

ARKANSAS CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to help people become deeply committed Christians who live authentic lives modeled after Jesus Christ to make a difference in our community and the world.



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November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 3	Russell McAlister	Nov. 17	Peggy Musson
Nov. 4	Paisley Taylor	Nov. 18	Connie Barnes
Nov. 5	Heather Allen	Nov. 19	Brad Morris
Nov. 6	Rhonda Green	Nov. 20	Amanda Bannister
Nov. 8	Trisha Stoy	Nov. 21	Alexandria Blenz
	Ahri Bannister		Keith Lile
Nov. 11	Fred Rindt	Nov. 22	Michelle Wilson
	Naomi Phillips	Nov. 25	Stephen Rankin
	Neila Monroe		Jeff Sampson
Nov. 12	Ron Folks	Nov. 28	Pam Barbour
Nov. 15	Rowan Wells	Nov. 30	Katie Hamilton
Nov. 16	Allen Goff		Reid Call
Nov. 22	Darci and Adam Utt		

Let us pray for each other. Contact Pam Archer at (620) 446-2456 or at parcher@cox.net to add your request to the prayer chain. Let Pam know if you'd like to receive the e-mail list as a reminder to pray.

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Arkansas City United Methodist Church

Newsletter



November 2024

A blessed November to everyone. I thought I would take my space in this month’s newsletter to talk about our church calendar and a bit of church history. Everyone knows Thanksgiving and Christmas, of course, but fewer people are familiar with other notable events that fit this time of year, so here goes.

Oct. 31, Halloween – On the church calendar it’s called All Hallows Eve and it got that name because November 1 is All Hallows Day (or All Saints. We’ll come back to this one in a moment).

Also on October 31, in 1517, Martin Luther used a common academic debate process to try to generate discussions about the church’s need for reform (the only church in Europe, then, was the Roman Catholic Church), especially regarding what saves us (Faith only? Faith + works?).

Luther’s ideas, as well as other Reformers now known as Protestant, made their way to England, helping to shape the Church of England, which began in the 1530s. Methodism started as a renewal movement within the Church of England. John and his brother, Charles, were Church of England priests. Methodism as a church, its own denomination, actually started first in the newly-formed United States in 1784. United Methodists therefore make up a part of the whole ecumenical church and we recognize our place in the Protestant tradition. So, the first Sunday after October 31 is also Reformation Sunday. (See PASTOR, p.3)



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- Arkalalah Chicken and Noodle Stats

From Pastor Steve's Desk

Calling All Puppeteers!

Who: 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

When: Beginning Wed. Nov. 6,

5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

(just before Kid's

Club and Youth

Group)

With: Lynda Arnett and



Searching for Marys and Angels

Four volunteers are needed for the Christmas Live Nativity at Bible Christian Fellowship Church Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Arkansas City United Methodist Church is sponsoring the vignette of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary. It requires two sets of each, Gabriel and Mary, in case it is cold and volunteers need the chance to warm up. Call the church office to volunteer for this very memorable Christmas tradition!

HOOR OF
praise
& PRAYER

SATURDAY
NOV. 15
@ 5 P.M.

St. Paul Campus of Arkansas
City United Methodist Church
220 E. Washington



(PASTOR, continued from p. 1)

Nov. 1, All Saints Day – In the early church, Christian martyrdom happened occasionally, as the Roman Empire did not look kindly on the Christian refusal to acknowledge Rome's gods. In 303 AD, an empire-wide persecution of Christians took place and lasted about three years. Not long after this persecution of the church, Christians began having special days to remember the martyrs, those who held fast to Christ even to death. This practice eventually became standard across the European church. In our own United Methodist way, we have continued this tradition, and we include in this practice thanksgiving to God for members of our local church who have died in the past year. So, Sunday, November 3, is All Saints Sunday. We will memorialize our church members who have died since the previous All Saints Sunday, with the lighting of candles, reading their names, and chiming a chime for each member.

I don't think I need to say anything about Thanksgiving, except that it is certainly an important holiday in our American history. It's more than eating turkey and watching football!

Dec. 1, the beginning of Advent — Advent marks the beginning of the church each year. The word "advent" means coming, and during this four-week period we do two things. We prepare for Christ's final coming, a day yet in the future, and we remember the birth of Jesus, associated with the date, December 25. Advent, like Lent, is a time of preparation, of watching and praying for the Lord's coming.

This fall season is full of opportunity for us to think and pray (as Wesley would say, to watch and pray). God bless us all. May our lives be enriched by our celebrations.

