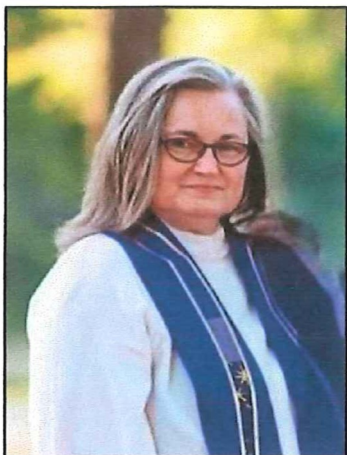


April 2024 Edition





As I write this note, we are preparing for the services of Holy Week. I hope that by the time you read this, you have remembered, honored, and been encouraged by the events and services celebrating the ultimate sacrifice God made through Jesus. During the next nine weeks, we will follow the steps Jesus took after his resurrection, remembering the final teaching and commandments he left for his disciples and for us in a sermon series, Journey with Jesus: Follow the Risen Christ. I hope you will join us for these services.

Earlier this year, we had a very fruitful Bible Study that saw 26 people meeting in person and online on Sunday nights to wrestle with the question: What Would Jesus Do? After a short break, we will be starting our next Sunday night study on April 21st at 5:30 in the Connection Center.

Our new study will be “We Believe.” This study will use a few small books, numerous handouts and articles provided by the pastor, and several videos to open discussion on what we say we believe, what those words mean, and what we actually believe. Sometimes those three things are the same; sometimes they are not.

Some included topics are: atonement, incarnation, sin, salvation, the church, the Holy Spirit, the UMC Social Principles, baptism, the essence of God, John Wesley, grace, and the Bible. Be watching soon for a book list and schedule, and plan to join us for an in-depth look at what “We Believe.”

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**Living  
In  
Faith  
Everyday**

The following LIFE Groups meet on  
Sundays mornings at 10am

All Adult Classes except the Prime Time Christians meet in our Connection Center. The Connection Center is the detached building with a flat roof.

**Prime Time Christians-**  
Choir Room

The Choir Room is located off  
of our Narthex (Lobby)

**New Horizons-**Pathway Room

**B.A.S.I.C.-**Disciple Room

**Pairs and Spares-**Genesis Room

**Scriptures-**Good Shepherd Room

Prime Time Christians: Linda Remele is leading discussions on Revelation

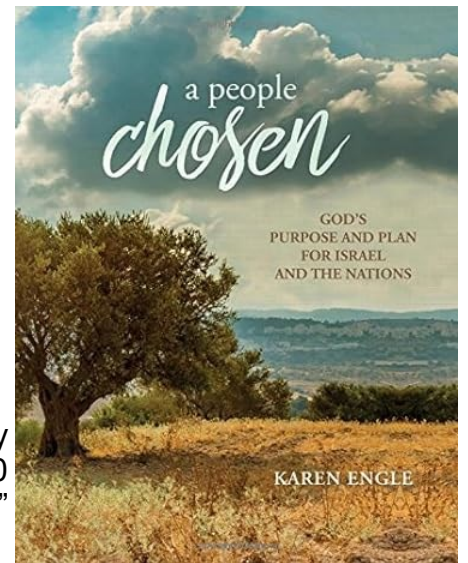
B.A.S.I.C.: God's Messy Family...Finding Your Place When Life Isn't Perfect on Amplify

New Horizons: Studying Kings/Chronicles in The Bible Year by Margrey Devega

Sunday Nights  
with Rev. Melanie  
will start again on  
April 21.



