

THE VINE



Together: Proclaiming Christ By Loving God and Serving God's People



PRACTICING OUR BAPTISM

BY LYNN KILBOURNE

On January 19 our congregation welcomed Mathew Jacob-Eli Johnson into the Body of Christ as he received the sacrament of baptism. Every baptism is a sacred time for the Church and in the life of the one receiving it. Matthew's baptism was made all the more special for his family as he was baptized into the family of faith that prayed for him following complications after his delivery. He was baptized in the same place as his older siblings, Maddie and Johnny, were baptized one year earlier and at the same altar where his parents, Robbie and Stephanie, were married. His God-Mother, Susan Szafranski, stood with his family and promised to help raise him to always know the love of God.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Our Hospitality Team has been working hard to plan and coordinate simple meals for this time of fellowship each week. We hit record RSVP's for the Chili Supper. Let's break it again in February!

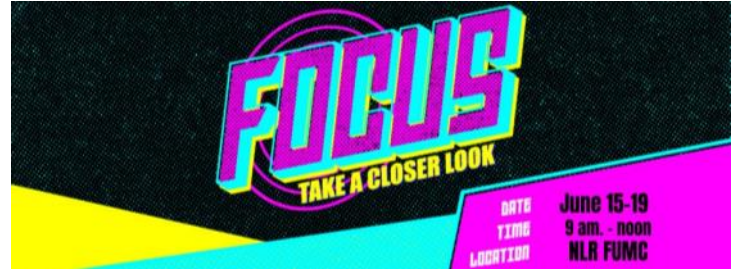
WED, FEB. 12 :CHICKEN STRIPS / MAC & CHEESE

WED, FEB. 19 :JAMBALAYA

WED, FEB. 25 : TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



FIRST KIDS



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Shoutout to Kelly Risner! Kelly has been volunteering in the Children's ministry for several years. This year she joined us at Beyond Conference, a children's ministry conference held annually by the Arkansas Conference. She was able to choose sessions about classroom management and faith development. One takeaway she really wanted to start was blessing each child in the ministry area. This involves looking in their eyes, making the sign of the cross with a blessing balm, and giving them a blessing. Kelly gave each child a blessing the next time she volunteered! She is a blessing to our ministry and our church!

FIRST KIDS UPDATE: BEYOND CONFERENCE

We learned so much at the Beyond Conference in January. What a great opportunity to hear from great speakers and collaborate with children's ministers from all over the state and even surrounding states! We've already met with the Children's Council to discuss some great ideas we learned. Our First Kid's classes on Wednesday already used some strategies for focusing and preparing their young after busy days of school and activities.

More Beyond Conference take aways will begin soon! We are in the planning stages of creating a dedicated space for prayer in the Children's area. There are some new ways we will reinforce learning the books of the Bible. We are also excited to introduce Prayer bears to our preschool children.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Church Picnic &
Children's Play
MARCH 8th: 5-7pm

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, Feb. 7

5:00-8:30 Wonderfully Made
6:00 - 8:00 CS Lewis Movie Night

SATURDAY, Feb.8

8:30-1:30pm Wonderfully Made

SUNDAY, Feb. 9 Scout Sunday

8:30-12:00 UMW Cookie Stroll
9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School *
10:00 Will of God Study
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
4:00- 5:00 Missions Team Meeting
5:00 - 6:00 CS Lewis Study
5:00- 7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Feb. 10

6:30 - 7:30pm SPRC Meeting
7:00 -9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY Feb. 11

6:30 - 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30 - 10:30 Creative Hands Craft Group (Rm 22)
11:00 - 1:00 Pastoral Care Meeting (Library)
5:00 - 6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12

9:30 - 12:30 Quilters
5:00 - 6:15 Simple Supper:
5:00 - 6:15 JuBELLation Ringers (Sanctuary)*
5:00 - 7:30 Youth
6:15 - 6:30 Holy Communion
6:30 - 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 - 7:30 First Kids
6:30 - 7:45 Disciple I and III, When Christians Get it Wrong and Won't you be my Neighbor

THURSDAY, Feb. 13

5:00 - 6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00 - 8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

SATURDAY, Feb. 15

12:00 - 6pm Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
2:00 - 5:00 Fellowship SS Class Social

