

# Reflections March 2025



**FUMC MONTICELLO**

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9AM CONTEMPORARY

10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11AM TRADITIONAL



Dear Church Family,

As we step into March, we find ourselves at the beginning of the Season of Lent—a season of reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to God. This sacred time invites us to slow down, examine our hearts, and prepare for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Whether you have chosen to fast, pray more intentionally, or serve others in new ways, I pray this journey deepens your faith and strengthens your spirit.

March also brings signs of spring, reminding us that God is always at work, bringing new life in places that may have seemed dormant. Just as the earth begins to bloom again, our souls, too, can be refreshed when we open ourselves to the transforming power of grace.

As we continue through Lent, I encourage you to stay connected—through Sunday worship, Bible study, and moments of personal devotion. Easter is coming, and with it, the promise of hope and renewal. May this season be a time of spiritual growth for you and a reminder that God’s love never fails.

Grace and peace,  
Bro. Bryan



# FUMY News

March 2025

## Important Reminders:

- **March 5:** Ash Wednesday worship service (sanctuary) at 6 pm
- **March 9:** FUMY Mission Work at Lakeside UMC (Pine Bluff) with Project Transformation, Leave FUMC by 1:30 pm, home by 5:30 pm, Eat supper @ 6 pm, Parents pick up at 6:30 pm (sign up by March 7th to go)
- **March 12:** Last day to sign up for Mission trip 2025 to Colorado plus \$50 deposit is due!
- **March 21:** 7 am FUMY Prayer Breakfast
- **March 23: NO FUMY (spring break week)**
- **March 30:** All FUMY Game Night & Supper, 5 - 7 pm

February was an awesome month in FUMY! Our mission for the month was packing & mailing “we love you goody bags” to our college students. On Wednesdays in February we talked about how Jesus is always with us and what it means to pursue a relationship with Jesus. We talked about surrendering our lives to Jesus and how our perspective changes when we put our focus on God. We had small groups the first Sunday in February and opted for some other activities on the other Sunday nights.... We had a fun “super bowl” party *FUMY-style* in the youth room and instead of meeting on February 16, we met on February 17 since everyone was out of school for a fun afternoon of games, a movie & food! Our final full week-end of February was spent at one of our favorite annual events: Veritas in Ft. Smith, AR. We had an awesome weekend with over 700 youth & adults from across our Arkansas conference & Oklahoma conference! We learned what it means to be full of “ardor” (or passion) for God! Our dynamic storyteller Rev. Brittany Richardson-Watson spoke deep into our hearts with her retelling of the stories of Joseph; Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego; Esther; and Jesus with the disciples on Maundy Thursday. Special thanks to Maggie Brown for chaperoning & mentoring the youth with me! Our prayer breakfast on Friday, February 28 was delicious as always and we are thankful for Jack for leading us in a devo!

March is already bringing us lots of joy! We begin the month with Ash Wednesday. We are ready to enter the season of Lent. We plan to either eliminate something from our life that takes us away from God and/or add something to our life that draws us closer to God. For mission work this month we are heading to Lakeside UMC in Pine Bluff to help Rev. Sam Meadors get ready for the Summer Mission: Project Transformation. We'll be helping her unpack and organize all of the books they will be using this summer when they read with children. Our lessons this month will focus on our journey to living a life for God and what it means to refuel with daily prayer and devotion. Our small groups will meet twice, we'll have another prayer breakfast and end the month with a fun game night. Finally, we are looking forward to a much needed week off from school. Spring Break will be the last full week of March.

Our FUMY “THANK YOU” meal and celebration will be on Sunday, April 6 at 6 pm. We hope you'll plan to join us that Sunday for a delicious meal and some great sharing of all things FUMY! Our 2025 mission trip this summer is to Colorado Springs, CO. Cost is \$200 per student. As always, we need your help financially to send our youth on their summer mission trip and to do mission work during the year and in the summer. We will have our annual “envelopes of support” board up during the month of April. Thank you for always supporting our group! May God bless you & keep you always.

Christ above all, *Lori*



## Annual FUMY Envelope Fundraiser

April 2025

Envelopes ranging \$1 - \$200

To support our FUMY mission trip & mission projects all year long!