Ladies' Bible Study  
Tuesday Morning at 9:30  
Studying "A People Chosen"



**Sunday, April 14**  
**2:00 pm**  
**UMCOR Room**

*Journey with Jesus:  
Follow the  
Risen Christ*



Word of the Week

- March 31 Revive!
- April 7 Receive
- April 14 Listen
- April 21 Believe
- April 28 Agape
- May 5 Go
- May 12 Live
- May 19 Change
- May 26 Abide

AN EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES



### 1st Quarter Finance Snapshot

Total Received in:  
 General Fund: \$99,442  
 Mission Fund: \$12,630  
 Capital Fund: \$1,680  
 Memorial Fund: \$100  
 Total Received: \$113,853.47

Expected Expenses: \$120,000  
 Over Budget by \$20,557

### 1st Quarter Attendance Averages per week:

Traditional Worship: 74  
 Modern Worship: 41  
 Online Worship: 300  
 LIFE Groups, Sunday School, and Small Groups: 107



Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

The Mission Statement of The United Methodist Church

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs. (Book of Discipline ¶120)

Discussion

Following his resurrection, Jesus prepares the disciples for his ascension. Matthew closes his gospel with Jesus’s final words to his disciples, which we sometimes refer to as the Great Commission. The mission statement of The United Methodist Church echoes the Great Commission. Our role as United Methodists is to continue the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### You can give to JFUMC in many ways:

Text “GIVE” to (833)902-3752



Online at [jacksonvilleumc.org](http://jacksonvilleumc.org)



MARCH 2024

# HEY WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Jacksonville FUMC Youth



**April 7 & 21**

Regular Sunday Night Program from 5:30-7:00.

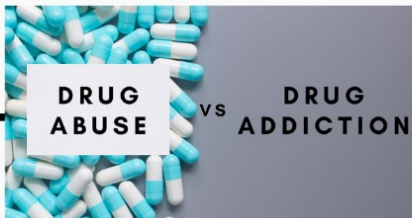


**April 12-13  
IMPRINT**

Central District Youth Overnight Mission Event @ NLR First UMC

**April 14 - Guest Speaker**

Youth and adults are welcome to come @ 4:00 in the YAC to hear a Guest Speaker speak on Drug Addiction.



## This Month in Youth

April 7

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH**

April 10

MISSION 5000

April 12-13

CDCYM IMPRINT

April 14

GUEST SPEAKER

April 21

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

April 27

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

April 28

UNITE @ JFUMC

Check monthly Youth mail out calendar for more details.

ATTENTION CENTRAL DISTRICT UMC's

**UNITE**

JOIN US ON APRIL 28TH FOR UNITE

LOCATION: JACKSONVILLE FUMC AR

TIME: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, & FOOD

**Confirmation Retreat**

**April 27 - Confirmation Retreat**

This is a one-day retreat for the confirmands and mentors to get away and spend some undivided time with the Lord.

BE GUINN, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES  
CONTACT INFORMATION: BEGUINNYM@GMAIL.COM OR (501) 944-3294



# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Beginning June 2, the children will have two Sunday School classes.

4 years-1st Grade will meet downstairs.  
2nd Grade-5th Grade will meet upstairs.

We would love to recruit more volunteers!  
Contact Stephanie Nation at [snation17@gmail.com](mailto:snation17@gmail.com)  
or call the Church Office if you are interested.





As we embrace the arrival of spring, we find ourselves immersed in the beauty of renewal and rejuvenation. It is a time when nature awakens from its wintry slumber, and likewise, our spirits are uplifted by the warmth of community and the joy of worship. We had a busy time during Holy Week and Easter, where the air was filled with the wonderful music of this sacred season. In this edition of our newsletter, we are delighted to share with you the harmonious happenings within our church music department.

**Harmony in worship:** Our Sunday services continue to resonate with the sounds of praise and adoration. Led by our dedicated choir and talented musicians, we embark on a musical journey that elevates our worship experience. Through hymns old and new, we unite our voices in harmony, creating a sacred space where we draw closer to the divine.