SUNDAY, Feb. 16

Sermon: "United by Hope"- A heart strangely warmed sermon series
9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
4:00-5:00 Finance Meeting (Parlor)
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Feb. 17

10:00-11:00 Jo Cruse Circle (Parlor)
1:30-3:00 Nell Dyer Circle (Parlor)
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Feb. 18

6:30 - 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30 - 0:30 Craft Group
12:00-1:00 Alzheimer's Lunch and Learn
5:00 - 6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
5:00 - 8:00 CEC SPIRIT NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19

9:00-10:00 CEC Story Time
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00 - 2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers
5:00 - 7:30 Youth
6:15 - 6:30 Holy Communion
6:30 - 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 - 7:30 First Kids
6:30 - 7:45 Disciple I and III, When Christians Get it Wrong and Beloved bible study

THURSDAY, Feb. 20

5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, Feb 21 & SATURDAY, Feb. 22

No Activities

SUNDAY, Feb. 23

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship
12:00-1:30 UMW Unit Meeting
1:00-4:00 Nancy Crooks 90th Birthday Party
5:00-6:30 Who Really Wrote the NT Class
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Feb.24

4:00-7:00 Broadway Bridge-Off Campus
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Craft Group
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
5:00-7:00 Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Supper
5:30 - 6:30 UMW Leadership Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

9:00-10:00 CEC Story Time
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00 - 2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, Feb. 27

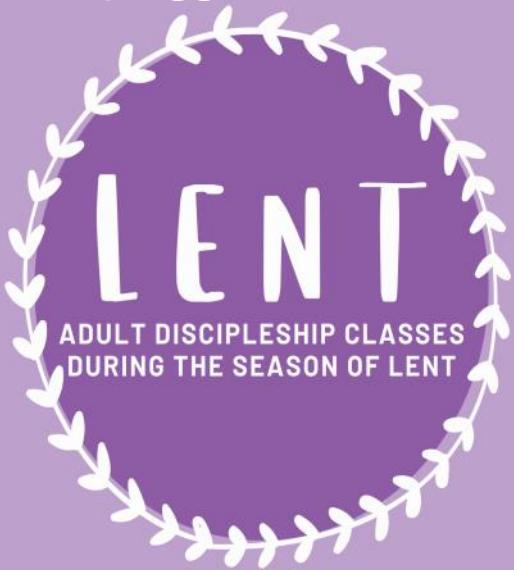
11:30-1:00 Lions club business meeting
5:00 - 6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00 - 8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY FEB. 28 & SATURDAY, FEB. 29

No activities Scheduled

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

COMING SOON:
Get plugged into a class!

A graphic with a dark blue background and a gold laurel wreath border. The text "WE ARE Beloved" is written in white, with "Beloved" in a script font. Below it, "A LENTEN JOURNEY with Protestant Prayer Beads" and "Kristen E. Vincent" are written in smaller white text. To the right, "FEB 19 - APR 8" is written in white. At the bottom, "LED BY PASTOR ANNIE" and "CONFERENCE ROOM @6:30PM" are written in white.

FEB 19
-APR 8

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with
Protestant Prayer Beads
Kristen E. Vincent

LED BY
PASTOR ANNIE
CONFERENCE ROOM @6:30PM

NEW MEMBERS @ NLRFCUMC

Helen Hitt joined Jan. 1st

Gwen Hathcock joined Jan. 14th

Matthew Johnson was baptized on Jan. 19th

Katelyn and Justin Bybee joined Feb. 2nd

Ben, Kathryn, Samuel, and James Allen joined Feb. 2nd

Carmelita Burks	Jay Hoyle
Steven Carr	Lorraine Lambert
Donna Drury	Carolyn Lasseigne
Liz Fowlkes	Ann Matthews
Betty Goodson	Andy Miller
Carol Gustin	Jan Owens
Dotsy Harris	John Sowle
Carol Ann Henley	Otto Thiemann
Mary Hoey	

This team of caring laity are available to pray with you and to visit with you. They serve as an extension of our church. If you are in need of prayers, you are having surgery or are in the hospital or have other pastoral care needs, please call or email Pastor Annie (501-920-2778/pastorannie@nlrfumc.org) so that we may have the opportunity to care for you.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Red Letters

Read 6:25pm.