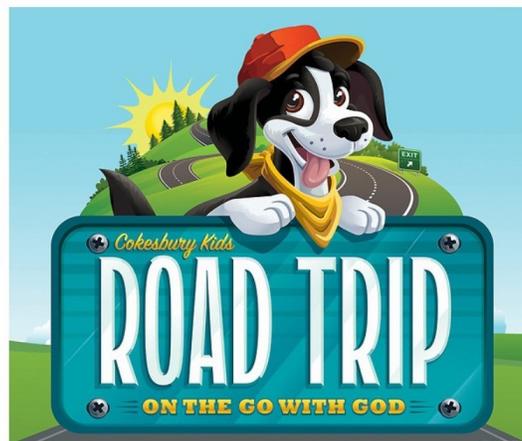
## Snack Supper List:

- March 2 - Valerie Harvey
- March 9 - Andi Wagner
- March 16 - Honey Talley
- March 23 - No FUMY (Spring Break)
- March 30 - Jaime Hunter

## Save the Date/Upcoming Events

# Class of 2025

FUMC Senior Recognition  
Sunday, May 4, 2025  
11:00 am, Sanctuary



FUMC Vacation Bible School  
June 9-13, 2025

### **Save the date: FUMY Rummage Sale...**

Our youth group welcomes **all rummage donations** beginning after 9 am worship on **Sunday, JULY 6 to Wednesday, JULY 9** to our Family Life Center

**Public Sale date:** July 11 & **Free Day:** July 12



Join us on **Mondays during Lent at noon** in the Fellowship Hall, **March 10 – April 14**, for a meaningful time of fellowship, study, and reflection. Each session will include lunch, a video, Bible study led by Brother Bryan, and personal reflections, using Franco Zeffirelli's classic film *Jesus of Nazareth*.

This Lenten study is designed to help us grow in Christlikeness and experience spiritual renewal. Our first session will be a potluck meal, and a sign-up sheet will be available for participants to contribute to future meals.



# *Thank You!*

Dear Members of the First United Methodist Church Monticello,

This is a letter from Iganga Community Brass Band Music School Orphanage. I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredibly generous donation of \$2,190. Your kindness has truly been a miracle for our community and has made a significant difference in the lives of many children.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to cover the school fees and necessary materials for 28 children for the next three months. This means that these children can now attend school without the worry of being chased away due to financial constraints.

The impact of your generosity extends far beyond just the immediate financial relief; it creates a more hopeful future for our children and our entire community. Education is a powerful tool that can transform lives and uplift families. By ensuring that these children can continue their schooling, you have contributed to their growth and development, fostering dreams that can become realities.

The ripple effect of your support will be felt for years to come as these children advance in their education and contribute positively to our society.

Once again, thank you so much for your generosity and compassion. We are deeply grateful for your support and are inspired by the love and commitment you have shown to our children and our community.

With sincere appreciation,

Your Brother in Christ

John Susi

## Summer Valentines: 50% Camping Scholarships!

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas will offer young United Methodists from across the state an opportunity for scholarships to attend programs provided by **Camp Tanako** and **Ozark Mission Project** on a first-come, first-serve basis for the 2025 calendar year.

"So many of our staff members, board members, and other

friends of the Foundation share meaningful camping and serving experiences as part of their own faith stories," said the Rev. J. Wayne Clark, president and CEO of MFA. "We are pleased to be able to help make those same types of experiences more accessible for this generation of young people."



## [Link to Scholarship Application](#)

## [Methodist Foundation for Arkansas to Offer Need-based Scholarships for Campers Attending Camp Tanako and Ozark Mission Project in 2025](#)



## MFA's 2025 Holy Land Trip for Laity Set for October 13-23

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (February 5, 2025) — The Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries for the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas, will serve as host for an Educational Opportunities journey to the Holy Land set for October 13-23, 2025.

Laity will be given priority for this travel experience.

"I've guided this journey for both laity and clergy many times, and it's always so rewarding for me to watch new people experience being in the same places where Jesus walked, taught, preached, healed, and triumphed over death," Yokem said. "This group of laity will find blessings in the journey as we prepare, when we go, and long after we return to our homes."

