

Cherokee Village
 United Methodist Church
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Jesus loves...



COMMUNION SERVICE

Our next communion service will be on Sunday, June 6 and will be offered during our in-person services.

If you have compromised immunity or cannot attend the live service, please call the church any Monday thru Thursday before or after communion Sunday to arrange a time to receive drive-up communion.

Communion is open to all. You do not need to be United Methodist, a member of this church or any church. Christ invites all to gather around his table for Holy Communion. Come and join us!

Connect with us!

Office hours:

Monday thru Thursday
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Email: cherokee.village@arumc.org

Sunday Worship Services

Blue Jeans Service - 8:30 AM
 Traditional Service - 10:45 AM

(Also live streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School

Sunday School (room 2 and online) - 9:45 AM

Other Midweek Faith Infusions

Coffee Talk Bible Study - Wed. 8:45 AM

Wed Night Connection

5:30 PM meal, 6 PM worship

(live and streamed online as well)

Website:

www.cherokeevillageumc.org

Find us on Facebook!

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CVUMC MOUSE

JUNE



2021

From the Pastor's Desk

It's June. The birds are chirping. Children are playing. People are back in church. Things seem like they are getting to whatever our new normal is. I don't know what this new normal is going to be for you, but for me, it seems to be good as of this moment in time. Things will not be as they were in March 2020. In fact, things will not be as they were in March 2021. Things will continue to evolve and grow and change. Why? Because we have been able to embrace change within the church that has brought people to a life in Christ who were not a part of a worshiping congregation prior to now. We have been able to learn a new way to be about being the church that is not building centered. We have been able to learn how to embrace technology. We have been able to do something new.

When Jesus first began his public ministry and throughout his life of ministry, he was always presenting things in a way that indicated that change had to happen. He was the embodiment of change in the lives of people of faith. Jesus was the embodiment of embracing change from an old way to a new way. Jesus set an example and led the way for change to happen. Sure, he wasn't always popular with the politicians or the temple leaders, but he brought about a new understanding for people about who the Messiah truly was to be (not a king to change things, but the King of kings who was a part of the triune God). Jesus brought about change and those who believed he was the Messiah, followed him, learned how to embrace the change and saw things in a new way in their day and time.

Jesus has led the way for us to continue to embrace the change, to find new ways to reach others for the sake of Christ in the world, to find new ways to share the gospel of Christ with the world, and to find new ways to make disciples of Jesus Christ. May we continue to embrace the change and meet new disciples along the way.

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Angie

Community Garden Update

Biblical and Native American herbs are blooming and the tomatoes are coming in strong! It is such a joy to see this garden come together and produce good fruit. Come! Be a part of the labor and the rewards. We are still in need of a few folks to help with our garden that will help feed people in our community. If you can help with any aspect of the garden, even if it is simply spinning the compost tumbler, please call the office.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested.
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in.

"But the ² falling on good ⁸ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a ⁵, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was ³n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV



May 23 was a special Sunday as our UMW awarded **Jenny Strano** the **UMW Scholarship** for this year. Please congratulate and support this very deserving young woman as she continues her studies at Arkansas State!

Special Mission Recognition recipients for this year were also recognized May 23 in appreciation for their service in our church and community. Please congratulate **Sandy Puntney, Hope Smith** and **Carl Penrod** and thank them for their service!

Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World will be July 28-31 at Hendrix College in Conway. Interested? See one of the Leadership Team members for more information and help with registration.

UMW Reading Program – Remember to stop by the library and pick up one of the many wonderful books available to you in our Reading Program. There’s something of interest to everyone!

FAITH – HOPE – LOVE IN ACTION
~Lois Anderson



A Note from the Office Administrator

With the changes in CDC and the Arkansas Conference guidelines in regards to Covid-19, we are slowly getting back to normal! We are now back to wearing name tags in church again. This will aid us in welcoming new visitors as well as act as a refresher after not seeing each others faces for so long! HA-HA! If anyone needs a nametag, please let the office know.

