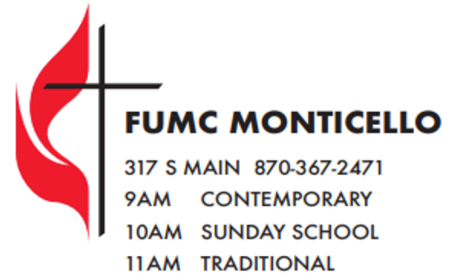


Reflections

June 2026



Join us beginning Wednesday, June 3 for a weekly morning prayer, led by our Senior Pastor, every Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. This service will be live on our Facebook page.



Dear Friends in Christ,

June is a month filled with celebration, gratitude, and renewed purpose in the life of the church. As summer begins, we are reminded that God continues to work in every season, calling us to grow in faith, serve with compassion, and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

June is also the time when many United Methodist churches participate in Annual Conference. As clergy and lay delegates gather for worship, prayer, discernment, and decision-making, I invite you to pray for our conference leaders, churches, and communities. Annual Conference is an important reminder that our congregation is part of a larger connection of believers who work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Through our connectional ministry, we support missions, disaster response, church planting, clergy development, and countless ministries that extend far beyond our local congregation.

One of the highlights of summer ministry is our upcoming Vacation Bible School. VBS is far more than a week of activities; it is an opportunity to plant seeds of faith in the hearts of children and families. Through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and fellowship, young people will learn about God's love and discover how they can follow Jesus in their daily lives. Thank you to the many volunteers whose generosity and commitment make this ministry possible. Please join me in praying for every child, family, youth helper, and adult leader who will participate.

As summer schedules become busy with vacations, family gatherings, and outdoor activities, I encourage you to remain connected to the life of the church. Worship, prayer, fellowship, and service help keep us grounded in God's grace and connected to one another. Whether you are at home or traveling, may you find opportunities to experience God's presence and share Christ's love wherever you go.

Thank you for your faithfulness through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is a joy to serve alongside you as we seek to be a church that welcomes all, grows in discipleship, and serves our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with peace, your home with joy, and your life with hope throughout this month and beyond.

In Christ's love,
Bro. Bryan

NEWS & UPDATES



June 2026

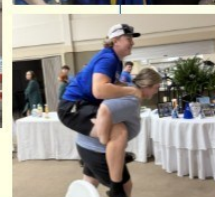
FUMY had an amazing May! We did mission work, celebrated seven amazing seniors, talked about the importance of doing mission work, plus had a whole lot of FUN! We need to begin by saying A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that donated to our annual FUMY "envelopes of support!" **The youth group raised a total of \$10,205 for all of their mission projects & mission work & mission trip.**

And FINALLY! School is OUT for summer! Hooray! And June is now here. We begin June with a huge bang by hosting our annual FUMY Rummage Sale! We invite our church family to **bring their rummage beginning after worship on Sunday, May 31 until Wednesday, June 3.** As always, we invite our church family to shop anytime before we open to the public on Friday, June 5. Just please leave us a donation and take whatever you wish! In the middle of our rummage sale prep, we are welcoming six amazing new 7th graders to join us in FUMY on June 3rd! *We celebrate that Mary, Grace, Hampton, McClain, Cristian and Cristina were confirmed & welcomed into membership at FUMC and that they publicly said YES to Jesus!* FUMY will be helping with VBS June 8-10 and we are also planning to do mission work with Project Transformation! Plus we will have a swim party, game night, and a movie night with devotions! And then on Saturday, June 27 fifteen of us will leave for our week-long summer mission trip to Cheyenne River, South Dakota, with



Next Step Ministries! We are so excited and ready to see what God has for us on mission trip and in South Dakota plus all summer long. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide you today and all the days of your life. God is good all the time and ...all the time **GOD IS GOOD!**

Christ above all, **Loni**



FUMY Reminders:

- June 1-2 FUMY works on Rummage Sale, 1-5 pm
- June 3 Welcome New 7th Graders to FUMY plus work on Rummage Sale 5 - 7 pm
- June 4 FUMY works on Rummage Sale, 9 am to set up
- June 5 FUMY Annual Rummage Sale, 6:30 am - 1 pm
- June 6 FUMY "Free Rummage" 6:30 am - 11 am
- June 8-10 FUMY helps with VBS
- June 10 FUMY "Out to Lunch" plus games 12 to 3 pm
- June 14 FUMY Swim Party @ The Hunters' home
- June 18 FUMY to read with kids @ Lakeside UMC in Pine Bluff through Project Transformation
- June 24 FUMY "dinner & a movie" 6 - 8 pm
- June 27 - July 4 FUMY Mission Trip to South Dakota





CHILDREN'S Ministries

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL IS JUNE 8-10.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**

Our Wednesday afternoon activities for 2025-2026 have wrapped up! We're thankful for a wonderful year and look forward to God's blessings in the year ahead. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Emily Johnston!

