



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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World Communion Sunday

Every year on the first Sunday of October, we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Christian congregations all over the world will focus on unity and harmony that day. We have a special communion service planned involving several of our members. Though we are many, we are one when it comes to our Lord, our faith, and our baptism. There is a unity in the Trinity and in the creation God has given us. There is most certainly a unity in the love we share one with the other. In spite of there being so many Christian denominations, there are basic essentials of the faith that we all have in common. Let us come and unite as one body in Christ to worship him in spirit and in truth and the breaking of bread. The world will know we are Christian by our love. **Ellis**

The Reconciliation Special Offering

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry strengthen our Church's witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity. **Bradley Kidder, World Outreach Ministry Chair**



Fall Activities

Beans and Bingo is coming back! The day will be **Wednesday, October 18, at 5:00 pm**. More information to come later.

Also, if you have a picture of a family member or a person close to you who you would like to be recognized as a military veteran, please submit your picture with the name of the person to David Trent at spirodt@yahoo.com. There will be a picture video shown on **November 12**, which will be the day of our Thanksgiving Lunch in the Disciples Hall.

Randy Alexander, Membership Chair

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, October 1, 11:00 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, October 1, 5:00 pm** Youth Group
- **Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 3, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at The Vault 1905 Sports Grill, 624 Main St., Van Buren
- **Tuesday, October 3, 4:00 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Thursday, October 5, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 1

Chancel Choir
Disciples Bells
"World Communion Sunday"

Disciples Bells will meet at 8:30 am Sunday to rehearse. Chancel Choir will meet at 9:20 am to rehearse.

Elder for October

Connie Alexander—479-461-3830

Greeters for October

Jesse & Stephanie Bailey
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

Prayer Concern

Jack Jackson, Sr. had surgery Sunday and is in ICU. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Hope Campus

We will be collecting **ground coffee** to take to Hope Campus. Unused plastic ware from take-out food is also appreciated.

Book Club

You are invited to join the newly formed FCC book club. This group is open to all. We plan to meet the **third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm** in the chapel in the Administration Building.

October 19 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
November 16 My Name Is Lucy Barton and Anything Is Possible both by Elizabeth Stout

Community Outreach

Community Outreach is collecting new or homemade blankets for Mercy Oncology.

Community Outreach will begin packing snack bags for Community Service Clearing House, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on the **third Monday every other month**, beginning **October 16 at 10:30 am**. This should take about one hour. We need six-eight people to help with this mission project. Please call Elizabeth Vaughn if you would like to participate in this mission opportunity.

Memorials: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...
In Memory of **Nancy Mosley Tillery**, Elizabeth Vaughn's cousin, by Elizabeth Vaughn

Blood Drive and Artemis Project

The Blood Drive and the Artemis Project Fundraiser /Adoption Event have been postponed until **Sunday, October 22**.

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FOR THE RECORD September 17, 2023	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 3,200.00 12,612.00
Endowment To Date	25.00 280.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$28,024.83

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm-Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson, Interim Minister
Dianna Jackson, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Beth Oliver, Organist
Barbara Brown, Secretary
Pam Shelby, Financial Secretary
Randy Alexander, Custodian
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus