



What a joy and blessing it is to be the Pastor of Goddard United Methodist Church. Here at this church we share deep love and genuine hospitality to everyone who enters our doors. An important question for any church to answer is, "If your church disappeared tomorrow would it be a big loss to the community, or would people care?" I can answer passionately that yes it would be a massive loss! Goddard does so much for others. We have a wonderful food pantry that serves so many! We gave out 963 food bags since our last Charge

Conference! I am especially glad about our work and partnership with Ballman Elementary. We have really developed that relationship well. We have done care packages for the teachers, we have supplemented the food pantry at Ballman with foods they do not normally receive. This past summer we did the program where we shared food bags, snack bags, and children's books every Monday in June and July. We aim to continue this partnership and keep feeding into it. I am also very impressed with the various events and programs we have done this past year. The MMM—Meal-Mission-Meditation occurring monthly has been very successful in building fellowship amongst our people, and sharing in a mission that impacts various efforts over the past year. We have done encouragement folders to our homebound members, shown love to our preschool families, and many other initiatives to the community. We have also witnessed great energy and excitement around our Fall Festival, Christmas Extravaganza, Easter Festival, and VBS which has connected to the community, and we have done our best to gather contact information for a database, so we can highlight upcoming events to folks who have attended a Goddard event. I want to take a moment to applaud our volunteers. We have many volunteers who help make Goddard the wonderful church that it is. They always meet the moment with grace, and we have so many it is hard to calculate the very committed volunteers who are there when the church needs them. Every church member should know we have an incredible staff. They each do so much and contribute a great deal, and each one truly cares about this church. Thank you Debbie, Michelle, Keri, George, Sami Sue, Don, Jenni, Tim, and Mark for your dedication. As most people know, one of the challenges we have at Goddard is the maintenance of our campus. I want to take a moment and highlight various projects that have been completed just in the last year! We have had our bell tower fixed from the lightning strike, and have—for the first time—a lightning rod installed! Let us all say, "Alleluia!" The carillon system has been fixed and you can hear the bells daily at noon and 5pm each day. All of our shingled roofs have been replaced from the hail damage that occurred a year and a half ago. We have had one flat roof repaired, many HVAC units replaced, and have had the metal roof and guttering entrance canopy replaced. We also did an energy saving light bulb initiative through OG&E to have all of our lightbulbs switched over to LED. Over 1,000 lightbulbs were switched over, many of the switches needing adjustment. It was a massive project and my thanks to Don Holland, Ronnie Apple, and Jim Rose for their many hours for the project. We have also had our sanctuary and Jenny Lind exterior doors repaired and stained (they look great!). We have also added new floors to the preschool buildings. As you can see, a great amount of work has been done and I want to thank the Trustees, Debbie Moore, and Michelle Greenfield for all the work we have done to juggle these items together.

One of the challenges related to our building is insurance. We have been informed Church Mutual will no longer accept us as our insurer for our property. We are using every effort to find a replacement. We know our rates with our next insurance company will be much higher. Please pray as our building and insurance expenses add strain on our budget. What a joy it has been to experience the momentum of this past year, momentum we see in attendance in church, momentum we see in a full choir (my thanks to George and Sami Sue who lead them so faithfully and beautifully), and the momentum we see in members joining—14 since our last charge conference! What a joy. Now we must do the work as committed disciples to continue this momentum. We must continue our mission mindedness, hospitality, joy of worship, and warmth of community. God is with us, and each step we take, we take in faith that God meets us at each moment.

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Thanks Be To God!

Pastor Chase

Charge Conference Notice

Goddard United Methodist Church Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 15th at 1:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Two main business items will be brought before the Charge Conference:

- Approval of Charge Conference Action Items which require votes, and the sharing of reports.
- Motion brought forward to the Charge Conference from the Trustees and Endowment Committees regarding the demolition of Young Hall. Vote approving demolition of Young Hall was administered by the Trustees. Vote approving use of principal endowment funds for the project was taken by Endowment Committee. Endowment rules state any use of principal funds must then have approval of 2/3rds vote of the Charge Conference. Motion is to allow the use of Building Endowment Principal Funds for the funding of the demolition project.* All members are invited to the Charge Conference. Voting members of the Charge Conference are the members of the Church Council, Nominations Committee, Finance Committee, Trustees Committee and Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

*The Board of Trustees reviewed the viability of all buildings on Goddard Campus. They determined that Young Hall was no longer financially viable as a functional building on our campus. This decision was made carefully by the Board of Trustees, in light of the news that the pipes beneath Young Hall are crushed and would require significant funds to repair for any water usage in the building. Also, sadly both HVAC units for Young Hall failed.

In light of these expenses, and the given quote by SSI of \$48,960, the Trustees determined the Better stewardship decision was to vote to demolish Young Hall. It passed unanimously.