Learn more about the itinerary, expenses, and what's included at the [Educational Opportunities website](#).

[Link for more information on this opportunity.](#)

[Educational Opportunities Tours / Tours · Holy Land Tour with the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas | Oct. 13, 2025](#)

**April 2025 FUMY “Envelopes of Support” for Missions & Mission Trip Fundraiser**

**Envelopes with amounts from \$1 - \$200**

**How it works:** Envelopes on display boards (in Family Life Center or sanctuary) in 5 dollar increments from \$5 to \$200 plus \$1

**Reason:** This one fundraiser *eliminates* bothersome fundraising!

**What is the money for:** The money is for the youth group’s monthly mission work and mission trip to Colorado Springs, CO, June 21-28, 2025.

**How the youth group will respond to the gifts:** Annual “Thank You” meal where the youth share about their mission trip plus showcase their entire year in youth ministry



**The Chancel Choir**

*Traditional Worship Music that Speaks to the Soul*

Chancel Choir rehearses each week as they prepare for the season of Lent and Easter. We invite YOU to join us on Wednesday evening at 6 o’clock in the Chancel Choir room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the east wing of the church!

**The Bells of Hope**

The Adult Handbell Choir will be ringing on March 16 in the Traditional Worship Service at 11 o’clock!



## Children's Choir



Please keep the date of Sunday, March 16 open as the children will sing and ring during the 11:00 service.

In His name we sing,  
Mrs. Kathy  
870-224-5631



## Children's Handbells

The Children's Handbell Choir will perform in the Traditional Worship Service at 11 o'clock on March 16. They will play a Traditional English melody, adapted by Hal Hopson and entitled, "Gift of Love."

Kathy Lyon 😊



Vacation Bible School is coming the week of June 9-13. Look for more information in future newsletters and from Emily Johnston and Mary Beth Wigley. We hope to see everyone there.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In children's Sunday school, we have been learning about being PRESENT with God! We've learned about Mary and Martha, and how they welcomed Jesus into their home. Jesus teaches us to learn from Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet, rather than cleaning and preparing the home. Take time to REST in His presence!



**VBS**  
JOIN US FOR  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 9TH-13TH 2025

## WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesdays, we have been learning about following God and being honest with Him, as He keeps His promises to us!

We've learned about Abraham as well as Abimelek, and how the struggle they had with honesty and faith is relatable today! We can trust God to lead us through life, directing us through His word, and lighting our path along the way!

Memory Verse of the Month:  
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path."  
Psalm 119:105



**Feeding the  
Community**

## The FON Ministry Team



**Feeding the  
Community**

Feeding Our Neighbors Ministry is looking to begin new opportunities for Our Neighbors. The first one has to do with creating a Garden: A vegetable garden that Our Neighbors will till, plant, weed, and pick. Ultimately, the vegetables from our garden will help feed the very ones we are already helping. Although the project is in its earliest stages, James Tumilson has volunteered to plow up the soil, and one of Our Neighbors has already agreed to help.

We have put a flier in Our Neighbors' bags that explains that the Garden will only happen if we have Our Neighbors' help. They will have ownership in this project. This Garden will be located in our vacant field behind Cash Savers.

CHURCH FAMILY: Please pray with us for guidance as we pursue this endeavor.

### The FON Ministry Team

"... Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me."  
Matthew 25:40



### AR Travelers of FUMC

Looking for a great vacation this year? Join the AR Travelers of FUMC on a trip to beautiful Maine! We travel aboard a spacious motorcoach. We will enjoy historic Portland Waterfront, visit Boothbay Railway Village, Explore Kennebunkport, and so much more!

Departing from our church parking lot Friday, September 19 and returning Monday, September 29. The Cost is \$1739 per person and includes hotels, most meals, tours, and tips. Contact Dalene Stephenson at 870-723-0650 for more information.



All are welcome to a Come & Go  
baby shower for

Laura Smith Hockaday

on March 16, 2023 from 1:30 to  
3:00 PM at the home of LeAnne  
Burch.

Laura is registered at  
[babylist.com](http://babylist.com) and Marketplace 2.

