



January 2023

Jesus said, “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matthew 23:12)

Why is it that some people have to always take credit for everything? Is it because they are trying to prove their worth or make sure there always will be a place for them? Why is it that some people always have to be noticed or have the last word? Jesus' words are so simple: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Our treasure is not of this world. The people who have inspired me the most in ministry have not been those who have blown their own horns. That kind of leader makes me nauseous!

Rev. Jim Faggart has always been one of my heroes in ministry. He served until his retirement, churches of different sizes and descriptions. He often preached about Stoney Hill United Methodist Church and the smaller churches he had served. Jim was a man who could get things done and his congregations loved him, but he never talked about himself or what he had done. Jim always lifted others up and sincerely celebrated their ministry. Jim's sincerity and humility encouraged several people to go into full-time ministry! Jim's ministry always pointed to God. That is how I heard God calling me into ministry. The day my father died, Jim came to our house within minutes. He picked up a vacuum and without saying a word began to vacuum the living room knowing people would soon be arriving. Jim also helped to clean up from my dad's hemorrhage. I saw Jim do things that only a Christian who was a true servant would do. My father, A. Francis Shaw was a quiet, strong man with a great deal of integrity. He lived out that one does the right thing no matter the cost. My ministry for the last thirty-four years has been shaped by these two great and humble men. Neither of them is alive today, but both are part of my great cloud of witnesses. Neither man took himself too seriously. Both loved to laugh, even at themselves. Both men put others before themselves. All of us at times miss the mark of truly trying to serve in humility. If we really do what this passage tells us to do, we will truly become a great Church in the likeness of Christ. I want to live out humble service each day of 2023, want to join me?

The Journey continues...

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Happy New Year!!! Welcome 2023...2022 is finally behind us. Let's look forward to a bright new year ahead and enjoy the good things that happen. Ardmore is planning more events to bring us together more so that we can renew old friendships and make new ones. We will get on track after the Covid years.

Our January Young at Heart gathering will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. in Bob Martin Hall. It should be a magical time for all. We will have a buffet lunch and the cost will be \$10.00/ person. Let's hope that the weather cooperates...I'm optimistic that it will. Invite friends to join us. I'll send an email and we'll make phone calls to get your reservations by January 22. Many thanks to Judy Lundgren and Laureen Spaugh for helping with the calls. I hope that we all enjoyed our Christmas party in December of last year. Wasn't it fun!

As we begin the new year, let's make a resolution to keep in touch with our homebound members and those who are dealing with health issues or sadness in some way. January can be hard sometimes, with the cold, dreary weather; we may all need cheering up at times. I found this quote that fits with the cold weather and keeping in touch this winter, "Friends keep us warm inside." (unknown) Remember to let me know if you need contact information for Ardmore friends. Let's make a difference with our friends this year.



Peace and Love to All,



Hello Ardmore UMC,

We would like to start off by saying thank you! Thank you for allowing Kris and I the honor of serving as stewardship coordinators. During the month of October we kicked off the 2023 campaign by asking you to give careful thought and consideration on how you would commit to God's service here at Ardmore. Your response to date has been amazing. Financial pledges are up from last year, lots of commitments to be present for worship, and commitments to service through one or more of the amazing groups and activities here at Ardmore that serve the community and share's God's love. We were humbled by the turn out and impact of our recent Food Pantry and Thanksgiving community meal. What you/we do at Ardmore matters. So again, we want to say thank you for your commitments to stewardship, as we begin a new year with 2023. I would be remiss if we did not say it's not too late! If you have not yet found the time to submit your commitment card for 2023, it's ok and it really is not too late. Send it this week, make it part of the new year resolution!

Wishing each of you the very best for this new year and your commitments to Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, & Witness.

Thank you and God's peace,

Jay & Kris Jackson

Stewardship Coordinators 2023



Dear Friends of AUMC,

As this Christmas season comes to a close, my heart is full. Serving here with you is a great joy. The cards, gifts and generous gift from the church make me feel so blessed. I will be using the gift from Staff Parish to help buy a new computer to use in worship.

