

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 com-
munity and the world.

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 4	Stacy Wells	April 5	Betty and Dusty Rhodes
	Mark Dykes	April 12	Jennifer and Michael Munson
April 5	Nicole Dawson	April 21	Marcia and Michael Musson
April 6	Helen Gibson		Miriam and Zachary Stoy
April 8	Owen Bannister		
April 10	Wyatt Paton		
	Phyllis Stewart		
April 11	Dave Geisler		
April 12	Gary Howell		
April 14	Mykaylee Goff		
April 17	Emmerson Allen		
	Clark Kirk		
April 20	Scarlett Rogers		
April 22	Maggie Green		
April 28	Juarese Marker		
April 30	Chloe Parks		
	Hannah Parks		
	Doris Miller		

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Arkansas City United Methodist Church

Newsletter



April 2025

“Made like him, like him we rise,” Charles Wesley penned in his great Easter hymn, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.” Ponder the meaning of this line for a moment, especially that line, “Like him we rise.”

The resurrection of the body is a difficult idea to grasp in our anti-supernatural culture. It’s not that people don’t believe in miracles. It’s just that we think of a miracle as an event that beats the odds. There was a time when we K-State alumni would have said, “It would be a miracle for K-State football to win a national championship.” I think this is how we think of miracles most of the time; just a really long shot working out in a desirable way but not truly an act of God’s mighty power.

But this is exactly what the resurrection is about. The New Testament makes no bones about the *bodily* nature of the resurrection. Though we know every one of us will die, we know also that Christ has conquered death through his own dying and rising. At the last day, when the trumpet sounds, the dead in Christ will rise to full, glorious life.

The beautiful and mysterious thing about the resurrection is that we can start to experience resurrection life now, before the day of our death. It appears in real faith, true joy, and steadfast love. We can feel the resurrection life and hold firm to our resurrection hope.

“Made like him, like him we rise.” We can hardly imagine.

~Steve



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SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST

- Holy Week Schedule
- Seder Meal Plans,
Maundy Thursday
- Emergency Training

From Pastor Steve's Desk

Order Easter Lilies

In memory or honor of a loved one. Call the church office to reserve yours at \$20 each.

Thank you for always remembering us with the much appreciated cards.
Donald and Ann Hastings

Holy Week Schedule

Community Holy Week Services begin at noon, and a light lunch is served at 12:30.

Noon, Monday April 14, 2025

First Church of the Nazarene, 1928 N 11th
Pastor Ryan Whitley, Northside Baptist Church, preaching

Noon, Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Calvary Chapel, 1001 S 3rd St
Pastor David Stanley, First Baptist Church, preaching

Noon, Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S B St
Pastor Samuel Brand, Sacred Heart, preaching

Noon, Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Blessing Heights, 1529 W Radio Ln
Pastor Casey Borger, Trinity Baptist Church, preaching

5:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday

Seder Meal, Arkansas City UMC, 2448 Edgemont,
Reservations required.

Noon, Good Friday, April 18 , 2025

First United Pentecostal Church, 2610 N Summit
Pastor Tim Milby, First United Pentecostal Church, preaching

Easter Sunday at ACUMC

- 6:45 a.m., Sunrise Service on the east lawn followed by a light breakfast
- 8:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Fellowship
- 10 a.m., Worship, Confirmation Sunday
- 11:15 am., Easter Egg Hunt

Seder Meal: Paul to the Corinthians

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Cor. 11:23-26)



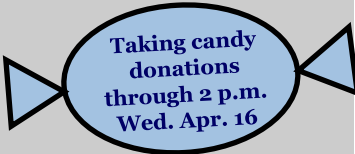
The scene that Paul recounts is the Last Supper or Passover Seder meal that Jesus shared with his disciples just before his passion. The meal commemorates the Exodus from Egypt and includes reading, drinking ceremonial wine, telling stories, eating special foods, and singing. The connections to the story of Jesus are made clear in the meal.

The Arkansas City UMC family will celebrate the Seder meal this year on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the special foods and drink, the meal will include soup, roast chicken and vegetables with salad. **Sign up in the narthex or on the church’s website:**
<https://www.arkcityumc.com/events/>

We Want to Celebrate With You!