Access the prayer and birthday lists on the CVUMC Pocket Bulletin App at cvumc.glideapp.io

No password is needed at this time. Login with your email or google.

Wednesday Night Live and Wednesday Night Connection

Wednesday Night Live is back. We will have our weekly Wednesday night meal at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays beginning on June 9. We will need to know if you will be coming or not. You can email us at Cherokee.village@arumc.org or call the church office at (870) 257-3869 no later than every Monday at 10:00 am. After the meal, we will have our Wednesday Night Connection service at 6:00 pm which will be aired on Facebook as well. We are excited to have this vital ministry returning. Cost of meals will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 3-10. Children under the age of 3 are free. Family price (immediate, same household) is \$15.00. We always have gluten free options if needed.

June 9 - Lemon Pepper Chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, rolls, dessert and beverage

June 16 - Spaghetti and Meatballs, green beans with bacon, garlic bread, dessert and beverage

June 23 - Baked Ham, pinto beans, mixed veggies, roll or cornbread, dessert and beverage

June 30 - Hot Dogs, coleslaw, chips, dessert and beverage

A TALE

By Jennie Lewis

Once upon a time –
As all good stories start-
There was a little woman
Who had a tender heart.

For every dog or cat or bird
In her travels that she met
She had to stop a little while
And speak to it and pet.

One day she saw this tiny stray
And thought to take it home.
“In future days it will take care
Of rodents that may come.”

The kitten knew it had it made
It meowed most plaintively.
The little woman held it close,
“You’ll have a home with me.”

And so the cat – for kittens grow –
Now sits and rules the house,
And the woman uses store-bought traps
If she wants to catch a mouse.

Ministry Highlights

Summer Read and Feed

As we have previously stated, we received a grant from the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas to assist us in helping children to be fed and to receive books.



Beginning on Thursday, June 10, we will start our Summer Read and Feed program for children. This is also the date that we will begin serving our sack lunch indoors as well as continue with a curbside pickup. While the lunch time starts at 11:00 am, the time for Read and Feed will begin at 11:30 am.

At 11:30, children accompanied by an adult will not only receive a sack lunch but will also get a story read to them. Stories will be provided either in person or through a video from people within our congregation. When the children leave, they will all receive a free book to take home with them.

You may be asking “How can I help?”. The answer is pretty simple. You can help by volunteering to read a book, either in person or by being videoed. You can help by volunteering to assist in our Lunch ministry to make sandwiches or help distribute lunches to those who gather indoors. You can help by donating new and gently used children’s books for children of all ages. You can help in so many ways. To volunteer in any of these ways, simply call the church office at (870) 257-3869.

We look forward to helping children this summer receive books and be encouraged to read more.

Directory Updates

Changes to your mailing address, e-mail or phone number? Please email us so we may update our records accordingly.

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Our Ongoing Focus

Our weekly Tuesday Breakfast and Thursday Lunch meals are continuing on every week. **We do need a few more volunteers to give our current volunteers a break every now and then.** If you can help, please call the church office at 870-257-3869.

Free Tuesday Breakfast

We continue our free and hot Tuesday Morning breakfast.

- Scrambled eggs
- Sausage
- Biscuits and gravy
- Butter and jelly
- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Plastic utensils included

Inside dining and curbside pickup is available every Tuesday from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. It is free, but donations are always welcome!

Free Thursday Lunch

We are serving a free take-home, sack lunch:

- Sandwich
- Chips
- Drink
- Cookie

SPECIAL NOTE: We are excited that beginning on **June 10th**, we will have indoor dining for lunch as well as our continued curbside pickup. It is available every Thursday from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. This too is free, but again, donations are much appreciated!

CVUMC Blessing Box

Please keep providing food stuffs, as well as toiletries, and baby care items. Let the office know via email at cherokee.village@arumc.org or please call if you notice it is depleted and we will refill or call in reinforcements!

Please also keep in mind safety practices (masks and gloves please) when procuring and placing items in the box! Let’s keep our community safe!