

“Intimacy is what makes a marriage, not a ceremony, not a piece of paper from the state.”

Navigational Aids
for the week beginning,



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12th of February 2012 the Season of Epiphany

Today's Reflections:

Matthew 19:1-26

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' [b]? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

Our Prayers



Our Church & the rebuilding process

Please write in the prayer requests people mention and take time during the week to pray for their needs.

OTHERS:

email prayer requests to Christy Estes at marycestes@yahoo.com

"Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." These words by John Wesley call us to ask that our money is a very real spiritual matter. As Jesus said, "Where are treasure is buried there also will be our hearts."

Our Presence, Our Gifts

Attendance: 114 -- Offerings for last week: \$ 2011.00

Year-to-date: \$8,214.00 --- 2012 Budget: 130,000

The money you give funds the ministry & mission of this community of faith; from the AC on Sunday morning to water wells being drilled in the Congo, our church depends on your gifts. Automatic Draft is available and strongly encouraged; the church continues on even when you are not here.

Our Service

Everyone in Ministry! Our goal this year is to have all members in ministry so please volunteer for the Pantry! Please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AA9AC2A1-food to register your volunteer times. This is our mission project and everyone needs to be involved!

You may sign up via Facebook or Website too, or Contact Amanda Ferm (619-9978 or amandagsf@yahoo.com)

We also purchase food from NWA Food Warehouse at the rate of 18 cents a pound...\$10 a month can help feed a family. Can you spare \$10, \$20, or \$50 a month to help families in need? Our Goal is to raise \$1000 per month to provide for those in need. if you would like to give to food purchases please mark your check: "H2O - Food Pantry." We also accept donations of clothing

& furniture on Saturday Mornings.



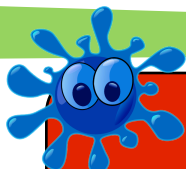
Seasons of the Spirit :

Epiphany

The Season of Epiphany connects the seasons of Christmas and Lent...it is a time of discovering the wonders of mysteries of God's Kingdom of Dreams...we move from the visit of the Magi to the Baptism of Jesus to his first miracle...the color is green to remind us of growth and life even in the midst of winter's death. The most powerful symbol of the season is "Light."



We invite you to drop off your babies and preschoolers to our Nursery in the Library where your kids will be cared for and taught basic bible stories thru videos and coloring stories: volunteers will be waiting at 9:45 to watch your children. We are located in the school library!



SPLASH!

During worship, elementary school age kids have the opportunity to join in fun, learning, and worship in a class specially set aside for their interests and needs. Of course your children are more than welcome to stay in worship, but if they seek something more attune to their special needs then Splash is the way to go...Amanda Gotwalt is our Children's Minister, and can be reached: 479.295.6798 or amandagotwalt@yahoo.com if you need more information.



We would like to thank Julie Kramer for the many months and years spent teaching our Grapple group...we are in the midst of transition so if anyone would like to mentor this group please let us know...

YOUTH (7th to 12 Graders)

Attention Youth 7 graders on up! VERITAS is coming to Rogers Feb 24-26th. This is a spiritual and worship event for youth from all over the state...come enjoy concerts, worship events, workshops, bible studies, and much much more. The event begins at 5:30, ending at midnight, resumes again Saturday from 8:30 till Midnight (all day) and the Sunday from 9 till 11 AM...if you are interested please let the pastor know (426-2547 or Facebook him)...



We STILL await the insurance company to issue their final report concerning payoff; until then WE can begin to make plans...couple of options to think/pray about: 1) Rebuilding on the current site with it's limited space, 2) Remodeling the Food Pantry as a worship space 3) Purchasing the CedarRidge Event Center and moving church there while selling off our other two properties. These are merely ideas, nothing has been discussed or decided -- those decisions will be left to YOU, the church.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is 21st of Feb at the Masonic Temple 805 NW 8th Street Bentonville Arkansas...

ASH WEDNESDAY is Feb 22nd...we'll have a special service of ashes at Centerton City Hall beginning at 6 PM.



Confirmation Class: This year we will be hosting our first Confirmation Class for 4th, 5th, 6th Graders (and whoever else is ready to learn the basics)...These classes will begin the week after Easter and will culminate on the Day of Pentecost where the kids will be asked to remember and accept their baptism. This will be based on the successful ALPHA Program used in England.

ALPHA CLASS: A unique and dynamic way of studying the bible from England...we are looking at starting our first class in the Spring. Until then, we are going to do a short term study on spiritual gifts and the Methodist Tradition.

NEWS

We understand a church can be confusing, so here are a few things that might help you gain a better understanding of what we do during worship...

Prayers

During the sharing of Holy Communion we invite you to light a candle and place it on the Altar Table as part of your offering of prayer with these words or words of your own, "As I now bring fire to this candle wick, making it glow with light, may I also bring the face of love to this time or prayer and worship." Or, "O gracious God who knows all our needs and who cares for us daily with such great love, be with _____ who is in great need of your presence. I light this candle of prayer and dedicate it for his/her needs. May your light surround him/her; may your love be his/her support and may your life flow through him/her."

Holy Communion

This table does not belong to the "Church," it belongs to God, and all are welcome to share in the blessings of this sacrament and mystery of this moment. Children are welcome for they can sense the wonder even if they do not understand, and they experience being loved by being fed. We take Communion by "intinction," after receiving the bread, dip it into the common cup. It is our prayer that we may all grow to be one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Baptism & Membership

An outward and visible sign of an inward transformation and new life that God promises to all people. There is a rich and diverse tradition found in the bible for baptism; from sprinkling to pouring to full immersion, but it is God who saves, not the water. As United Methodists we recognize all Christian Baptisms, and believe this sacrament should unite, rather than divide Christians. We practice "infant baptism," celebrating the promises of Grace God pours out on us even as a child. If you would like to join the church through the transfer of membership or celebration of baptism, please contact the minister.