In anticipation of Graduation Sunday, May 4, please send us the names and contact information for any student you would like to include in the church’s recognition of this accomplishment, whether high school or college or post-graduate.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6		1 10:30a Seeking Sisters	2 10a Women’s Study 5p Prayer +, St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells 6p Kid’s Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	3 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	4	5
6 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship, Communion 11:15a Communion Delivery 11:15a Confirmation Class 11:15a Education Committee 4p Faithbuilders	7 7p Small Group Scouts	8	9 10a Women’s Study 5p Prayer +, St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells 6p Kid’s Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	10 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship, Bucket Sunday 11:15a Safety Meeting 4p Faithbuilders	14 WV Quilt Guild all day 7p Small Group Scouts	15 10:30a Seeking Sisters 	16 10a Women’s Study 1:30p UWF 5p Prayer +, St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells 6p Kid’s Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30p Seder Meal	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 5p Hour of Praise and Prayer, St. Paul Campus
20 EASTER 6:45 Sunrise Service followed by a light breakfast 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship, Confirmation Sunday 11:15a Easter Egg Hunt	21 7p Small Group Scouts	22	23 10a Women’s Study 5p Prayer +, St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells 6p Kid’s Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; Cub Scouts	24 5:30p Girl Scouts 7p SMP Live	25	26
27 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Fellowship Coffee 10a Worship 11:15a Third Sunday Meal 12:15p Admin. Council 4p Faithbuilders	28 7p Small Group Scouts	29 7p SPRC	30 10a Women’s Study 5p Prayer +, St. Paul 5:30p Share Meal, St. Paul; Handbells 6p Kid’s Club Youth Group 6:30p Choir Practice; Cub Scouts			

Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Monica Wise, chair
Cindy Freeland, secretary
Billie Swanson, finance
Larry Swanson, Lay Leader
Dac Call
Nancy Clarkson
Dan Deener
Deanna Kuder
Russell McAlister
Cheri Morris
Jill Sullivan

FINANCE/TRUSTEES
Darin Mann, chair
Deanna Kuder, secretary
Billie Swanson, finance
Larry Swanson, Lay Leader
Lynda Arnett
Dan Deener
Ricci Goff
Doris Miller
Forest Smith

MEMBERSHIP
Darla Mann, chair
Ralph Keefe
Doris Miller
Joni Rankin

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

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
Alisha Call, chair
Mykenzie Goff
Russell McAlister
Doris Miller
Elrea Mullen
Sam Oglesby
Billie Swanson

WORSHIP
Monica Wise, chair
Melba Maehtlen
Cheri Morris
Stephen Rankin

Finance Report

February		2025 to date	
Income	\$27,362	Income	\$50,723
Expenses	\$22,703	Expense	\$42,893

Share Meals Served 2025

Year	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5
Jan.	96	104	93	94	
Feb.	99			101	
Mar.	95	99	84		
Apr.					

Be Prepared. Mark Your Calendar.

Sunday, April 13, an important training event will be held at 11:30 a.m., in the Gathering Place. Please make plans to attend.

Are you aware of the availability of and the location of items that may be needed in a medical event or emergency while at the Edgemont campus? Would you know when it is necessary to call 911? In an emergency, it takes time for the ambulance to arrive. Those precious minutes can mean life or death in some situations.

Would you know when or how to use the blood pressure monitor, the AED, or a tourniquet? What if you are just one of a few people in the building, and no one knows where to find any of these items or how to use them?

Since it is important that as many people as possible have the knowledge to deal with these situations, the Security Team has scheduled training with Brandy Rice, an Ark City Fire/EMS employee and trainer. **It is important that at least two people from each group who uses this facility take part in the training.** Please take the time to attend. It could be the best investment you will ever make.

Committee Notes

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- Discussed how the church might partner with Midwest Moos Summer Collegiate Baseball by hosting players over the summer
- Approved paying 1/2 the cost of summer camp (up to \$215) for campers attending Camp Horizon
- Approved a policy for all guardians of children under 18 to sign a form giving the church permission to use their images in video, audio, photography, or other forms of media.
- Approved the rescheduling of the April third Sunday meal to Sunday, April 27, due to Easter.

FINANCE TRUSTEES

- Scheduled the floor waxing project for the week of May 18
- Reported that the windows on the south side of St. Paul have been replaced and a new pump installed.
- Reported the potholes in the parking lot have been repaired
- Approved lawn treatment to mitigate stickers
- Approved a volunteer summer lawn mowing project

MEMORIAL

- Completed updating the memorial wall in the hall south of the fellowship hall.

EDUCATION

- Scheduled Vacation Bible School for Sunday through Thursday, July 27-31. The theme is Shipwrecked. Volunteers are sought for several roles.
- Scheduled fall Sunday School for children, building on VBS participation. The launch will coincide with the fall all-church picnic, Sunday, Sept. 21, hosted by the Seeking Sisters.

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.

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EDUCATION
Jill Sullivan, chair
Lynda Arnett
Janis Goff
Andrea Petry
Joni Rankin
Darci Utt

MEMORIAL
Cheri Morris
Billie Swanson
Howard Griffin

MISSION/OUTREACH
Dac Call
Cindy Freeland
Sylvia McAlister

LAY LEADER AND MEMBER
TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Larry Swanson

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

If you are unable to attend church on Sundays, search for Ark City UMC on Facebook and worship with us online Sundays at 10 a.m.