Thank you again for your generosity!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Neill

Food Pantry needs:



Cases of:

Canned chicken, fruit, vegetables, individual cans or boxes of juice, boxes of cereal
Period Products for females
Adult and Children's Diapers

Blessing Box needs:

Flip top cans for vegetables, fruit and meats
Shelf milk
Oatmeal
Cereal
Beans of all sorts
Peanut Butter

Eighty Nine Angel Tree gifts were selected and beautifully prepared for the Sprague Street "Open Arms Ministry" and individuals for Christmas. All gifts were at the church and ready to be delivered on Monday, Dec 19. Truly your time sincerely given within these gifts were expressions of "Loving God and Neighbor". Thank you.



Alternative Gift Cards supporting the Bi-Weekly ministries of the Food Pantry were purchased and given by many of you. These proceeds are 100% for the purchase of needed food and supplies needed for making these distributions life sustaining. Thank you.

Appreciation is extended to all who have and will continue working together on the Outreach of Ardmore UMC. The Mission Engagement Team of Ardmore UMC includes all of our church family, with special appreciation to the leadership of our Mission Engagement Team: Cathy Amos, Cindy Bullock, Carolyn Coram, Daughn Eagan, Eva Jane Felts, Les Hall, Mitzie Kepley, Pastor Katy-Medinas Lockley, Leslie Mullinix, Nancy Norton (representing the United Women of Faith), Darlene Owens, Beverly Roach and Abigail Spencer. Committee Member, Daughn Eagan, graciously responded with her willingness to be the Chairman of this Committee for 2024.

Ardmore UMC will continue its partnership with the wintering ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church for sheltering homeless women each night through March 31. Volunteers for hospitality and evening meals are **greatly needed**. Please check out the Volunteer Sign Up and make at least one commitment to ways you can be in God's service of compassion and care to these women and the amazing team of leaders at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Parkway Dr in our Ardmore neighborhood.

Thursday Dec. 29 Meal Mission Engagement Team

Tuesday Jan. 1 Meal "Christian Believers" Wednesday evening study group

Thursday Feb 9 Meal "The Adventure" Sunday morning Unity Group

Saturday March 18 _____ VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED to provide this meal

The Sign-Up website for volunteering day by day through the entire winter sheltering season at St. Timothy's Shelter is: <https://signup.com/go/StTimothysShelter22>

Any questions or need for assistance in signing up to volunteer, please contact Carolyn Coram (sailingcoram@cs.com) or telephone the church office for assistance.



**ALL PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
AGE KIDS ARE INVITED TO A**

**PLAYGROUND
PARTY!**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH
(10AM-11AM)**

ARDMORE UMC PLAYGROUND

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
PLAYGROUND PARTY'S 1ST BIRTHDAY!
GAMES, CRAFTS & A SWEET TREAT**

JANUARY

Kids Worship & Events Schedule

Join us on Sunday mornings during our 10AM or 11:15AM Worship Services for a Kids & Family Worship Experience. This is a fun, interactive and engaging time of worship for kids pre-k – 5th grade, we also invite parents to join in!

DATE	THEME	ACTIVITY & CRAFT
01/01/2023 11AM	 NEW YEARS DAY CELEBRATION! Join us for Worship and a fun New Years Day Celebration that you don't want to miss!	
01/08/2023 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Finding Happiness Mark 1:4 – 11	Game: Water Play Craft: Paint with Water
01/14/2023 10AM	 PLAYGROUND PARTY! 10AM – 11AM at Ardmore UMC Playground Celebrate the Playground Party's 1st Birthday with Fun Games, Crafts & A Sweet Treat!	
01/15/2023 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Follow Me Mark 2:13 – 17	Game: Food & Friends Craft: A Special Feast
01/22/2023 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Feeding Five Thousand John 6:1 – 14	Game: Fish Face Craft: Enough
01/29/2023 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Walking on Water Mark 6:45 – 52	Game: Fears Wash Away Craft: Faith Feet



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a blast in our Nursery each week with games, crafts & Bible Stories! It is available during the 10AM & 11:15AM Worship Services for children 4 and under. Come Join Us In Room #120!



JANUARY 2023 SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST
NO YOUTH GROUP – NEW YEARS DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
Game: Canceled New Year's Edition / Devotion: Resolution Runner (Week #1)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH
Volunteer Opportunity: Playground Party (10AM – 11AM)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
Game: Nerf Wars / Devotion: Resolution Runner (Week #2)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND
Game: Spot the Lie / Devotion: Resolution Runner (Week #3)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH
SUNDAY FUNDAY @ BOWLERO (Bowling & Snacks)



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to and from Ardmore United Women in Faith!