End of Year Celebration



An Extra Special **THANK YOU** to the following supporters of
FUMY's Annual Envelopes of Support
for monthly mission work & their 2026 mission trip to South Dakota
Because of their generosity, FUMY raised \$10,205.

Anonymous
Sue & David Anderson
Jill & Anthony Brown
Stephanie & Blair Brown
Carolyn & John Bullock
LeAnne Burch
Belinda & David Carpenter
Gretchen & Bryan Diffie
Lori & Greg Fallon
Christine & Jeff Felts
Joe Fletcher
Kimberly & Tony Fletcher
David Fowler
Sandy & David Funderburg
Louise & Walter Godwin

Judy & George Harris
Bennie & Buck Henderson
Jaime & Ken Hunter
Trudy & James Jackson
Mary Kinaga
Kay & Don Koen
Judy & Jack Lassiter
Judy Murphy
Nickie & Jimmy Owens
Diane & Mark Pennington
Julie & Tommy Smith
Louisa & Paul Smith
Brenda Wright



Rummage
Sale
Donations
will be taken
Sunday,
May 31 to
Wednesday,
June 3
the in FLC

First United Methodist Youth Group's Annual Rummage Sale

FUMC Family Life Center

317 South Main Street, Monticello

Sale Day: Friday, June 5, 2026

6:30 am to 1:00 pm

and

Free Day: Saturday, June 6, 2026

6:30 am to 11:00 am



Feed Our Neighbors



The Feed Our Neighbors Ministry Team

Thank you to those who gave specific food items in May with children in mind.

Please continue to give in this way. Children are home now for the summer.

Providing three meals a day for growing children is not easy for our Neighbors!

Fresh fruits (e.g., cuties, apples, grapes, bananas) are appreciated now and through July, but PLEASE deliver them the Monday - Wednesday of the weeks we will be packing FON bags. OUR delivery days are the following in June and July: June 11; June 25; July 2; July 16; and July 30.

“As you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me”
Matthew 25:40



Sole Purpose



Spring has sprung—and while it is plenty warm outside, we are already thinking about next year's cold weather and our annual Sole Purpose Event. Sole Purpose is scheduled **for Sunday, October 18**. This is a mission that involves our entire church, surrounding churches/community and all of our elementary children in our county. It is special.

So now is the time we begin *our first phase*—our **annual fund-raising** because it takes lots of dollars to provide shoes, coats, books and Bibles for these children. It seems to be growing each year and we strive to meet the needs of these young ones.

We have tried to simplify our fund-raising, yet, keep the heart of the mission. With that in mind, we will be asking for donations as you come to the altar for communion each **first Sunday** of the month for the next few months. Several of our children will be at the altar with a shoe for you to drop your dollars, coins or checks into.

What better way to come to the altar—as we receive communion, give thanks and share our blessings with those who need those blessings? Thank you for your beautiful support for this mission.



All are welcome to join us for a come-and-go
baby shower for
Elyse and Ben Barton
in the Family Life Center on June 7, 2026
from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

The Bartons are registered at Amazon.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS

Join us on Thursdays to put together meals for local families in need.

BRENDA WRIGHT PHONE 501/812-2812

FEBRUARY DONATION NEEDED: CANNED CHICKEN

HOPEFUL HEARTS

Widows/Widowers come together each month for a meal and fellowship provided by volunteers.

LOUISA SMITH PHONE 870-723-3560

FEED THE KIDS

FUMC supports this non-profit organization by helping prepare food bags for local children. The bags are sent home with students at their schools.

RENEE HOLLAND PHONE 870-550-1281

SOLE PURPOSE

Provides shoes, socks, coats, Bibles, books, and hygiene kits for local children in the community.

BELINDA CARPENTER PHONE 870-723-3980

UAM WESLEY FOUNDATION

Meals are provided for students at the Wesley Foundation Ministry on the UAM campus.

DALENE STEPHENSON PHONE 870-723-0650

SENIOR CARE

Volunteers assist seniors with transportation to doctors and other appointments and provide social outings for those who are able.

