



the church Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

A Message From Your Pastor:

My favorite season of the year is Autumn. I like the change of weather with cooler temperatures and shorter days. The writer of Ecclesiastes said it well in Chapter 3 "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven." The changing of seasons is a part of God's plan. One of the things I enjoy in this season is watching humming birds coming to the feeder and chasing each other away. I also know that they will soon migrate south and won't return until Spring of next year. Those of you who put out humming bird feeders each year are very aware of that. Who tells that little humming bird when to go south for the winter? It is God. God created that little humming bird and him or her was given wisdom by our Creator God to know when to fly south and how to survive and return next Spring to that same spot so I could see them again.

We have a wonderful Creator in Christ Jesus and a heavenly Father who loves us. Jesus said in Matthew 6:26 "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them." We are a part of God's creation and God loves us so much that He wants us to relate with Him through His son the Lord Jesus. Enjoy this Autumn with Jesus as your friend and savior. God loves you and so do I. Pastor Stephen

Our Lay Leader, William Dills has requested to share a message with us in our October Newsletter. . .

The number of those that lapped was three hundred; but all the rest of troops knelt down to drink water. Then the Lord said to Gideon, 'With the three hundred that lapped I will deliver you, and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.'

Judges 7:6-7

Hopefully you know the story. Gideon in Judges chapter 7 has reluctantly called the tribes of Israel to battle the Midianites. Thirty thousand troops have shown up for the battle, but God wants Israel to know that He is the one who wins this battle not the soldiers of Israel. He does this by sending home anyone who is afraid - that is twenty thousand men. God sent home two thirds of the Israeli army. Next, He has Gideon's soldiers drink from the stream, and He selects only three hundred soldiers from the remaining ten thousand. With those three hundred soldiers armed with trumpets and jars with torches inside them, God defeated the entire Midianite army by having them turn on themselves in the night.

Here is a story for all of God's small churches. God makes it clear: with no doubt. God doesn't need thousands of church members to accomplish His goals. With just three hundred men, God defeated the army of the Midianites: an army too vast to count. With just 11 disciples Jesus changed the world after His death and resurrection. God has proved over and over throughout history that He is the power in His church. For us in small churches let's take God's word to heart - our God - our power is unbeatable.



Kids Own Worship

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O LORD, from my youth.
Psalm 71:5 ESV

Don't forget to spread the word that Fair Grove is offering
Kids Own Worship time!



All children, Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in a special KIDS OWN WORSHIP just for them during the 11am hour. This will include a lesson with hands-on activities. Children will meet in the downstairs classroom directly beneath the sanctuary. Supervision will begin at 10:50am. For questions, contact Jane Baity.



Don't forget to write down these important dates:

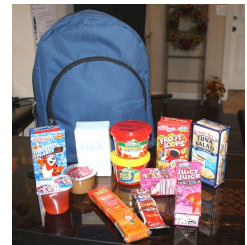
- ♦ Oct 2 @ 7pm - there will be a meeting in Family Life Center with Global Methodist Church representative Rev. Tom Mabry
- ♦ Oct 3 @ 8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise Grill, everyone is invited
- ♦ Oct 5 @ 10am - Prayer Shawl will meet in the Church Parlor
- ♦ Oct 28 @ 7:30am - 10am - Fairgrove Methodist Men will host a Donation Only Pancake breakfast.
- ♦ Dec 17 @ 11am - Christmas Cantata "JESUS Make Christmas a Holy Day"



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Frank Ingram and Hailey Rosentrater and to Hailey's mom and papaw, Melissa Whitt and Aaron Whitt for cleaning up the playground and spreading mulch. Jeff Todd, a Fair Grove Church neighbor, volunteered his time to help as well. They spent two days getting it in tip top shape for not only our church children but for the community children. THANKS also to Gene McCurry for putting up new swings and to Andy Lyndon for hauling off old playground equipment. These folks saw a need and did something about it! What an example to all of us! **"Well done, good and faithful servants!"**



Missions at Fair Grove



Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Oh, how blessed we are to have opportunities to share what we have with others! Our Nutrition on Weekends Backpack campaign is underway, with 14.4 children's backpacks promised. We strive to fulfill the need of 50 targeted kids as we have done for years for Fair Grove Elementary School. Each donation we make brings us closer to that goal. \$250 pays for a child's entire year of weekend food, but ANY amount is appreciated. Working together we can do this. A form is available in this newsletter and at each entrance of the church.

