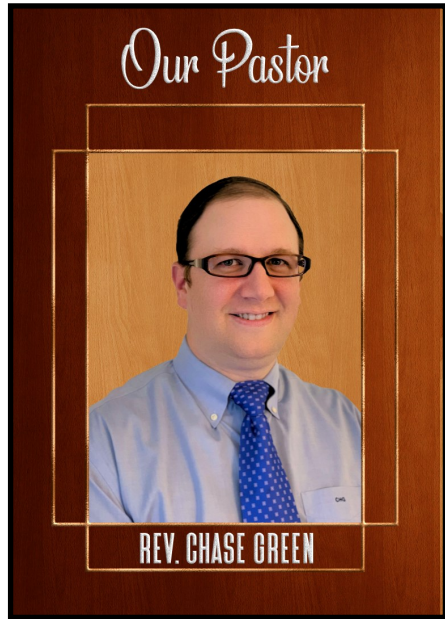
MARCH 2023

40  
DAYS  
&  
NIGHTS

*Then Jesus was led up  
by the Spirit into the  
wilderness to be tempted  
by the devil.*



*A Season of Renewal*



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## **"Mind & Heart"**

It happened to me (again) and had me so frustrated. I walked out of the house one day, drove all the way to Braum's, ordered, went to the window to pay, reached for my wallet in my back pocket, and a surge of panic filled me. I realized I didn't have my wallet. So, I then leave like Eeyore back to home, all while I worry that I'm going to be randomly pulled over by the police and I won't have my driver's license. At that point I don't even want the food! Have you done this? That's what my grandmother might call, "going through life with your brain back at the house."

For the season of Lent as we seek to look inward, examining our heart, let us not forget to check in on our mind, too. How are we treating ourselves? Are we filling our mind with things that are not healthy? Are our thoughts racing with ridicule and venom towards ourselves? We must remember that one of the commandments Jesus gave us was to love our neighbor as yourself. That lets us know that Christ expects us to love ourselves. That doesn't mean we don't hold ourselves accountable, or confess the wrongs we've done to God. Sometimes it is hard for us to approach this in faith, but we need to have a healthy balance of loving ourselves with accountability. We are often our own worst critic, and we often say things to ourselves that Jesus weeps over.

Receive the grace that God gives you to focus on your mind and your heart this Lenten season, and allow Christ to help strengthen both through silence and calm moments in the day, to activities that can help you focus, to enjoying the sunshine when it appears, or a favorite song that lifts your soul. Grow close to God, by loving yourself as you deserve, not what the world thinks you deserve. May God lift you this Lenten season!

Pastor Chase

## March 2023 Volunteer of the Month

### *The Goddard UMC Volunteer for the month of March is Mike Mankin.*

Mike and his wife Sissie (pictured below) have been members of Goddard for 43 years. Their children grew up in the church and Mike and Sissie have been active in all areas at Goddard and in the Fort Smith community. (Sissie was named our October 2022 Volunteer of the month.) Mike and Sissie are volunteers in the Goddard Food Pantry.



Mike currently is the chair of the Goddard Church Council. He works with the pastor, lay leader, and others to fulfill the mission of the church. Along with the pastor and lay leader, he is a primary spokesperson for the vision and mission of the church and encourages all other ministry leaders.

Mike is active with the United Methodist Men. He works tirelessly in the mowing season to keep the yards and grounds mowed and well kept.

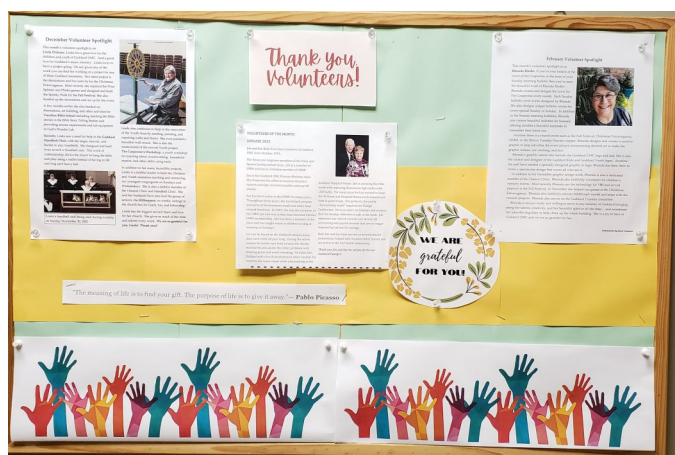
Mike is the teacher for the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class.