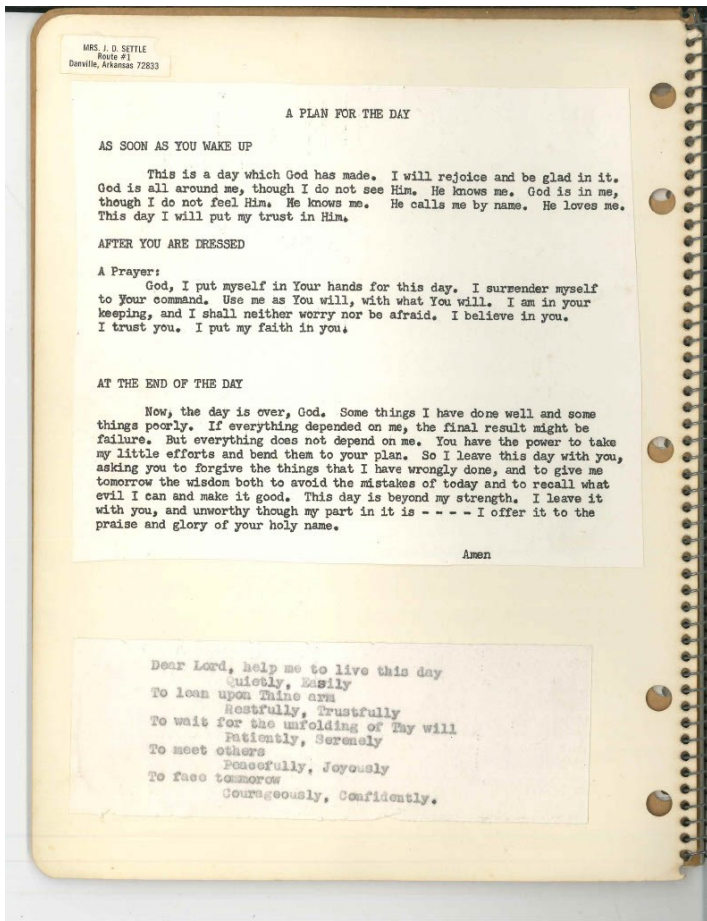
**Looking ahead:** As we gaze toward the horizon, brimming with excitement and anticipation, we eagerly anticipate the musical endeavors that await us. Mark your calendars for an upcoming UNITE youth event scheduled for April 28th. This event promises to be a vibrant gathering, fostering connection and fellowship among our young members.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce a new addition to our calendar: IBLA will grace our sanctuary on the last Saturday of April at 7:00 p.m. This promises to be an enchanting musical concert, and we extend a warm invitation to all members of our congregation to join us and support this special event. Let us come together in unity and harmony, embracing the enriching experiences that await us on our musical journey.

In closing, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contribute to the vibrancy of our church music department. Whether through your participation in the choir, praise band, or handbell choir, your support of our musical endeavors, or your presence in the pews each Sunday, you are an integral part of our musical community. Together, let us continue to raise our voices in harmony, offering praise and thanksgiving to the One who gives us every good gift.

May the music of our hearts be a testament to the love and grace that abounds within our church family.

In harmony and faith,  
Doug



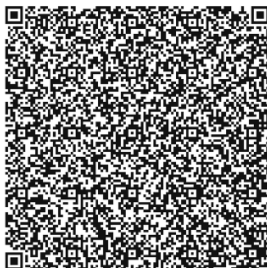
## HISTORY CORNER

This prayer plan is an a 1965 notebook of Woman's Society of Christian Service minutes from Jacksonville First Methodist Church. This was prior to The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church joining together to form The United Methodist Church.

