

VUMC Weekly

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What's Your Star Gift Word?

Even though December 31st was Epiphany Sunday this year, we will be celebrating our "Star Gift" Sunday on January 7th! We will again get to draw our "Star Gift" words for 2024!

Which Fruit of the Spirit word will you draw?

Love? Joy? Peace? Patience? Kindness? Goodness? Faithfulness? Gentleness? Self-Control? We will be encouraged to put our word

in a place where we will see it every day; a bathroom mirror, refrigerator, computer screen. Do you know where your Star Gift word(s) are from years past?

Each Star Gift word holds its own significance and is a word for us to reflect on throughout the year; a word for us to ponder. What meaning will this word have in our lives? How might God be speaking to us through that simple message? We will draw our Star Gifts from the same offering plates that we use to gather our tithes and offerings. We are not going to be asked to give; we will be invited to receive. It reminds us that this is always the order of things in God's realm---God always gives first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and OURSELVES!

The Wise Men who traveled great distances to offer their gifts to the newborn Christ-child were responding to the gift first given to them. They received God's gift, then offered their gifts to God.

If we are not careful, we get busy "doing" for God. This Epiphany moment represents a change in our routine; we are offered the opportunity to "be still" in the presence of God and to receive God's gifts. Like any other gift, Star Gifts

can either be received with joy or discarded and forgotten. We need to be INTENTIONAL about our response to our Star Gift. Let us use our Star Gift as an opportunity---a chance to reflect on how God speaks to God's people. Oftentimes, Epiphany can be overlooked because all the festivities of Christmas are over; trees are down, leftovers are gone! WHEN, IN FACT! Epiphany is the celebration of God's presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. So, let us continue to celebrate as God shines His light on us!

Now, if you cannot be in church to worship with us on January 7th, don't feel left out. There will be an offering plate in the church office next week where you can draw your own. **Remember! No peeking!** The word you draw is meant for **YOU!!**

Happy 2024!

Lee Ann Branch, Community Life Coordinator

Scripture Text, Sermon Title and Music



**Baptism of the Lord
and
Star Gifts Sunday**

Mark 1: 4-11

"Living Water"

Pastor Chris Hemund

Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m.

**Awesome in this Place
Open Up the Heavens
God of Wonders
My Savior, My God
Come Just As You Are**

Traditional Service 11:00 a.m.

**Spirit of Faith, Come Down
Spirit Song
It is Well with My Soul**

**ANTHEM: Shall We Gather at the River
with Deep River
John Carter**

Altar Flowers

**Altar flowers this Sunday
are given by Betty Weetman
in loving memory of Bruce's
birthday 1-2-34.**





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Radio Ministry

If you would like to sponsor the Radio Ministry in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, call the church office (501)-922-1030 to reserve a Sunday. The cost is \$75. The sermon for Sunday, January 7, will be broadcast on the radio station KVRE 92.9 on January 14. You can hear the sermon on the radio station at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm on Sundays. Reminder, the sermon will be from the prior Sunday.

Use the LINK below to listen to the radio station anytime.

[Click this Link for KVRE 92.9 FM](#)



SEASON OF EPIPHANY

EPIPHANY is January 6, or 12 days after Christmas, and Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday. It represents the manifestation of Christ to the Magi and to all people ... God manifesting as the Baby Jesus.

Color: Green representing Life.
Symbols: 3 Wise Men, Star, Crown



Happy Birthday

- 01/08 Pat Bowles
- 01/09 Judy Dale
- 01/10 Bill Fish
- 01/12 Sue Pruit
- 01/13 Charles Dawson
- 01/13 Marie Franklin
- 01/14 Willis Alderson
- 01/16 Ron Fritz
- 01/16 Betty Gress
- 01/17 Johnie Kolesar



Happy Anniversary

- 01/04 Austin & Maxine Wyatt
- 01/08 Jim & Colleen Bland
- 1/11 Chris & Kim Hemund
- 1/12 Roy & Pat Eubanks
- 1/12 Rick & Debbie Perryman
- 1/14 Scott & Melissa Gibbs



The Memorial Service for Bob Van Vickle will be Monday, January 15 at 1:00p.m., in our Sanctuary. Continue to keep Pam and the family and friends in your prayers.

