

# FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Connection Point Newsletter

“COME AND SEE.”  
JOHN 1:39



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL

Excitement is in the air! Yes, that's right! Our full programming is returning in September and we have some new and exciting additions. Many of you will notice that we did not slow down much during the summer months. We actually increased our mission and outreach to our community. We have devoted a ton of groceries to the Roanoke Food Pantry to feed hungry bellies in our community and we gave a mountain of school supplies for children in need. Excitement continues to build and we have such high hopes for what the Fall and Winter months will bring. What can you do? Invite your friends and family to experience the amazing worship and programs here at Fellowship United Methodist Church. Something new is happening and I invite you to catch the spirit and invite others to be a part of this new era of ministry and mission to our community. In the Gospel of John, we see a phrase used on 4 occasions, "Come and See." Each of these times, Jesus invites us to come and experience the depths of Jesus' ministry and teachings. What better invitation to a hurting world than for each of us to say, "Come and See!"

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Bill



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Jason Chavarria,  
Worship Arts Director**



I have only been here a few months as your new Director of Worship Arts, and I'm so glad to be among such a gracious and vibrant church! I am amazed by the dedication, hospitality, and genuineness of the Fellowship UMC congregation. Your support and participation are invaluable, and I'm so grateful to be on this journey with you.

As we gear up for the exciting Fall season, we have many musical opportunities for you to dive into. The Chancel Choir is already in full swing, preparing beautiful offerings for worship and working on a majestic Christmas cantata "And the Word Became Flesh," composed by my friend Dan Goeller. The music we are singing this Fall is uplifting and inspiring, so if you've ever been interested in joining the choir, now is the time!

Our handbell choir will be starting soon, and we are excited to welcome new members! Do you know how to read music and enjoy making music with a fun ensemble? Handbells might just be for you! Keep on the lookout for the rehearsal schedule.

The best thing about music ministry is the making of music solely for the purpose of glorifying God. I hope you will be inspired to join us in our privilege of leading music for worship, and if making music is not your gift, I hope you will be inspired by the work that we do and the message of love, grace, and hope we seek to convey.

**"PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY; PRAISE HIM IN HIS  
MIGHTY HEAVENS. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ACTS OF POWER;  
PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS!"  
PSALM 150:1-2**



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Betsy Modrzejewski,  
Director**

September is finally here and Ark Kids have much to look forward to this Fall: Back-to-School Sunday, the return of Children's Choir, the Prayer Buddy program kick off, Trunk-or-Treat, and more!

On Sunday mornings, our theme is "Live Bright" and we'll be exploring how we can shine Jesus' light by showing compassion for others. This year in Sunday School we are focusing on learning how to navigate our Bibles. Children's Chat services will be filled with music, Bible Stories, creative activities and discussion. We continue to make cards and pray for our beloved Sunday School teacher Ms. Ann in the midst of her serious health challenges.

**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SO OTHERS CAN SEE IT. THEN  
THEY WILL SEE THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO. AND THEY  
WILL BRING GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."  
MATTHEW 5:16**


Introducing THE CLUBHOUSE, an exciting and enriching kid's program designed for outdoor play, creative learning and giving back! Kids of all ages will participate in meaningful charity work, where they learn the importance of helping others. Creativity will flow during craft sessions, where kids can explore their artistic side with hands-on projects. Plus, they'll enjoy the outdoors with supervised playtime. Join us Wednesday nights from 6-7pm on the playground for weekly sessions filled with fun, friendship and growth.

September: Rock Painting for a Cause  
This month at The Clubhouse, Ark Kids will be painting rocks for a fundraiser benefiting the Roanoke Food Pantry.


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# THE CLUBHOUSE

**Wednesdays 6-7PM**



**This Month:  
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for a Cause**

  
COVER STORY

## Meet Me at the Playground!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

***Tyler Sweatt, Director***



As we wrap up this summer, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our youth ministry. This season has been nothing short of incredible, and it's all thanks to the dedication and support of our wonderful volunteers and parents. Your commitment to our youth has created a vibrant, enriching environment where young people could grow, learn, and enjoy unforgettable experiences. Each event, outing, and gathering was infused with your care and enthusiasm, making this summer not only successful but truly special.

The impact of your involvement extends beyond just the fun activities. It's seen in the strengthened faith, the new friendships, and the happy, confident faces of our youth. Your time, energy, and love have made a lasting impression on their lives.

Thank you for being such an integral part of this ministry. Your selflessness and devotion are the backbone of our success. Here's to all the memories we've made and the many more to come. Together, we've crafted a summer that will be remembered for years to come.

**"THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS EXCELLING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, KNOWING THAT IN THE LORD YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN."  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

We are excited to announce that we will be returning to our regular youth schedule! Join us for "The Hangout" every Wednesday night from 5-7 pm, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner, fun games, and great fellowship. And don't miss "Fellowship Night Live" on Sundays from 4-6 pm for an evening filled with engaging activities and meaningful connections. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing these special times together!

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS



## FALL CHURCH PROGRAMING

### ***Resumes September 4th***

We're excited to announce that our Fall Program kicks off on September 4th! Join us for a season full of engaging weekly and monthly events designed to bring our community together in joy and fellowship. From inspirational services to fun activities for all ages, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the spirit of the season!

### ***Special Sundays***

Save the date for these exciting special Sunday events this Fall! On September 8th, join us for Back-to-School Sunday, where we'll bless backpacks and celebrate our students' return to class. That same day, don't miss the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation, marking a significant milestone in our children's spiritual journey. We also invite you to our Mission Fair, where you can get involved in our church and explore volunteer opportunities. Additionally, on September 22nd, we'll present Bibles to our Confirmation candidates in a special ceremony. These events are a wonderful way to engage with our community and support each other in our faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM Modern Worship, Legends Hall  
11:00 Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10: 00 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Chancel Choir  
5:30 PM Bible with Bob, Room 108 & 109

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### MONDAY

10:00 AM-11:00 AM-Creative Christian Women, Room 110

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### TUESDAY

7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study, Dove Creek Cafe  
8:30 AM- Men's Bible Study, Breakfast Club 51

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### WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM-6:00 PM-Family Fellowship Dinner, Legends Hall  
5:00 PM-7:00 PM-The Hangout (youth)  
6:00 PM-7:00 PM- Bible Study with Pastor Bill, The Gospel of Matthew, Room 110  
6:00 PM-7:00 PM- The Clubhouse (children)  
7:00PM-8:30 PM- Chancel Choir