A lot of us grew up with "Red Letter Bibles." These Bibles have all the words that Jesus said printed in red. Jesus' words stand out on the pages, drawing your eyes and mind to them as if to say, "Read this! These words are important!" Of course Jesus said a lot of things: he spoke to his disciples, he spoke to crowds gathered to learn from him, and he spoke to people who were anxious, grieving, and suffering. He spoke words of comfort. He spoke words of challenge. These words he spoke over 2,000 years ago continue to capture our attention and our hearts, they continue to inspire and convict. During the season of Lent, our sermon series is going to explore some of the specific "red letters" of Jesus and how we can take them more seriously in our lives today. **We'll look at these red letters: Be Anxious for Nothing, The First Shall Be Last, Become a Servant, Deny Yourself and Follow Me, I Go to Prepare a Place for You, The Stones Would Shout, Do Not Be Afraid**



CHOIR SPOTLIGHT: SARA COOKE

Q: What do you participate in at NLRFUMC?

A: Choir, Bells, Children/ Youth Drama, UMW Secretary, and I used to be on the softball co-ed team, but not I'm old, so I don't!

Q: How long have you been a part of the choir?

A: Since about 1992-ish. Almost 30 years!!

Q: What is your favorite thing about choir that may be new under John's leadership?

A: Anytime there is a change in any leadership, there is a new approach to something. So I guess what I have been liking the most is learning how to approach learning music differently. Learning new techniques, different ways to solve my own vocal inadequacies, and trying new rehearsal ideas. It's been fun.

Q: Why do you participate in these groups or activities?

A: I get so much from this church during any given day such as friendships that have lasted for years, spiritual guidance, a chance to do something that will help others, and a comfort zone that is welcoming and friendly. So for me it only comes naturally to want to be active in and for this church as much as I can. I want to help however I can with whatever I know. Even though I was thirty-something when I started here, there are life-long friends at this church who have raised me spiritually by being wonderful volunteers and great examples of how to be a part of mission work. I participate because they showed me how to give back.

Q: What is your favorite mission of our community?

A: I don't mean to evade the question, but I really love all of them. Mission work is what drew me to this church when I moved to NLR. We have always been a church who has tried to provide resources and help anywhere we could both outside the church and inside our own walls. Lately, I have really gotten a lot from the studies that have been available this past year. It started with attending Mission U last summer and has grown to attending many of the studies that are being offered here at the church.

**METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH
COLLECTION ITEMS:
Suave Shampoo & Conditioner
and elastic only hair ties**

MISSION & CEC



CEC EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

LAQUITA LEON

Laquita has a Bachelor of Science in Education from UCA. She has worked for CEC since March of 2017 and currently teaches our preschool 3 & 4 year olds. She also has a 2 year old daughter who attends CEC. We are so thankful for you Laquita and congrats on being our 1st CEC Employee of the Month!



CEC SPIRIT NIGHT: FEB 18th

RESTAURANT **BJ's** BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR
A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: February 18, 2020 - Tuesday Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

At this BJ's location:

3941 McCain Blvd.
North Little Rock, AR 72116
501-502-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

FUMC CEC

With each flyer presented during this FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's will donate **20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Digital or printed flyer must be presented to the server.



NLRFUMC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESENTS

Annual Cookie Stroll

Sunday Feb. 9, 2020 | 8:30am-12pm

\$5.00 per dozen

Bakers & Buyers Needed

Bakers- bring cookies

Sat. Feb. 8 from 2-4pm or

Sunday AM

Buyers- bring money \$5/dozen



NLRFUMC MISSIONS

NLRFUMC family, I am so excited to be a part of the mission team. My hope for this year is to learn about all the amazing things you're already doing for mission everyday. You're all invited to mission team meetings the 2nd Sunday of every month at 4pm.

We'd love to see you there!

-Bailey Martin, Mission Chair

Upcoming meetings: February 9th and March 8th!

