

THE Grapevine

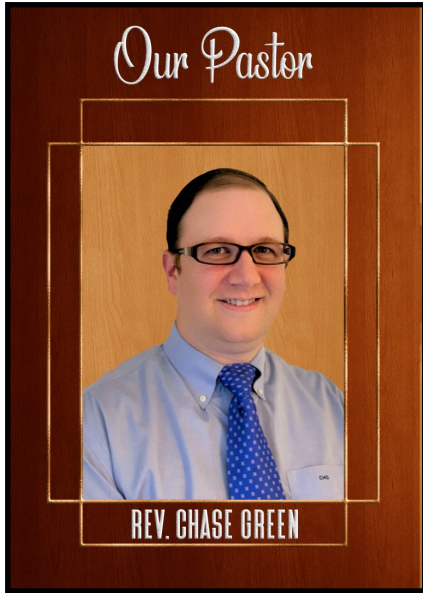
MAY 2023

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven
ECCLESIASTES 3:1



Spring is in the air!





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"Remain Tethered"

The month of May is one of excitement and holidays! It is the month Mother's Day is celebrated and Memorial Day. For sure, it is the gateway to summer. I remember when I attended school and finally made it to May. May was the homestretch to freedom of summer days of fun and vacation.

Amongst all the joy that May can bring, we still need to find ways to be tethered in our discipleship. Just because there might be more traveling or fun activities does not mean our prayer life has to take some time off, nor do we need to be lax in helping or caring for the "least of these". No doubt, as mentioned above with the holidays we lift up this month is an opportunity to be in deep prayer. With Mother's Day we can be in prayer for the multitude of situations involving mothers and their children. With Memorial Day we can be in prayer for all those who have lost their lives in service to our country.

It is important that no matter what month we may be in, or season we may be navigating in our faith, that we strive to be tethered to God. God is our comfort, our strength, our Rock, our redeemer, and our Good Shepherd to guide us. Don't forget! Jesus also went away to rest and rejuvenate. Jesus understands the need to recharge those batteries.

Friends, keep up the faith and remain tethered. I pray this next month is not just a time of excitement and room for celebrations and fun, but one grounded in a deep faith.

Blessings to you and yours!

Pastor Chase

May 2023 Volunteers of the Month

*The Goddard UMC Volunteers for the month of
May 2023 are Mike and Rose Lyons.*



Mike and Rose Lyons have been members of Goddard for 31 years. Both have been active volunteers throughout those years. They have served on many church ministry boards. They are members of the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class. Vacation Bible School is one of the events that they help with each year. They help with other children and youth events including Christmas, Easter, and Fall Festival.

Rose is a member of the United Methodist Women, the Goddard Altar Guild and the Joy Goddard circle. She helps with the entryway flower bed plantings each season. She also helps with the UMW bereavement meals.

Mike is a member of the United Methodist Men. He is an usher during Sunday worship and also helps with the UMW flower bed project. He assists on Wednesdays with the Youth after school program.

Goddard UMC is thankful and grateful for these two faithful members.

Submitted by Deb Moore



Bishop Laura Merrill
South Central Jurisdiction

On June 11, 2023, our new bishop will be preaching at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please be here to welcome Bishop Merrill to Goddard UMC.

Social Media

Facebook – [Bishop Laura Merrill](#)
Instagram – [@bishoplauramerrill](#)



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
- James McCoy
- Linda Morrison
- Sharon Neuffell

- 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
- 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
Goddard Prayer Chain,
contact Donny Anderson
479.522.3080**

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



**For Columbarium Information
Call 479.785.1415**





Christian sympathy is extended to the family of:

Patti McAlister

United Methodist Men
will host a
fundraiser lunch
in honor of Mothers
on Sunday May 21
following the service