SUSAN MUSICK PHONE 318/447-9309

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

After school activities for children | Youth activities

Free meal for everyone | Birthday celebrations | Small groups

OFFICE PHONE 870-367-2472

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES IN THE COMMUNITY

Children's books are placed in local public locations as reading corners for children.

KATHY TUMLISON PHONE 870-723-4054

BEREAVEMENT TEAM

Volunteers provide a meal for the family after the funeral of a loved one.

SANDY FUNDERBURG PHONE 870-723-1915

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Choir | Handbells | Praise Band | Children's Choir

KATHY LYON PHONE 870-308-1518

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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
5:30 PM FUMY Bible Study
6:00 PM FUMY Supper
6:30 PM FUMY Small Groups

Mondays:

5:30 PM Cub Scouts FH
6:30 PM Boy Scouts FH
6:00 PM Bible Study for Ladies

Tuesdays:

10:00 AM Prayer Team/weekly
12:00 PM Hopeful Hearts — 6/2
1:30 PM Wilma Hankins-Wesley Room 6/2
1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6/2
6:00 PM Executive Council — 6/9
7:00 PM Bible Study for Young Adults FH

Wednesdays: Weekly

3:30 PM Wednesday After-school Activities
3:30 PM FUMY Hang Time
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 PM FUMY Midweek
6:00 PM Chancel Choir
6:30 PM Small Group FLC Foyer/weekly
7:00 PM Bells of Hope
7:00 PM Praise Band

Thursdays:

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

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

John Carter:	Helen Guenter
Virginia "Gingy" Cuthbertson:	Helen Guenter
Eric Daniels:	Helen Guenter
Marie Albey Diffie:	Helen Guenter
Bonnie Garvey:	Helen Guenter
Brooke Jackson:	Helen Guenter
Rose Kinaga:	Helen Guenter
Thomas McCauley:	Helen Guenter
Jim Moore:	Debbie & Steve Morrison

Fifth Sunday Meal & Service Schedule

August 30, 2026 — 10 AM Meal; 11 AM Service
November 29, 2026 — 10 AM Meal; 9 AM Service
We need someone to coordinate the November 29 meal. If you are interested, call the church office at 367-2471.

Preaching Schedule for June

June 7, 2026 Scripture: Psalm 23 Rev. Bryan Diffie
June 14, 2026 Scripture: Psalm 51 Rev. Bryan Diffie
June 21, 2026 Scripture: Psalm 139 Rev. Bryan Diffie
June 28, 2026 Scripture: Psalm 34 Rev. Bryan Diffie

May Giving General Fund

May 3, 2026 — \$9,704
May 10, 2026 — \$7,948
May 17, 2026 — \$7,958
May 24, 2026 — \$5,144
May 31, 2026 — \$7,728
Weekly Amount Needed to Make Budget — \$11,592
YTD Budget Giving \$245,735
YTD Budget deficit \$9,286



**Communion in June will be
on June 7 during the 9 AM
and 11 AM service.**



**Hopeful Hearts will meet on
June 2 @ noon in the
Family Life Center.**

May Attendance

May 3, 2026: 11 AM — 141
May 10, 2026: 9 AM — 80; 11 AM — 63
May 17, 2026: 9 AM — 54; 11 AM — 82
May 24, 2026 9 AM — 58; 11 AM — 46
May 31, 2026 9 AM — 71; 11 AM — 50

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES

Class of 2026

Michael Blazier, SPPRC/Leader
John Kidwell, Trustees
Valerie Harvey, Treasurer
Bryan Diffie, Senior Pastor
Lori Fallon, Associate Pastor

Class of 2027

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

Class of 2028

Anthony Brown, SPPRC
Jaime Hunter, Trustees
Amanda Gilbert, Finance

May 19, 2026, Executive Council Meeting

In Attendance

Michael Blazier
Anthony Brown
Valerie Harvey
John Kidwell
Loyd Oxner
Audrea Stephens
Rev. Bryan Diffie
Amanda Gilbert

Not Present

Rev. Lori Fallon
Belinda Carpenter
Lynne Russell
Jaime Hunter

Meeting was brought to order at 6:02 P.M. by Michael Blazier. Rev. Bryan Diffie opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion: to accept the April meeting minutes as presented by Amanda Gilbert; seconded by Valerie Harvey. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business:

- Tommy Smith and John Kidwell filed a formal police report against Freedom Accessibility and are awaiting word on whether an arrest will be made. Because the payment was made electronically, the complaint involves wire fraud.
- Lynne Russell contacted Justin Harrison with Exxon about buying the van, but he did not return her call. The decals must be removed before the van can be sold. John Kidwell said he would buy a bottle of spray to test for decal removal. If it works, the church will order more and list the van for sale once the decals are removed.
- The committee reported that the strategic planning town hall was successful. Michael Blazier requested a special meeting to discuss next steps in the strategic planning process and said he would send an email to schedule it.
- Lynne Russell will obtain quotes to replace the carpet in the FLC and report back at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES CONT.

