

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER





Welcome to FUMC, Rev. Amanda Smith and Family!

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Amanda Smith as the new pastor of First United Methodist Church of El Dorado! Amanda will lead her first service with us on Sunday, July 6, and we invite everyone to a special Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to greet her and her family.

Amanda comes to us from Norphlet UMC, bringing a heart for meaningful worship, community outreach, and discipleship. She is joined by her husband Eric, a Manufacturing Lab Technician at Chemours, and their three children: Ava (11th grade), Emery (6th grade), and Madison (8 months).

She holds a B.A. in Biology from Centenary College of Louisiana and a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of

Theology at SMU. Amanda is active in both civic and church leadership, serving on the board of Interfaith Help Services and participating in conference worship planning and clergy development.

Whether hosting a dinner party, cheering on LSU and local football teams, or sharing coffee and conversation, Amanda and her family are excited to connect, serve, and grow with the FUMC community.

We look forward to the energy, compassion, and vision Amanda brings to our church. Let's join together in prayer and celebration as we begin this new chapter in ministry.

*You're
Invited!*

Sunday, July 13 | 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a
Welcome Reception
honoring
Rev. Amanda Smith and Family



Come enjoy light refreshments and
fellowship as we greet our new pastor!

July 6—Fourth of July Weekend & Welcome Rev. Amanda Smith:
10:50 a.m. Combined Sanctuary Service

July 13—August 24:
8:50 a.m. FirstLight Service (Chapel)
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service

August 31—Labor Day Weekend:
10:50 a.m. Combined Sanctuary Service



SUMMER
Worship
SCHEDULE

HELP THE FOX FILL THE BOX!



**SOCKS & UNDIES DRIVE
FOR EL DORADO STUDENTS**

For Children in Grades K - 6

WHAT TO BRING:

- New socks (all children sizes)
- New underwear (boys' and girls' sizes)

Let's lift up little learners—one pair at a time! Because every child deserves a clean and confident first day.

COLLECTION DATES: June 15-July 15



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Join us for Acoustic Café on July 15,
at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring a friend and enjoy music,
fellowship, and snacks!

MEN'S
FRATERNITY

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



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



8:50 a.m. Service
Randy Jerry & Paul Stone

10:50 a.m. Service
July 6: Jerry Huffman & Nate Evers
July 13: Jerry Huffman & Michael Young
July 20: Jerry Huffman & Greg Thomas
July 27: Jerry Huffman & Rick Rainwater

If you're unable to usher on your
scheduled Sunday, please reach out in the
group text to request a swap.



Hannah Black	7/6	Melissa Jerry	7/15
Thomas Brewster	7/7	Lauren Russell Fitzgerald	7/18
Catherine Nobles	7/7	Mary Thomason	7/20
Ryan Murphy	7/8	Mark Carpenter	7/20
Journey Moreland	7/10	Kay Patterson	7/22
Holly Thomas	7/12	Morgan Huffman	7/23
Mary Guthrie	7/14	Dwayne Long	7/26
Jack Lolley	7/14	Michelle Smart	7/28
Kenny VanHook	7/15	Cleifton D. Vaughan	7/29
		Jill Stone	7/29



We Are Hiring!

Administrative Assistant

Part-time position supporting the day-to-day ministry of FUMC. Tasks include preparing bulletins and newsletters, managing calendars, assisting staff, and creating posts and graphics for social media.

If you are interested, or if you know someone who might be a great fit, please contact Andrea at fumcedfs@suddenlinkmail.com. Starts early August.

South Arkansas UMC Round Robin Summer Services

This summer, join us for a special series of evening worship services as United Methodist churches across South Arkansas come together for a *Round Robin* preaching rotation. Each Sunday evening at 6:00, a different church will host a visiting pastor from one of our neighboring congregations. It's a wonderful opportunity for connection, community, and shared worship.

Schedule of Services – All begin at 6:00 pm:

- **July 6** at *Hampton UMC* (204 S 2nd St, Hampton) with Rev. Ron Grigsby of Thornton UMC
- **July 13** at *Thornton UMC* (212 E 2nd St, Thornton) with Rev. Mary Stewart of Norphlet UMC
- **July 20** at *El Dorado FUMC* (201 S Hill Ave, El Dorado) with Rev. Randy Seale of Fairview UMC
- **July 27** at *Smackover FUMC* (500 W 7th St, Smackover) with Rev. Beth Waldrup of Camden FUMC
- **August 3** at *Norphlet UMC* (200 E Padgett St, Norphlet) with Rev. Gary Snead of Hampton UMC
- **August 10** at *Fairview UMC* (1215 Fairview Rd SW, Camden) with Rev. Robin Roark of Smackover UMC
- **August 17** at *Camden FUMC* (121 Harrison Ave, Camden) with Rev. Amanda Smith of El Dorado FUMC

FUN IN THE SON Summer

Ages 1st Grade and Up!

Trip to Logoly State Park & Alexander Farm THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

Depart: 8:00 AM from FUMC

Activities: Hiking, a program on reptiles by a Park Ranger, hot dogs, and a visit to Alexander Farm

Return: 1:30 PM for pickup at FUMC

McCollum-Chidester House & Carnes Park THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

Depart: 9:00 AM from FUMC

Activity: Tour the Civil War era home and have lunch and play at Carnes Park

Return: 1:30 PM for pickup at FUMC



July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30a Men's Frat	2	3	4 	5
6 <i>Rev. Amanda Smith's first Sunday</i> 10:00a Sunday School 10:50a Combined Sanctuary Ser.	7 10:00a Women's Exercise Noon Prayer Min. 3:45p Staff Meeting	8 8:30a Men's Frat	9	10 8:00a Fun in the Son Trip to Logoly State Park	11	12
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