

# GRAPEVINE

MARCH 2024

**187**  
*Latin: 14th century  
English translation, "New Version," 1698  
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, St. 4*

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**  
*LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias  
Melody by Robert Williams, c.1781-1821  
Harm. by John Roberts, 1822-1877*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pairs who were en - dured, a - bove:  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove:

U - ph - ant no - he - ven - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our Christ our heav - en - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Pr - i - son have pro - ce - ed - ed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Pr - i - son - nal as his, Al - le - lu - ia!

W - a - s on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ne - ver - the - less, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Pr - i - son - nal as his, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our s. A - men.  
Sin - ners to re - deem and e. A - men.  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing: A - men.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
~John 3:16

## Don't Pull the Brakes



We've seen it in movies, but perhaps you've actually experienced the fear inducing act of pulling the brakes on a train. You can visualize the panic. Everyone is sent in different directions by the stopped momentum. Commonly, there could be many injured. It is fascinating that such a maneuver is given to passengers, since it is a wide latitude of trust that it could be abused by tricksters and troublemakers. Usually, there is never a reason to pull the brakes unless in case of significant emergency. There must be pretty stark reasons for such an act, but as long as things are operating correctly, all on board are safe, and the train is headed in the right direction, the only true nature of the train is to keep roaring down the track, full steam ahead.

With Goddard we are rolling down the tracks full speed ahead. We have events and activities all across our calendar, and it is a good type of busy, and it highlights there is life within our church and a desire to share that life outside the church.

—On this Goddard Train, no one is too young or old to serve and give warmth to those who join on the train.

—On this Goddard Train, we are not just riding on the track for fun, but for purpose, to love God and love neighbor.

—On this Goddard Train, while we are gliding along, we are adding new features and building on to the train while we go, with new mission and new people, and an excited spirit.

—On this Goddard Train, everyone matters, each individual, but no one person is more important than another, it is a team, a family, a church body on the move.

We've checked the safety features, the track ahead has been cleared by the Lord for us to move, move, move! Hop on, and let's go, the Lord is fueling the engine and we have steam for a long, long haul! Away, we go with grace and courage!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Chase

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## Prayer Requests

*Please be in prayer for:*

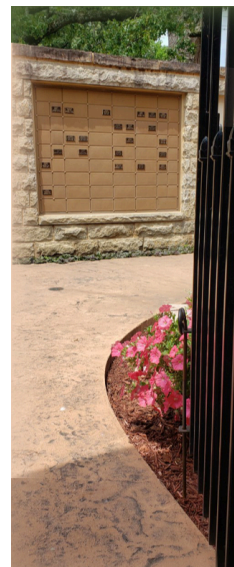
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| April Austin     | Ruth Szendre          |
| Rick Bodine      | John Tarrant          |
| Betty Campbell   | Polly Taylor          |
| Jim Cavin        | Ron Watson            |
| Lauranell Cavin  | Charles Williams      |
| Jessica Clardy   | Leslie Wintory        |
| Charles Click    | Bobbie Young          |
| Marilyn Click    | Our Essential Workers |
| Helen Cowan      | Our Firefighters      |
| Linda Dickson    | Our First Responders  |
| Jason Echols     | Our Law Enforcement   |
| Rusty Echols     | Officers              |
| Emily Eckhart    | Our Troops            |
| Jana L. Green    | Our U.S. Marshalls    |
| Dennis Holland   |                       |
| Diann Ishmael    |                       |
| Jim Kell         |                       |
| Raye Levering    |                       |
| Thomas Levering  |                       |
| Judy Loux        |                       |
| Rick Moore       |                       |
| DeeDee Moore     |                       |
| Roy Nixon        |                       |
| Rachel Rhodes    |                       |
| Eddie Ridener    |                       |
| Sally Ridener    |                       |
| Cindy Sauter     |                       |
| John Sauter      |                       |
| Grace Ann Settle |                       |
| Peggy Smitha     |                       |
| Tracey Stecher   |                       |
| Claudia Szendre  |                       |

