

THE *Grapevine*

NOVEMBER 2023

Give thanks

to the Lord
for he is good;
His love endures

Forever

PSALM 136

Happy Thanksgiving



Take a look inside...
A bounty of happenings in November!



“The Essential Root of Gratitude”

Growing up I was taught to say “please” and “thank you”. There is hardly ever a time where I don’t say thank you if it makes sense. Drive-thru employee hands me my food...thank you! Waitress fills my water glass for the 5th time...thank you! Someone shares a compliment...thank you! As I reflect, it can at times seem like a robotic impulse if I detect someone did something for me or said something kind, that then the words “thank you” are shared. Is this what we mean though by having a spirit of gratitude?

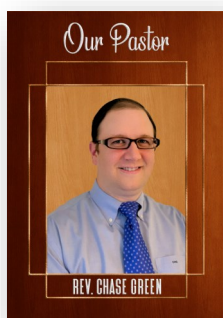
Even if we say the words thank you 100 times a day it does not mean we have a spirit of gratitude. We might be further along than others, but friends, our gratitude cannot just be with mere words, or even a thank you note in the mail. Our gratitude has to be a deep well drawn from love and faith. It has to be connected to our connection with God. It then becomes a soulful boon to our spirits and a means of grace.

November, as we know, is the month of gratitude. It essentially became such with Thanksgiving being in the month. I find it helpful to reflect upon our gratitude during this month in anticipation for Advent and Christmas, when the urge to receive and spoil ourselves can be very tempting. There is often that horrible contrast of Thanksgiving on Thursday and Black Friday the next day. We want to avoid traps like these and maintain a spirit of gratitude through every season.

This November, align as God intends for your gratitude and Christian faith to be joined. This root can be incredibly strong and durable if we tend to it and invite God into the various ways we can show gratitude to others. Do your best to not go through the motions with saying a “thank you”, but to use each as an opportunity of extending grace that God has given each of us.

Thanks to each and everyone that helps to make our church an inviting and loving place for all!

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*Blessings,
 Pastor Chase*

SPIRITUALS CONCERT 2023

What a time, what a time!

On Sunday, October 1st and for the first time since 2019, the Chancel Choir and guests presented a long-cherished tradition: A Concert of Spirituals.

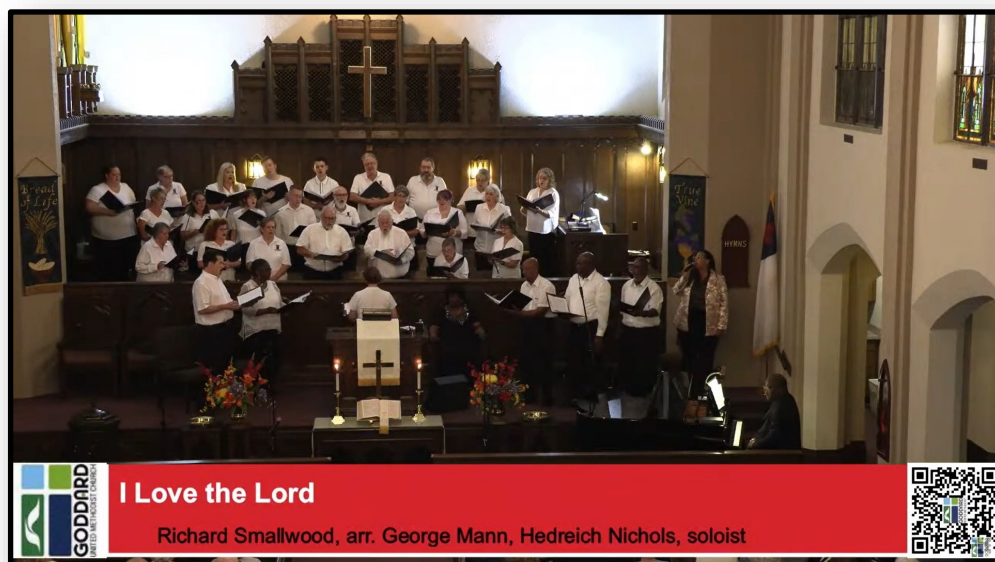
Along with some dear friends from Houston, including Barbara Tucker, Hedreich Nichols, and Phillip Hall, a concert of old favorites from the past, as well as some new spirituals and some gospel were raised to the Lord. There was a bit of concern about the continued relevance of this congregation and community. After all, four years had elapsed since our last Covid, and we feared that the pandemic and ensuing recovery had laid this concert to rest. But from the first notes of the prelude until the last notes of “We Shall Walk through the Valley” died away, it was clear that choir, congregations, and community were restored.