New Business:

None.

SPRC:

Lynne Russell met with the accountant about the payroll change for Lori Fallon's housing allowance, payroll now reflects the change

Trustee Report:

John Kidwell reported that he met with Michael James about the possibility of filing an insurance claim for roof damage. Michael said he doubted the repair would be covered and believed the church would be better served by paying for it directly. Audrea Stephens noted that new insurance is expected to be available in July. John asked whether lowering the insured amount would reduce the premiums, and Audrea said she would check and report back. The committee agreed that Lynne Russell will contact the current insurance company and request an adjuster to inspect the damage.

Finance Report:

Audrea Stephens presented the Special Accounts and General Account reports. Rev. Bryan Diffie noted that this is the church's first monthly deficit of the year and said he would share that update with the congregation during Sunday services.

Motion: to approve the financial report made by Amanda Gilbert and seconded by John Kidwell. All in favor. None opposed.

Senior Pastor Report:

- Thirty-two attended the men's fish fry at the Maxwell camp.
- Moving the men's prayer breakfast to Sunday mornings at 7:00am. Unsure when to begin this due to Summer.
- Five students were confirmed during last Sunday's service. Two are set to be confirmed this Sunday.
- Men's Sunday school class studying Paul's letters to the Ephesians. Attendance averages 5.
- Discussed creating a podcast on all thing Methodist.
- A weekly morning prayer and devotional service will resume June 3. This will also be a prayer guide to support the current strategic planning process.
- Discussed using Fan the Flame funds to cover the \$1,750 cost of the Rockefeller Institute Civic Arkansan Credential program for up to 30 FUMC members. The program would help the church think strategically about building a stronger community.

Motion: to approve moving forward with the Rockefeller Institute Civic Arkansan Credential program by using the Fan the Flame funds made by Anthony Brown and seconded by Audrea Stephens. All in favor. None opposed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES CONT.

Associate Pastor Report:

- Youth envelopes of support fundraiser raised \$10,000.00.
- FUMY rummage sale will be June 5 through June 6. The sale day will be June 5 and free day will be June 6. Donations accepted May 31st thru June 3rd.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 8 through June 10 from 9 AM to noon.
- Annual conference June 14th thru 17th
- Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota scheduled for June 27th thru July 4th.
- The youth is scheduled to help the Call and the Ronald McDonald House.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Bryan Diffie

Motion: to adjourn meeting at 6:45 PM made by Valerie Harvey and seconded by Amanda Gilbert. All in favor. None opposed.

Next regular meeting June 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM.





June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FUMY Rummage set-up 1p (Monday & Tuesday) Boy Scouts 6:30p	2 Prayer Team 10a Hopeful Hearts Noon Wilma Hankins Circle 1:30p Small Group 6:30p Young Adults 7p	3 FUMY Rummage set-up 5:30p Chancel Choir 6p	4 FUMY Rummage Sale set-up 9a	5 FUMY Rummage Sale 6:30-1p FLC	6 FUMY "Free" Day 6:30-11a FLC EHC Word Day FH 9a
7 Communion FUMY 6-8 p	8 VBS 9-12p Boy Scouts 6:30p	9 VBS 9-12p Prayer Team 10a Executive Council 6p Small Group 6:30p Young Adults 7p	10 VBS 9-12p	11 Feed Our Neighbors 11a	12	13
14	15	16 Prayer Team 10a Small Group 6:30p Young Adults 7p	17	18 FUMY/Project Transformation 8-2p	19 	20
FUMY Swim Party 12:30-3p		23 Prayer Team 10a Small Group 6:30p Young Adults 7p	24 FUMY Mission Devo Planning 5p All FUMY 6-8p	25 Feed Our Neighbors 11a	26	27 FUMY Mission Trip 7a
21 	22					
First Day of Summer NO FUMY						
28 NO FUMY	29	30 Prayer Team 10a Small Group 6:30p Young Adults 7p				