Thanks to those who continue to donate canned goods and non-perishables for the hungry. Items like breakfast foods and macaroni and cheese are always needed, as well as peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit. Your ongoing efforts will make the difference in the lives of many in our own community who are now experiencing an increased need for help.



FGUMC 2023 - N.O.W. Backpack - Mission Opportunity

Fairgrove Family Resource Center provides nutritious food for children to take home in a backpack over the weekends to four area schools, including Fair Grove Elementary. Our own church has sought to alleviate hunger through this program, by providing backpacks for years, meeting the need of every single targeted child at Fair Grove School. We prayerfully hope to meet and exceed that goal. \$230 will feed a child every weekend for the entire school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated!

- o I would like to sponsor a child and donate \$230 at this time.
- o I would like to sponsor a child with a pledge to give the \$230 total by Dec. 2023.
- o I would like to give a general donation in the following amount to help: _____

Is this Nutrition on Weekends Backpack given in honor or memory of someone?

Your Name, S.S. Class, or Group _____

Make check payable to Fair Grove UMC. On the memo line, write **BACKPACK**.
Please include this form with your gift or pledge.

Upcoming Events:

October 8 – Children's Sabbath

October 22 – Join us for Sunday lunch.
All donations will go to disaffiliation costs.

November 19 – Vegetable Soup/Bake sale
All proceeds go to support the many missions of the UWF.

December 5 – UWF Covered dish Christmas dinner @ 6:00

Faith ~ Hope ~ Love in Action



United
Women
in Faith

Prayer List

Dr. Ralph Willett family, staff
and patients

Kevin Mauldin family

Carolyn Lane

Troy Segers' family

Leon McClosky

Mark Black

James Wallace

Steve Avre

Lynn Driggers

Greg Carpenter

Betty Richey

Cam Trotter

Carolyn Lane

Cristall McCaskill

Carol Sena

Kay Lawrence

Sarah Lambe

Terri Carpenter

Kathryn Swaim

Drew Newby

Margaret McCaskill

Mary

Jimmy, Mark & Judy's Black friend, in need of permanent housing

Susan Jester /Tom Kearn's Granddaughter

Tom Sink & his caregiver, Sandra

Robert Charles Kleintank 3rd

Michael Emerick & wife Nancy

Bettie Richie

Sara and Clyde Bailey

Susan Kearns Jester

Connie Yarborough

Bill Lopp

Carol Hepler

Kathy Shoe

Rick Wilson

Ira Buckalew

Brenda Lane

Eva & Ed Smith

Aubrey Lawson

Roger Burkhardt

Jennifer Kinley

Craig Gallimore

Karen Davis

Joy Wray Tucker

Lucy Hayes

Candi Williams

Tommy Shoemaker

Sandra Workman

Roy McMahan

Heather Hardister

David and Linda Lambeth

Dot Russell

Bobby Swaim

Evelyn Parks

Riley Honeycutt

Kendall Conner

Donna Deal

Alice Workman

Judy Harrington

Robin Parker

Rob Nelson

Denise Barker

Dennis Harrison

Chad Blevins

Teresa Rhodes

Leslie Rierson

Johnny Odom



*"This is the confidence we have in
approaching God: that if we ask
anything according to His will,
He hears us."*

1 John 5:14



2 Jack Callicutt

3 Jane Gibbs

4 Christi Campbell

6 Anthony Callicutt

Joe Fry

Shela Gearren

Brad Hampton

7 Joey Bowser

8 Linda Lee

9 Ruth Ann Barker

Emily Moore

Mary Thomas

10 Michael Jones

12 Connor Lee

13 Brian Barringer

Stanley Dennis

Priscilla Everhart

Bruce Porter

15 Mackenzie Gallimore

15 Tracey Lyndon

16 Betty Callicutt

Darrell Lee

Bill Lopp

17 Darla Gallimore

David Lomax

18 Cindy Everhart Collins

Julie Fritts

20 Jeanie Bales

Terry Lambeth

22 Madison Gallimore

Meredith Leonard

25 Janet Boles

Bea Bowser

27 Brenda Davis

28 Debbie Barnette

29 Lilly Fry

Janet Miller

30 Fara Austin



Happy Anniversary

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Gary & Misti Whitman

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Derrick & Jessica Baldwin

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John & Sarah Brown

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Darren & Anne Smith





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We Thank God For YOU



STEWARDSHIP *A way of Life*

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 2023

YTD SS Attendance AVG	16
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	79
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 153,678.70
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,940.48
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 5,105.07

GLEANNING

September: 221	Year-to-date: 2384
Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family Resource Center	

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated information!

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