## Weekly Events

### Sundays:

9:00 AM In-person & Online Service  
11:00 AM In-person & Online Service  
10:00 AM Adult, Youth, and Children's  
Sunday School  
5:00 PM Jr. High FUMY  
5:30 PM FUMY Small Groups  
6:00 PM FUMY Supper  
6:30 PM Sr. High FUMY

### Mondays:

1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study  
5:30 PM Cub Scouts FH  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts FH  
7:00 PM College Ministry Small Group

### Tuesdays:

10:00 AM Prayer Team/weekly  
12:00 PM Hopeful Hearts — March 4  
1:00 PM Staff Meeting — March 4  
1:30 PM Wilma Hankins-Wesley Rm Mar. 4  
6:00 PM Executive Council — March 11

### Wednesdays: Weekly

3:30 PM Wednesday After-school Activities  
3:30 PM FUMY Hang Time  
5:00 PM Wednesday Night supper  
5:30 PM FUMY Midweek  
6:30 PM Small Group

### Thursdays:

11-12 PM Feed Our Neighbors  
(Every other Thursday)

*Memorials were given to the glory of  
God and in loving memory of:*

### Linda Blackburn:

Helen Guenter

### Carolyn Tilley

Sandy & David Funderburg

### Rick Wilson

Christine & Jeff Felts  
Helen Guenter

### Mary Jo Wisener:

Helen Guenter

*Memorial given to the glory of  
God and in loving honor of:*

### Tommy Smith:

Helen Guenter

### James Tumilson:

Helen Guenter

## February Giving General Fund

February 2, 2025 — \$19,518

February 9, 2025 — \$7,972

February 16, 2025 — \$7,907

February 23, 2025 — \$4,854

Monthly Total — \$40,251

Monthly Amount Needed to Make Budget — \$51,253

Total for 2025 — \$89,763



Hopeful Hearts will meet on  
March 4 @ noon in the  
Family Life Center.



**Communion in March will  
be on March 2 during both  
services.**

## **FUMC College Ministry**

Our Small Group meets on  
**Monday nights @ 7 pm** in the FLC.  
*We invite anyone out of high school to  
join our group!*



For more info, contact:  
Maggie Brown @ 870-723-4051



February brought a lot of celebrations and fun activities for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. We celebrated the 115th birthday of Scouting; Cub Scouts played "Buddie" games to understand you don't go anywhere by yourself, we worked on our survival techniques by using the S.A.W. method when lost-Stay, Answer, Whistle. Cub Scouts participated in Scout Sunday at their local home churches.



The AOL Den lead the cub elective of "Race Time" to help the younger scouts prepare for the Pinewood Derby, and on Monday, February 24 we held our annual Pinewood Derby in the Family Life Center. Huge THANK YOU to Mr. Jack Lassiter, Diantha Beer, Randi McMahon, and Andy Connard for helping judge our cars and to Troop 67 for assisting in running the race.



The Troop began celebrating Scouting with their annual Court of Honor February 3 honoring scouts accomplishments and leaders; then we held our 69th Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 67 with Aaron McMahon on February 8 at Immanuel Baptist Church; and participated in Scout Sunday at both services on February 9 at FUMC. This month we have had our FIRST Annual De Soto District

Recognition Banquet in Camden where Eagle Scouts across our district were honored including Aaron and adult volunteers were given special recognition. Our own Reneé Holland, Monticello Troop & Pack Committee Chair, was honored with a special recognition for her work as the District Office Vice President of Programs for De Soto and Camp Director of Camp De Soto in El Dorado.



The Troop has started the 90-day Eagle Scout requirement of Personal Management Merit Badge with Mr. John McClendon and will continue meeting with him during March and April.

We want to thank EVERYONE in the church for the special offering that was taken on Scout Sunday. This money will assist in the recharter of both groups and help with regular activity/camping and award expenses as needed.





We celebrated United Women in Faith Sunday on February 16 by honoring Bennie Henderson in the 9:00 AM service and LeAnne Burch in the 11:00 AM service. Each woman received a pin signifying that a gift to missions was made in her honor. We are blessed to have so many amazing women who help with the various missions and ministries of our church. Several women participated in both services.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### Vision of the United Women in Faith

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

### Purpose of United Women in Faith

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**United Women in Faith** at our church meets together for a short business meeting and salad potluck in April or May then again in December for a Christmas Party!

Small Groups that usually meet monthly are listed below:

#### **Wilma Hankins Circle**

First Tuesday @ 1:30 PM  
Meets in Wesley Room  
Sue Anderson – 723-3093

#### **Libby Annulis Circle**

Third Wednesday @ 1:00 PM  
Meets in Wesley Room  
Brenda Wright – 504-812-2842

#### **Circle 3**

Last Tuesday @ 6:00 PM – Flexible  
Meet in members' homes  
LeAnne Burch – 723-0583  
Julie Smith – 866-2202

#### **Circle 5**

Third Wednesday @ 6:00 PM  
Meets in Wesley Room  
Renee Holland – 550-1281  
Valerie Harvey – 723-3017

#### **Mission and Service Helpers**

##### **MASH**

##### **No circle; No meetings**

Add your name to this list to keep informed of opportunities to participate in UWF activities or projects. Contact Dalene [Stephenson@723-0650](mailto:Stephenson@723-0650) to add your name.

We would love to welcome you into our fellowship.  
Please join us!

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES

## Class of 2025

Walker Jarrett, Lay Leader/SPPRC Leader  
Tommy Smith, Trustees  
Dalene Stephenson, Finance Leader  
Bryan Diffee, Senior Pastor  
Lori Fallon, Associate Pastor

## Class of 2026

Michael Blazier, SPPRC  
John Kidwell, Trustees  
Valerie Harvey, Treasurer

## Class of 2027

Belinda Carpenter, SPPRC  
Loyd Oxner, Trustees  
Audrea Stephens, Finance

Meeting brought to order at 3:26 PM by Walker Jarrett  
Opening prayer by Bro. Bryan Diffee

**Financial Report** – Valerie Harvey gave report on January Special Accounts. Lynne Russell reported on December 2024 and January 2025 Financials.

**Motion:** A motion to accept December 2024 and January 2025 financial reports and January Special Accounts report as presented by Tommy Smith and seconded by Michael Blazier. All in favor. None opposed.

### 2025 Budget

The Finance Committee brought the proposed 2025 budget. Dalene Stephenson discussed the revised budget from the January meeting. See attached final budget.

**Motion:** to accept the amended budget (Insurance, District Apportionments, and VIM trips amended) proposed by the Finance Committee made by Tommy Smith and seconded by John Kidwell. All in favor. None opposed.

### Old Business

Julie Smith gave an update on the wall to be built in the old Pre-K room to separate the room to make way for a sensory room and for storage for Sole Purpose. The cost will be \$300.00.

**Motion:** to appropriate \$300.00 to build a wall in the Pre-K room to make a sensory room and a storage room made by John Kidwell and seconded by Belinda Carpenter. All in favor. None opposed.

### New Business

- The balcony needs to have unused equipment removed to make room for overflow seating during services. Ask Michael Reed to mark/tag equipment that is not needed and can be stored or recycled.
- Dalene Stephenson brought up that the first Tuesday is not the best day to meet for the financial committee. They cannot access the statements needed until after the first of the month, and that does not give enough time to complete reports that are necessary.
- James Tumilson would like to request that the funds in the Nativity Special fund be moved to a Mission fund to help a community member with a potentially hazardous plumbing situation. He has raised additional funds from Sunday School classes and outside donations to repair the problem.

**Motion:** to rename the Nativity Special fund to a Mission fund and use the \$2171.00 that is currently in the Nativity Special fund to help a community member made by Dalene Stephenson and seconded by John Kidwell. All in favor. None opposed.

### SPPRC Report

No report given.

### Trustees Report

- Tommy Smith presented the Council with a list of projects that have been completed, in the planning stage, and not started at this time. The biggest is the roof repair.
- Two bids have been submitted for the removal of trees (dead/dying) in the playground area. There are more that need to be taken down in the future, but right now these two trees are dangerous.