For any questions or clarifications, please feel free to contact Pastor Chase.



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

Andrew Godwin

Gary Goembel

Jana L. Green

Dennis Holland

Jim Kell

Raye Levering

Thomas Levering

Judy Loux

Rick Moore

DeeDee Moore

Linda Morrison

Roy Nixon

Sandi Parks

Rachel Rhodes

Sally and Eddie Ridener

Julie Rieder

Robert Lee Roam, Jr.

Mary Beth Rule

Cliff Rush

Cindy Sauter

John Sauter

Grace Ann Settle

Tracey Stecher

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



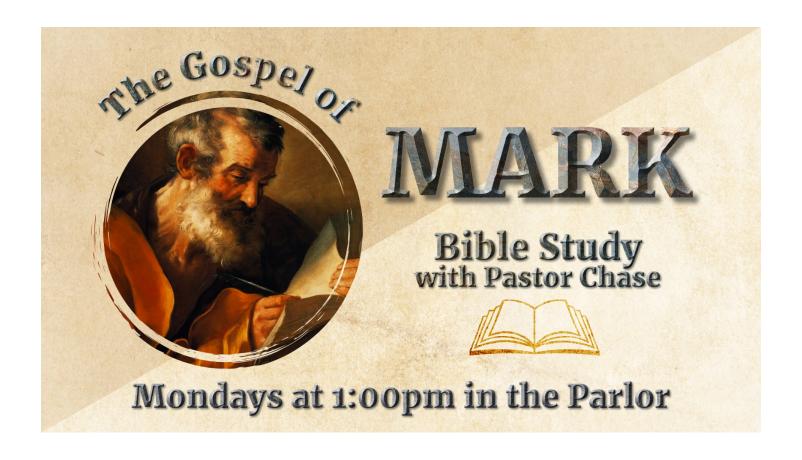


To add someone to the Goddard Prayer Chain, contact Donny Anderson 479.522.3080
To be a member of the Prayer Chain, contact Deb Moore



For Columbarium Information Call 479.785.1415





The Goddard Volunteers for the month of October 2023 are ...

Sharon Freeman and Pat Singleton. The sisters joined Goddard UMC in 2014 and have shared their talents and love for the church since day one.

These awesome women are at the church several days each week. If they are not at church, they are shopping for needed kitchen items. Pat and Sharon spearhead the MMM meals each month and the VBS volunteer meals. They coordinate all aspects of the meal by deciding the menu, purchasing, prepping, and serving the menu items. They ensure that the kitchen is kept in tip top order.

Sharon and Pat are part of the Altar Guild and ensure that Communion is set up and ready for worship service the first Sunday of each month. They are active members of UWF, the Joy Goddard Circle, and the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class. Pat and Sharon volunteer in the Goddard Food Pantry. Pat is on the Board of Trustees and the Nominations Committee. Sharon is slated to join the SPR Committee in January, 2024.

Please let these women know that they are a blessing to our church family and tell them how much they are appreciated!

--submitted by Deb Moore



Pat Singleton



Sharon Freeman



Judy Renn, Rita Ramey's sister-in-law

October Birthdays

1st Don Holland 1st Taylor McKinney 1st Phil Milligan 4th Melinda Lowrey 6th Dorcie Caldwell 9th Zeke Cook 11th Jimmie Cavin 11th Kenneth Clardy 18th Abby Williams 19th Robert Neufell 19th John Sauter 22nd Rose Lyons

October Anniversaries

24th Dan and Michelle Baumann





Birth

Emzey Jo Rea Great Granddaughter of Jean Woodward

Designated to General Fund:

In memory of Ron Garner by Jimmy Arthur

In memory of Ron Garner by Jim and Vicki Hopper

In memory of Ron Garner by Ricky and Betty Bodine

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Ricky and Betty Bodine

In memory of Rita Ramey by Ron Garner

In memory of Ron Garner by Deb Echols and Sami Sue Welch

In memory of Ron Garner by Fred Stecher

In memory of Ron Garner by Jerry and Jan Walrod

In memory of Ron Garner by Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Garner

In memory of Ron Garner by Roger and Peggy Ross

In memory of Ron Garner by Ed and Gail Newlin

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Larry and Patsy Cochran

In memory of Ron Garner by Larry and Patsy Cochran

In memory of Ron Garner by Madeline Marquette

In memory of Ron Garner by Dorcie Caldwell

In honor of Jimmy Arthur by Jim and Suzie Dunn

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Jim and Suzie Dunn

In memory of Judy Renn by Jim and Suzie Dunn



Designated to General Fund:

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Tom and Carol McAlister

In memory of Ron Garner by Tom and Carol McAlister

Designated to Pantry:

In memory of Ron Garner by Peter Lufkin

In memory of Ron Garner by Dr. and Mrs. Ben Baker

In memory of Randy Woodard by Tom and Carol McAlister

In memory of Ron Garner by Elizabeth Haupert

Designated to Music Ministry:

In memory of Ron Garner by The Garner Family

In memory of Ron Garner by Harold and Barbara Braswell

In memory of Ron Garner by Ronnie and Charlotte Garner

Designated to Building Repairs:

In memory of Jim Cheyne by Dan and Michelle Baumann

In memory of Ron Garner by Dan and Michelle Baumann

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.

