



Our Church Family

We are so blessed to have Mike and Jill Barnett as a part of our Church! Mike and Jill do not have any children, but they call the Church family their own. They have two nieces, six nephews, three great nephews and seven great nieces and tons of youth kids that have become like family over the last 30 something years. Mike and Jill said, "For two people not blessed with biological children, we have an abundance of children that we are privileged to love and call our own."

Mike has a large family who ALL still live in Mountain Home where he grew up as the son of a Baptist preacher. Jill is a native of Malvern and this church where she grew up with her parents, the late Joe Connelley, mother Joanne and twin brothers, Jon & Jay.

Jill was born into this church and began in the crib nursery in the children's building which is across the hall from her, now, office. She was baptized, confirmed and married at FUMC Malvern. After volunteering and working for Asbury Methodist in LR and FUMC Hot Springs, she and Mike began attending here when she was hired as youth director in 2009. At that time, they only agreed to serve here for two years and now it has been nearly eleven years. Youth Ministry was a total surprise to Jill. She grew up in youth and always loved it but never saw herself being so invested in teenagers and their faith walks. She feels that it is a calling that God has placed in her life. She said, "This is



Mike and Jill also have a Chinese Pug Bulldog named "Sooie"!

such a wonderful time in their lives to show them God's love, and help them develop their relationship with God. Working with teens is not always easy but I am so thankful and blessed to be given the opportunity to do so." They both participate many church ministries. Jill said that Mike has worked in more kitchens, youth functions and done more grunt work around the church than most Youth Leader's spouses. They said, "FUMC Malvern is a beautiful facility that has been a second home to us. We have history here, were married here and are blessed to know some wonderful people here."

Order of Worship

Prelude - “O That Will Be Joyful” Glenda Aldridge, Music Director
Opening Prayer, Joys and Concerns. John Allen Funk, Liturgist
Call to Worship

Liturgist - “Great is our God and the promises made through Jesus.”

Congregation: Our hope is in God and our salvation through Jesus Christ.

***Opening Hymn** - “Take Time to Be Holy” UMC Hymnal 395

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

***Apostle’s Creed.** UMC Hymnal 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** UMC Hymnal 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Genesis 17:1-8 New Revised Standard Version

8 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

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Offertory - *“In God I Put My Trust”* Glenda Aldridge, Music Director

***Doxology** - *UMC Hymnal 95*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** - *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* *UMC Hymnal 452*
1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Spirit divine! Now hear me
while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

Sermon - *“A Majestic Faith”* Pastor Troy

***Hymn of Commitment**- *“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”* *UMC Hymnal 724*
1. On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan’s fair and
happy land where my possessions lie.

Refrain

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who
will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

Benediction - *“Spirit Song”* *UMC Hymnal 347*
1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your
heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend
upon your life and make you whole.

Have a Blessed Week!

WAYS TO
GIVE



ENVELOPE
check or cash



BANK DEBIT
recurring tithe



ONLINE
safe, and easy

Click to Give!



We Need Trunks!

**Saturday, October 31
3 to 5 p.m.**

Because of Covid this year, our Trunk or Treat event will be a bit different. We need for people to decorate their cars. We will line up along the street and as the children parade through, they will receive a bag of candy at the end. Please do not plan on giving out candy at your cars.

For more information, contact Jill at 501-622-0727

Let's help make this Halloween memorable for our children.

Malvern FUMC Covid Guidelines

No one ever imagined we would be eight months into this pandemic with no concrete end in sight. As a Church we have conducted a review of our covid-19 guidelines and want to share some of the information with you.

We continue our worship services at 8:30, 9:35 and 10:35.

The 8:30 worship service is in Toler Chapel. It is a more relaxed worship environment.

The 9:35 Drive-in service will continue well into next year. We do not plan to stop this stay-in-your-car service in the near future and encourage anyone who is at risk to come to this service.

Our 10:35 service has been shortened in its length. We are singing one verse to the hymns to limit the amount of time we spend together. However, we still as a congregation recite the Apostles Creed, celebrate a time of giving and sing the Doxology.

As we continue to worship together we prayerfully ask that you observe the following guidelines.

**Wear a mask when entering, exiting and moving around in the Church.*

**Observe social distancing at all times.*

**Enter and exit through the Narthex only.*

**Use the hand sanitizer as often as possible.*

**Some areas of the Church are currently restricted. Please abide by those restrictions.*

Everyone is welcome at Church!

We have a specially designed Children's Church during the 10:35 hour. The Children's Church is currently in the Fellowship Hall and is led by our Children's Minister Robbie. They have all kinds of fun activities for all the age groups.

We currently do not have plans to reopen the Nursery, but one of the sweetest sounds in Church is that of a young baby so we will be happy to make any accommodations we possibly can.

To help everyone follow our service and see the words to our hymns and creeds, we will supply a bulletin in the pews. Please take your bulletin home with you. An electronic copy of the bulletin will be sent each Thursday and we encourage the use of electronic devices to view the bulletins.