Thanks to the guest singers, both from the community and from Houston, for helping us to reassure ourselves and the church that there will be Spirituals in our future once again.

Submitted by George Mann



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other graphics by:
Rhonda Rieder**





Please be in prayer for:

April Austin
 Rick Bodine
 Bob Callaway
 Betty Campbell
 Jim Cavin
 Lauranell Cavin
 Jessica Clardy
 Charles Click
 Marilyn Click
 Helen Cowan
 Sheila Croxton
 Linda Dickson
 Jason Echols
 Rusty Echols
 Emily Eckhart
 Andrew Godwin
 Gary Goembel
 Jana L. Green
 Dennis Holland
 Diann Ishmael
 Jim Kell
 Raye Levering
 Thomas Levering
 Judy Loux
 Rick Moore
 DeeDee Moore
 Linda Morrison
 Roy Nixon
 Sandi Parks
 Rachel Rhodes
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 Julie Rieder
 Robert Lee Roam, Jr.
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 Cliff Rush

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 John Sauter
 Grace Ann Settle
 Peggy Smitha
 Tracey Stecher
 Betty Steele
 Mary Beth Sudduth
 Claudia Szendre
 Ruth Szendre
 John Tarrant
 Polly Taylor
 Ron Watson
 Charles Williams
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 Our Essential Workers
 Our Firefighters
 Our First Responders
 Our Law Enforcement
 Officers
 Our Troops
 Our U.S. Marshals



Prayer Chain

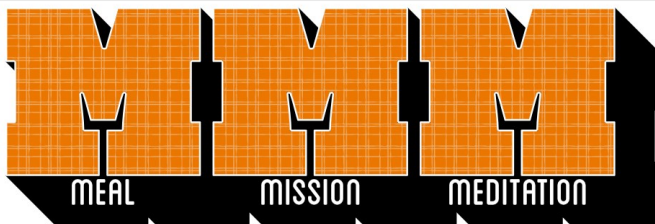
**To add someone to the
Goddard Prayer Chain,
contact Donny Anderson
479.522.3080**

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



**For Columbarium Information
Call 479.785.1415**

1st Wednesday Fellowship



Come savor a great meal, a God-focused mission, and a grace-filled meditation



NOV 1

MEAL AT 5:30
MISSION & MEDITATION
TIME TO FOLLOW



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

The Gospel of

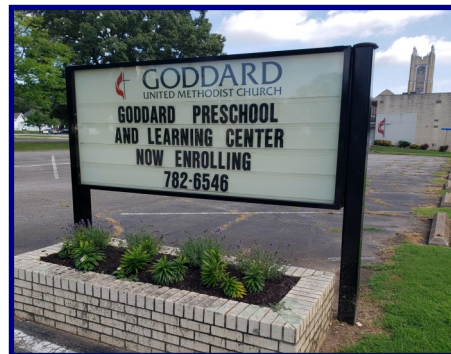


MARK

Bible Study
with Pastor Chase



Mondays at 1:00pm in the Parlor



Lydia Study

Lydia Study will resume in
January 2024.

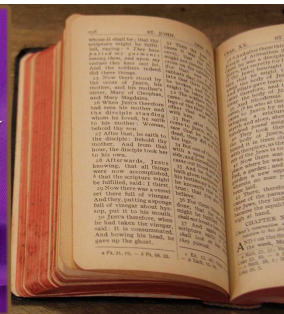
Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks
479.629.8698

Lydia

Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the Month

1:00 p.m.



The Volunteers for the month of November 2023 are ...