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CHANGE FOR CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Collect Your Change for the Rest of the Year

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



OCTOBER
USHER SCHEDULE
Sunday Service

Scott McCoubrey Tom King Rick Bodine Robert Neufell

Back Up Bill Moore

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 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.



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. — Girls Group and Boys Group, The Carpenter's Workshop, Cooking, Sewing, and More! 5:00—5:30 p.m. — Lesson and Discussion 5:30 p.m. — Pick Up

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

AUGUST 2023	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 16,397	\$ 9,336	\$ 5,414	\$ 3,689	\$ 34,836
Pantry	1,656	1,051	30	690	\$ 3,427
Memorials*	25	80	100	195	\$ 400
Other	170	20	45	223	\$ 458
Total Income	\$ 18,248	\$ 10,487	\$ 5,589	\$ 4,797	\$ 39,121

SEPTEMBER 2023	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 13,266	\$ 6,501	\$ 10,566	\$ 6,234	\$ 36,567
Pantry	891	530	395	246	\$ 2,062
Memorials*	260	135	275	0	\$ 670
Other	390	100	390	20	\$ 900
Total Income	\$ 14,807	\$ 7,266	\$ 11,626	\$ 6,500	\$ 40,199

^{*}Designated memorials not included

OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Spirituals Concert – 6 pm	2 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study –1 pm	3 Circle of Hope – 10 am Joy Goddard – 5:30 pm	4 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth - 3:15-5:30 pm MMM - 5:30 pm Choir - 6:30 p.m.	5 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	6 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	7 UMM Breakfast – 8 am
8 Trivia Game— 3—5 pm	9 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study –1 pm	10	11 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	12 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia — 1 pm	13 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	14
15 Charge Conference – 1:30 pm	16 Preschool Chapel – 9:30 am Gospel of Mark Bible Study –1 pm	17	18 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	19 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	20 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	21
22 Children's Sabbath	23 Gospel of Mark Bible Study –1 pm	24	25 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	26 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1 pm	27 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	28
29 Fall Festival – 4:00 – 6:00 pm	30 Preschool Fall Festival Gospel of Mark Bible Study —1 pm	31	(3)	Sundays Sunday School — 9:50 Worship — 10:50 ar enfirmation Class — 12	n (T



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

Children's Sabbath

Sunday October 22 during our 10:50 a.m. worship!

Our children will help lead us in worship. You don't want to miss this special Sunday!

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 Bible stories about David and Daniel. We'll also learn that Jesus is the Light of the world and have fun talking about Halloween.

- October 1 David and Goliath
- October 8 David's Prayers
- October 15 Daniel and the Lion's Den
- October 22 Jesus is the Light of the World
- October 29 Christian Pumpkin / Halloween



Fall Festival Volunteers Needed!

We are so excited about the Fall Festival! We'll have games inside the Great Room, Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, and we'll serve Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks outside under the front door cover. We need lots of volunteers to make this event happen. If you'd like to help, please contact Keri Cousins. Jobs are:

Trunk, Game Operator, Security/Parking, Kitchen, Serving Food, Set Up / Clean Up

If you are not able to do any of these jobs we still need lots of support with **CANDY!**Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church as soon as possible. Financial gifts toward Fall Festival are also very appreciated. Thank You!



Goddard United Methodist Church's Annual

Fall Festival



Sun. Oct. 29 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Games, Trunk or Treat, Prizes, Food, and

Tons of Candy!

Join us for this FREE family fun!!

Register at the door to win one of our \$25 Target Gift Cards!

GoddardUMC.org/Events





PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Gathering Disciples

Betty Bodine, Rick Bodine, Don Holland, Barbara Rumage Susan C. King

Sherry Stockton, Loraine Tarrant, Betty Nixon **Pairs & Spares**

Chuck Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Mike Lyons, Rose Lyons, Mike Mankin, Sissie Mankin, Tom McAlister, Carol McAlister

Classes meet at 9:50 a.m.