SIGN-UP SHEETS

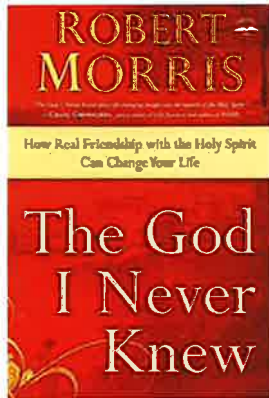
Faith Kids for Tuesday afternoons

Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Regina.
Check article in The Chimes today.

The Journey Toward Wholeness (an Enneagram Book Study) with Mary Anne Settle.
Check article in The Chimes today.



OPPORTUNITY
CENTER



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Regina

A sign-up sheet is available at the Opportunity Center for Pastor Regina's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study beginning in a few weeks.

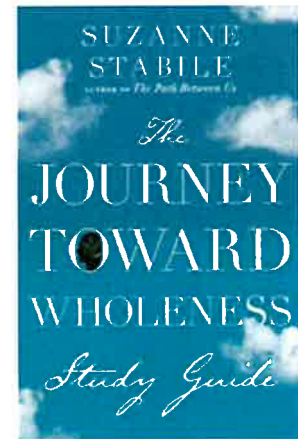
The study will be "The God I Never Knew: How Real Friendship with the Holy Spirit Can Change Your Life" by Robert Morris and the books are currently in transit. Hopefully they will arrive in the next few days so be looking for more information soon.

NEW BOOK STUDY *The Journey Toward Wholeness* by Suzanne Stabile

A new book study, Suzanne Stabile's *The Journey Toward Wholeness*, will begin the first week in February.

You may choose between the first Thursday of each month, 10:00-11:30 AM or the first Tuesday of each month, 1:30-3:00 PM.

The only requirement is that you know your number on the Enneagram. If you do not know your number, but are interested, contact Mary Anne Settle.



To sign up, contact Mary Anne Settle at maryanne@villageumc.net or sign the list at the Opportunity Center in the Narthex.

IT'S COMING in 2024!

Connecting, equipping, and
engaging more people in service
and mission as the Hands and
Feet of Christ...

More details coming soon!



In His Service

Serving in ministry as the Hands and Feet of Christ

TUESDAY is the day for the **BLOOD DRIVE** in Steel Hall.
Sign up and invite neighbors and your other friends to donate, too!

Walk-ins are always welcome.

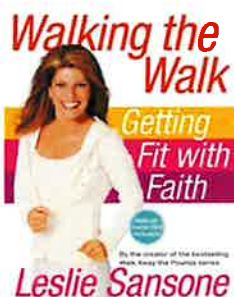
**COME OUT OF
HIBERNATION**  **DONATE BLOOD
& SAVE LIVES
THIS WINTER!**

**Village United Methodist Church &
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, January 9
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall, 200 Carmona Rd.

To schedule an appointment, call
Connie Shoemaker, Primary Blood Drive
Coordinator, at (501) 204-2530,
OBI at 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org.



**Wednesday Morning with Walking the Walk
and Walk Yourself Healthy**

We're ready to begin our 2024 Wednesday exercise
classes in the Activity Room beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Come join us for the **"Walk Yourself Healthy" with
Leslie Sansone's** DVDs. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**
Invite your friends! **LET'S GET FIT TOGETHER!**



TWO WORDS

During the July 23, 2023 sermon, Pastor Chris told of two words that changed everything. Those words were "In Christ."

"The Bible in 50 Words" for our 50th Anniversary in ministry. Be looking weekly for a Bible story, a total of 25 stories, with just 2 words each. Here is the twentieth story.

#20 God walked. Luke 7:16

Have you been following the Two Words?

