

First United Methodist Church

proudly presents their

2019 High School Graduates

Reflections
May 2019

*First United Methodist Church
317 South Main Street
Monticello, AR, 71655*



Lauren Haddox



Dallas Harvey

**WE WISH GOD'S
RICHEST
BLESSINGS UPON
EACH OF YOUR
LIVES.**



Joey Holland



Hannah McDougald

**Graduating High
School Seniors
will be
celebrated on
Sunday, May 5**

9 am worship (FLC)
10 am Potluck Brunch
honoring graduates
(FLC)
10:50 am Graduating
Seniors will be
honored in the
sanctuary

**We invite you to come
and join us!**



FUMY NEWS



May 2019

Important Reminders:

- **May 1** - Mission Work, pack bags for Feed the Kids @ 1st Pres.
- **May 5** - Senior Sunday Brunch, Worship & Roast
- **May 12**- No FUMY, *Mother's Day*
- **May 15** - FUMY FUN! 4 pm to Malco Movies Ride together or meet there, then to Mazzio's for supper. Money needed for snacks only! Parents pick up at 7:30 pm at FUMC. *Friends are welcome*
- **May 26** - Summer Schedule begins... All FUMY meet every Sunday in the youth room 7 - 9 pm **PLUS** rummage sale stuff is welcome!

April was a great month for FUMY! We started the month with a group of us going to Temple B'Nai Israel for a tour & to attend worship. Special Thank You to Diantha Beer for chaperoning with me and for Bro. Hammett & Julie Smith for chaperoning with the 6th graders. It was great experience and we learned a lot! On Palm Sunday we had an "Agape Feast/Holy Communion Meal" in the Fellowship Hall. It was a wonderful celebration of God's love. We are so proud of 3 of our youth (Lily Garza, Emily Haddox & Lauren Haddox) that were baptized and made a public profession of their faith in Jesus and love of God plus joined our church! We had some great lessons about prayer and managing the stress in our lives plus we talked about surrounding ourselves with a positive group of friends and trusting God with our lives. We ended our April with prayer breakfast and a lesson about serving others. We need to say an **ENORMOUS Thank YOU** to our church family for taking all of the envelopes off of our "envelopes of support" boards. We'll have a grand total next month! Because of YOU our group will be able to go on a summer mission trip to South Carolina plus do mission work every month throughout the year.

Hooray! It's May! We are so excited to celebrate with 4 amazing graduates: Lauren Haddox, Dallas Harvey, Joey Holland and Hannah McDougald. In addition to celebrating them in worship, we will also host a "senor roast" in their honor. We are excited for the end of school and the beginning of summer! Our "hang time and mid-week" on Wednesdays will end on May15 with a trip to the movies & to eat pizza! We are so excited to announce that MAGGIE BROWN will be returning this summer as our FUMY Intern. We have lots of exciting things planned with Maggie and our youth this year!

We invite you to begin bringing your rummage on **Sunday, May 26**. Our annual rummage sale will be open to our church family beginning June3 and to the public on June 7 & 8. Please drop your stuff off in the FLC. If it's too heavy, let Lori or Maggie know and we'll schedule a pick up.



Christ Above All, Lori



Snack Supper List:

- May 5 Senior Roast (FLC)
- May 12 **No FUMY** - *Mother's Day*
- May 19 Diantha Beer
- May 26 FUMY



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HONORING OUR TEACHERS

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.”—James 3:1

We called him “Sugar Bear.” He was brown and round and had these big 80’s glasses that made him look like the iconic mascot of Super Sugar Crisp). Mr. Brewer was my high school Geometry and Algebra I teacher. I wasn’t a bad student, but in 9th and 10th grade I wasn’t very diligent about studying. Mr. Brewer challenged all of us to not settle for less than our best. One day he was handing back our tests from the prior week, placing them on our desks, face-down. My face flushed when I saw the letter “C” in red at the top. Softly, he said, “Mr. Evans, you’re capable of better than that.” He was right, and I did from that day forward.