October 2023 LECTIONARY

- **1st World Communion Sunday** Exod 17:1-7, Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799), Phil 2:1-13, Matt 21:23-32
- **8th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Exod 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Ps 19 (UMH 750), Phil 3:4b-14, Matt 21:33-46
- **15th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Exod 32:1-14, Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829), Phil 4:1-9, Matt 22:1-14
- **22nd Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost** Exod 33:12-23, Ps 99 (UMH 819), I Thess 1:1-10, Matt 22:15-22
- **29th Reformation Sunday** Deut 34:1-12, Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789), I Thess 2:1-8, Matt 22:34-46

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

Online at www.goddardumc.org
Facebook.com/GoddardUMC
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



Submitted by Elizabeth Eubanks, Goddard UWF President

Two special UWF meetings are scheduled in the next two month:

—Saturday, October 7 we will be going to the Northwest District UWF Meeting, titled Gather Together to be held at First UMC in Farmington. Registration for this meeting is \$15.00 which includes lunch and a program booklet. Registration deadline for this event is September 26.

—Saturday, November 4 we will be going to the 20tgh Arkansas Annual Conference Meeting at First UMC in Conway. The theme of this year's meeting is Claiming God's Bold Vision based on Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." The registration cost for this meeting is \$20.00 which includes lunch and a program booklet. The speaker will be Bishop Laura Merrill. Sally Vonner, the new UWF General Secretary and CEO will also attend this meeting. Deadline for registering for this meeting is October 10.

Please let Elizabeth Eubanks know this week if you would like to attend one or both of these events.

Please save your wrapping paper cardboard rolls. We need them to fold our tablecloths. Just bring them and put them on the table in the kitchen. Thanks.

December 14 brings the Fort Smith Retired Teachers to Goddard for their annual Christmas luncheon. 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!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the baby shower for Baby Hanna. WE can't wait to meet Leslie Rose! (See picture below.)

As Dr. Fudge reminded us during our last meeting: "Life is short, so call now. Stay in touch with people and let them know what they have meant to us."

Circle Meetings--Tuesday, October 3 Circle of Hope: 10:00 AM in the Parlor Joy Goddard: 5:30 PM in the Parlor

The UWF hosted a baby shower on Sunday, September 10, 2023 for the Hanna Family. Pictured are (l to r) Sandy Hanna, Tarah Hanna, Andy Hanna, Gayelle Hull, and (front row) big sister to be Annslee Hanna.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY....

Pictured this page (r): GUMC sponsored coffee for Grandparents Day at Ballman and Fairview schools on September 11, 2023.

Visit the Goddard Facebook page often to see other things happening at church and in the community. Like our page to get notices of these and other Goddard posts at 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

Sami Sue Weich — Associate Director of Musi-

Keri Cousins — Children's/Youth Director/

Online Ministries

Ienni 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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Goddard United Methodist Church





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Goddard sponsored and delivered the coffee for Grandparents day for Ballman and Fairview Elementary schools this morning!





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 September 2023 was 142.

Thank you for watching!!!



Pictured (left): "The Order" performed at the Sunday, September 3, 2023 worship service, (center) September MMM, FSFD visited Goddard Preschool children on September 26, 2023

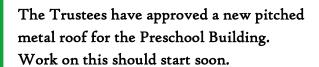








We love pictures! Send your church photos to secretary@goddardumc.org





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

Goddard Trustees

PSALM 62 CEB

Only in God do I find rest: my salvation comes from him.

- Only God is my rock and my salvation my stronghold!—I won't be shaken anymore.
- 3 How long will all of you attack other; how long will you tear them down as if they were leaning walls or broken-down fences?
- 4 The only desire of this people is to bring others down low; they delight in deception. With their mouths they bless, but inside they are cursing.
- 5 Oh, I must find rest in God only, because my hope come from him!
- 6 Only God is my rock and my salvation—my stronghold! I will not be shaken.
- 7 My deliverance and glory depend on God. God is my strong rock. My refuge is in God.

- 8 All you people: Trust in him at all times! Pour out your hearts before him! God is our refuge!
- 9 Human beings are nothing but a breath. Human beings are nothing but lies. They don't even register on a scale; taken all together they are lighter than a breath!
- 10 Don't trust in violence; don't set false hopes in robbery. When wealth bears fruit, don't set your heart on it.
- 11 God has spoken one thing—make it two things—that I myself have heard; that strength belongs to God.
- 12 And faithful love comes from you, my Lord—and that you will repay everyone according to their deeds.





COMMUNION AT HOME First Sunday of Each Month

October 1, 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.

Dear Goddard Family,



Thank you so much for all the love, prayers, and support that you showed us during the illness and passing of our beloved father, husband and grandfather Ron Garner. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and many family and friends that came to honor his memory. Thank you to Chase, to Sami, the choir, Tim Hess, Dr. Bryan Clardy for your beautiful music and to Keri for taking care of the livestreaming of dad's service. Also thank you to the United Women in Faith for the delicious meal you prepared for the family.

Love and Blessings,

The Garner and Partin Family

Brenda, Ronnie, Barbara, Trish, Sara, Jeremy and Daniel



Goddard Food Pantry Report September 2023

Number of bags distributed = 130

Number of individuals fed = 320

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 below





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