



Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision”

Lowella Cherry

Children’s Sermon

Karla Hefty

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

Linda Stanley

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on

my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Act of Praise – “Blessed Assurance”

Mary Tom Taylor, Sheila McLarty, Barbara Ballard, Brenda Matthews (handbells)
Lowella Cherry, piano

Sermon – “Timeless Promises for a New Year: God’s Promise of Blessing”



Please Register Your Attendance

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

Ways to Give – Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Feed the Need – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting soup for February. Place gifts in kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net.

New Study Opportunities

“Rule of Life” Study to Begin January 19 – What if? Have you made your New Year's resolutions? We so want to start the new year fresh with new habits and lifestyle only to fall flat within a month... or maybe even within the week! Why not start the new year differently? Instead of resolutions, let's seek a Rule of Life, i.e. habits and routines, that insure we stay close to God and others. Join us on Thursdays at noon beginning January 19. Rev. Teresa Holt will lead us as we learn from scripture, spiritual communities, and ancient prayer practices that could change our life and therefore even change our community and the world. Yes, just a simple Rule of Life can do that. The curriculum will be provided along with the tools necessary to start you on a life changing practice. An optional “deeper dive” curriculum will be available (at cost) for those seeking more introspective work. We will meet for four weeks and take a two-week break followed by four weeks in March. To sign up for the study, contact the church office at 501-623-5626.

Help Wanted at Outreach Thrift Store

Our United Methodist Outreach program is in need of more volunteers. We have several openings and hope that you will prayerfully consider helping out.

1. Volunteering at the Thrift Store on either a regular shift or as a backup. Our store hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00; Monday and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00. We have morning and afternoon shifts available.

We regularly receive donated items to sell. Volunteers price clothing and household items and place them out on the floor on racks or shelves. Some volunteers work the Cashier desk. Others organize the clothing racks, help clean the store or help display seasonal décor. Our volunteers also fill food boxes from our food pantry for clients who bring in vouchers from the Department of Human Services.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at 501-623-5626., and we will arrange for you to receive training and add you to the schedule.

2. Each week, volunteers take inventory of our food pantry, make up our shopping order and travel over to Project Hope Food Bank and purchase needed items. We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with this weekly shopping. It is necessary to have an SUV or pick-up truck to load the food.

If you are interested in volunteering to shop for our food pantry once or twice a month, please contact the church office at 501-623-5626 and we will give you more information and training.

3. In order for us to purchase food from Project Hope Food Bank, we must keep detailed records of our food distribution and complete quarterly reports. All the records are kept on the store computer in an Excel format. If you are knowledgeable in Excel and would like to assist with the recordkeeping, please contact the church office at 501-623-5626.