



First United Methodist Church
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Growing in the love of God and our neighbors

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:30 am Hospitality Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Puppets practice 5:30 pm Youth Choir	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed 8:30 am Women's Breakfast at the LimeTree	3 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Crochet Fellowship 8:00 pm AA Foxhall Group	4 6:45 pm Choir practice	5	6	7
8 8:30 am Hospitality Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship - Children's Sermon 11:00 am Church Council 5:00 pm Puppets practice 5:30 pm Youth Choir	9 6:30 pm BSA Troop 92	10 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Crochet Fellowship 8:00 pm AA Foxhall Group	11 5:30 pm FUMC Kidz 5:30 pm Youth 6:45 pm Choir practice	12 1:30 pm Ladies Coffee	13	14
15 8:30 am Hospitality Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Pauline's Puppeteers perform "Encouragement" No Puppets practice No Youth Choir	16 8:30 am Women's Breakfast at the LimeTree 6:30 pm BSA Troop 92	17 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Crochet Fellowship 6:00 pm UM Men 8:00 pm AA Foxhall Group	18 5:30 pm FUMC Kidz 5:30 pm Youth 6:45 pm Choir practice	19 5:30 pm Trustee meeting	20	21
22 8:30 am Hospitality Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship - Children's Sermon 11:00 am Farewell Potluck for Pastor Ann & James 5:00 pm Puppets practice 5:30 pm Youth Choir	23 6:30 pm BSA Troop 92	24 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Finance meeting 1:00 pm Crochet Fellowship 8:00 pm AA Foxhall Group	25 5:30 pm FUMC Kidz 5:30 pm Youth 6:45 pm Choir practice	26	27 12:00 pm Ladies's Birthday lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge	28
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					Sept. 2 Kristi & Phillip Wilson	Sept. 20 Dani & Seth Singleton 5 yrs
			Sept. 4 Wendy & Tim Syfrett	Sept. 23 Tammy & Ben Harrison		
			Sept. 12 Julie & Josh Oglesby	Sept. 27 Judy & Rick Olmstead		
			Sept. 18 Susie & Jerry Montgomery 55 yrs			

- 01 Cameron Pate
- 03 Susan Lancaster
- 04 Phillip Wilson
- 11 Wanda Barton
- 13 Richard Olmstead
- 17 James Ferris
- 18 Travis Benefield
- 19 Emma Ferguson
Randy Lindsey
- 21 Danny Thraikill
- 22 Sherry Stroud
- 23 Deedra Hooker
Susie Montgomery
- 24 Linda Collins
Regina Garman
- 25 Ted Livin
- 29 Molly Lindsey



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September Circuit Writer



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Again this year, we have a chance to sponsor children at Phla Academie Des Petits in Haiti. \$100.00 will sponsor a child for the coming school year. If you would like to do this, please make your checks payable to the church and designate it to "Haitian Student". Checks need to be in the church office by September 25. Thank you so much. Carolyn Wood.

From the Pastor: It is with very mixed emotions that James and I prepare to leave Mena FUMC. What a beautiful place to be appointed! We have made some wonderful friends here and we will miss them in particular. However, we are looking forward to a time of rest and spiritual renewal, away from the pressures of congregational leadership.

I have been privileged to witness several of you growing significantly closer to God and our neighbors, and I am very thankful to have accompanied you on that journey. I feel good about the various mission projects we have participated in, especially our support of local schools, Methodist Family Health, Ninth Street meals and the children in Pignon, Haiti.

It has been a great privilege have such an awesome group of staff colleagues – Sandy, Stephanie and Kay have been wonderful to work with – I hope you realize how blessed you are to have them. Although not technically a staff member, Robin is as dedicated a hospitality provider as any church could ever ask for. I also want to say how grateful I am to all our very dedicated volunteers. Thank you all!

I'm thankful to have led Mena FUMC to the adoption of its mission statement. I pray that you will continue to grow in the love of God and your neighbors as you move into the next phase of the life of this church. Please note that when I leave all my responsibilities and privileges as your pastor will end, so please do not ask me to return to conduct weddings, funerals or carry our any other pastoral duties here. Those will be the responsibility of the next pastor.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Ann



FUMC Kidz will restart on Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. Our regular meeting time will be from 5:30 - 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday nights. We plan to have hands on activities, singing, snacks and a Bible story. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and having another great year.



POTLUCK LUNCH

There will be a Farewell Potluck luncheon for Pastor Ann and James after church on Sunday, September 22. Bring your favorite dish and help us send them off in style!



Thank you everyone who helped with the recent Men's Ministry indoor yard-sale, including everyone who donated items for sale, the men (and women) who helped transport, organize and sell the merchandize, the Genesis Sunday School class who contributed lunch for the workers, and everyone who showed up to shop. It was a great success and we raised around \$3,000 for our mission projects.

God Bless,
 James Ferris, Outgoing UMM President

Pauline's Puppeteers will perform during the worship service on Sunday, September 15. Invite your family and friends to come and see their performance of "Encouragement".



Our Youth group is for 5th-12th grade students and will kick off Wednesday September 11 at 5:30 p.m. I will be sending a schedule for the upcoming year home with the youth and we will be meeting from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights. We will have a meal every Wednesday night and there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to provide a meal. We will be splitting up the group after dinner for hands on activities and to discuss the lesson for that evening. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and kicking off another great year.



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