**Motion:** for two trees to be removed from the playground area made by Valerie Harvey and seconded by Dalene Stephenson. All in favor. None opposed.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES CONT.

### Pastor Report

- The Fan the Flame event will now be on February 28 and March 1, 2025. The school holiday and only 19 members signing up made it necessary to move the date from February 14 and 15, 2025. Only 15 signed up for the rescheduled event when last year we had about 50. We may take a poll to find out if there is a better time for this event. (After this meeting this event was cancelled.)
- Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025, and begins Lent. Bro. Bryan will have a weekly Lenten study with lunch. Look for more information soon.
- A new company has approached us to use their livestream capabilities. Right now, we use Boxcast, and the cost is roughly \$150 per month plus a storage fee which is around \$50 per month. We are contracted with them until May 30. If we cancel with them before then, we will have to pay the contract, which is \$450. The new company's cost is \$1000 a year. They do have a free trial, and Michael Reed is communicating with them to set up and see if this would fit our needs. He is very hopeful.

### Assoc. Pastor Report

- I have been in several zoom meetings this past month. One in particular was about justice and immigrants. One thing we can do is to provide support and be available. One way to support is to provide quarters for washing clothes at laundromats and a safe place to shower. We have four showers available to help our community.
- Youth to go to Fort Smith for Veritas February 21 – 23.
- Another zoom meeting was on how to make disciples.
- James Tumblison, along with Sole Purpose, is setting up reading libraries in our local laundromats. So far, we have put two reading libraries in our local laundromats.
- Senior Sunday is May 4, 2025.
- Vacation Bible School is June 9 – 13, 2025.
- The youth rummage sale is on Friday, July 11, 2025, and on Saturday, July 12, 2025, everything is free.
- We are going to transition away from OneCall to Remind in March to save \$1000.
- The online directory that the church will use will be \$99.00 a year, and we will be able to access it from a computer, cell phone, and also, have a paper copy if needed.

**Motion:** to adjourn made by Valerie Harvey and seconded by John Kidwell. All in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:30 P.M.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Closing prayer Rev. Lori Fallon



**FUMC BUDGET 2025**

	2024	2024	2024	2025	Increase	Increase
	Budget	Actual	+/-	Proposed	% Amt.	\$ Amt.
<b>UTILITIES</b>	\$27,000	\$23,605.55	\$3,394.45	\$27,000	0.0%	\$ -