There is no set cost for meal.
Your donations are
greatly appreciated

Pastor and Staff of GUMC

Rev. Chase Green — Senior Pastor
 George A. Mann — Choir Master/Organist
 Sami Sue Welch — Associate Director of Music
 Keri Cousins — Children's/Youth Director/
 Online Ministries
 Jenni Crawford — Preschool Director
 Michelle Greenfield — Financial Administrator
 Deborah Moore — Church Administrator/
 Buildings and Grounds/Grapevine Editor
 Don Holland — Maintenance/Custodial
 Timothy Peerbolte — Audio/Visual
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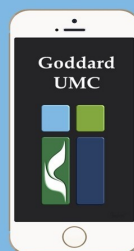
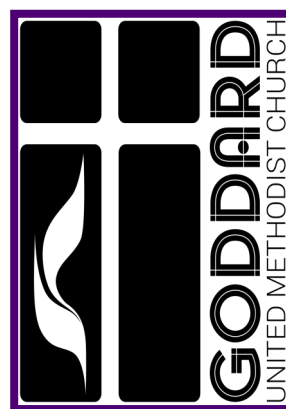
May Anniversaries

- 6th Tom and Carol McAlister
 13th Wayne and Jane Stromley
 15th Mike and Sissie Mankin
 22nd Ricky and Vickie Cross
 23rd Andy and Shawn Miller
 30th Ronnie and Sharon Apple
 31st Neal and Becky Pearson
 31st John and Loraine Tarrant



May Birthdays

- 1st Michelle Baumann
 8th Carolyn Jo Roam-Goembel
 14th Jim Kell
 15th Cathie Jennings
 16th Robert Long
 17th Pete Lufkin
 21st Jordan Baumann
 21st Trish McCully
 22nd Jana Green
 23rd Sarah Mendez
 24th Don Martin
 25th Sarah Long
 27th Freda Ogle



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.

Fill in your preferred contact method below and return to the church office.

First and Last Name _____

Choose Any:

Call

Email

Text

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____



Designated to General Fund:

In memory of Barry Ramey by Larry and Greg Kennedy

In memory of Dick Taylor by Larry and Patsy Cochran

In memory of Dick Taylor by Jim and Suzie Dunn

In honor of our granddaughter, Ivy Kate Moreton by John and Melinda Lowrey

In memory of Cody Hunter by Jim and Suzie Dunn

In memory of Cody Hunter by Rachel Rhodes

In memory of Cody Hunter by Eric and Elizabeth Sheffer

In memory of Dick Taylor by Chuck and Sandy Johnson

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Designated to Pantry:

In memory of Cody Hunter by Larry and Patsy Cochran

In memory of Patti McAlister by Fred and Marilyn Scheuble

Designated to Building Repairs:

In memory of Cody Hunter by Sherry Stockton

Designated to Choir:

In honor of Sami Sue Welch by Sherry Stockton

In honor of George Mann by Sherry Stockton

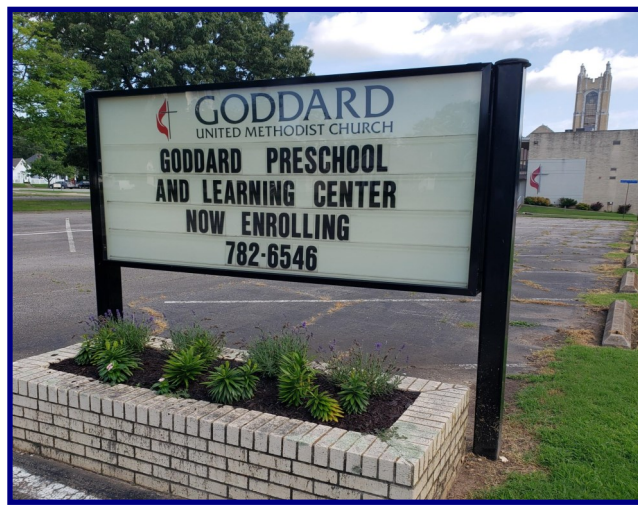
Honorariums/Memorials may be given
online or by check at any time.
Your donations can be designated to a
specific ministry or to the general fund.



