

Give Thanks

Grand Avenue UMC
November 21, 2021



Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Hymn – “We Gather Together”

Lowella Cherry

Children’s Sermon & Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Ellen Clements

Scripture Reading – Philippians 4:4-8

Bob Clements

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Anthem – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(arr. Chris Owenby)

Chancel Choir

Sermon – “From Anxiety to Gratitude”

Dr. Karla Hefty

*The flowers in our chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of their 49th anniversary by Carol & Joe Peters.*

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:

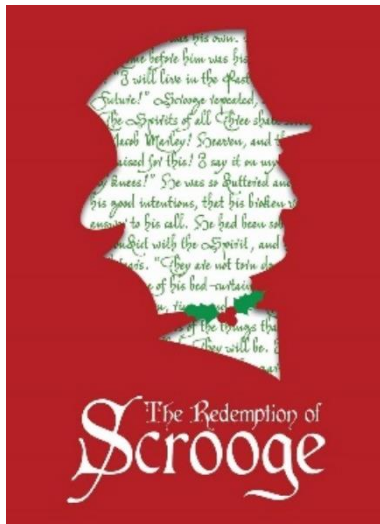
- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00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

Thanksgiving Meal – Grocery sacks are needed for distribution of the Thanksgiving meal. Also, if you have a non-perishable pie or cake donation, it can be dropped off on Wednesday, November 24th after 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Flowers for 2022 – A new flower calendar for 2022 has been created. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion, call Chris in the church office at (501) 623-5626. The cost of the flowers has increased to \$45 for the coming year.

Join us for “The Redemption of Scrooge” Advent Worship Series and Bible Study

Go from "Bah, Humbug!" to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.



Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? “The Redemption of Scrooge” shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent series will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Join us for worship each week beginning Sunday, November 28. If you would like to learn more, join us for Bible Study led by Pastor David & Karla Hefty:

In Person — Tuesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21 @ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Online — Tuesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Call the church office 501-623-5626 to sign up for either in-person or online class Study guides are available in the church office for \$10

United Methodist Outreach Thrift Store Needs Volunteers

The Outreach Thrift Store need volunteers to work! Workers sort, organize, and sell donated merchandise, and the proceeds provide food to families identified by AR Social Services and to support other local organizations. If you can work one or more shifts, please contact Becky Meadows at 501-282-9898. Shifts are as follows:

Monday – 10:00 to 2:00

Tuesday – 9:00 to 12:30 or 12:30 to 4:00

Wednesday – 9:00 to 12:30 or 12:30 to 4:00

Thursday – 9:00 to 12:30 or 12:30 to 4:00

Friday – 9:00 to 12:30 or 12:30 to 4:00

Saturday – 10:00 to 2:00

Grand Avenue's Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal

**Take-out meals only
featuring traditional
Thanksgiving turkey,
dressing, sides, and
dessert**

**Open to all on
Thanksgiving Day
11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Watch for details
coming soon!**



Masks are OPTIONAL The COVID Dashboard for the Arkansas Conference has turned "yellow" for Garland County. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. See below for details on our policy.

PLEASE NOTE: We are using the COVID Dashboard on our Conference website to determine our mask-wearing protocol. You may monitor the site at <https://arumc.org/covid19/dashboard/> In the box labeled "Please select your county" enter "Garland" and press "Enter." If the box in the result is red, we are experiencing a surge and everyone attending in-person worship will be required to wear a mask; if the box is yellow, mask wearing will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks at all times and practice social distancing.

You Can Now Give to the Church Through Texting

Grand Avenue has set up "Give by Text" through Vanco. You now have the opportunity to give online to some of our most popular giving funds, such as Community Meals, Blessing Box, Food for Backpacks, etc. To get started download the GIVE PLUS+ app from your app store. Search for Grand Avenue

United Methodist Church. The app will allow you to set up a new account or log in to an existing account. You can also choose to give without setting up an account. Once you select give, you will have the option to give to our general fund or several other frequently used funds. Our unique 10 digit phone number is 844-926-3814. Text the following words to this number to give:

- GIVE—to give to the general fund
- PANTRY—to give to the Blessing Box fund
- STORE—to give to our Outreach fund
- KIDS—to give to Food for Backpacks
- MEALS—to give to Community Meals
- SENIORS—to give to Food for Seniors

You will be guided through setting up your account the first time you use Text to Give.

The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. 501-623-5626; www.gaumch.org