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES**

Adult Music	\$5,000	\$4,892.44	\$107.56	\$5,000	0.0%	\$ -
Children's Music	\$2,400	\$2,158.46	\$241.54	\$2,400	0.0%	\$ -
Youth	\$15,000	\$14,824.41	\$175.59	\$15,000	0.0%	\$ -
Worship	\$1,000	\$530.19	\$469.81	\$1,000	0.0%	\$ -
Outreach/Evangelism	\$4,000	\$1,984.12	\$2,015.88	\$2,000	-50.0%	\$ (2,000)
Congregational Hospitality	\$4,000	\$4,609.33	-\$609.33	\$4,000	0.0%	\$ -
Fellowship Dinners	\$500	-\$448.06	\$948.06	\$500	0.0%	\$ -
Senior Recognition	\$500	\$270.02	\$229.98	\$500	0.0%	\$ -
Stewardship	\$500	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500	0.0%	\$ -
Video Live Streaming	\$1,500	\$2,761.78	-\$1,261.78	\$2,500	0.00%	\$ 1,000
Confirmation Class	\$500	\$159.98	\$340.02	\$500	0.0%	\$ -
Christian Education	\$7,000	\$1,021.52	\$5,978.48	\$7,000	0.0%	\$ -
Vacation Bible School	\$3,500	\$2,544.66	\$955.34	\$3,500	0.0%	\$ -
Piano Tuning	\$1,000	\$1,147.50	-\$147.50	\$1,000	0.0%	\$ -
Nursery Supplies	\$250	\$231.58	\$18.42	\$250	0.0%	\$ -
Praise Band	\$500	\$167.91	\$332.09	\$500	0.0%	\$ -
VIM Trips	\$1,943	\$2,055.69	-\$112.69	\$0	-100.0%	\$ (1,943)
Scouting Program	\$0	\$1,667.00	-\$1,667.00	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$ -
Property Insurance	\$25,200	\$25,200.00	\$0.00	\$33,427	32.6%	\$ 8,227
Maintenance Reserve	\$18,000	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000	0.0%	\$ -
Property Supplies & Service	\$15,500	\$14,841.84	\$658.16	\$15,500	0.0%	\$ -
Van Maintenance	\$5,000	-\$467.48	\$5,467.48	\$5,000	0.0%	\$ -
Office - Postage & Supplies	\$8,000	\$7,930.20	\$69.80	\$8,000	0.0%	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$1,563.91	-\$63.91	\$1,500	0.0%	\$ -
Copier	\$7,000	\$4,052.32	\$2,947.68	\$5,000	-28.6%	\$ (2,000)
Phone/Internet/Cable/One Call Nov	\$6,650	\$7,285.07	-\$635.07	\$6,650	0.0%	\$ -
Trunk or Treat	\$300	\$163.92	\$136.08	\$300	0.0%	\$ -
Van Replacement	\$6,000	\$5,500.00	\$500.00	\$0	-100.0%	\$ (6,000)
Annual Conf. Delegates Exp.	\$2,000	\$1,045.43	\$954.57	\$2,000	0.0%	\$ -
Assistance Fund for Needy	\$1,500	\$1,432.36	\$67.64	\$1,500	0.0%	\$ -
Audio/Video Supplies	\$10,000	\$3,925.43	\$6,074.57	\$5,000	-50.0%	\$ (5,000)
Leadership Training	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0	-100.0%	\$ (5,000)
Vanco Fees	\$1,200	\$853.97	\$346.03	\$1,200	0.0%	\$ -
Feed Our Neighbors	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	0.0%	\$ -
Wash Out Fund	\$0	-\$738.69	\$738.69	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$ -
<b>PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$162,943</b>	<b>\$131,166.81</b>	<b>\$ 31,776.19</b>	<b>\$150,227.00</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>\$ (12,716.00)</b>

**APPORTIONMENTS**

Apportionments	\$56,000.00	\$51,267.36	\$4,732.64	\$56,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
Clergy-CPP	\$3,734.00	\$3,620.15	\$113.85	\$3,734.00	0.0%	\$ -
CRSP DB	\$9,600.00	\$9,654.12	-\$54.12	\$9,600.00	0.0%	\$ -
CRSP-DC	\$3,734.00	\$3,620.28	\$113.72	\$3,734.00	0.0%	\$ -
District Apportionments	\$4,000.00	\$9,835.02	-\$5,835.02	\$2,694.00	-32.7%	\$ (1,306)
<b>APPORTIONMENTS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$77,068</b>	<b>\$77,996.93</b>	<b>-\$928.93</b>	<b>\$75,762.00</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>\$ (1,306)</b>