ALL OUR GODDARD VOLUNTEERS!!!

Our church is blessed with awesome individuals who give their time and talents each week. Your faithful hearts are noticed and greatly appreciated!

November 12 after worship is our Volunteer Luncheon /
Volunteers are asked to RSVP no later than Tuesday, November 7.

INGATHERING 2023

The following information was provided by the Northwest District Office of the United Methodist Church / 4010 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72904



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings...UMH131

As the leaves of Fall are turning their beautiful shades of yellows and oranges and reds, we begin to gather in community together with thanksgiving for our many blessings. Each year at this time we as Methodists gather disaster recovery and food items to help our neighbors. In 2022 these collections were used for in-state tornado relief and to help survivors of wildfires in West Texas and New Mexico. It was a blessing to be able to help so many of our sisters and brothers in Christ who were experiencing such unexpected difficulties.

This year the focus will be on **Family Bags** to be distributed as soon as it is safe to enter the area after a disaster strikes. These will be given so as to spread the love of Christ, to immediately provide a small number of emergency supplies, and to check on people in the area. The contents of these bags include Hygiene Kits, scissors, duct

tape, pens/markers, a waterproof file folder, small child's toy, small notebook, and also Cleaning Buckets. Details of the Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Buckets may be found on the **arumc.org** website under **Ingathering 2023**. We are encouraging all churches of our Northwest District to gather these supplies beginning now.

Then we will combine our donations on **November 18** at the following drop-off location in Fort Smith:

First United Methodist Church, 200 N. 15th St. Time: 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Of course, it is always possible to give monetary donations as well, donations for UMCOR Disaster Response and 200,000 More Reasons.



Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

Mary Ann Rush, sister of Helen Wilson

Richard Craig Moser, son of Paul Moser



November Anniversaries

8th Bill and Deborah Moore

10th Harold and Barbara Braswell

17th Jon and Lynne Gustafson

29th Mike and Rose Lyons

November Birthdays

1st Larry Cochran

6th Neena McKee

7th Charlie Green

8th Carol McAlister

9th Pat Singleton

11th John Tarrant

12th Mike Lyons

12th Bill Moore

13th Vickie Cross

14th Deb Echols

14th Vicki Long

17th Marilyn Click

19th Katie Linn

22nd George Mann

22nd Fred Stecher (100)

26th Terry Jennings

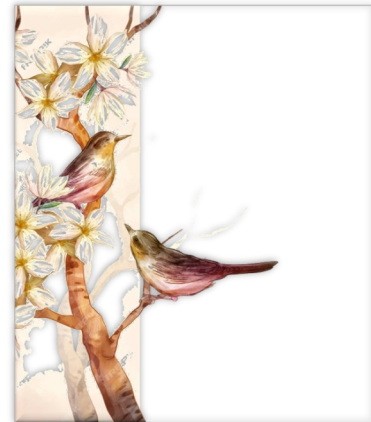
26th Grace Ann Settle

27th Bill Cauthron

27th Patsy Withers

28th Mike Mankin

28th Charlie Smith



*Congratulations on
the birth of
Leslie Rose Hanna*

*Daughter of
Tarah and Andy
Sister of Annslee*



Designated to Memorial Fund:

In memory of Ron Garner
by Rita Ramey

In memory of Rick Moser
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson

In memory of Rick Moser by Mary Margaret Gattis

In memory of Mary Ann Rush
by Meleah (Leah) Rush

In memory of Tom Godwin by Jim and Sue Rose

In memory of Ron Garner by Jim and Sue Rose

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Jim and Sue Rose

In memory of Rick Moser
by Larry and Patsy Cochran



Designated to Pantry:

In memory of Randy Woodard by Jim and Sue Rose

Designated to Music Ministry:

In memory of Ron Garner
by Larry Kennedy and Greg Kennedy

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.

**CHANGE FOR CHURCH
FUNDRAISER**

Collect Your Change for the Rest of the Year

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



The November meeting of the
Goddard UMM will be held on
Saturday, November 4
at 8:00 a.m. in the parlor.