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*  
-Ephesians 6:18



## 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 the church office 479.785.1415



## Goddard UMC Columbarium

For Columbarium information contact the church office at 479.785.1415



# March

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Patsy Cochran      | 20 - Zoe Ann Batten |
| 3 - Bryan Clardy       | 20 - Grayce DeWitt  |
| 5 - Eric Sheffer       | 29 - Julie Bugg     |
| 5 - Gideon Sneed       | 30 - Dan Baumann    |
| 6 - Gary Hawthorne     | 31 - Jim Hopper     |
| 6 - Willie Jones       |                     |
| 9 - Ruth Szendre       |                     |
| 11 - Chuck Johnson     |                     |
| 11 - Elizabeth Sheffer |                     |
| 12- Vicki Anderson     |                     |
| 12 - Keri Cousins      |                     |
| 12 - Rita Ramey        |                     |
| 16 - Chase Green       |                     |
| 18 - Vicki Hopper      |                     |



- 6 - Jonathan & Katie Linn  
 14 - Paul & Linda Lanning  
 28 - Randy & Pam O'Kelley

## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

### In Honor of:

**Roy & Betty Nixon - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

given by:  
 Sherry Stockton

**Rachel Rhodes**

given by:  
 Jim & Suzie Dunn

**Polly Taylor**

given by:  
 Jim & Suzie Dunn

**Cody Walls - Teacher of the Year**

given by:  
 Sherry Stockton



### In Memory of:

**Mary Beth Sudduth**

given by:  
 Barbara Kennedy  
 Peter Lufkin  
 Tom & Carol McAlister  
 Tom & Nancy Robertson, Jr.  
 AR Business & Professional Women  
 Roger & Peggy Ross  
 John & Melinda Lowrey  
 Fred & Marilyn Scheuble  
 Pairs & Spares SS  
 Eric & Elizabeth Sheffer  
 Harold & Barbara Braswell  
 Lee & Jana Green

*Honorariums and Memorials may be given online or by check at anytime. Your donations can be designated to a specific ministry or to the general fund.*

| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|  <h1>March</h1>  |  |  |   |   | <b>1</b><br>▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am<br>▶ Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction - 5:30pm  | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Third Sunday in Lent</b><br>▶ Sunday School 9:50am<br>▶ Worship 10:50am<br>▶ UMC Lent Service at Hackett UMC - 5:00pm                                  | <b>4</b><br>▶ Lenten Lunch Service -12:00pm Lunch - 12:30pm First UMC<br>▶ The Way Bible Study 1:30pm              | <b>5</b><br>▶ Circle of Hope 10:00am<br>▶ Joy Goddard 5:30pm | <b>6</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm<br>▶ MMM - 5:30pm<br>▶ Handbells - 6:00pm<br>▶ Choir - 7:00pm | <b>7</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm  | <b>8</b><br>▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am  | <b>9</b><br>▶ UMM Breakfast 8:00am<br>▶ Mary Beth Sudduth Memorial Service - 2:00pm with reception to follow<br> |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b><br>▶ Sunday School 9:50am<br>▶ Worship 10:50am<br>▶ UMC Lent Service at Faith UMC - 5:00pm                                  | <b>11</b><br>▶ Lenten Lunch Service -12:00pm Lunch - 12:30pm Immaculate Conception<br>▶ The Way Bible Study 1:30pm | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm<br>▶ Handbells 6:00pm<br>▶ Choir 7:00pm                      | <b>14</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm<br>▶ Lydia Bible Study 2:00pm   | <b>15</b><br>▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am   | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>17</b><br><b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b><br>▶ Sunday School 9:50am<br>▶ Worship 10:50am<br>▶ UMC Lent Service at Cavanaugh UMC - 5:00pm                               | <b>18</b><br>▶ Lenten Lunch Service -12:00pm Lunch - 12:30pm St. John's Episcopal<br>▶ The Way Bible Study 1:30pm  | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ NO Kids or Youth<br>▶ Handbells 6:00pm<br>▶ Choir 7:00pm                              | <b>21</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Wisdom Bible Study 1:00pm   | <b>22</b><br>▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am   | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>▶ Sunday School 9:50am<br>▶ Worship 10:50am<br>▶ UMC Lent Service at Goddard UMC - 5:00pm  | <b>25</b><br>▶ The Way Bible Study 1:30pm  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Kids & Youth 3:15-5:30pm<br>▶ Handbells 6:00pm<br>▶ Choir 7:00pm                      | <b>28</b><br>▶ Food Pantry 9-11:30am<br>▶ Wisdom Bible 1:00pm<br>▶ Lydia Bible 2:00pm<br>▶ Maundy Thu Service 6:00pm<br> | <b>29</b><br>▶ Hilltoppers 10:30am<br>▶ Good Fri Service 6:00pm<br> | <b>30</b><br>▶ Easter EGG-stravaganza 10:00am<br>  |
| <b>31</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>▶ Breakfast - 9:30am<br>▶ Worship 10:50am<br> |                                |  |   |   |  |   |