**FUMC BUDGET 2025**

	2024	2024	2024	2025	Increase	Increase
	Budget	Actual	+/-	Proposed	% Amt.	\$ Amt.
<b>STAFF SALARIES &amp; RELATED COSTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Senior Pastor Total Comp.	\$104,541	\$ 104,666.70	\$ (125.70)	\$ 104,541.00	0.0%	\$ -
Secretary's Salary	\$40,895	\$41,000.70	\$ (105.70)	\$40,895.00	0.0%	\$ -
Secretary Employer Annuity	\$2,686	\$2,381.60	\$ 304.40	\$2,686.00	0.0%	\$ -
Secretary Substitute	\$500	\$250.00	\$ 250.00	\$500.00	0.0%	\$ -
Chancel & Hand Bell Director	\$17,113	\$17,112.94	\$ 0.06	\$17,113.00	0.0%	\$ -
Children's Choir Director	\$12,360	\$11,646.74	\$ 713.26	\$12,360.00	0.0%	\$ -
Organist/Piano	\$16,481	\$0.00	\$ 16,481.00	\$3,000.00	-81.8%	\$ (13,481)
Organist Substitute	\$400	\$350.00	\$ 50.00	\$400.00	0.0%	\$ -
Custodian	\$20,000	\$12,027.00	\$ 7,973.00	\$20,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
Yard Maintenance (Contract)	\$18,000	\$19,800.00	\$ (1,800.00)	\$17,000.00	-5.6%	\$ (1,000)
Nursery Director & Workers	\$6,000	\$4,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$6,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
A V Workers	\$4,000	\$3,675.00	\$ 325.00	\$4,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
Youth Director Salary	\$41,743	\$41,850.90	\$ (107.90)	\$41,743.00	0.0%	\$ -
Safety Assistant/Unlock doors	\$1,560	\$1,560.00	\$ -	\$1,560.00	0.0%	\$ -
Christian Ed/Children	\$16,481	\$16,290.28	\$ 190.72	\$14,000.00	0.0%	\$ (2,481)
Audio/Visual Technician	\$16,512	\$16,687.58	\$ (175.58)	\$16,512.00	0.0%	\$ -
Associate Pastor	\$14,600	\$14,625.00	\$ (25.00)	\$14,600.00	0.0%	\$ -
A.P. Professional Reimbursement	\$6,000	\$6,000.00	\$ -	\$6,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
Childrens Handbells	\$6,180	\$6,195.02	\$ (15.02)	\$6,180.00	0.0%	\$ -
Contemporary Music Director	\$16,000	\$16,000.14	\$ (0.14)	\$16,000.00	0.0%	\$ -
PR DD Fee	\$350	\$288.10	\$ 61.90	\$350.00	0.0%	\$ -
Lay Staff Payroll Taxes	\$16,600	\$15,339.27	\$ 1,260.73	\$16,600.00	0.0%	\$ -
<b>STAFF SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$379,002</b>	<b>\$352,246.97</b>	<b>\$ 26,755.03</b>	<b>\$362,040.00</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>\$ (16,962)</b>
	\$ 646,013	\$ 585,016.26	\$ 60,996.74	\$ 615,029		-\$30,984

2025 Pledges \$355,000  
 expected from non pledgers 2025 \$162,138  
 carryover from 2024 \$84,928  
**expected income 602,066**





# March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Wednesday Activities After school pick up and kids' activities FUMY After-school homework and hang</b></p>	<p><b>5:30-7p FUMY Midweek 6-7p Choir 7p Hand bells</b></p>					1
<p>2 Communion FUMY Jr High 5 p FUMY Small Group 5:30 p FUMY Supper 6 p FUMY SR. High 6:30 p</p>	<p>3 Cub Scouts 5:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p College Ministry Small Group 7p</p>	<p>4 Prayer Team 10 a Hopeful Hearts Noon Wilma Hankins Circle 1:30p</p>	<p>5 Wednesday Activities Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread &amp; Birthday Cake Small group 6:30 Ash Wed. Service 6p</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 EHC Workday FH</p>
<p>9 <u>Daylight Savings begins</u> ALL FUMY 1:30 p Mission Work Pine Bluff FUMY Supper 6 p</p>	<p>10 Cub Scouts 5:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p College Ministry Small</p>	<p>11 Prayer Team 10 a Staff Meeting 1 p Executive Council 6 p</p>	<p>12 Wednesday Activities Taco Bar &amp; Dessert Small group 6:30</p>	<p>13 Feed Our Neighbors 11a</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 FUMY Jr High 5 p FUMY Small Group 5:30 p FUMY Supper 6 p FUMY SR. High 6:30 p</p>	<p>17 BSA Blue &amp; Gold Banquet College Ministry Small Group 7p St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 Prayer Team 10a</p>	<p>19 Libby Annuls 1 p Wednesday Activities Ham, MacN Cheese, Butter Beans, Rolls &amp; Dessert Circle 5 6 p Small Group 6:30 p</p>	<p>20 Spring Equinox</p>	<p>21 FUMY Prayer Breakfast 7 a</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 NO FUMY</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Prayer Team 10a</p>	<p>26 No Wed. Activities or meal NO FUMY</p>	<p>27 Feed Our Neighbors 11a</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 5th Sunday One Service 9a FLC w/ Brunch to follow Leave for Sager Brown ALL FUMY 5 p</p>	<p>31 Cub Scouts 5:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p College Ministry Small Group 7p</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	