

The Vine

October 1, 2019

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



NLRFUMC, Best Kept Secret?

By Mackenzie Turner

On my first Sunday as the communication coordinator, we had a big day! We worshipped together in the sanctuary and participated in Pack Shack afterwards. Before I even walked in the door I was welcomed by so many via Facebook, text, and email. If you reached out during this transition, thank you! This showed me how outsiders are being welcomed. Congrats, I felt so loved!! This particular Sunday we said thank you to Roz Newton for being our interim communication coordinator! We learned from Pastor Lynn about God's Messy Family and how God's ultimate desire for us is life and wellness, and sometimes situations and relationships compete against that. After service we took that message and gathered in the fellowship hall to reach out our hands for those that are needy by making 40,000 meals! I loved seeing this hard work, spirit and the fellowship hall filled with all ages on my first Sunday here. Best kept secret in NLR? As your communication coordinator, my goal is to let this secret be known!

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

Matthew 5: 14-15

Why the Vine?

By Rev. Lynn Kilbourne

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."
John 15:5

Did you notice our newsletter's new name, "The Vine?" Why "The Vine?" It's not just because our front yard is now covered with pumpkins! Jesus told his disciples that he is the vine and they are the branches. With this, he gave them an image of how life in a community of faith would look. All at once, branches are connected to the vine, the one in whom they have life, and they are connected with one another, other branches.

As a community of faith, NLRFUMC seeks to be connected to God, our source of life, nourishment, and hope. We also know the joy of being connected with one another.

Throughout the newsletter, you will see examples of our connection to God – our participation in missions, study, and worship; and you'll see examples of our connection to one another – the fellowship of our mission, study, and worship. May you be inspired as you see the fruits of our ministry!

October Community Spotlight:

Pray

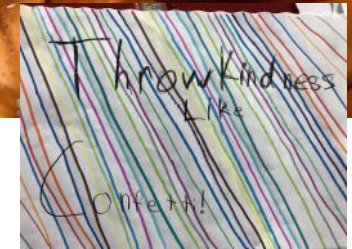
Ground

In September we introduced the children's pray ground in our sanctuary



11 am service. We love this space where our children can be quietly engaged in activities while absorbing important lessons during the service.

First Kids



What happened the past month?

Wow!! We are entering into a busy time of back to school routines full of activities, homework, and Wednesday nights! Carl Sandberg and Kelly Risner lead our group of kindergarten through fifth graders in fun Wednesday nights, learning Bible lessons through stories, skits, and games!

Our Sunday School focus has shifted to the beginning of the Bible, learning the stories about creation, Moses, and Jonah. So if you want to enjoy the perspective of children as they learn Bible lessons, contact Megan Hairston or Michelle Swinford. children@nrfumc.org

We took four young ladies to [Bible Boot Camp](#) at Ferncliff in August. It was a whirlwind [24 hours of fellowship and fun](#) with other third and fourth graders from Central District. We joined over 100 kids exploring the Bible, creating skits, experiencing the food of the Bible, and participating in missions to create hygiene kits that will be sent around the world to help people following disasters. It was a great experience!



Cuteness Spotlight!

“God likes you so much you wouldn’t believe it.”

One of our members who is involved in [Karios #44](#), a prison ministry at Tucker Prison asked if our kiddos would like to get involved, too. We are so glad he asked because [it created opportunities to talk about forgiveness and grace and God’s love](#). They decorate placemats with designs and encouraging messages for people to remember they are loved by God and have the opportunity to live in a grace filled way. Bobby Swayne brings their creations to the prisoners, and he reports they really enjoy the art. When we can have the open hearts of the youngest among us, we reflect the love of God upon others. Here are a few that might brighten your day, too!!

HARVEST PARTY

October 23rd
5:30– 7:00 pm
Trunk or treat contest, Carnival Games, Petting Zoo, OH MY!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E49ADAB2EA7F49-harvest>

The time to plan your [Spooktacular](#) trunk decorations is here!! Please contact us if you are willing to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, which is provided by our [congregation’s generous donations!](#) It is a contest this year, so be prepared for some friendly competition. We are also in need of a few smiling faces to help with our fun games. We appreciate this congregation for your support of our ministry!!

Click the link above to be a [volunteer!](#)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, Oct. 1st

CEC Selling Butter Braids thru 16th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Creative Hands Craft Group
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
6:30-7:30 UMM Meeting

WEDNESDAY Oct. 2nd

5:00-6:30 First Meal Cantina Laredo

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth: Next Level
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Oct. 3rd

5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRI. 4th & SAT. 5th—No Events

SUNDAY, Oct. 6th

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Greg Jones book study
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00-6:00 Faith of a mockingbird
5:00-7:00 Youth: Next Level

MONDAY, Oct. 7th

5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss
6:00-8:00 Beta Sigma Phi Meeting
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Oct. 8th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Creative Hands Craft Group
11:00-1:00 Pastoral Care Meeting
4:00-8:00 CEC Spirit Night Black Bear Dinner
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
6:00-7:00 Incident Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 Simple Supper
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth: Next Level
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Oct. 10th