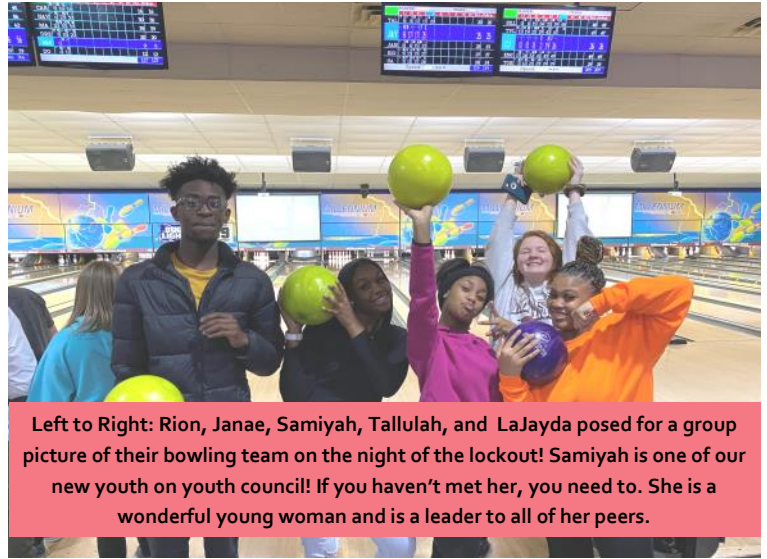
NEXT LEVEL: YOUTH

YOUTH UPDATE: LOCKOUT EDITION BY STEVEN CARR

So much excitement as we start 2020! I'm looking forward to this New Year, a new millennium, and all the exciting possibilities of things to experience within the next 11 months. As we move forward, the youth council has chosen John 15:4 as our theme for 2020. "Abide in me as I abide in you..." Throughout 2020, NLRFUMC youth desire to experience God in every aspect of our lives. Our young people are learning that God wants to live in a relationship with each individual and that God cares about every decision, action, and activity of their lives. NLRFUMC youth are artistic, active, and expressive in their beliefs and passions. Our young people are curious and our leadership team will strive to support their questions through small group Sunday school classes, Wednesday night Bible Studies, and Sunday Night Worship/small groups.

A quick update on youth activities: On January 19-20, we held our annual youth lock-out. This has always been a wonderful event for all our students to attend and invite some friends. This year our youth council wanted to start our evening with a time of worship and Bible Study. We celebrated how God abides with us, loves us, and gives us the ability to love others. 68 students were in attendance for our lockout and many asked for prayer concerns about their family and personal life. God surrounded us as we traveled to other activities throughout NLR and LR, and when we returned at 7 am, our young people were safe and very tired!

On Feb 28-March 1, our youth will travel to Rogers, AR and participate in Veritas. This is an annual Arkansas United Methodist Youth Event where 2500 young people come together to worship God, grow through Bible Study and Small Groups, and also enjoy times of fellowship. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they learn to "Abide with God" in their personal life, our Bible studies, and crazy youth activities. Thank you for all your support!



Left to Right: Rion, Janae, Samiyah, Tallulah, and LaJayda posed for a group picture of their bowling team on the night of the lockout! Samiyah is one of our new youth on youth council! If you haven't met her, you need to. She is a wonderful young woman and is a leader to all of her peers.



February 6, 2020

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Gwen Hathcock

Gwen Hathcock has joined our church by transfer of membership from another United Methodist Church.

She joined January 14.
Please join us in welcoming her!!

FEBRUARY Prayer

AS WE ENTER THIS MONTH COMMEMORATED AS A "MONTH OF LOVE" MAY WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. MAY WE PRAY TO BE AWARE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AROUND US TO SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE WHO NEED TO EXPERIENCE IT.

-PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Holy Week & Easter @NLRFUMC

- FEB 25 | SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE DINNER | 5-7PM
- FEB 26 | ASH WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM
- APRIL 4 | FIRST KIDS' EASTER EVENT | 10AM
- APRIL 5 | PALM SUNDAY | 9AM & 11AM
- APRIL 9 | MAUNDAY THURSDAY | 6:30PM
- APRIL 10 | GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | 6:30PM
- APRIL 12 | EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE | 6AM
- APRIL 12 | EASTER SERVICE | 9AM
- APRIL 12 | EASTER SERVICE | 11AM



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