## WHAT IS LENT AND WHY DOES IT LAST 40 DAYS?



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. In many other languages, the word used for this season refers to the 40-day length of the season (*cuaresma* in Spanish and Tagalog, *carême* in French, *quaresima* in Italian) or to the fasting that characterizes it (*Fastenzeit* in German, *fastan* in Swedish, *paasto* in Finnish, *posta* in Russian).

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



Holy Week is the final week of Lent, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday and concluding with Holy Saturday. The Great Three Days—also called the Triduum or Pasch—from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection.

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# HOLY WEEK

Join us during Holy Week as we journey from the triumphant entry to the triumphant resurrection and maybe find a few colorful eggs along the way.



Jesus enters into Jerusalem and is welcomed by the crowds waving palm branches.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MAR 24  
10:50AM

The Last Supper, Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
MAR 27  
6:00PM



Jesus is trialed and crucified, then taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
MAR 28  
6:00PM

Jesus is resurrected and the tomb is discovered to be empty.




**EASTER SUNDAY**  
MAR 31  
10:50AM



**FUN! FUN! FUN!**

**SATURDAY**  
MAR 30  
10:00AM

EGG HUNT • CRAFTS • GAMES • CANDY




**Service: 12:00**  
**Lunch: 12:30**

MON, MAR 4 FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
—REV TASHA BLACKBURN

MON, MAR 11 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
—REV CHASE GREEN

MON, MAR 18 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL  
—DEACON GREG PAIR



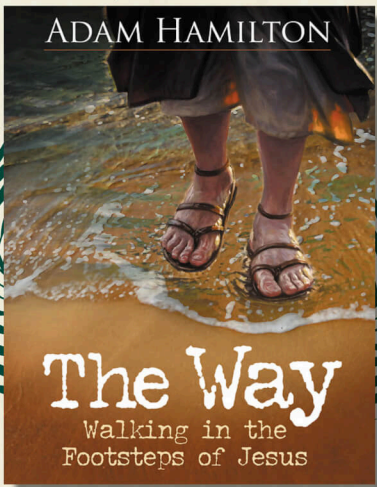
**United Methodist Lenten Services**

**Sunday evenings @ 5:00PM**

**Fellowship meal will follow service**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Mar 3  | <b>Hackett UMC</b><br>~Dee Dee Autry           |
| Mar 10 | <b>Faith UMC</b><br>~Jana Green                |
| Mar 17 | <b>Wesley UMC/Cavanaugh UMC</b><br>~Donna Ward |
| Mar 24 | <b>Goddard UMC</b><br>~Latoya Shepherd         |

**Lenten Bible Study**  
with Lynne Gustafson



**ADAM HAMILTON**

**The Way**  
Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

**Each Monday during Lent**  
**Feb 19 thru Mar 25**  
**1:30 pm**  
**in the Parlor**



# 1ST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP



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# MAR 6

MEAL AT 5:30  
MISSION & MEDITATION  
TIME TO FOLLOW

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY  
MONDAY PRIOR TO MEAL. DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

## FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD AWAIT!



# MAR 1

## 5:30 - 7:30

## Bible Study with Pastor Chase



**A Journey with Wisdom:  
Exploring Challenging Literature  
of the Bible**

**Thursdays at  
1:00 PM**



**LYDIA**  
**Women's Bible Study**

**NEW TIME**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
2:00 PM**

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks  
479.629.8698

**Saturday April 6, 2024**

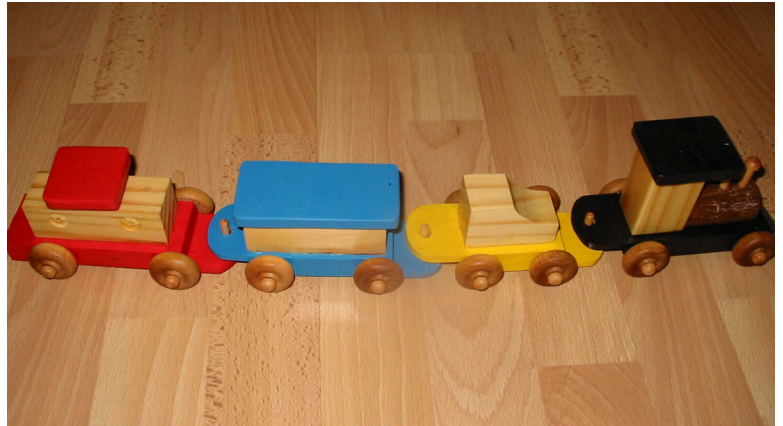
**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**in the Goddard Parlor**

ALL WOMEN are invited to come together as we take time to breathe, gather for fellowship, mission, Bible study and simply connect with one another.