Goddard Summer Camp

June 7th through August 3rd
 Closed July 4th-6th
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Register for Summer 2023!
 Infants – Pre-K

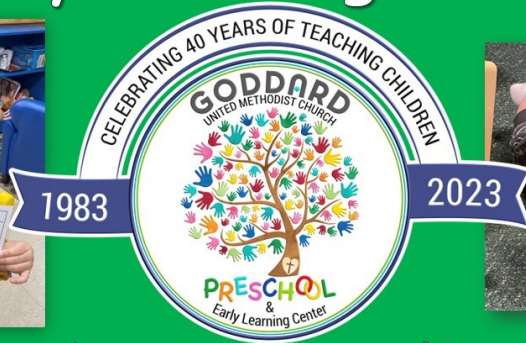



MAY USHER SCHEDULE
10:00 a.m. Sunday Service

Robert Neufell
 Scott McCoubrey
 Mike Mankin
 Mike Lyons
Alternate
 Ronnie Apple



Goddard Preschool and Early Learning Center



GoddardUMC.org/Preschool



Pictured (left) is the new and improved entrance canopy outside the Bluff Avenue main entrance and great room entrance. (below) Ronnie Apple power washed the brick walls below the new canopy. Due to rain dripping through the canopy and gutters, the bricks had black streaks. Now the walls are clean and mold free!




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

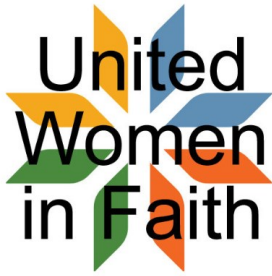
GUMC Calendar / May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Circle of Hope – 10 am Flower Bed – 4pm Joy Goddard – 5:30 pm	3 Food Pantry – 9-11:30 am Youth – 3:30 – 7:00 pm MMM – 5:30 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	4 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	5	6 UMM Breakfast – 8 am (Cavanaugh UMC)
7 UWF Sunday	8	9	10 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth – 3:30-7:00 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	11 Food Pantry – 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1:00 pm	12	13
14 Mother’s Day	15	16	17 Food Pantry – 9-11:30 am Youth – 3:30 – 7:00 pm Handbells – 6:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	18 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	19	20
21 UMM Fundraiser Meal	22	23	24 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Youth – 3:30 – 7:00 pm Choir – 7:00 pm	25 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1:00 pm	26	27
28	29 Church Office Closed	30	31	Sundays Sunday School - 9:00 am (Kids, Adults) Worship – 10:00 am Sunday School - 11:15 am (Youth, Adults)		

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



Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. / Susan C. King Classroom



United Women in Faith Sunday is fast approaching! (Yes, I have finally accepted the name change from United Methodist Women.) Please plan to attend this special worship service on May 7 at 10 am. Rev. Sam Meadors, Executive Director, Project Transformation Arkansas will be our speaker. (Rev. Meadors' other claim to fame is that she is a friend of Pastor Chase.)

In addition, our Goddard UWF Reading Program Coordinator, Betty Morkemo, will have a display of books in the Narthex on UWF Sunday. Anyone in our church may check out one of these books. Our Reading Library consists of books in these 5 categories, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, and Leadership Development. Extraordinary reading for our extraordinary Goddard Family!

Our next quarterly UWF meeting will be June 14 at 1 PM in the Parlor and hosted by the Joy Goddard Circle. Our speaker will be Jenni Crawford from our Goddard Preschool Ministry. We will also observe Call to Prayer & Self-Denial information and offering.

UMW Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month. Circle of Hope meets at 10 AM; Joy Goddard Circle meets at 6 PM. Both groups meet in the church parlor. So if you are a day person or a night person, there is a Goddard UWF Circle for you! Please come join us, you'll be glad you did!

See you in worship Sunday 'cause as Max Lucado says, "Worship does to the soul what a spring rain does to a thirsty field. It soaks down, seeps in, and stirs life!"

- Elizabeth Eubanks, Goddard United Women in Faith

May Circle Meetings

Tuesday, May 2nd

Circle of Hope

10:00 a.m. / Parlor

Joy Goddard

4:00 p.m. Work in flower bed

5:30 p.m. Parlor

Goddard Youth



Camp Goddard Youth Lock-in

Sat. June 3 – Sun. June 4
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Youth (Grades 6–12)


Campout, Firepit, Tons of Food and Games, Crafts, Projects, Scavenger Hunt, Escape Room, Coffee and Breakfast Bar, and Worship!

Register online at GoddardUMC.org/Youth

Youth Sunday School

We have the best snacks in the building! Join us in the Youth Cinema each Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after worship!

Join our announcements text group!

