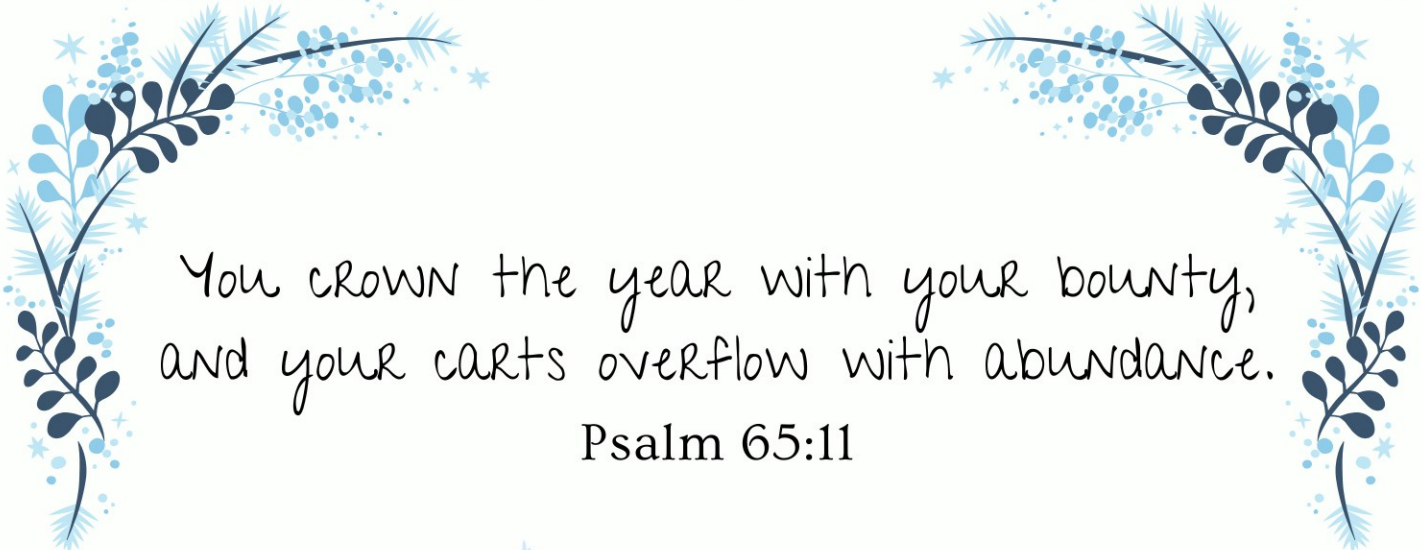


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

Psalm 65:11



The Pastor's Pen

January 2025 Newsletter
El Dorado First UMC

Happy New Year to our wonderful friends at El Dorado First UMC. It's a new year and day, and I genuinely look forward to all God has for us in the coming year. I am genuinely thankful for all the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices each of you has made over the past year. Without the people of this congregation, we wouldn't be able to serve the people of this community in the ways we have.

My hope for the coming year is that we as a congregation seek out new opportunities to serve our community in ways that are not being done and, second, meet some of the greatest needs. As we all know, our community has a lot of unmet needs, and if we tried to deal with all of them, it would be overwhelming. Some are more than one group that can handle things on their own. However, I am confident that we can identify at least one new project that will allow our congregation to serve our community in a new way.

One of the biggest things I look forward to during the first part of the new year is our 28-day Dynamite Prayer Experiment. During this time, I am inviting our entire congregation to spend the month of February praying using the language of possibility. This means we will ask, "What might God do if. . .?" This will give us the opportunity to tap into God's miraculous power and open new doors of possibility in our individual lives and our community.

We will be providing books for our entire congregation and look forward to hosting a discussion on Wednesday evenings about everyone's experience. Beginning on Sunday, February 9th, for the four weeks leading up to Lent, we will also be looking at the major themes in the prayer guidebook. I hope that these messages will help enhance our prayer experiment.

I feel this 28-day experiment will help us seek God's guidance and power as we explore new possibilities in ways we can be in service to and with our community. I look forward to our journey together in the new year, and all that God will do in and through our community of faith.