5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRI. 11th & SAT. 12th—No Events

SUNDAY, Oct. 13th

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Greg Jones book study
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
4:00-5:00 Missions Team Meeting
5:00-6:00 Faith of a Mockingbird
5:00-7:00 Youth: Next Level

MONDAY, Oct. 14th

Columbus Day
5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss
6:30-7:30 SPRC Meeting
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Oct. 15th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Craft Group
12:00-1:00 Alzheimer's Lunch & Learn
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
6:30-7:30 Northside Men @Levy UMC

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 Simple Supper
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth: Next Level
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Oct. 17th

2:00-8:00 UMW Bazaar Setup
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRIDAY, Oct. 18th

3:00-7:00 UMW Bazaar & Chilli Supper

SAT. 19th—No Events

SUNDAY, Oct. 20th

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Greg Jones book study
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Trustee Meeting
2:00-3:00 Stewardship Meeting
4:00-5:00 Finance Meeting
5:00-6:00 Faith of a mockingbird
5:00-7:00 Youth: Next Level

MONDAY, Oct. 21st

10:00-11:00 Jo Cruise Circle
1:30-3:30 Nell Dyer UMW Circle
5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss Class
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Oct. 22nd

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Creative Hands Craft Group
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23rd

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:30-7:00 Harvest Party
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Oct. 24th

5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRI. 25th & SAT. 26th—No Events

SUNDAY, Oct. 27th

Commitment Sunday

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Greg Jones book study
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00-6:00 Faith of a mockingbird
5:00-7:00 Youth: Next Level

MONDAY, Oct. 28th

4:00-7:00 Broadway Bridge
5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss Class
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Oct. 29th

4:00-7:00 Broadway Bridge
6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Creative Hands Craft Group
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
5:30-6:30 UMW Leadership Team Mtg

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 30th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 Simple Supper
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth: Next Level
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Oct. 31st

Halloween

11:30-1:00 Lion's Club Business Mtg
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRIDAY, November 1st

November Issue of The Vine

Adult Discipleship



These are members of our Sunday afternoon class If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat.



Members of our Wed. Night Disciple Fast Track 1 Class.

FIND YOUR FIT AT NLRFUMC!

This fall we launched a series of new offerings for Adult discipleship. Seeing a need to encourage more parishioners to find their place at NLR FUMC coupled with the desire to continue to offer a diverse array of classes to meet everyone's needs, we began offering short-term studies not only during the Sunday School hour, but also on Sunday afternoons and we expanded the Wednesday evening offerings. These offerings included book studies ranging from To Kill a Mockingbird, to Wesley's sermons, to learning how to follow Peter's lead in hearing Jesus' call. Offering classes not only with a true Biblical study but also classes with spiritual and analytical bents as well means that there is a place for everyone to plug in.

All the classes this fall have been well attended and full of meaningful conversation and community. While we are offering these short-term studies, it does not mean that the long-term Sunday School classes are any less important! These classes continue to meet, to grow and to provide another avenue for adults to engage themselves in small groups in a variety of different ways.

This winter there are new classes forming – so be sure to check them out! In November, I will be leading a class called the "Advent Conspiracy" during both the Sunday School hour and on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. This means if you don't want to give up your time with your Sunday School class, you don't have to miss the study. The "Advent Conspiracy" discusses ways in which we can engage in the true spirit of waiting that the Advent season calls for, rather than being overrun and overwhelmed with the commercialization and secularization of the Christmas season. In December, Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart will lead an Advent study of preparation for the birth of Christ.

I hope you will take the opportunity to engage in some of these new opportunities to grow in faith. We are always looking for new ideas and new people to help lead short-term studies. If you are interested in seeing something offered in the future, or in leading a study, please let me know!

Blessings,

Pastor Annie

WayPoint Usher Communion Steward Schedule

	NAME	STATIONS
OCTOBER 6	Randy Hutchinson	Waypoint Parking Door
	Connie Hutchinson	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Angie Curran	Welcome Desk Door
	Bill Frye	Sunday School Door
OCTOBER 13	Matt Nickleson	Waypoint Parking Door
	Rebecca Nickleson	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Bill Frye	Welcome Desk Door
	Angie Curran	Sunday School Door
OCTOBER 20	Bill Richter	Waypoint Parking Door
	Margaret Richter	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Bill Frye	Welcome Desk Door
	Angie Curran	Sunday School Door
OCTOBER 27	Mitchell Wood	Waypoint Parking Door
	Lynn Wood	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Bill Frye	Welcome Desk Door
	Angie Curran	Sunday School Door

Music Ministry

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”
- Mark 10: 14

Ringling was in the air the first Saturday of September when 21 children from various central Arkansas churches gathered in our Fellowship Hall for **Xtreme Ring 2019**. This event was for anyone grades 3-8 interested in ringing or learning to ring hand bells. The day consisted of group rehearsals with guest clinician, Conway's own Linda Ball, and break out sessions where rhythms were learned and friendships made through games and pizza. The day came to a close as the participants played for their choir directors and parents in a short concert.