Mike represents Goddard on the board of the Community Rescue Mission, 310 North F Street, Fort Smith. (fscrm.org)

When you see Mike, give him a fist bump, and let him know how much his “giving of time and talent” has made Goddard an awesome place to worship!

Thank you, Mike Mankin, for your ability and willingness in improving our campus, church grounds, hospitality, and community missions.

*Submitted by Deb Moore*



*The Volunteer Bulletin Board pictured above can be found in the first floor hallway leading to the Youth Room.*


Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



*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  
 Dick Taylor  
 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:**

**Everett R. Lux, Father of Deborah Moore**

**Harry Miller, Brother of Judy Loux**

**James Singleton, Husband of Pat Singleton**

### **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

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## March Anniversaries

4th Ron Garner and Brenda Partin

14th Paul and Linda Lanning

## March Birthdays

1st Gia DeWitt

1st Patsy Cochran

3rd Bryan Clardy

3rd Gideon Sneed

5th Ron Garner

5th Eric Sheffer

6th Gary Hawthorne

9th Ruth Szendre (105)

11th Chuck Johnson

11th Elizabeth Sheffer

12th Vicki Anderson

12th Keri Cousins

12th Rita Ramey

16th Chase Green

18th Vicki Hopper

20th Zoe Ann Batten (100)

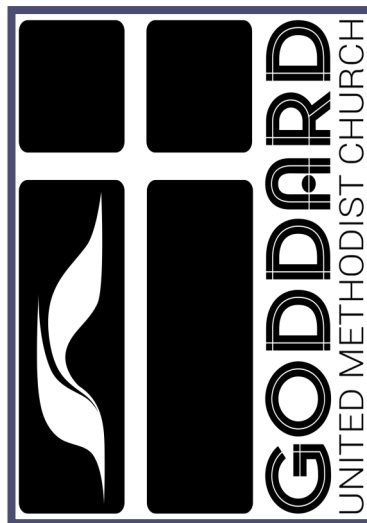
20th Grayce DeWitt

24th Debbie Dubar

29th Julie Bugg

30th Dan Baumann

31st Jim Hopper





### Designated to General Fund:

- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
- In memory of Jimmie Greer  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Roy and Betty Nixon
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Fred and Marilyn Scheuble
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Eric and Elizabeth Sheffer
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Mary Margaret Gattis
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Larry and Patsy Cochran
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Jim and Vicki Hopper
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Mike and Sissie Mankin
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Mike and Sissie Mankin
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Brad and Trish McCully
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson
- In memory of Jimmie Greer  
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson

### Designated to General Fund:

- In memory of Harry Miller  
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson
- In memory of Paul Hill  
by Larry Kennedy and Greg Kennedy
- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Jean Woodward
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Jean Woodward
- In memory of Harry Miller  
by Jean Woodward
- In memory of William McKeever  
by Jean Woodward
- In memory of Margie Jones on her birthday  
(Melinda's mother) by John and Melinda Lowrey

### Designated to Building Repairs:

- In memory of Barry Ramey  
by Sherry Stockton
- In memory of Everett Lux  
by Sherry Stockton

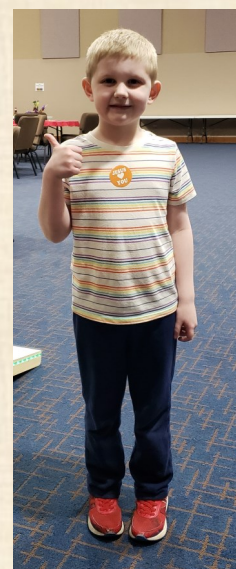
### Designated to Building Repairs/Tuckpointing:

- In memory of Dr. Ed Coffman  
by Rachel Rhodes
- In memory of her brothers, Richard Rule and  
Lyman Rule by Rachel Rhodes

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.