Pastor Allen



ACOUSTIC CAFÉ

Join us for *Acoustic Café* on January 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a friend and enjoy music, fellowship, and snacks!



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

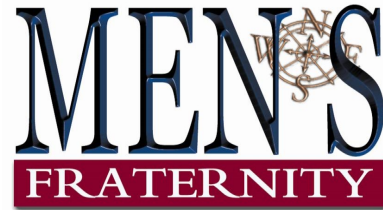
Join the United Women in Faith on Sunday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All women are welcome!



WOMEN'S EXERCISE MONDAYS

Join Women's Exercise Mondays each week at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a friend and start your week off right. All fitness levels are welcome



MEN'S FRATERNITY

Men's Fraternity meet each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Library



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Your weekly recharge

- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (Education Bldg. #308)
- 5:30 p.m. Church Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Classes (Ed. Bldg. 3rd Floor)
- Youth Small Groups
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir Practice



8:50 a.m. Service

Randy Jerry & Paul Stone

10:50 a.m. Service

January 5: Jerry Huffman & Rick Rainwater
January 12: Jerry Huffman & Floyd Thomas
January 19: Jerry Huffman & Dwayne Long
January 26: Jerry Huffman & Nate Evers

If you have a conflict on one of your scheduled Sundays and are unable to usher, please reach



FUMK WILL BEGIN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IN JANUARY 2025!



ANY CHURCH MEMBER INTERESTED IN ENROLLING THEIR CHILD AND WISHING TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITLIST CAN CALL 870-862-2570 OR EMAIL ASHLEYNASHFUMK@GMAIL.COM

January Birthdays

Karla Long	1/1	Melanie Gray	1/22
Dolores Nunnally	1/2	David Guthrie	1/24
John Baine	1/4	Walter Tyson	1/25
Whitney Moreland	1/6	Will Deming	1/26
Tommy Patterson	1/11	Brooks Burson	1/27
Suzanne Murphy	1/12	Jay Anthony Brooks	1/29
Bob Dudley	1/16		

memorials & gifts

Patricia Brantley

Randall & Nancy Whitmore

Mary Virginia Guthrie

Vicky DeLone

James Brown

Randall & Nancy Whitmore

Robert Hood

Vicky DeLone

Charles Cameron

Billie Cameron

Regina Pierce

Randall & Nancy Whitmore

Jane Dudley

Michael & Liz Young

C. C. Roger

Jo Ann Calloway

Randall & Nancy Whitmore

Clifton & Mary Vaughan

Winnie Hood

Beulah Thomas

Winnie Hood

Randy & Sylvia Thompson

Melanie Gray

Linda Bledsoe

David Matchet

Truman Channell

Rudy & Cherie Bright

Sammye Crawford

Mike & Ann Hayes

Vicky DeLone

Tammy Miller

Josephine Sugg

Myra Turnage

Randy & Sylvie Thompson

David & Mary Guthrie

Winnie Hood

Vicky DeLone

Bill Turnage

Winnie Hood

Vicky DeLone

Donna Wren

Winnie Hood

Judge & Mrs. David Guthrie

Adam Guthrie



In December, FUMK's 3k and 4k classes put on Christmas programs for their families that told the nativity story through songs and scriptures.



January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Years Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3	4
5 8:50a First Light 10:00a Sunday School 10:50a Sanctuary Ser.	6 10:00a Women's Exercise Monday 1:00p Prayer Ministry	7 8:30a Men's Frat	8 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:15p Handbells 7:00p Motet Choir	9	10	11
12 8:50a First Light 10:00a Sunday School 10:50a Sanctuary Ser. 12:00p Leadership Board Meeting 2:00p Women in Faith	13	14 8:30a Men's Frat 11:15a Fellowship of the Sent	15 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:15p Handbells 7:00p Motet Choir	16	17	18
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26 10:00a Sunday School 10:50a Combined Sanctuary Ser. Children's Sabbath	27	28 8:30a Men's Frat	29 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:15p Handbells 7:00p Motet Choir	30	31	



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