In 10th grade, I sat toward the back with some friends of mine. I was a clean-cut kid, but one of these “friends” peddled illegal substances. One day another friend of mine brought some bang snaps to class (remember those little, white twisty things that make a *bang!* when you throw them on the ground?). My friend exhausted his supply during class. Then the bag fell on the floor with that sawdust stuff inside. Suffice it to say that it didn’t look like sawdust from Mr. Brewer’s desk at the front of class!

The bell rang, and as I was leaving the classroom, Mr. Brewer comes up behind me and lays his hand on my shoulder. “I’d like to see you for just a moment, Mr. Evans.” “Yes, sir.” He said, “Mr. Evans, be careful about whom you choose to be your friends.”

Mr. Brewer was one of those Christians who “preached the gospel at all times” and “used words if necessary.” I’m so thankful for him and other teachers who loved me enough to hold me accountable, and who challenged me to do my very best. May God bless all of our educators as they wrap up another year.
Grace & Peace!





Camp Takako — Confirmation
Left to right — Bro. Hammett,
James Sims, Jason Lee, Mallory Fallon,
Lilli Orrell, and Julie Smith

Congratulations to our 7 new members of First United Methodist Church: Mallory Fallon,
Lily Garza, Emily Haddox, Lauren Haddox, Jason Lee, Lilli Orrell, James Sims



Easter Sunday egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny

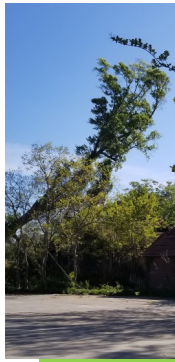


The Arkansas Conference is asking the churches to help support the Lydia Patterson Institute, which has been a ministry of the South Central Jurisdiction for more than 100 years. What started as one entrepreneurial lay woman educating Hispanic children has now grown into a thriving school enrolling over 400 students per year.

On Mother's Day we will be taking a special offering to support the Lydia Patterson Institute. If you choose to make a donation, please note Lydia Patterson Institute in the memo line of your check.



Monticello Troop 67 hosted De Soto Area Council Spring Camporee this month at Old Washington State Park. About 70 Scouts and adults participated in the parks National Clean Up day, toured the museums, and held skills competition.



If you haven't already noticed, the house on E. Jackson has been demolished. A great big thank you to Bob Lee, Jr., Justin Lee, and Travis Chapman and his crew for coming out here and taking down the trees and the house. The lot will be used for much needed parking and should be ready to use by mid-summer.



Our preschoolers had a great time at their Easter Egg hunt. Thanks to Shelly, Paula, and all the parents who came out and helped set-up and hunt eggs with the little ones. Each child had made an Easter basket that had a number on it. They then had to hunt the eggs with the same number. Fun and learning numbers at the same time.

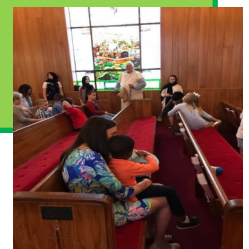


Libby Annulis Circle Salad/Dessert Potluck

Everyone is welcome to attend on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 P.M. Bring a salad or dessert if you wish to. We will have a fun activity and pack bags for the homeless. If you can bring cookies, we will also be packing them up and taking them to our shut-in and nursing home members.



On Palm Sunday the children of our Sunday School had four special visitors — St. Peter (Larry Fuller) and the women at the tomb (Mallory Fallon, Presley Wagner, and Addy Beth Maxwell). The children learned about St. Peter and how he loved and was loved by Jesus even when he betrayed Him. They learned of Jesus' love for us all through the telling of His death and resurrection. We thank God for the people of the church, who love to share His story with our Sunday school classes.



The week of April 14 a team of nine volunteers enjoyed a week of mission work at Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA. The team verified 1600 school kits, assembled flood buckets, worked on a new butterfly garden on campus, sewed school bags, and worked a local food pantry. We were inspired by the daily prayers and songs led by all the groups in attendance. A joyful worship service at Trinity UMC across from the campus was a highlight of our experience while at Sager Brown. This group had so much fun together while serving as the hands and feet of Christ. We encourage others to join us next year the week of February 23, 2020.