The Shrove Tuesday meal was sponsored by the Goddard Chancel Choir on February 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Music was provided by Greer Farris and Donny Anderson. The choir prepped, served, and bussed the entire affair. Fun Times!!! Thank you to George, Sami Sue and the entire Chancel Choir!



**MARCH USHER SCHEDULE**  
10:00 a.m. Service

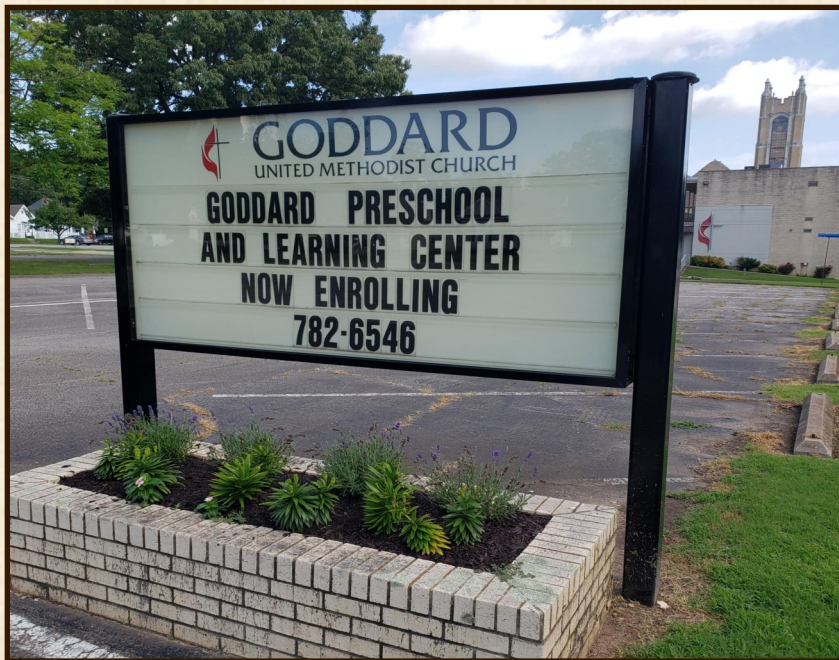
- Bill Moore
- Scott McCoubrey
- Jim Rose
- Brad McCully
- Alternate
- Robert Neufell



# Goddard Preschool and Early Learning Center




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



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays</b> Sunday School - 9 am (Kids, Adults) Worship - 10 am Sunday School - 11:15 am (Youth, Adults)			1 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth - 3:30 - 7:00 pm <b>MMM - 5:30 pm</b> Handbells - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 7pm	2 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Children and Youth Team Meeting - 10 am	3	4 UMM Breakfast - 8 am
5	6 Lenten Lunch - 11:30, 12:15, 12:45 First Methodist Apostle Paul - 1pm	7 Circle of Hope - 10am Joy Goddard - 5:30 pm Grief Share - 6 pm	8 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth - 3:30-7:00 pm Handbells - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 7pm	9 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia - 1pm	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward)	13 Lenten Lunch - 11:30, 12:15, 12:45 St. John's Episcopal Apostle Paul - 1pm	14 UMW General Meeting - 1pm Grief Share - 6 pm	15 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth - 3:30 - 7:00 pm Handbells - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 7pm	16 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	17	18 Youth Girls' Night - 5:30 - 7:30 pm
19 UMCOR Sunday	20 Lenten Lunch - 11:30, 12:15, 12:45 Central Presbyterian Apostle Paul - 1pm	21 Grief Share - 6 pm	22 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am <b>No Youth - Spring Break</b> Handbells - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 7pm	23 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia - 1 pm	24	25
26 Zoe Ann Batten 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration - 11 am	27 Lenten Lunch - 11:30, 12:15, 12:45 First Presbyterian Apostle Paul - 1pm	28 Grief Share - 6 pm	29 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth - 3:30 - 7:00 pm Handbells - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 7pm	30 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	31	