Cost is \$15 which includes light snacks, lunch, and supplies for the day.

**Registration deadline is March 31**

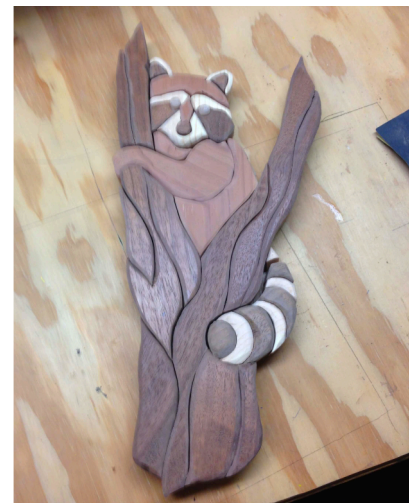


### Artistry in Wood

The outstanding creations pictured here were created by Chuck Johnson. He and Sandy, kids Trish and David, came to Goddard in 1971. Over the years Chuck has served on numerous committees and continues to be active in the church.



Chuck began his foray into woodworking after retiring from Rheem Mfg., where he was an engineer. He started out making large yard Christmas displays, some of which he still uses. The bear and raccoon are examples of a style called **Intarsia**, where the pieces are cut from different species of wood, selected by their color, to create a mosaic-like “picture”. The pieces are then sanded and glued to a backing, making them ready to display. Chuck recently began creating Nativity scenes ranging from 3” to 8” tall using his scroll saw for the cut-outs and intricate details. And what woodworker doesn’t enjoy making small toys, like wooden trains and cars that make a kid’s face light up? For Chuck, “It’s a great hobby and I encourage anyone interested in wood working to give it a try.” Beautiful work Chuck!





## Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

We Need Eggs and Candy! And Volunteers!

We are **EGG-cited** about our Easter EGG-stravaganza on Sat. March 30th at 10:00 a.m. We will have fun games in the Great Room, Crafts, Candy, and a Giant Easter Egg Hunt! We're asking our congregation to bring plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy to help us have a wonderful Egg Hunt! Please put the eggs and candy into the containers in the narthex by the children and youth bulletin board. Any Sunday school classes or small groups that would like to help stuff the Easter eggs, please let Keri know, and she'll have the materials ready for you! Our goal this year is 4,000 eggs! What a great hunt!

We also need volunteers on the day of the event to help with set up, games, crafts, security, and the egg hunt. Please let Keri know if you can help!

Thank you!



Contact: Ms. Keri  
479.459.7110  
kcousins@goddardumc.org

### Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is at 9:50a.m. in the Clubhouse of the Children’s Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn about 3 of Jesus’ miracles and the Easter Story!

- March 3—Jesus Walks on Water
- March 10—Jesus Calms the Storm
- March 17—Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
- March 24—The Story of Easter (The Triumphal Entry)
- March 31—No Sunday School—Easter Sunday Breakfast



Ms. Keri with the Selby family at  
 ← MMM on Feb. 7.  
 Wacky Wednesdays are fun!!  
 Children Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!  
 Join us after school until 5:30p.m.



**“Wacky Wednesday is for having fun and learning about God!”**  
 -Charlie Green



# Goddard Youth NEWS



## Youth Sunday School!

We have the best snacks in the building!  
Join us in the Youth Cinema each **Sunday at 9:50 am** before worship! We're sharing our highs and lows each week and praying with each other. Come join the fun!



Look for special Youth helpers at this year's Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Sat., March 30 at 10:00!

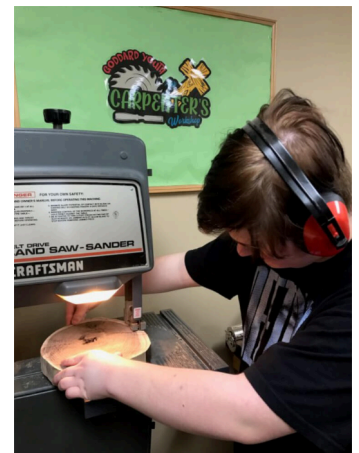
## Youth Wednesdays!

