Our worship is expressed in two ways with the same Spirit.
8:15...Casual    10:30...Classical

**Sunday, September 10th**

**Lectionary**
- Exodus 12:1-14
- Psalm 149
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday, September 17th**

**Lectionary**
- Exodus 14:19-31
- Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

**MEMBERS IN MINISTRY**

**Lay Readers for September**
- 8:15 John Dunn
- 10:30 Oscar Hinojosa

**Acolytes for Sunday, September 10th**
- 8:15 Fletcher & Anderson Farmer
- 10:30 Allison Ward

**Acolytes for Sunday, September 17th**
- 8:15 TBA
- 10:30 TBA

**September Altar Guild**
- Sharon Clark
- Lisa Hayes

**Attendance**
- August 27th — 260
- September 3rd — 196

**Publication Dates**
- September 6th  Digital edition only
- September 20th  Digital and print edition

As we continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Harvey, we are also preparing to respond. Currently the need is for funds, cleaning buckets, and health kits. Monetary funds may be sent to:

- Arkansas Conference, 800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202, memo line: Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.
- UMCOR at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) as it responds to this and other disasters in the US by giving to UMCOR’s US Disaster Response Advance #901670

Kit instructions can be found at [http://arumc.org/disaster-preparedness-response/](http://arumc.org/disaster-preparedness-response/).

**From the Arkansas Conference Response:**

Arkansas United Methodists are urged to give emergency response teams such rescue teams, medical, law enforcement, and fire personnel the time and space to do their work. The storm is still ongoing and trying to enter affected areas will complicate and possibly endanger those teams. Our teams will begin their work as soon as we receive authorization to enter damaged areas.


You can drop off completed kits at: Central United Methodist Rogers, 2535 W. New Hope Rd., Rogers, AR 72758 Phone: 479-636-1630. Please call before you go. **Deadline to deliver items to drop sites is September 12.**

Trained Early Response Team (ERT) members will be notified if requests for help are made.

Denni Palmer, Northwest District Disaster Coordinator
In August we began singing, before the pastoral prayers, a lovely song from the Iona Community by John Bell, “Take, O Take Me As I Am.” To better incorporate this song into our community’s music, we will continue singing it through September. However, in October a favorite of many will return, Ken Medema’s “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.”

Born almost blind, Medema could see light and dark and the outline of large objects, but little more. At five he began playing the piano and three years later started lessons in classical music through braille. This led him to major in music therapy at Michigan State University, Lansing. Early in his career he worked as a music therapist, but God’s call pulled him in a different direction. While working at Essex County Hospital he began performing and recording his own songs, many for teenagers in painful transitions. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Ken Medema has performed worldwide for over 40 years, bringing his own particular style of music, filled with comfort and commentary on justice, hunger, poverty, and homelessness. He has recorded 26 albums. To hear a recording of “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” click here: https://youtu.be/8UdemvD688g

If you want to see the music, click here: http://hymnary.org/media/fetch/116772

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Hello!

I am so excited to be here at FUMC and have enjoyed getting to meet many of you. I would like to address a few things that I have been asked about. Here are my Goals and Plans for FUMC Children’s Ministry:

- **Children’s Sermon** – I would LOVE to have everyone participate at some point throughout the year during Children’s Sermon … even if it is to sit beside me as I go through it! It will only take about 2 or 3 minutes during either service and it would mean a lot to the children of our church. Think about it!

- **Children’s Church** – We will have both an 8:15 am and a 10:30 am service. After the Children’s Sermon we will be dismissed upstairs to our designated areas. We will be splitting Children’s Church into two (2) groups... The Tykes will be Pre-K through Second Grade and The Kidz will be Third Grade through Fifth Grade. With this split, I will need three (3) others (a total of four counting myself) to make this happen for the 8:15 am AND 10:30 am services. I will have all the lessons, crafts, and activities prepared. I will need one (1) person to take lead and two (2) to assist me and the other lead person.

- **J.A.M. (Jesus, Art & Mission)** – J.A.M. will begin on Wednesday, September 13th from 3–5:30 pm. You can sign your student(s) up at www.fumcrogers.com or on Facebook @FUMCRogersChildrens. We will be studying Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 this year. Each week will be a different part of the verse. If you have any time or services you would like to share we would greatly appreciate it.

I will create an electronic signup and a paper signup for times or services you may want to help. I want the kids and adults to interact and help each other along their journey’s path. Please, consider giving of yourself to help the Children’s Ministry to grow in their walk with the Lord.

“Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God.” (1 Peter 1:18)

Ms. Carie McMaster
FUMC has a Fellowship Supper beginning at 6:00 pm every Wednesday night … and you’re invited!

Upcoming Meal Plans:

**September 6th** — Potluck-Bring Side Dishes!
We’ll Provide the Entrée, Rolls, and Cake

**September 13th**
Methodist Chicken with Steamed Broccoli and Rice
Tossed Salad and Dinner Rolls
Banana Split Dessert

**September 20th**
Cheesy Ham & Potatoes with Green Beans
Tossed Salad and French Bread
Trifle Dessert

HOPE TO SEE YOU WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

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**NEW Bible Study Sunday School Class**

Do you want to know the Bible better?  
Do you ponder how to apply the Bible to your life?  
What does Jesus really want you to do?  

**Well, this is the class for YOU!**

This class will meet on Sundays in room 215 at 9:15!  
Come learn with us!  
For more info, contact Cindy Miller at 479-381-2449!

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**Judy Tobler from Missions reported she took 436 undies and socks and divided them between Tillery Elementary and Jones Elementary.**

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**The MICAH 6:8 Initiative**

**How Did The MICAH Initiative Begin?**

Methodists care about social justice. Oakley Chapel’s Pastor Shane Pair issued a challenge…and the congregation responded! Pastor Shane was to be gone for several months and charged the church with starting community groups. One such group formed to address social justice. Several from Oakley Chapel met for discussion, and decided to reach out to other Rogers Methodists.

Some friends from Oakley volunteer with FUMC at the NWA Food Bank. It was a natural connection! From there, key people from each church were contacted and invited to participate. It was an easy coming together…a natural evolving of Micah 6:8.

Our churches were already working together on the Community Meal at Grace UMC…and this has allowed us to develop deeper relationships that are leading to our joint works to ensure social justice.

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**UMCOR**
United Methodist Committee On Relief

You are to be celebrated for your record breaking giving last week to UMCOR Harvey Relief in the amount of $5,235. This is far and away more than we collected for Haiti and Louisiana hurricane last year. THANK YOU!

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**Thanks**

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful sympathy card. You all are so special. Thank you for all you do for FUMC. Appreciate you all. Carl will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful husband and a great daddy.

Will be moving to Innis Free. You are all welcome to come and visit.

In Christ,

Dorothy Walter & Family
We served 53 plates and 17 seconds for a total of 70 meals for the Community Dinner on Sunday, September 3rd. We also provided enough food for 20 people at Souls Harbor.

Also ... a BIG thank you to our youth group and to B who served the Grace Community meal for the month of August. They served an awesome meal and the people who come to eat, love it when the youth help with the meal! Thanks again!

Students 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Sunday night 5-7pm for Youth Group fun just like this! We have a game, talk about special events coming up, a family provided meal, and then our teaching time. This semester we are studying 1 and 2 Peter and our theme verse is

1 Peter 2:5 And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. What’s more, you are His holy priesthood. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

So come join us for fellowship, teaching, and mission as we go through this semester as "living stones."

Are you interested in exploring the visual arts and getting some hands-on experience? We are inviting all creative-types and artists, no matter what your discipline (painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic design, writing, photography and others) and of any skill level to attend an informational meeting Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:30pm.

The desire is to build community through discussion and experience of the arts by having a safe space in which to create, share and encourage each other in our own artistic expressions.

Questions?
Contact Julie Hayes
479-366-9724
Our Joy on the birth of:
Ezekiel David born September 4th in Rogers. He is the son of Sally Puckett, grandson of Diane Puckett, nephew of Katie Puckett, and the great-grandson of Mary Ann Hoppe.

Church Family:
Rick Hinson
Mary Ann Hoppe, on hospice at home
Paula Johns
Gene Percell, Bradford House Rm. 404
Ruby Samuelson
Marilyn Smith
Dorothy Walter, Innisfree A-13
Janice and Leon Warren
Mike Watkins