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



**GRIEF SHARE®**  
**GriefShare sessions resume Tuesday, March 7 @ 6 p.m.**

## Goddard United Methodist Women

*Submitted by Elizabeth Eubanks*

Thank you to our wonderful Goddard United Methodist Women (see pictures below) who planned, shopped, cooked, prepared, and packaged soup...102 servings of soup! We also want to thank Pat Singleton and Sharon Freeman who prepared and donated 116 servings of cornbread (yes, we packaged and sold the extra 14 servings), and to each of you who generously purchased soup or donated money. You each helped to make our "Souper Bowl Souper Sunday Fundraiser" a success! Our profit of \$460.25 will be used to support our church missions.

### Upcoming Events:

**UMW Meeting March 14.** Refreshments at 1 p.m.; meeting at 1:30 p.m. Our speaker will be from the Monarch Project. We hope you will come to learn more about this awesome mission effort. We will also be participating in an offering to support the United Women in Faith Legacy Fund.

Make plans to **"go birthday card shopping"** because we are celebrating two wonderful ladies during March. Sunday morning, **March 5**, we will be honoring **Ruth Szendre** on her **105th birthday!** On **March 26**, Zoe Ann Batten's Family and our church family will be celebrating **Zoe Ann's 100th Birthday!** Festivities will begin in the Parlor immediately following our worship service. Both of these ladies greatly enjoy and treasure receiving cards.

**April 3**, we will be preparing lunch for the Downtown Churches Lenten Services.

The Bible has many stories of women of faith who lived lives of spiritual devotion and reflection. Especially during this Lenten Season, United Methodist Women are challenged to draw closer to God and to be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit to be in mission to help and love our neighbors.





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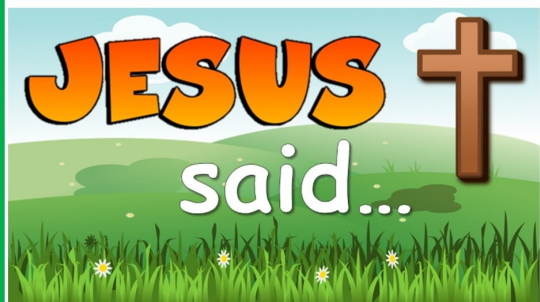
Easter "Egg-stravaganza" coming  
Saturday April 8—10:30 a.m.



## 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 be starting a unit call "Jesus Said."



March 5—Jesus said, "The wise man built his house on the Rock"

March 12—Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..."

March 19—Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

March 26— Jesus said, "Love Your Neighbor..."



The season of Lent is here! Now is a great time to start or add to your family Lent tradition. Get your copy of "A Family Calendar For Lent" (in the Narthex by the Children's bulletin board) and enjoy this meaningful season with your family.

Pray with your child this Lent season

A Child's prayer for Lent

Dear God, I'm sorry for the bad things I have done. Help me to not do them again and do good things tomorrow. Thank you for Jesus! Amen!



# LED Lightbulb Replacement Project Nears Completion



Commercial Energy Efficiency Program to assist in lowering cost of electricity at GUMC.

LED bulbs have replaced the old fluorescent bulbs on the Goddard campus. Over 1000 four foot bulbs for the overhead light fixtures were ordered and almost all have been installed. Over the last two months, Don Holland, Church Maintenance, and volunteers Jim Rose and Ronnie Apple have worked tirelessly to accomplish the work on the lighting project. The OG&E incentive program promises to lower the energy cost and give substantial savings on our electric bill each month.

Pictured on this page are Don, Jim, and Ronnie replacing lightbulbs in the Great Room. Thank you men for being good stewards of your time and talent.




**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.*

# Goddard Youth



## Wednesday Night Youth

We're having a great time at Youth on Wednesdays! We want you to join us!