Now it is officially 2023! Personally I have a very good feeling about this new year. The sound "2023" just has a nice ring to it. In our Ardmore UWF Unit as well as our congregation I see an upward trajectory. The sky's the limit! Let's make it so.

Events past...but worth a mention: The Martha/Deborah (combined) Circle hosted a Christmas tea on December 14. It was very festive and the company was delightful. We WILL repeat this event, and we hope to see many more of our sisters attending when we do.

Events Future: Ardmore UWF *still needs your input: please help us identify church members (yourself or others) who have college students or recent military inductees in their households. Pass this information along to any United Women in Faith member or just drop off a name in the office so that we can get our Church Mouse Program up and running at least for the second semester. This was a well received project last year. It was also fun! Let's do it again.*

Circle meetings will resume in this new year. Please support your circle.

If you would like general information about United Women in Faith or if you are interested in a particular circle to visit/join here are some contacts for you to call or text:

Nancy Norton (336)268-7878; Elizabeth Martin (336)406-6168; Carolyn Webster (336)971-3402; Liz Lamphear (336)813-0377. We'd love to hear from you.

Many Thanks to all who have remembered to drop off *Period Products and/or UMCOR Hygiene Kit items in the appropriate tubs in the Mission Closet (or the church office...labelled "FOR UWF")*. I checked the Mission Closet just yesterday and was pleased to see both tubs nearly full to the top.

Final thought: We of United Women in Faith believe that *love in action can change the world*.

Till February then...Blessings! Nancy Norton, President AUWF



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Jan 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 11am - Epiphany Sunday 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	2 Office Closed	3 Staff Retreat 11:30am - Stephen 6:30pm - Church Council	4 Staff Retreat 10am - Ardmore Stitches 6:30pm - Christian 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	5 9am - MM Breakfast @ 5:30pm - Food Pantry @	6	7
8 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 2pm - Baby Shower for 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 4pm - Pour Theology @	9 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 5:45pm - GS Junior Troop	10 6pm - Christian Believers 6:30pm - SPRC	11 10am - Ardmore Stitches 6:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - GS Troop 2323 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	12 9am - MM Breakfast @	13	14 10am - Playground Party
15 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	16 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - GS Troop 10116 7pm - Mission	17 11:30am - Stephen 6:30pm - United	18 10am - Ardmore Stitches 12:30pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Christian 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	19 9am - MM Breakfast @ 5:30pm - Food Pantry @	20	21 2pm - Ardmore
22 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 12:30pm - Leadership 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	23 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 5:45pm - GS Junior Troop 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	24 11:45am - Young at Heart 6:30pm - Worship	25 10am - Ardmore Stitches 6:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - GS Troop 2323 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	26 9am - MM Breakfast @	27	28
29 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	30 12pm - Ronald McDonald 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @	31	1	2	3	4

JANUARY

1/01
Joanne Hamlet

1/02
Barbara Creasy

1/04
Jack Kennedy

1/13
Suzanne Johnson
John Robbins

1/16
Fred Jordan

1/19
Bill Christy

1/22
Liz Lamphear

1/23
Polly Baucom

1/25
Jennifer Chapman
Gaither Davis

1/28
Genie Reynolds

1/29
Margaret Browning


Congregational Concerns

We pray for those who:

Need healing: Maya Brawley, Sylvia Caldwell, Jan Carter, Ruth Carter, Jane Click, Alice Dalton, Patrick Edenfield, Betty Frazier, Bethany Goodman, Peggy Hall, Joanne Hamlet, Dianne Hodges, Cynthia Hulet, Hattie Hauser, Charles & Mavis Hedrick, Ruby Houlden, Sara Knott, Elizabeth Martin, Ken Norton, Roy Nifong, Darlene Owens, Sylvia Powell, Genie Reynolds, Chris Steele, Harry Steele, Sherry Stevens, Pat Weaver, Ralph (Tom) White, Sue Wilkinson and Jane Wooten.

Need comfort: Family of our TTWS director and friend, Robin Fulk who entered her heavenly home on December 14. Family and friends of Delores Kanouse who entered her heavenly home on December 14. Prayers for Moore family, Marva's mother, Doris Lowe who gained her wings on December 22.

Who come to Our Father's Table Food Pantry/Clothing Closet.



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Join us Sunday mornings for online worship

Traditional 10:00am
Contemporary 11:15 am

<https://www.youtube.com/ardmoreunitedmethodistchurch>