

*Lonoke First United Methodist Church*

**The James and Lucille Nix Youth Center**

The September Church council voted unanimously to name the fellowship hall at the previous Presbyterian Church the "Nix Youth Center". James was an educator and cared deeply for the youth of Lonoke, he and Lucille have both been key leaders for our church. We would like to honor James and remember Lucille by naming this new purchase them for their commitment to the church and their faithful witness for Jesus.

A donation for signage has already been received and will be up soon. If you would like to walk through the newly purchased buildings call the church office to set up a tour of the grounds. Currently the Nix Youth Center is being used for "in person" and combo zoom and "in person" meetings. This was where our UM Kids met before Covid and the youth will eventually meet.

Our charge conference voted in March to purchase the property. But it was not until Au-

gust that we were able to close because of some zoning issues. I want to thank everyone who helped make this purchase possible from sitting in city meetings to working with the bank. I also look forward to how the Lord will use this space in the coming years.



A few of our youth that attended our first fall 2020 meeting.

**Moving Forward**

As you may have seen over the last month we have lowered some of the restrictions on our Sunday morning worship services. The bishop has loosened some of the restrictions and so we are no longer are having people do RSVPs and we have increased the number who worship on Sunday morning. We will continue to provide virtual options for all of our programming as we continue to move forward.

If you are unable to watch our Sunday Morning services please let the church office know. We will try to find you a solution so you can worship with your church family. We want everyone to be able to fully participate in the life of the church and still feel safe during these times.

**Youth Group Begins**

This week were able to have our first youth group of Fall 2020. We started out conservative and did not serve food, socially distanced in the sanctuary, and only met for an hour. But our youth were great as they leaned in even though it was a little different. Remember that youth group is each Wednesday from 7 to 8! If you have a kid from 6th to 12th grade or know any - let them know about our youth group. We have some great kids!

If you have a youth who would lime to join us virtually please let me know and we can create an option for them!

**Moving Forward**

Each Monday we will be sending out an informational email about the week and upcoming activities. We will also share similar information on Facebook Live in the afternoon. If you are not able to receive information through Facebook or email and would like a paper copy, please let the church office know.

Church Office Info:  
 Monday-Friday, 9am-2:30pm  
 (501)676-6767  
 fumclonoke@sbcglobal.net

**Get Involved**

There are several different ways to get involved in the church and continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus. We are currently offering small groups for the purpose of building community and organizing our lives around the means of grace that were important for spiritual growth in the Methodist Revival that swept England. We have groups that can meet virtually, "in person" or a combination of the two.

We are also offering a Tuesday night Bible study from 6 to 7. Right now we are studying The book of Ephesians. Beginning this coming week on Tuesday, October 13 we will be opening the room up for anyone who would like to come and study in person. We will continue to stream on Facebook live. There are also many different ways to serve, so please be watching for our weekly emails and monthly newsletters on ways that you can serve and be involved in the church.

**New Sermon Series**

**God Is With Us**

During the next seven weeks we are going to take a deep breath and remember how God is with us. We are going to do that by taking a look at the 7 miracles the writer of John talks about in his gospel. The miracles of Jesus in the book of John were to get people's attention to look into Jesus or to build their faith. Each one was a reminder to the reader then and now that God is with us.

Let's walk through these miracles together and see how God is trying to speak to us. I hope to see you this Sunday.

# October 2020

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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4 <i>In Person or Virtual Service 9am</i>	5	6 <i>Bible Study 6-7pm</i>	7 <i>Youth Group 7-8pm</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>In Person or Virtual Service 9am</i>	12	13 <i>SPRC Meeting, 7pm Bible Study 6-7pm</i>	14 <i>Youth Group 7-8pm</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>In Person or Virtual Service 9am and Church Council, 7pm</i>	19	20 <i>Bible Study 6-7pm</i>	21 <i>Youth Group 7-8pm</i>	22	23	24
25 <i>In Person or Virtual Service 9am</i>	26	27 <i>Bible Study 6-7pm</i>	28 <i>Youth Group 7-8pm Blood Drive 1-5pm</i>	29	30	31

## Prayer List

Our prayers are with:

Neal Anderson, , Patsy Goode, Kenny James, Ron Gault, Willie Glover, Robin Smith, John Bridges, Valerie Thompson, and Diana Finley .

If you have any changes or additions to the prayer list, please call or email the church office. (501)676-6767 [fumclonoke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumclonoke@sbcglobal.net)