What an awesome Palm Sunday! The children's musical "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" was a great success! Thanks to the children for their performance and to everyone for your help and support!

Mrs. Kathy



Weekly Events

Sundays

9:00 AM Contemporary Service
 9:50 AM Sunday School
 10:50 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Jr. High FUMY
 5:30 PM Small Group
 6:00 PM Snack Supper FUMY
 6:30 PM Sr. High FUMY

Mondays:

1:30 PM ESL Class
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesdays:

3:30 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesdays:

3—5 PM Children's Choir/Bells
 3:15 PM FUMY Hang Time
 4:50 PM Nursery Choir
 5:00 PM Fellowship Meal ends 5/12
 6:00 PM Small Group Meeting
 6:30 PM Small Group Meeting
 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice
 7:00 PM Bells of Hope

Thursdays

1:30 PM ESL Class
 6:30 PM Small Group

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM Preschool

CHURCH Events

- May 5 Celebrating Graduating Sr. Sunday
- May 7 6:00 PM Circle # 3
- May 14 10:00 AM Wilma Hankins Circle
- May 14 6:00 PM Libby Annulis' Circle—Salad/Dessert potluck
- May 15 6:00 PM Circle #5
- May 19 10:50 Service Children's Choir Sing and Ring
- May 28 Tuesday Family Movie Night



Fellowship Meals for May

May 1: Fried chicken and mashed potatoes

May 8: Suzanne Zieman entrée

May 8 will be the last Fellowship meal before summer break. We will see you in the Fall.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped to serve Fellowship Meals this year.

LITURGIST

May 5	Rev. Lori Fallon
May 12	Mary Jo Wisener
May 19	Belinda Carpenter
May 26	Rev. Lori Fallon

ACOLYTES

May 5	Alex Martinez & Thomas Holland
May 12	Thomas Holland & Eli Coburn
May 19	Abby Huskey & Macy Tolin
May 26	Pierson Harper & Lillie Green

GREETERS

	9:00 AM	10:50 AM
May 5	Jill Brown Trudy Jackson Anthony Brown	Judy Murphy Margo Stevens
May 12	Renee Treadwell Kolton Beer John Frank Gibson	Renee Holland
May 19	Kim Fletcher LeAnne Burch Tony Fletcher	Jere Johnston Ember Davis
May 26	Dalene Stephenson Michael James Mike Stephenson	John Davis Ember Davis

Memorials given to the glory of God and in loving memory of...

Roland Anderson by: Barbara Abston, Gwyn Clemons and Jeff Alford, Bennie and Buck Henderson, Lori and Greg Fallon, Patricia Ross, and Kathy and James Tumilson

Mildred Blocker by: Lori and Greg Fallon

Shelly Grant by: Lori and Greg Fallon

Kelley Grubbs by: Lori and Greg Fallon

Betty Hibbard by: Barbara Brown, Belinda Carpenter, Peggy Doss, Bennie and Buck Henderson, Barry Hall, Joyce Hopkins, Shirley Kizer, and Tish Thomas

Shirley Reynolds by: Diane and Mark Pennington

Alexandria Snyder by: Lori and Greg Fallon

Mike Staten by: Lori and Greg Fallon

Opal Wright by: Diane and Mark Pennington

*Congratulations to the
Class of 2019 Graduates*

Alexandra Borchardt will receive a BA in English with a minor in Psychology. She will be attending the University of Alabama to work on her Masters degree in Composition, Rhetoric, and English Studies.

Dallas Berzent Blagg will be graduating from the University of Arkansas with a BS in Agricultural Business.

Logan Collins will be graduating from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville May 10 with a major in biology from the Fulbright college and a minor in Spanish.

Laura Smith is Graduating May 18 with a BS in neuroscience from Tulane University.

Autumn Webb will be graduating from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Masters in chemistry.