A couple weeks prior to the event, our hand bell quartet, JuBELLation Ringers, gave a demonstration during children's Sunday school gathering time. At that time there weren't any participants from our church planning to go. **Following this 10 minute demonstration we had 5 of our own attend Xtreme Ring.**

We are planning to continue this **enthusiasm** for bells by once again offering a bell choir for children and youth.

If you have a child interested in ringing, please contact John Knorr at jknorr@nlrfumc.org. In addition, if you are interested in playing bells with The Faith Ringers adult hand bell choir, please let John know.



Part of the combined Xtreme Ring choir with clinician, Linda Ball.



NLRFUMC participants in Xtreme Ring.



JuBELLation Ringers giving a demonstration prior to the Xtreme Ring event.



Chancel Choir rehearsals for the **Christmas Cantata** will begin **Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 in the choir room**. All who love to sing are welcomed and encouraged to join us. This year's Christmas cantata will be presented during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, December 22.

Missions



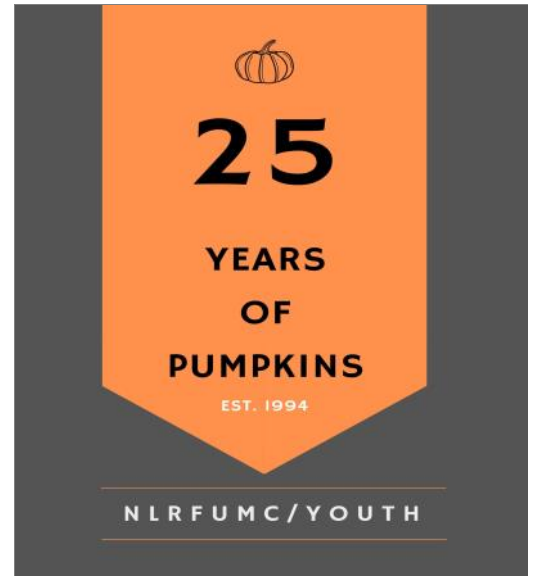
Missions have been busy the last few months!

Picture Credits: John Drake

- Passing out water bottle for Indian Hills Orientation.
- Donuts and Coffee for the 1st day of school at Indian Hills.
- Packing 40,000 meals with Pack Shack!
- Filling sand bags for flooding relief.
- Helping pack grocery Sacks full of food
- Clothes for Broadway Bridge Project
- N2N helping with some yardwork!



Next Level: Youth



The great celebration of the Pumpkin Patch, 25 years of Pumpkins decorating the front lawn of NLRFUMC!!!! In 1994, Youth pastor, Jeff Quick and the Youth Leadership Team decided to embark on a youth fundraising tool that would support our young people and reach out to the NLR community. Youth directors Jeff Quick, Jill Dillman, Jennifer and Sam Smothers, Scott Eaton, Matt Davis, Todd Lovell, and Steven Carr have poured countless hours to continue the tradition. As we celebrate 25 years, our Youth Leadership Team wanted to make sure pumpkins were on the lawn to celebrate the FIRST day of Fall. As customers purchased their pumpkins on September 23, many expressed gratitude for our church and the colorful array of pumpkins. One customer commented, "I woke up this morning and looked at the weather and I was sad. It's the first day of fall and it is hot. Then I drove past the church and saw the pumpkins! Fall is here, the pumpkins are here! The heat will go away soon; Fall has official started because the pumpkins are on the front lawn of NLRFUMC!" I am so thankful for our church and the continued support of our Pumpkin Patch. You continue to give your time and energy to make this wonderful event an outreach for our church/community and a financial support for our youth. Through the money raised at the Pumpkin Patch, our youth have attended Conference events, supported our church and community with mission outreach programs, and have traveled out of state for mission opportunities. Money raised through the pumpkin patch also supports the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, NM, who grow and harvest the pumpkins. Over the past 25 years, the Pumpkin Patch has raised \$113,744.04 to support our youth and mission opportunities. Once again, thank you for your support, and may we continue to be known as the "Pumpkin Church" for another 25 yrs!





PRAYER

Please be in prayer for the outreach ministries of the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. Through their various projects they serve locally and even nationally. Funds raised through the Chili Supper and Bazaar help finance their work.

Hosted by United Methodist Women
All proceeds will benefit UMW MISSIONS!

OCTOBER 18th 3pm-7pm
Chili Supper: 5pm- 7pm

CRAFT
BAZAAR
& CHILI SUPPER

- *Craft Fair
- *Bake Sale
- *New to You
- Boutique

Social Butterfly of the Month:
Kelly Risner

DID YOU KNOW BY LIKING AND SHARING POSTS FROM @NLRFUMC WE CAN BETTER REACH THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY ?

DOING THIS SIMPLE ACTION WILL ALSO HELP US SHOW UP ON YOUR FEED MORE, SO YOU WON'T MISS ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES!

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