Text @goddardyou to the number 81010.  remind

Wednesday Night Youth

3:30 – 7:00 p.m. Church Bus pickup is available from Southside High School.



The Carpenter's Workshop is fun! In April the youth learned how to safely demo a desk, how to use a chisel, and how to plane and sand wood. We learned how to recycle old desk wood, old tree slabs, and even parts of an old pool table and turn them into new products with a new life! All while learning about new life through the Resurrection of Jesus! Join us in the workshop!

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

-Jeremiah 29:11



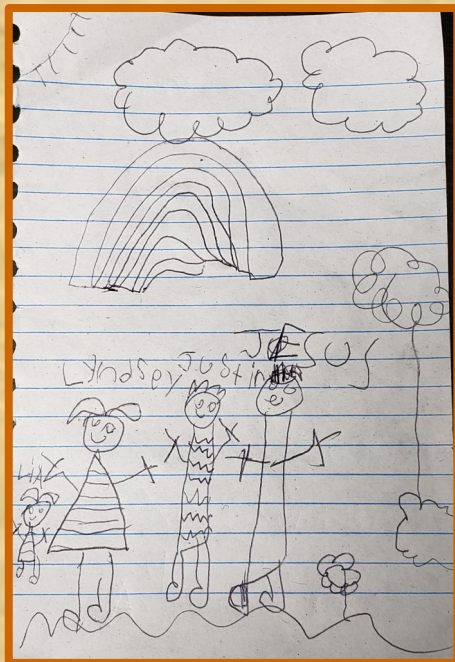
Heifer International Thanks you for your donated quarters!
 For more information about Heifer International, please visit their website www.heifer.org

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



T-Shirts are Here!
\$10 each

Pick Up Yours at the Church Office



Recently during Sunday worship, Lyndsey M. drew this picture of her little sister Lia, herself, brother Justin, and "Jesus" taking a walk and enjoying the beauty of a rainbow.



STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



VBS

July 10–14
5:00–8:00 p.m.
Registration opens May 15th!
GoddardUMC.org/VBS



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

Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Clubhouse in the Children's Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn from a unit called "Grow and Go!"

- May 7 – Growing in Grace
- May 14 – Mother's Day
- May 21 – Ascension, "Go Make Disciples of all nations"
- May 28 – Pentecost

Summer Wacky Wednesdays!

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

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Register at
GoddardUMC.org/Kids

Get ready for Summer Fun at Goddard UMC! Children Kindergarten to 5th Grade are invited to Summer Wacky Wednesdays! We'll have games, crafts, projects, and a lesson about God! Bring your lunch! Snacks are provided! Special surprise activities each week! Don't miss the fun!
Register now at GoddardUMC.org/Kids

PSALM 57 CEB

Have mercy on me, God; have mercy on me because I have taken refuge in you. I take refuge in the shadow of your wings until destruction passes by. 2 I call out to God Most High—to God, who comes through for me. 3 He sends orders from heaven and saves me, rebukes the one who tramples me. God sends his loyal love and faithfulness. 4 My life is in the middle of a pack of lions. I lie down among those who devour humans. Their teeth are spears and arrows; their tongues are sharpened swords. 5 Exalt yourself, God, higher than heaven! Let your glory be over all the earth! 6 They laid a net for my feet to bring me down; they dug a pit for me, but they fell into it instead! 7 My heart is unwavering, God—my heart is unwavering. I will sing and make music. 8 Wake up, my glory! Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake the dawn itself! 9 I will give thanks to you, my Lord, among all the peoples; I will make music to you among the nations 10 because your faithful love is as high as

heaven; your faithfulness reaches the clouds. 11 Exalt yourself, God, higher than heaven! Let your glory be over all the earth!



