

THE FLAME

THE FLAME

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

July 4.... 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 11.... 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 18.... 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25.... 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall

July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5 6:00 S/PPRC Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	12 9:00 Membership 5:30 Trustees	13 2:00 Wesleyan Circle 5:30 Finance Committee 6:30 Admin Council	14	15	16	17 7:30am UMM Breakfast
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26	27	28 6:00 UMM Meeting	29	30	31

Monthly Meetings

SPPRC – July 5 @ 6:00 pm

Trustees – July 12 @ 5:30 pm

Wesleyan Circle – July 13 @ 2:00 pm

Finance Committee – July 13 @ 5:30 pm

Administrative Council – July 13 @ 6:30 pm

Umm Breakfast – July 17 @ 7:30 am @ Jamie's

Umm Business – July 28 @ 6:00 pm



- 1 Natalie Nixon
- 2 Peggy Turney
- 3 Ross Parker
- 8 Will Johnson
- 9 Aleana Nixon
- 12 James Myatt
- 13 Jessie Van Lear Johnson
- 14 Carl Bushfield
- 18 Melanie Savells
- 22 Paul Mathis, Linda Dunaway
- 25 Ken Milburn
- 31 Berkley Tatum



- 14 Grant & Marietta Williams
- Doug & Beverly Beckman
- 22 Gene & Dana Snawder
- 30 Ross & Johnette Parker
- 31 Dennis & Mary Jane Hadenfeld

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Office HOURS

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Office closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for Lunch

2nd Friday of the month the church office closes at 3:00 pm



FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

1100 W Bower
Harrison, AR 72601



First United
Methodist Church
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

The Flame

A Publication of the First United Methodist Church of Harrison

Volume 1, July 1-31, 2021

July 2021 Pastor's Page

Can you believe it's already July? I know for you all it may seem like just the beginning of another month, but with the beginning of July comes a special time in the life of United Methodist Clergy in Arkansas. July 1st brings the new appointive year. So, I am happy to say that I get the distinct privilege of being your pastor for the coming year. I am so glad that as things move towards our new normal, I am finally meeting so many of you in person. I am working hard on remembering names and enjoying learning more and more about the deep history of the people of Harrison First UMC. I love finally being able to have conversations and 'shake' hands or fist bump with folks too. I have also had some interesting conversations with folks after worship.

A few weeks ago, someone approached me and wanted to talk about something I said during service. I had made the mention of saying a 'little prayer,' and they asked the question, "are prayers really little?" This question got me thinking. How do we view our prayers? I know we may say little when we mean short, but do we ever discount our prayers? Maybe sometimes we do this without even thinking. Our prayers are never small or insignificant. God always wants to hear from us. To know what is on our hearts, God will always take time to listen to us, even if it's for a brief moment in time.

What kinds of things are you praying for during this season of life? Are you praying for our community, our state, our nation, and our leaders? Are you praying for loved ones? Are you praying for our community, our church, or our denomination? Are you seeking answers from God about the state of our world? I am sure I could list hundreds of other things and still not cover every topic. But regardless of what you are praying for, I hope you are taking time each day to spend time with God, even if it's only for a couple of minutes.

I thought I would close out with some of the things I am praying for during my morning devotions. To give you a 'peek' at my prayer life, I am usually up every morning around 6 am or so. After I turn on the Keurig and let Henry, our miniature poodle, out to go the bathroom, I make my first cup of coffee and then settle into my chair for some time with God.

I read a devotional and some scripture; I am reading through a devotional book on 1 Corinthians right now. Then I spend the next few minutes praying about what I read; after that, I usually talk to God about whatever is on my heart. Lately, I have been talking with God about areas of focus for the coming year. This encompasses both my own spiritual life and the life of our congregation. Then I usually spend the final moments lifting different prayer concerns I have been given, as well as others I know. By then, it's time for another cup of coffee and a little breakfast so I can move on to the rest of the day. I don't have a set amount of time I spend, and it honestly varies from day to day.

Well, I hope you find these words encouraging, and I hope you make sure you carve out time each day to talk with God during the busy summer.



OUR PRAYERS

*These are not just names on a list but people for whom we are truly concerned.
Please let us know how they are doing so that we may continue to pray for them or rejoice in their healing or answer to prayer.*

CHURCH MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYER: Mona Bullard, Mike Brown, Dottie Darwell, Judy Erwin, Sue Flanigan, Alex Luther, Wanda McMahan, Virginia McCracken, Carolyn Moffett, LouAnn Moles, Lois Smith, Louise Spradlin, Ina Thomason, Peggy Turney, Avanthi, Avinash and Vikram.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: We would like to extend Christian sympathies to Ken Beard and family in the recent loss of his brother, Stephen.