Friends and family:
Marion Caple, friend of Anne Miners
Alexander Cook, at home, Sandy Sims’ great-grandson
Butch Cordell, friend of Dolly and Jimmy Schulthess
Keith Engweiler, at home, nephew of Jimmy Schulthess
Ken Hunt, father of Kara Newcomb, friend of Amy McCann
Wanda Hart, Washington, PA, friend of J.R. and Angel Shaw
Lou Hinkle, on hospice, Marcia Haskins’ sister-in-law
Bobby Jeffries, nephew of Carolyn Howard Small
Pat Kruger, North Carolina Hospital, Mark Kruger’s brother
Mary Melton, House of Three, cousin of Cindy Miller
Gloria McCan, mother of Karen Moore
Dave and Marlene Perry, friends of Joe and Cindy Meyers
Jimmy and Carolyn Poplin, Lyn Poplin’s parents
Paul and Kristina Preston
Stewart Price, great-nephew of Shirley Bennett
Richard Rexroat, brother of Marie Greene
Raymond Seeber, Joplin, brother of Kathy Seeber
Alexa White, friend of Rhonda and Layne Adams

Change of Phone #:
Alana Alexander 479-340-2028

Our Christian sympathy to:
Otto Ising on the death of his long time partner, Gayle Linson, who died, July 20th.

We believe in the power of prayer. As our concern list has grown, the on-going prayer concerns will be posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway, also in the mid-month newsletter. The current list will appear in the weekly bulletin for three weeks then moved to the on-going list. Please inform the church when to remove a name from the list by contacting Sharon at 631-7997 or at fumcrogers@sbcglobal.net

Abundant Health
BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Opportunities ~
Springwoods Behavioral Health and the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention invite you to attend one or more of the upcoming presentations. Each 60-minute lunch session is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about identifying and responding to warning signs of suicide, risk factors and treatment.

Time: Noon - 1:00 PM
Location: Schmieding Center
2422 N Thompson (Hwy 71B), Springdale
Lunch provided by Springdale Behavioral Unit

- August 16, 2017 (RSVP by August 11)  
  Mental Health and Wellness - Early & Middle Age  
  Presenter: Dr. David Massey

- August 30, 2017 (RSVP by August 25)  
  Mental Health & Wellness - Early to Late Adolescents  
  Presenter: Dr. Keith Berner

- September 13, 2017 (RSVP by September 8)  
  Understanding Severe Mental Illness  
  Presenter: Dr. Jacquelyn Lange

- September 20, 2017 (RSVP by September 15)  
  Challenges of Aging, Senior Adults Mental Health

RSVP for each session you wish to attend to:
Sharon.Ledbetter@uhsinc.com

Wednesday, October 4th for Mental Illness Awareness Week Health & Wellness will host a presentation by:

Jerri Skaggs, President of Mental Health America in NW Arkansas at 4:30 in the Parlor

- She will share her personal family story with mental illness
- Speak of her work with MHA and talk about the projects they are involved
- Help us learn how we can support our families and friends living with mental illness
We’re on a MISSION

FUMC at work in our local community, in Arkansas, and around the world!

got jars?

Eat up that good jelly and bring the empty jars to the Grace Space for our September Jelly Jam! HALF PINT JARS ONLY...and rings....we will buy new flats!

Boomerang Joy will fill them with delicious jams and jellies...with all money raised going to local mission projects.

The Pantry

LET’S PUMP UP

It’s not too late to stock up on school supplies while they are on sale! Create a ‘stash!’ As school progresses, students will need to replenish their supplies. We can enjoy providing some of these needed items over the next semester.

Another idea for this week... CEREAL! This seems to be a popular item. A healthy cereal can get kids off to school on the right foot!

SAMARITAN BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Thank you to everyone who donated books and participated in the Back To School Event at the Samaritan House. Not only did FUMC give away books, but also stickers and bookmarks. Right next to the books, we set up a water game which was tremendously popular!

Thanks to the following people who came to help with this event: Debbie Shallenberg and her granddaughter Lauren; Julia Spears and her son Hendrix; Leslie, Justin and Garrett Madick; Craig and Linda Jefferson and granddaughter Megan Bonagurio. FUMC will be participating again next year, so be saving your books to donate again! Thanks again for your help in this community mission project!
“Opening Hearts, Opening Minds, Opening Doors”

Thanks to all who helped make the Whistle Stop Café a smashing success! Everyone, from those who helped set up on Friday to the kitchen crews for prep and assembly to those who worked in the “Cafe”...the drink stewards, pie cutters, greeters, cashiers...and the cleanup team were absolutely stellar! Special thanks to Cindy Meyers for coordinating all the food. And, those who baked pies probably have a special place in heaven...they were WELL received! We served about 300, and cleared about $2000, and even gave a few tours of the sanctuary. Great job, everyone!