**3:15 - 5:30 pm**

Register Online at  
[GoddardUMC.org/Youth](http://GoddardUMC.org/Youth)  
Youth 6—12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## From the Carpenter's Workshop

Goddard Youth, Jamari and Aiden, learned how to use a bandsaw in the workshop.



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!



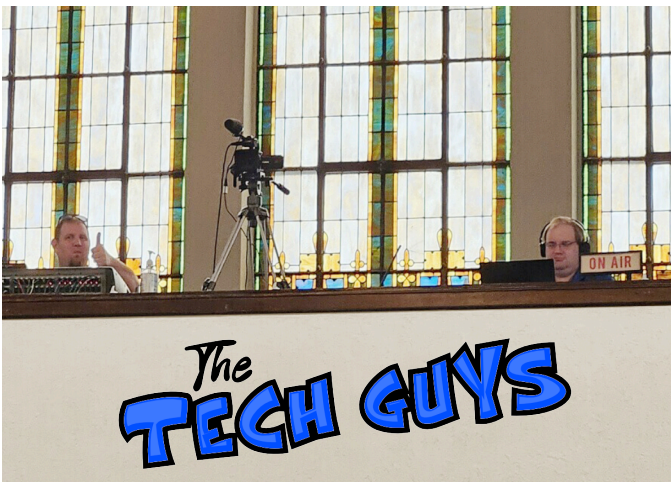
*For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to give you hope and a future.  
-Jeremiah 29:11*



Fr. Jim McDonald, the new priest at St. John's Episcopal Church, and Pastor Chase at the Lenten Worship & Lunch hosted by Goddard.



Mary King beautifully singing "Let Us Break Bread Together" during Communion.



Tim Peerbolte on sound and Mark Cheyne on audio. We appreciate all your techie smarts!



Lynne's sermon scored big on Super Bowl Sunday which earned her some Gatorade!



The handbells are back on the table and the ringers are whipping up some special music for Easter Sunday.



Feb MMM: Some of our choir folks ruminating on the upcoming musical offerings during Lent...nope, they were thinking about Shrove Tuesday and PANCAKES! Not sure what Donny was thinking about tho!


**SHROVE**  
*Tuesday*



**PANCAKE SUPPER**

The Chancel Choir had a blast whipping up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and sinfully good potatoes for the congregation and friends. The kitchen team could even be heard belting out some hits from the 70s and show tunes while we worked! We had a large turn-out, with everyone leaving with full bellies! The choir is grateful for all the love and support we receive from our awesome church family!





OUR FABULOUS COOKS & RONNIE

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# SPREADIN' SOME LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY!

On Valentine's Day, Rick & Betty Bodine, Neena McKee, Sharon Freeman, Pat Singleton, Vicki Hopper, and Bill Moore helped spread some love to our Fire Fighters at stations #3, #7, and #8, as well as to those who visited our pantry. The festive carnations were provided by the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas to help foster our connection to our community.





Our fun-lovin' Hilltoppers are exploring the River Valley in search of all the good places to eat! In February, they hopped over the river to enjoy some super tasty and super-sized lunch (just ask Vicki Hopper with her monstrous onion ring burger!) at the Dairy Dip Diner in Van Buren. Next destination took them down south to The Dari in Greenwood.

Sam's Southern Eatery in Fort Smith provided some good ol' southern vittles! Word has it that this is a pretty "COOL" bunch to hang with so if you want to enjoy some good food and great fellowship, just hop on the bus! The Hilltoppers meet at the church on Fridays at 10:30 to head out on their adventures. If you would like information contact Pat Singleton or Linda Dickson and they will let you know what's coming up.



The Dairy Dip Dinner in Van Buren



The Dari in Greenwood

Sam's Southern Eatery in Ft. Smith



***Congratulations Cody Walls*** — recipient of the 2024 Gail Burns Theatre Educator of the Year Award! Cody is the Director of Theatre for the Community School of the Arts as well as the Troupe 10124 Director. He was nominated by his students and awarded by an external panel of judges. He received his award at the Arkansas State Thespian Festival held in February. Troupe 10124 was awarded Gold Honor Troupe Status and several students received scholarships.