**Church Bus pickup is available from Southside High School.**

**Drop Off and lounge/homework time from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**The Carpenter's Workshop, Dinner, and Lesson until 7:00 p.m.**


The Carpenter's Workshop is really rockin! In February the youth learned how to install a curtain rod, how to create a secret book storage, and how to use wood glue to repair a broken sign. We have just begun bringing in adult helpers to teach us. Thank you to Scott McCoubrey and Mike Lyons for helping us with 2 of our projects! And our amazing Diva of the Workshop, Linda Dickson!



### Youth Sunday School

We are watching Season 3 of The Chosen! Plus we have the best snacks in the building! Join us in the Youth Cinema each **Sunday at 11:15 a.m.** after worship!

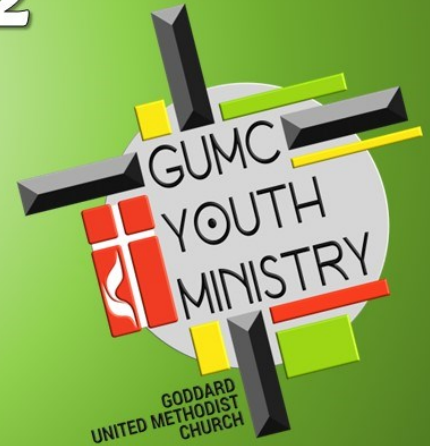
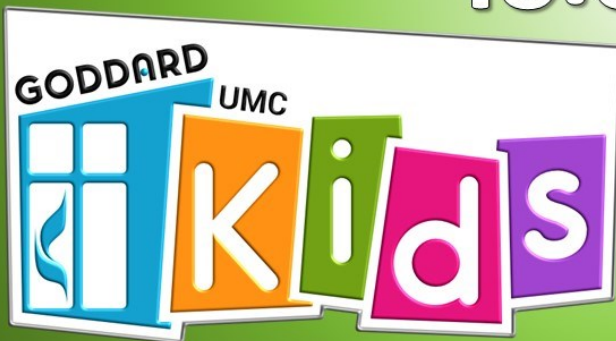
Join our announcements text group!

**Text @goddardyou to the number 81010.**  remind

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

*-Jeremiah 29:11*

# Children and Youth Ministry Team Meeting Thurs. Mar. 2 10:00 a.m.



# Youth Girls' Night

Saturday March 18  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



PSALMS 55 CEB God, listen to my prayer; don't avoid my request! 2 Pay attention! Answer me! I can't sit still while complaining. I'm beside myself 3 over the enemy's noise, at the wicked person's racket, because they bring disaster on me and harass me furiously. 4 My heart pounds in my chest because death's terrors have reached me. 5 Fear and trembling have come upon me; I'm shaking all over. 6 I say to myself, I wish I had wings like a dove! I'd fly away and rest. 7 I'd run so far away! I'd live in the desert. 8 I'd hurry to my hideout, far from the rushing wind and storm. 9 Baffle them, my Lord! Confuse their language because I see violence and conflict in the city. 10 Day and night they make their rounds on its walls, and evil and misery live inside it. 11 Disaster lives inside it, oppression and fraud never leave the town square. 12 It's not an enemy that is insulting me—I could handle that. It's not someone who hates me who is exalter over me—I could hide from them. 13 No. It's you, my equal, my close companion, my good friend! 14 It was so pleasant when together we entered God's house with the crowd. 15 Let death devastate my enemies; let them go to the grave alive because evil lives with them—even inside them! 16 But I call out to God, and the Lord will rescue me. 17 At evening, morning, and midday I complain and moan so that God will hear my voice.



18 He saves me, unharmed, from my struggle, though there are many who are out to get me. 19 God, who is enthroned from ancient days, will hear and humble them because they don't change and they don't worship God. 20 My friend attached his allies, breaking his covenant. 21 Though his talk is smoother than butter, war is in his heart; though his words are more silky than oil, they are really drawn swords; 22 "Cast your burden on the Lord—he will support you! God will never let the righteous be shaken!" 23 But you, God, bring the wicked down to the deepest pit. Let bloodthirsty and treacherous people not live out even half their days. But me? I trust in you!