Unmatched Safety

Our Trustees recently met and have voted to add many layers of safety to our worship environment. We have sprayed all of our worship areas, including the Sunday School Rooms, Toler Chapel, Sanctuary and Narthex with a long-term disinfectant that kills most all bacteria and viruses, including Covid, for up to a year. Additionally, the Trustees voted to install especially designed air filter systems for our worship areas as well. These air filters kill nearly all bacteria and viruses, including Covid, within four hours. These added steps will ensure that our worship areas are as clean and safe as possible. These added measures are in addition to our already existing cleaning guidelines. We are working hard to help create the cleanest, and safest worship time we possibly can.



Each Wednesday starting October 21 Miss Robbie will have a Wednesday Night Children's program.

The program will start at 3:30 and is designed specifically for our Church Children.

We will celebrate VBS Curriculum,
"Rocky Railway"



Handbells are Chiming Again!

Our Handbell Choir has started to practice again! We have moved the practice area from the upstairs into the Wesleyan Room. Miss Glenda is excited to get back and has several arrangements for the Choir to practice. The new practice room has been disinfected and will have the special air filters for added protection.



If you'd like to be a part of our Handbell Choir, please contact Glenda. They meet each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.



Our Church recently held a mission event at the Graystone Apartments. We cooked hot dogs and provided chips and desert. The kiddos got a special treat courtesy of Louanne Rowe. Pictured are: Lew, Chris, Jodie, Katie and Pastor Troy. Taking the picture is Kathy.



Since Covid first hit, our Church has been closed to several Community activities which we hosted at our facilities. Also, we have several major events coming up with our community Thanksgiving meal and Christmas dinners.

To help us to once again become a center of community involvement, our Trustees have voted to adopt several new guidelines. Our worship areas, including our Sanctuary, Toler Chapel and Sunday School rooms will be reserved for Church functions only. In these areas, our Church Covid guidelines will be in effect.

The Fellowship Hall and kitchen area will be open to community groups. For these groups, we ask that they follow State, federal or CDC guidelines for their gatherings.

As we struggle to understand how to be the Church in our community during this time of pandemic, we feel strongly that we need to discern a way to accomplish our goals of keeping our Congregation as safe as possible while still reaching out to help others. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and much prayer, the Trustees feel like we can accomplish these goals. If you'd like to know more contact Gary Wilson, the head of our Trustee Committee or Pastor Troy.



Because this pandemic has driven us to the safety of our homes, we know that there are many people who do not have a regular connection with the Church. We are in the process of developing a list of people to send our weekly bulletins to.

Also, we have been working hard at updating our email list and creating one master list to help centralize our communications. But, whenever you have a big project, there will always be some mistakes. If you haven't been receiving our daily communications which include links to Pastor Troy's video devotionals or the weekly bulletin then we definitely want to hear from you.

Please tear off the bottom information sheet and drop it into the offering plate or mail it to us at: Malvern FUMC, 127 East Page Avenue, Malvern AR 72104.

Or you can answer online by clicking the link below or scan the QR Code with your phone:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QHu8D51OPFGUHIwIUyCvIERmxgBeNf0l0gcJmS6Nt2l/edit>

Contact Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Person(s) to Send Weekly Bulletin:

Would you like to help stuff envelopes? _____



*Open your
phone's camera
and scan this
QR Code!*

PRAYER REQUEST

Gracious God, I pray for the family of **Betty Tyer**. We will miss Betty, but know that You have welcomed her with loving arms. I pray for **Tim Seabaugh**. Tim is fighting cancer and I pray for his wellness and for his wife, **Beth** and their children. My Lord, I continue to lift up **John Helberg** as he battles colon cancer, surgery and treatments. I pray for **Renee and Harry Rimmer** and Renee's ongoing health problems and Harry's cancer and treatments. I pray for **Savvy Grace** the niece of Sandra Brosius. She was born with a rare disease. Please continue to be with her and her family. I lift up **Gracie Goss** - a young child who is recovering from brain surgery. They are getting married this weekend. I pray that their marriage will be long, happy and blessed. I ask for forgiveness of my sins and I pray for my Church, community and country. I lift up **Pastor Troy** and all of our staff and I just thank you for your lovingkindness. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Pastor's Books



Every month, I would like to share some of the books I am reading if you would like to read along with me. This month I am reading some books for our UMW Reading Program. I have started "Gum Moon" by Jeff Staley and "Failing Boldly" by Christian Coon. I have also been reading "Eat This Book" by Eugene Peterson. I highly recommend Peterson's book! I usually read on my Kindle because moving a ton of books is no bueno.

Bible Study

Pastor Troy has started a Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians each Tues. at 6 p.m. It is both in person and on Zoom. We would love for you to be a part of this!

UPCOMING EVENTS



On Wednesdays our Youth Group has started to meet again. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of this wonderful small group.

Visit Our Calendar!

<http://www.firstmethodistmalvern.org/calendar/>

Be sure and volunteer for our Halloween Trunk or Treat! We need your help!

Stay Connected

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Children's Church

During the 10:35 service, we offer a time for Children's Worship in our Fellowship Hall. Please see Robbie!