



Dear FUMC Family,

I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday when we present Bibles to third grade students! This week in worship, we will also have the last sermon in the sermon series "When God?" from Habakkuk 3:16-19. In these verses, we read about how Habakkuk chose to set aside his anxiety and trust in God. His decision of faith allows him to live in peace. We may all feel like Habakkuk at various times in our life. Jo Blackburn of our church family has shared with me how she feels like a Habakkuk felt as she continues her battle with cancer. You may also find yourself asking "When God?" like Habakkuk. If you are feeling this way, I pray that you find yourself at a place of peace like Habakkuk also because of your trust in God.

"I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. 17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. 19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." Habakkuk 3:16-19

I am looking forward to Sunday October 15th when we will have a "Dinner on the Ground" from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm on our lots at 5th and Laurel. Tables will be placed under a large tent and there will be a Bounce House for the Children, plus an egg toss, and more. The meal will be a potluck meal so bring your favorite dishes and desserts to

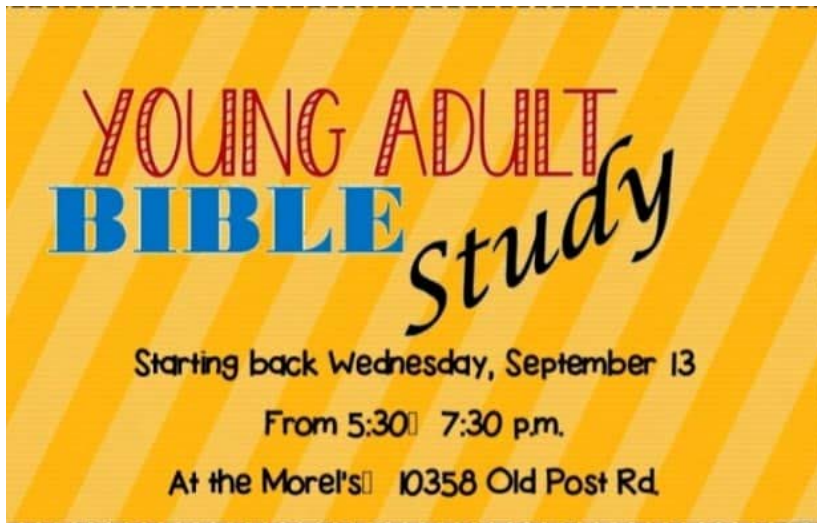
share. Just a suggestion to follow as to what to bring is if your last name begins with A-H bring entrees, I-M bring vegetables, N-S bring dessert, T-XYZ bring salads. Please bring your friends and relatives with you! Together we will make this such a great time of fellowship!

Bound for Branson to see the production of Queen Esther

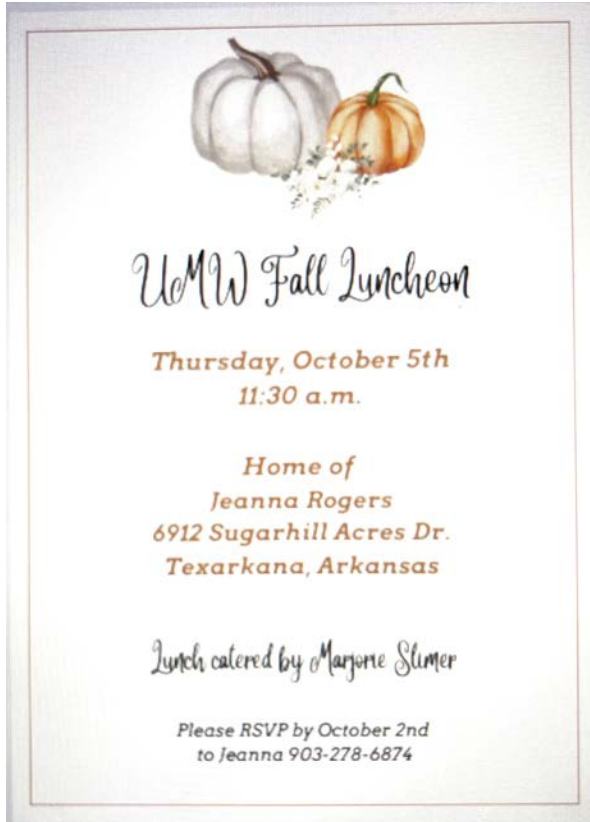


On Thursday the Blue Group left, heading to Branson to see the production of Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater in Branson, Mo. Please be in prayer for our friends safe travel. They have affectionately become known as Dew Rag Tony, Leather Chic Patti, and the Blue Ladies Gang.

Young Adult Ministry



The United Methodist Women's Fall Luncheon will be Thursday, October 5th at 11:30 at the home of Jeanne Rogers. The ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please RSVP Jeanne by October 2nd.



The Children are preparing for Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 15th. It is going to be a very special service of worship that you will not want to miss.





I need your support!!

Each year, Hospice of Texarkana has a fundraising event called Jeans and Bling. This year, I have been asked to be a participant. A team of friends and myself will be performing in Lip Sync Battle for Hospice Texarkana on October 7th at the Texarkana Convention Center. Will you please consider voting for me? Each vote is the price of a donation. You can use the QR Code or link found below to vote. The winner of the competition is chosen by the performer who raises the most money to support the mission of Hospice Texarkana! I greatly appreciate your support and I would love to see you there if you can attend.

<https://www.hospiceoftexarkana.org/.../jeans-bling-2023...>



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