ADVENT CALENDAR DEVOTIONAL

Select a word and date below. Write a personal reflection about that word and the connection to Advent or Christmas. Write a prayer to close out the devotional you write. Please submit by November 20th so the booklet can be put together in time for Advent.

December 3rd—Awake
 December 4th—Awe
 December 5th—Anticipation
 December 6th—Pray
 December 7th—Boldness
 December 8th—Faith
 December 9th—Carols
 December 10th—Hope
 December 11th—Messenger
 December 12th—Worthy
 December 13th—See
 December 14th—Hear
 December 15th—Peace
 December 16th—Star
 December 17th—Found
 December 18th—Joy
 December 19th—Least
 December 20th—Harmony
 December 21st—Rest
 December 22nd—Love
 December 23rd—Proclaim
 December 24th—Manger
 December 25th—Light

To claim a word/date, please go to the QR code or link below and assign yourself your choice.

Thank you!
 Pastor Chase



Goddardumc.org/advent

CONTRIBUTIONS

2023	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 12,051	\$ 6,424	\$ 11,347	\$ 6,775	\$ 10,196	\$ 46,793
Pantry	686	470	320	930	75	\$ 2,481
Memorials*	25	0	25	1,020	125	\$ 1,195
Other	205	20	290	90	90	\$ 695
Total Income	\$ 12,967	\$ 6,914	\$ 11,982	\$ 8,815	\$ 10,486	\$ 51,164

*Designated memorials not included

NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Sundays Sunday School – 9:50 a.m. Worship – 10:50 a.m. Confirmation Class – after worship			1 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm MMM – 5:30 pm Handbells – 6:00 p.m. Choir – 7:00 p.m.	2 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	3 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	4 UMM Breakfast – 8 am
5 All Saints Sunday	6 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	7 Circle of Hope – 10 am Joy Goddard – 5:30 pm	8 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	9 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	10 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	11
12 Volunteer Luncheon after worship	13 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	14	15 Food Pantry – 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	16 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	17 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	18
19	20 Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	21	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday	27 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 a.m. Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	28	29 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	30		

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!



Youth Wednesdays!

Register Online at
GoddardUMC.org/Youth
Youth 6 – 12th Grade

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. – Drop Off, Gathering Time, FOOD, and Fellowship

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – The Carpenter's Workshop, Cooking, Sewing, and More!

5:00 – 5:30p.m. – Lesson and Discussion

5:30 p.m. – Pick Up



Youth Aiden Cheyne and Samantha Linn helping at the Fall Festival 2023! Thank you Youth Volunteers! You are awesome!

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

-Jeremiah 29:11



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 about All Saints Sunday, the Lord’s Prayer, Thanksgiving, and Christ the King Sunday.



- November 5 – All Saints Sunday
- November 12 – The Lord’s Prayer
- November 19 – Thanksgiving
- November – Christ the King Sunday

Wow, Goddard UMC!

Thank You for the Fall Festival 2023!!

We had an amazing Fall Festival 2023! We saw approximately 1,000 faces and gave out so much candy! We played games and ate delicious food! Thank you to our incredible group of volunteers for coming in and knocking it out of the park! Thank you to all who supported our event with candy and your gifts!





Trunks!





Security Team!

- Bobby Woodrome
- Bill Moore
- Mike Mankin
- Jon Gustafson
- Brad McCully
- Jim Rose



Trunks!

- Mark Cheyne
- Matthew, Star, Genie Duggan and Carolyn Stevens
- Jonathan, Katie, Samantha, and Nora Linn,
- Vicki Hutchison
- John and Loraine Tarrant
- Michelle and Dan Baumann
- Goddard Preschool

Kitchen Crew!