## COMMUNION AT HOME First Sunday of Each Month

**March 5, 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

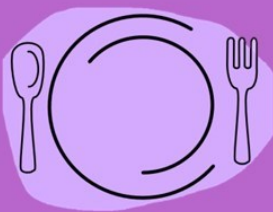
	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 20,048	\$ 5,292	\$ 8,154	\$ 3,690	\$ 37,183
Pantry	1,248	0	350	200	\$ 1,798
Memorials*	110	0	200	50	\$ 360
Other	275	230	120	520	\$ 1,145
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,681</b>	<b>\$ 5,522</b>	<b>\$ 8,824</b>	<b>\$ 4,460</b>	<b>\$ 40,486</b>

\*Designated memorials not included

## MARCH 2023 LECTIONARY

- 5th Second Sunday in Lent Gen 12:1-4a, Ps 121 (UMH 844), Rom 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17  
 12th Third Sunday in Lent Exod 17:1-7, Ps 95 (UMH 814), Rom 5:1-11, John 4:5-42  
 19th Fourth Sunday in Lent I Sam 16:1-13, Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137), Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41  
 26th Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezek 37:1-14, Ps 130 (UMH 848), Rom 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

## Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch 2023



Lunch served 11:30a - 12:00p

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

Lunch served 12:45 - 1:15p



Feb. 27	Immaculate Conception	Rev. Dee Dee Autrey
Mar. 6	First United Methodist	Rev. Chase Green
Mar 13	St. John's Episcopal	Rev. Stephen Kurtz
Mar. 20	Central Presbyterian	Deacon Greg Pair
Mar. 27	First Presbyterian	Rev. Deacon David Sims
Apr. 3	Goddard United Methodist	Rev. Tasha Blackburn

## Goddard Food Pantry Report February 2023

Number of bags distributed = 87

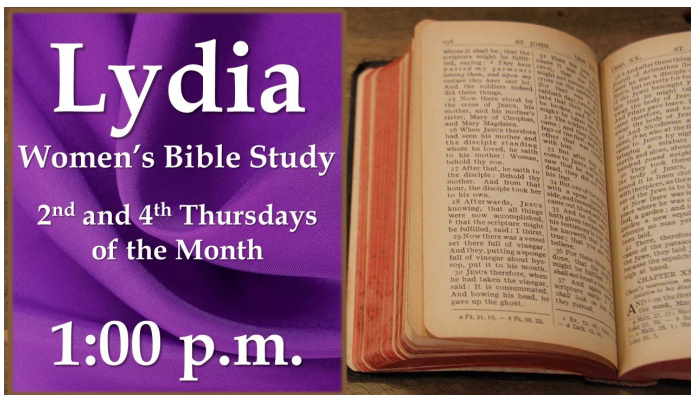
Number of individuals fed = 194

Total Volunteer Pantry hours = 96

Pantry hours open = 17.5

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

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



### **Lydia Study**

Will meet Thursday,  
March 9th & 23rd

at 1 p.m. / Parlor

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks  
479.629.8698

### **February Perfect Attendance**

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

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

#### **Gathering Disciples**

*Betty Morkemo, Barbara Rumage*

#### **Pairs and Spares**

*Sharon Freeman, Chuck Johnson, Sandy Johnson,  
Mike Lyons, Rose Lyons, Tom McAlister,  
Carol McAlister, Bill Moore*



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

Work on the Bluff Avenue entrance metal roof is near. The product for the project has been delivered.

Two replacement hvac rooftop units have been installed over the Youth area.

The Sanctuary roof, Young Hall roof, and choir wing roof have been replaced. These shingled roofs were replaced and the cost was covered by insurance.

Tuckpointing repair on the Northeast Elevation (Jenny Lind) began today.

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 **February 2023** equaled **149**.  
**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)

*Event Sign-Up*  
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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

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