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

May 7, 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 April 2023

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30	Total
General Fund Income	\$ 14,172	\$ 18,123	\$ 3,423	\$ 7,350	\$ 3,345	\$ 46,413
Pantry	508	540	50	100	510	\$ 1,708
Memorials*	165	0	0	25	0	\$ 190
Other	390	520	5,028	397	40	\$ 6,375
Total Income	\$ 15,235	\$ 19,183	\$ 8,501	\$ 7,872	\$ 3,895	\$ 54,686

*Designated memorials not included

MAY 2023 LECTIONARY

7th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764), 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

14th Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31, Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790), 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

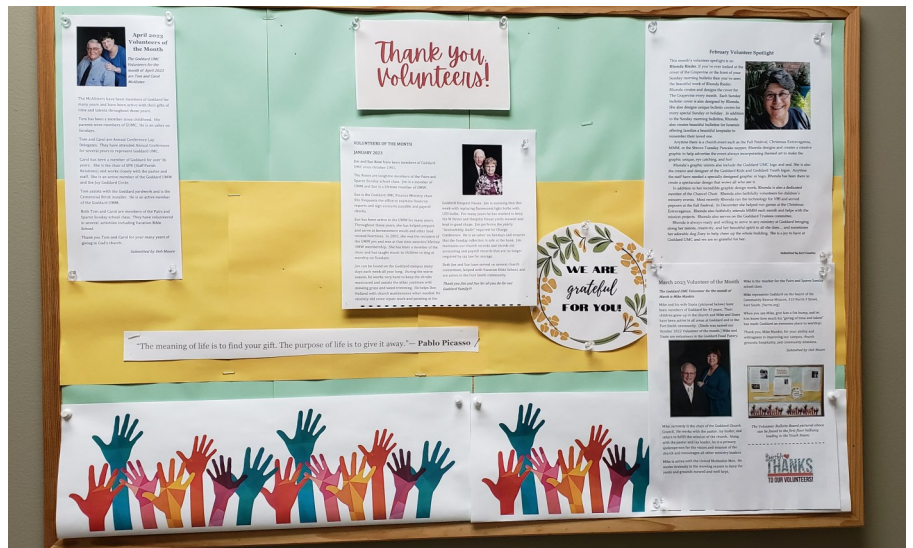
21st Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:6-14, Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792), 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

28th Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826), 1 Cor 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39

The Volunteer Bulletin Board pictured at right is located on the wall in the first floor hallway that leads to the upstairs Youth Room.





Goddard Food Pantry Report April 2023

Number of bags distributed = 144

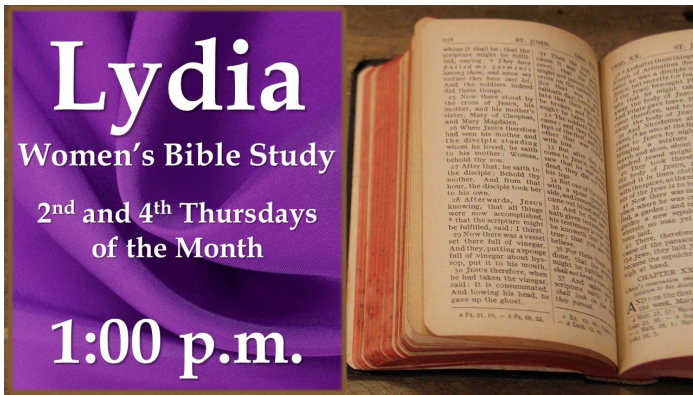
Number of individuals fed = 350

Total Pantry volunteer hours = 101

Pantry hours open = 20

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

Submitted by: Sissie Mankin, Pantry Committee



Lydia Study

Will meet Thursday,
May 11th & 25th at 1 p.m. / Parlor

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks
479.629.8698

March Perfect Attendance

Susan C. King

Brad McCully, Trish McCully, Sherry Stockton,
Loraine Tarrant

Gathering Disciples

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

Pairs and Spares

Julie Bugg, Chuck Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Mike
Mankin, Tom McAlister, Carol McAlister, Bill Moore



Work on the Bluff Avenue entrance metal roof is complete. The “old” metal canopy was not pitched correctly and allowed water to leak into the church. Due to hail damage, insurance paid for part of the work. New rain gutters (with guards) were also installed.

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

The outside wood door project is scheduled to begin soon. This project includes four sets of double doors (Dodson Avenue and Jenny Lind entrances) and one closed off/sealed door (old bridal room).

We are waiting to be put on the roofer’s schedule for repair of part of the upstairs youth roof.

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 **April 2023** equaled **182**.
Thank you for watching!!!

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

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

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

Open your camera

Hold over the QR code

Tap the link to register your attendance



Event Sign-Up
goddardumc.org/events

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