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***Congratulations Gia DeWitt!*** Gia had a busy February, receiving multiple awards in both choir and dance. Her beautiful vocals garnered her a spot in the Arkansas All-State Mixed Choir. At the Arkansas State Thespians Festival, she received two Showcases, 1) Solo Musical Dance and 2) Group Musical Dance. She received a Platinum, an Overall High Score, and a Senior Jazz Solo at Hollywood Dance Jamz competition. In the Senior division at the Inferno dance competition, Gia received a Platinum and Sixth Place Overall High Score. ***WOW!*** Gia attends Alma High School and is a member of Troupe 6338. She is the daughter of Kameron DeWitt-Elkins and granddaughter of Grayce DeWitt so she comes by her artistry and talent naturally!



# United Women in Faith



Greetings from Goddard UWF. Thank you to all the men and women who helped us host our Feb. 26 Lenten Lunch and other activities we enjoyed in February. Our church has so many loving hearts and helping hands!



Thank you to the children of Goddard who painted all the crosses we used as centerpieces for our Lenten fellowship meal. We received so many compliments from our guests. So many of us in your Goddard Family have enjoyed your artistry!

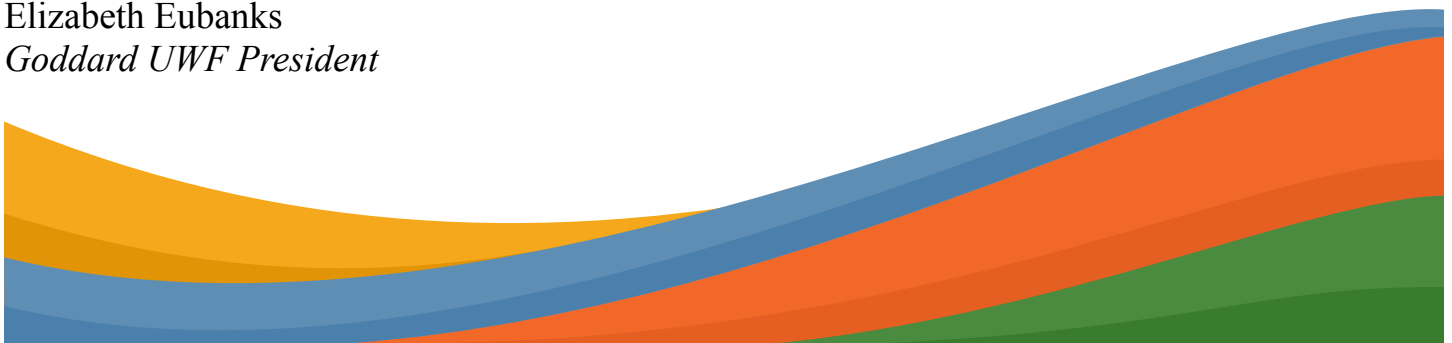


You are invited to our UWF Quarterly Meeting on March 12 beginning at 1 PM in the parlor. Our guest speaker will be Jessica Blasingame, the Executive Director of the Crawford County Volunteers for Literacy. This is a change due to Dr. Fudge having to reschedule. I know we will all learn and enjoy Ms. Blasingame. Hope you can come.

The Berryville UWF is hosting our Northwest District UWF Spring Event, “Exercising Our Faith by Connecting and Growing Together”, on March 16. From 9:30 AM to 2 PM. This is an interactive study and soul care event. The cost is \$10.00. The registration deadline for this study is March 11. You may register for this event at <http://tinyurl.com/2024EOF>.

Something new and wonderful is coming! Please see the information in this Grapevine about the new Goddard Connect Event. Cornelia Schardt is heading our committee for this exciting event for all the ladies of our church and has great activities planned for us. I hope you plan to attend!

Elizabeth Eubanks  
*Goddard UWF President*



# TORTILLA SOUPER BOWL



United Women in Faith Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser soup making has commenced.



United Women in Faith members preparing delicious cornbread to go along with the fabulous tortilla soup they prepared for their Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser.



What team! Lynne Gustafson scoops and Linda Lanning seals!



Cornbread...YUM!



Joy Goddard members listen as FSPD Officers present a safety program on scams that target older adults.