God made; Adam bit; Noah arked; Abraham split; Jacob fooled; Joseph ruled; Bush talked; Pharoah plagued; Sea divided; Tablets guided; Promised landed; Judges led; Saul freaked; David peeked; Kingdom divided; Prophets warned; People exiled; Hope rose; Jesus born.



pictures of interest and happenings.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE AND THANK YOU

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry surprised Suzie Reed with a triangular shawl after the loss of her daughter, Debbie. Suzie wanted to thank everyone in the Prayer Shawl Ministry to let them know how much it means to her and how much she appreciates the gift. She also wants to thank the many church members who have sent their condolences.



Pictured: Dana Chaney,
Suzie Reed, Roxanne Johnson



Sock and Trinket Tree Update

Big socks, little socks, bright socks, white socks, all kinds of children socks—plus trinkets and treasures -----all will be distributed to Fountain Lake, Jessieville, and Mountain Pine Schools. This outreach, which began in 2016, continues to be a blessing to one and all. This year we collected 405 pair of socks and 105 trinkets. Thank you church family for your kind contributions.

La Verne Briscoe and Susan Holick



**One more wonderful picture with the
Christmas Stockings provided by our
Sew for Service Ministry**

**Last week you saw pictures of 11 of our members who
had received these handmade Christmas stockings.**

Pictured today is Lois Harder.

The Southwest District
Superintendent of the Arkansas
UMC Conference, Rev. Ann Ferris,
retired on the last day of 2023, after
23 years in ministry for the Arkansas
Conference. Pictured is Linda Black
and Rev. Ann Ferris, during Ann's
retirement reception at Grand Ave.
UMC in Hot Springs.



**Watch online
anytime!**

Click this LINK for the
Traditional Worship Service
on December 31, 2023.
There was one morning
service on this date (New
Years Eve).

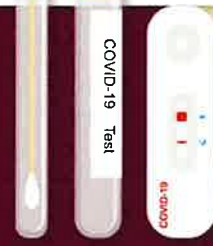
**[LINK for December
31, 2024 - Traditional
Worship Service](#)**



**Did you miss worshipping with us this
past Sunday?**

**[Click this LINK to Sign up Online for the 2024 Pledge
Card form AND the 2024 Time and Talents form.](#)**



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Some Dates to Remember

(check articles for more info):

January 7 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday and Star gift.

January 10 - My Job Workshop for Ministry Teams

January 28 - UWF Sunday, the Message will be giving by Amy Ezell, Director of Communication and Congregational Vitality of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

March 24 - Palm Sunday * March 28 - Holy Thursday * March 29 - Good Friday

March 31 - Easter

April 23 thru May 3 - General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina

June 19 thru June 21 - Arkansas Annual Conference in Hot Springs

2024 LEADERSHIP TEAM *Glenn Wortham, Lay Leader/LT Chair*

Class of 2024

Debbie Perryman (SPR)
Glenn Wortham
(L.T. Chair, Lay Leader, SPR, Tr)
Duane Heckelsberg (Trustee)
Gary Mouton (Trustee)

Class of 2025

Rosetta DuBose
Genell Harris (SPR)
Slade Strickland (Trustee)
Mary Hushaw

Class of 2026

Dana Chaney (SPR)
Richard Sanders (SPR)
Gary Buettner
Carmen Edwards

Without vote: Senior Pastor, Financial Manager/Treasurer, Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Class of 2024

Ev Smyth
Judy Nutter
Ed Pittman

Class of 2025

Roger Pruitt
Trent Cole
Elizabeth Strickland

Class of 2026

John Whitwell
Joyce Barone
Ivan Williams

CLICK LINK BELOW to see the VUMC Weekly Calendar
[LINK January 7 WEEKLY Calendar](#)

Rev. Chris Hemund,
Senior Pastor
Rev. Regina Turner,
Associate Pastor
Lee Ann Branch,
Community Life
Mary Anne Settle,
Spiritual Director

Bettie Land, Administrative Secretary
Lisa Hester, Communications
Nikki Saltmarsh, Finance
Stephen Edds, Music Director
Lisa Hester, Accompanist
Houston Pierce, Audio/Video
Katie Goodwin, Custodian

SUNDAY WORSHIP

unless noted differently in
church calendar (LINK above)

9:00 PRAISE SERVICE

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 TRADITIONAL
SERVICE

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