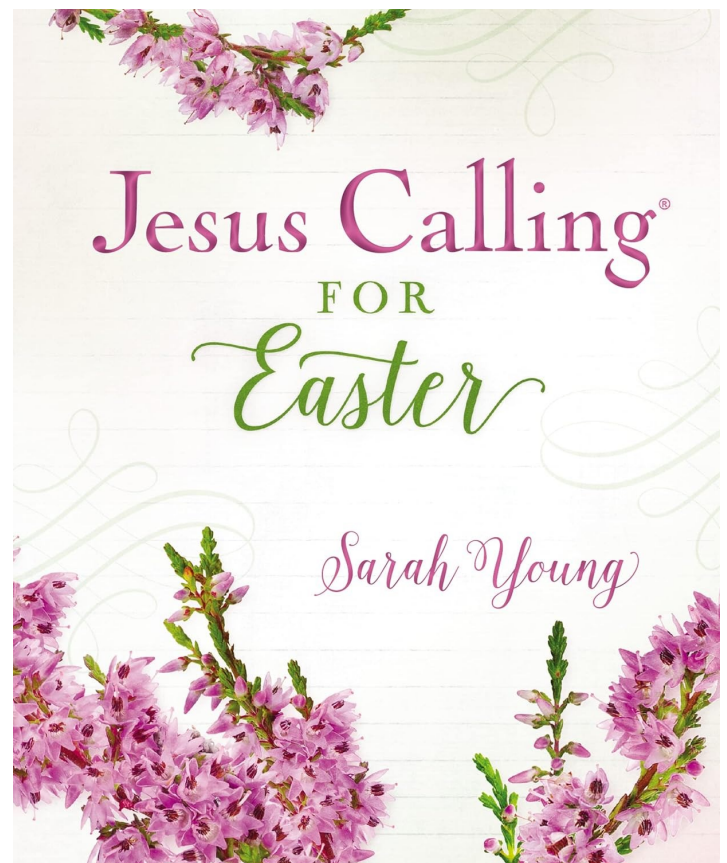
You too could use these prayers in your daily prayer life!

### Book of the Month Recommended by Rev. Melanie Tubbs

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. We begin Easter with the resurrection of Christ and end it with the gift of the Holy Spirit. After the long season of preparation during Lent, Eastertide is a time to grow in our own faith and discipleship. One way to do that is with new devotionals. Many of you may already be familiar with Sarah Young and her Jesus Calling devotional, but she has also written several smaller devotionals for specific seasons of the liturgical year. Her devotional for Easter is beautiful and thought provoking, and I use it every year.



**Order on Amazon by  
scanning the QR code**





# Arkansas Minority Health Commission's Mobile Health Unit

## FREE Screenings

**Location:** Jacksonville First United Methodist Church  
308 W Main St, Jacksonville, AR 72076

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3

**Time:** 5:00 pm-8:00 pm



Working today for  
a healthier tomorrow.



Cholesterol  
Glucose/A1C  
Blood Pressure

# FREE

## IBLA Concert

Saturday, April 27  
7:00 pm



This is a concert featuring musicians from all over the world who have won a competition. They are performing across the United States including Carnegie Hall.

ATTENTION CENTRAL DISTRICT UMC's

## UNITE

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LOCATION: JACKSONVILLE FUMC AR

TIME: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR GAMES,  
FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, &  
FOOD

MAY 3

6:00 PM

# Night at the Travelers

\$17.50 TICKET INCLUDES:  
SEAT IN THE STADIUM  
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT DINNER

HAMBURGERS  
HOT DOGS  
BAKED BEANS  
CHIPS  
POPCORN  
SODAS  
SWEET TEA  
WATER



In the Month of March  
664 pounds of food was  
given out.



In the month of March:  
We have served 768 meals.

Contact the Church Office or Anita Raines Cain for more information on volunteering.

Our Little Food Pantry is serving more people every day. One way you can help is by picking up a few extra items each week when you do your own shopping. This is a helpful list of what is always in need.



**Items which we can always use:**

- Breakfast Foods (pop tarts, cereal, etc..)
- Canned meat (tuna, spam, chicken, etc..)
- Canned pasta (ravioli, etc..)
- Meals in a box (hamburger helper, etc...)
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Crackers and cookies
- Canned soup and chili
- Canned fruit
- Fruit and Pudding Cups
- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Pasta
- Tomato Sauce
- Pet Food
- Toilet Paper
- Wipes
- Diapers
- Deodorant

**Items to NOT bring:**

- Anything in glass
- Anything which needs refrigerated
- Large bulk cans (gallon size)



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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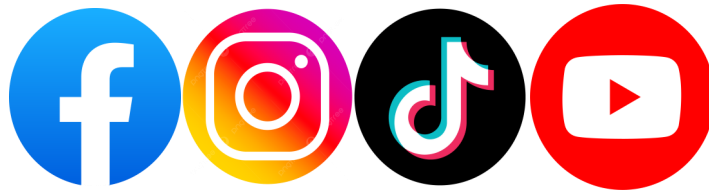


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