## Report for February 2024



Number of bags distributed = 107  
Number of individuals fed = 254  
Total Pantry volunteer hours = 113  
Pantry hours open = 22.5

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

*Submitted by Sissie Mankin  
Pantry Committee*

## Goddard UMC Aprons

We are taking orders for Goddard UMC Aprons. The cost is **\$15.00**. If you would like your name also embroidered on your apron, the total cost of an embroidered apron is

**\$20.00**. This is a fundraiser to help support some of our UMW mission projects. Please see Elizabeth Eubanks to place your order.



Apron modeled by our very own Michelle Greenfield

## Acolyte Schedule

**Mar 3**  
*Genie and Charlie*  
**Mar 10**  
*Nora and Jason*  
**Mar 17**  
*Lyndsey and Justin*  
**Mar 24**  
*Nora and Genie*  
**Mar 31**  
*Lyndsey and Jason*

## Usher Schedule March 2024



Scott McCoubrey  
Jim Rose  
Robert Neufell  
Tom McAlister  
**Back Up:**  
Tom King

Please remember that we will have Holy Week services at the end of March — Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will need a couple of ushers from our list to step in for those services.

# THANK YOU!



**BIG THANK YOU** to our Altar Guild! These wonderful women are charged with caring for our beautiful sanctuary and preparing it for worship, as well as special services. They insure that the paraments match the appropriate liturgical season or special Sunday, arrange the gorgeous flowers, keep the brass shiny and so much more. Pictured L-R: Rose Lyons, Betty Morkemo, Vicki Hopper, Pat Singleton, Cornelia Schardt, Sharon Freeman, Elizabeth Eubanks, Loraine Tarrant.



## CONTRIBUTIONS - FEBRUARY 2024

|                     | FEB 4            | FEB 11          | FEB 18          | FEB 25          | TOTAL            |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| GENERAL FUND INCOME | \$ 13,536        | \$ 4,447        | \$ 7,697        | \$ 4,601        | \$ 30,281        |
| PANTRY              | 1,245            | 620             | 183             | 575             | \$ 2,623         |
| MEMORIALS*          | 50               | 0               | 0               | 0               | \$ 50            |
| OTHER               | 150              | 150             | 178             | 20              | \$ 498           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>\$ 14,981</b> | <b>\$ 5,217</b> | <b>\$ 8,058</b> | <b>\$ 5,196</b> | <b>\$ 33,452</b> |

\*Designated memorials not included





Susan C. King

Brad McCully, Trish McCully, Betty Nixon,  
Sherry Stockton, Loraine Tarrant



**First Sunday of each month**

**March 3, 2024 / 10:50 AM**

During “Online” Live Streaming  
Worship Service

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



Goddard UMM will meet

**Saturday, March 9th at 8:00AM**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Mayor George McGill**

**MARCH 2024 LECTIONARY**



| <b>MAR 3</b><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> | <b>MAR 10</b><br><i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> | <b>MAR 17</b><br><i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> | <b>MAR 24</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>        | <b>MAR31</b><br><i>Easter Sunday</i> |
|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Exod 20:1-17   | Num 21:4-9  | Jer 31:31-34  | Mark 11:1-11                               | Acts 10:34-43                        |
| Ps 19  | Ps 107:1-3, 17-22                                     | Ps 51:1-12  | Ps 118:1-2, 19-29                          | Ps 118:1-2, 14-24                    |
| 1 Cor 1:18-25  | Eph 2:1-10  | Heb 5:5-10  | Phil 2:5-11                                | 1 Cor 15:1-11                        |
| John 2:13-22   | John 3:14-21  | John 12:20-33   | Mark 14:1-15:47 or<br>Mark 15:1-39 (40-47) | John 20:1-18 or<br>Mark 16:1-8       |

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## **SUNDAY IN-PERSON**

**AND**

**LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP**

**10:50 AM**

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

1. Open your camera
2. Hold over QR code
3. Tap the link to register your attendance



**Event Sign-Up go to:**

[goddardumc.org/events](http://goddardumc.org/events)



If you have information or photos that you would like to have appear in the Grapevine, please email them to Rhonda Rieder at [grapevine@goddardumc.org](mailto:grapevine@goddardumc.org)

*(If sending photos, please include a brief description. Please send submissions at your earliest convenience. Deadline for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month)*



Online at [www.goddardumc.org](http://www.goddardumc.org)

Facebook.com/GoddardUMC

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Across the month of **February** we had **531** views of our worship services through Facebook and YouTube

**Thank you for watching!**