- Pat Singleton
- Sharon Freeman
- Vicki Hopper
- Ronnie Apple
- Tom McAlister
- Debbie Dubar
- Sue Rose
- Barbara Rogers
- Jane Rogers





Games!
 Tom and Mary King
 Elizabeth Eubanks
 Jean Woodward
 Cornelia Schardt
 Jean McCoubrey
 Aiden Cheyne
 Lynne Gustafson
 Linda Dickson
 Rick and Betty Bodine
 Rose Lyons
 Betty Morkemo
 Scott McCoubrey
 Betty Forrest

**Behind the Scenes Helpers,
Set up, and Clean up!**

Linda Dickson
Elizabeth Eubanks
Michelle Greenfield
Don Holland
Debbie Moore
Bill Moore
Trish McCully
Jim Rose
Rev. Chase Green
Rhonda Rieder





Children's Sabbath

Sunday October 22



Lyndsey Monterossa, Genie Duggan, Justin Monterossa, Charlie Green, Jason Shimada
Served God as Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes and lead us in Prayer and our Affirmation of Faith





PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Gathering Disciples

Betty Bodine, Don Holland, Betty Morkemo, Barbara Ramage

Pairs & Spares

Carol McAlister, Tom McAlister

Classes meet at 9:50 a.m.

November 2023 LECTIONARY

Nov. 5th All Saints Sunday Josh 3:7-17, Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830), 1 Thess 2:9-13,
Matt 23:1-12

Nov. 12th Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78:1-7 (UMH 799),
1 Thess 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13

Nov. 19th Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Judg 4:1-7, Ps 123 or Ps 76 (UMH 797),
1 Thess 5:1-11, Matt 25:14-30

Nov. 26th Christ the King/Reign of Christ /UM Student Day Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24,
Ps 100 (UMH 821), Eph 1:15-23, Matt 25:31-46

In-Person and Sunday Worship Live Streaming / 10:50 a.m.

Online at www.goddardumc.org

[Facebook.com/GoddardUMC](https://www.facebook.com/GoddardUMC)

[Youtube.com/GoddardUMC](https://www.youtube.com/GoddardUMC)

Event Sign-Up

goddardumc.org/events

**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





On October 7, Barbara Ramage, Carol McAlister, and Elizabeth Eubanks traveled to Farmington UMC to attend the Northwest District UWF Fall Meeting. About 100 women met to review the mission work done by our Northwest District United Women in Faith groups and to plan for the coming year. Goddard again earned the two most prestigious awards, "Diamond Unit" and "Five Star Unit". Thank you to all the ladies who helped earn these recognitions. There are other certificates posted on the UMW bulletin board.

December 14 brings the Fort Smith Retired Teachers to Goddard for their annual Christmas luncheon. The Retired Teachers are excited to be coming back to Goddard for this event and we are excited to have this opportunity! We have started the planning for this event which will be a fundraiser for our church so everyone is invited to help with this event. Please see Elizabeth Eubanks to know which tasks need volunteers. Thanks!

Circle Meetings—Tuesday, November 7

Circle of Hope: 10 AM in the Parlor

Joy Goddard: 5:30 PM in the Parlor

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be in the parlor December 12. We will be adopting our budget for 2024, installing officers for next year and having some Christmas entertainment and fun. Hope you will mark your calendars and attend.

This Thanksgiving month, may we all be thankful for our many blessings. **God is good all the time; all the time God is good!** I am so grateful for all the UWF ladies who work so tirelessly for Christ, our church, and our community, and for our mission work around our country and our world!

Submitted by Elizabeth Eubanks,
Goddard UWF President

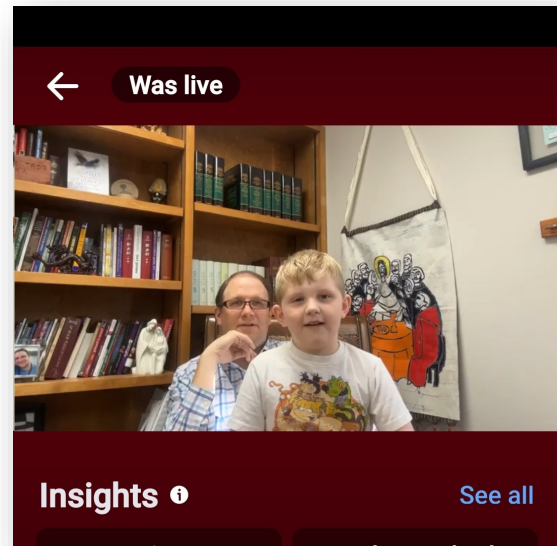


Pictured above: Joy Goddard Circle lunch bunch at Whippoorwill / Photo credit Lynne Gustafson

SERVING THE COMMUNITY....