From Pastor Steve's Desk

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4					1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9a Education Committee, Steamy Joes	2
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship, Communion Sunday 11:15a Communion Delivery to Homebound 11:15a Confirmation Class 6p Faithbuilders	4 7p Small Group	5 10:30a Seeking Sisters	6 5p Prayer + at St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells; Cub Scouts Meeting; Puppet Ministry 6p Kid's Club Youth Group 6:30p ESL; Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	7 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	8	9
10 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship (Bucket Sunday) 6p Faithbuilders	11 5p WV Quilt Guild 7p Small Group	12 9a Worship Committee	13 5p Prayer + at St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells, Puppet Ministry 6p Kid's Club Youth Group 6:30p ESL at St. Paul; Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	14 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	15	16 9:15a Charge Conference, Chapel Hill UMC, Wichita 5p Hour of Praise & Prayer, St. Paul
17 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship 11:15a Third Sunday Fellowship Meal 12:15p Finance Trustees 6p Faithbuilders	18 7p Small Group	19 10:30a Seeking Sisters	20 1:30p UWF 5p Prayer + at St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbell Practice; Puppet Ministry 6p Kid's Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; ESL Awards at St. Paul	21 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	22	23
24 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship 11:15a Administrative Council 6p Faithbuilders	25 7p Small Group	26 6:30p Community Thanksgiving Serve at Central Christian Church; AC UMC handbells helping lead worship	27 5p Prayer + at St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbell Practice; Puppet Ministry 6:30p Choir Practice	28 THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29	30

Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Monica Wise, chair
Cindy Freeland, secretary
Billie Swanson, finance
Larry Swanson, Lay Leader
Dac Call
Nancy Clarkson
Dan Deener
Deanna Kuder
Darin Mann
Russell McAlister
Sylvia McAlister
Peggy Musson
Pam Rogers
Darci Utt

FINANCE/TRUSTEES

Dac Call, chair
Deanna Kuder, secretary
Billie Swanson, finance
Larry Swanson, Lay Leader
Lynda Arnett
Dan Deener
Darin Mann
Doris Miller
Forest Smith

MEMBERSHIP

Darla Mann, chair
Ralph Keefe
Doris Miller
Joni Rankin

NOMINATING

Stephen Rankin, chair
Curt Freeland
Cheri Morris
Jill Sullivan
Larry Swanson, ex officio

SPRC

Pam Rogers, chair
Alisha Call
Mykenzie Goff
Russell McAlister
Sam Oglesby
Billie Swanson

WORSHIP

Monica Wise, chair
Melba Maechtlen
Cheri Morris
Stephen Rankin

Finance Report

September		2024 Year To Date	
Income	\$19,492	Income	\$227,341
Expenses	\$25,233	Expense	\$211,273

Share Meals Served

2024	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Total	Avg.
Jan.	107	109	125	125	125	591	118
Feb.	118	105	105	103		238	119
Mar.	100	88	117	108		413	103
Apr.	108	109	106	80		403	101
May	107	82	72	80	80	421	84
June	83	86	84	86		323	81
July	82	73	84	84	82	405	81
Aug.	82	84	88	88		342	86
Sept.	100	104	100	81		385	96
Oct.	102	101	101	80		384	96

Chicken and Noodle Stats

Total Meals Served	393	Revenue Generated	\$3,600
Flour Used for Noodles	60 lb.	Green Beans Served	29 gal.
Chicken Stewed	105 lb.	Eggs Used for Noodles	10 doz.
Cakes Donated	22	Tickets Pre-Sold	194
Rolls Baked	486	Tickets at the Door	199

Committee Notes

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- Heard a report of the church’s straw poll taken after wor-ship October 13. A total of 83 persons contributed to the poll. Cindy Freeland and Doris Miller tallied the results which do not represent official policy for Ark City UMC. The poll was taken to inform the district superintended and bishop of the preferences of the congregation.

Question 1: “I agree with allowing same sex weddings to be performed on our church property.” 42, yes; 41, no

Question 2: “I agree with our congregation receiving a non-celibate gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/queer/ + pastor.” 35, yes; 48, no

- Amended and approved the 2025 budget.
- Noted the date for the church’s annual Charge Confer-ence, Saturday, Nov. 16, at 9:15 a.m. at Chapel Hill Unit-ed Methodist Church, 1550 N. Chapel Hill St. Wichita

FINANCE TRUSTEES

- Finalized replacement of the church’s signage on Summit St.
- Appointed a taskforce for facility use.
- Approved a bid for waxing the church floors.
- Approved replacing fire exit lights at St. Paul.
- Approved usage of the St. Paul facility for the sheriff’s de-partment training and awards ceremony.
- Approved a budget to be sent to Administrative Council.

Additional

EDUCATION

Darci Utt
Jill Sullivan
Joni Rankin

MEMORIAL

Cheri Morris
Billie Swanson
Howard Griffin

Meeting Schedules

AD COUNCIL

Every Fourth Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

FINANCE/TRUSTEES

Every third Sunday, 12:15 p.m.
(following the fellowship meal)

MEMBERSHIP

No regularly scheduled meeting
time

NOMINATING

Meets as needed beginning
in the fall

SPRC

Quarterly meetings in January,
April, July, and October

WORSHIP

Meets as needed

EDUCATION

Meets as needed

If you are una-
ble to attend
church on Sun-
days, search for
Ark City UMC on Face-
book and worship with us
online Sundays at 10 a.m.