The Facebook screenshot at right is of Pastor Chase and son, Charlie Green during the October 23, 2023 Goddard UMC “Monday Ready” livestream.

Visit the Goddard Facebook page often to see happenings at church and in the community. “Like” our page to get notices of Goddard posts at [Facebook.com/GoddardUMC](https://www.facebook.com/GoddardUMC).



Pastor and Staff of GUMC

Rev. Chase Green — Senior Pastor
George A. Mann — Choirmaster/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

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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 10:50 a.m. service online each week in the month of **October 2023** was **207**.

To date there have been 485 online views of the October 1, 2023 Spirituals Concert.

Thank you for watching!!!



We love pictures!
Send your church photos to secretary@goddardumc.org

Goddard United Methodist Church 1d · 🌐

Blake Bradford is at **Goddard United Methodist Church.** 1d · 🌐

Goddard United Methodist Church is making a God-sized impact at the corner of Dodson & Jenny Lind! Charge Conference selfie with Pastor [Chase Green](#) and Goddard's leaders!




The Trustees have approved a new pitched metal roof for the Preschool Building. Work started on October 23.

Due to the July 14, 2023 windstorm, the protective glass on the west side of the belltower received damage. See picture above of Arkansas Glass and Mirror replacing the Lexan (plexiglass).



New HVAC units were installed for the Boyd Complex and for the Youth Room.

Goddard Trustees

PSALM 63 CEB

God! My God! It's you—I search for you! My whole being thirsts for you! My body desires you in a dry and tired land, no water anywhere.

2 Yes, I've seen you in the sanctuary; I've seen your power and glory.

3 My lips praise you because your faithful love is better than life itself!

4 So I will bless you as long as I'm alive; I will lift up my hands in your name.

5 I'm fully satisfied—as with a rich dinner. My mouth speaks praise with joy on my lips—

6 Whenever I ponder you on my bed, whenever I meditate on you in the middle of the night—

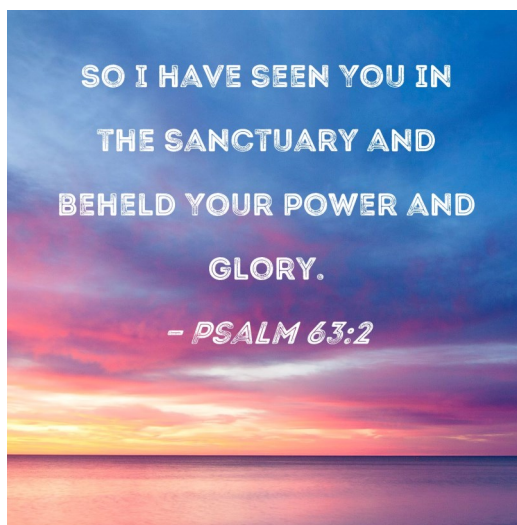
7 because you've been a help to me and I shout for joy in the protection of your wings.

8 My whole being clings to you; your strong hand upholds me.

9 But what about those people who want to destroy me? Let them go into the bowels of the earth!

10 Let their blood flow by the sword! Let them be food for wild jackals!

11 But the king should rejoice in God; everyone who swears by God should give praise when the mouths of liars are shut for good.



COMMUNION AT HOME First Sunday of Each Month

**November 5, 2023 / 10:50 a.m.
During "Online" Live Streaming
Worship Service**

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

Goddard Food Pantry Report October 2023

Number of bags distributed = 109

Number of individuals fed = 254

Total Pantry volunteer hours = 113

Pantry hours open = 20

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

Submitted by: Sissie Mankin, Pantry Committee



Please note the “New link”

to RSVP online for

MMM is

GoddardUMC.org/MMM

or use the QR code at right



NOVEMBER USHER SCHEDULE Sunday Service

Tom McAlister
Ronnie Apple
Jim Hopper
Jim Rose
Backup
Robert Neufell



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.

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