



**Vilonia United Methodist Church**

*Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus*

# *Around the Table*

Pastor's Update

March 5, 2025

## **VUMC Staff**

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Chad Hornsby

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Viloniaumc.org

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Facebook.com/ViloniaUMC

VUMC Family,

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. During Lent we often think of giving something up, or taking on some sort of spiritual challenge, but why? As you consider how you will observe and maybe even celebrate Lent, ask yourself, what is it that would help me bring myself closer to God? How can I experience God's abundant and foolish love more frequently in this season?

Often we think of Lent as a New Year's resolution part two, but Lent is not our New Year (we did that at Advent). Lent is about self-examination and considering how we might continue on our journey to Christian Perfection in the next 40 days.

With that said, I hope you will choose something to take part in your life to continue to grow your relationship with God.

Peace,

Pastor Chad

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DAY**

*Lent Begins*



**Lent Begins at Vilonia UMC**  
**Join us Wednesday, March 5**  
**All are welcome!**



## **PANCAKE SUPPER**

**6:00 pm**

Hosted by the Church Family Life Team  
Meal donations go towards Church Family Life Team ministry.

**WORSHIP**  
**with the Imposition of Ashes**  
**6:30 pm**



*First United Methodist Church presents:*

# **THE JOHN WESLEY RAMBLERS** *in concert!*

*FREE Community Bluegrass Gospel Concert*  
*Sunday March 9th, 7:00pm*  
*First UMC Conway, 1610 Prince St.*

*- The John Wesley Ramblers -*  
*a ministry of the Wesley Foundation at Texas A&M University*





In June 2022, the Arkansas Annual Conference UMC voted to adopt a new policy to create a protective environment in our churches for children, youth, and vulnerable adults (defined as protected persons) and the volunteers who work with them. With the adoption of the new policy, we are no longer using Safe Sanctuary but now use the Safe Gatherings online training and background checks system that all churches within the ARUMC Conference are using. The ARUMC is paying for volunteer certifications and each certification is good for three years.

We currently have several in our congregation that are Safe Gatherings certified, and we appreciate each of you. However, as more congregants are able to help with our children and youth through Vacation Bible School, Sunday classes, Wednesdays at the Well program, field trips and Arkansas Conference sponsored events, more certifications need completed. It means so much to see all of our church family wanting to help out with different programs at Vilonia UMC. Thank you all so much!

This certification is required for everyone that helps with babies, children, youth, and vulnerable adults at Vilonia UMC throughout the year. Please follow the link below in order to complete your Safe Gatherings certification. Safe Gatherings link: <https://www.safegatherings.com>

The instructions you'll need are found at this link:  
<https://arumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Laity-New-User-Step-by-Step-Instructions-1.pdf>

There will also be copies of the instructions on the back tables of the sanctuary on Sunday, if needed.

Please follow the instructions when creating your account, as it walks you through exactly what to put for certain areas of the application so that you are getting certified through Vilonia UMC. Also, there is a place for clergy and lay member reference. Pastor Chad's email is [chad.hornsby@arumc.org](mailto:chad.hornsby@arumc.org) if you need it.

If you have questions, please let us know. If you don't have a laptop or computer, I can bring my laptop on Sundays for you to use.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for our children, tweens and youth at Vilonia UMC.

Blessings,

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VILONIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Monthly Mission Focus  
**March**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES



Supplies are needed through our Amazon Wishlist:

To shop, go to:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1512A8KI8ZL98?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1512A8KI8ZL98?ref=wl_share)

Please have items that you order delivered to your address and then bring to  
the church. Thanks!

If you don't normally shop online, we welcome monetary donations  
as well as Amazon gift cards and we can shop for you.

Thank you for your support!

# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 14 5:30-10:00 pm

FUMC Conway  
1610 Prince Street

Deadline to register is  
Wed, March 12!



## Parents are invited to partake in a night of babysitting!

Drop your kids (age 3-12) off at the church beginning at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 14, and then have a fun night out (or a boring night grocery shopping!) We will feed them, play games, watch a movie, and have them ready for pick up no later than 10 pm!

Cost is \$30/kid (max \$90/family), and all proceeds go toward the Wesley Foundation's Mission Trip to Costa Rica.



# Three easy ways to give to Vilonia United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity! Every gift matters!



Mail a check to  
PO Box 460  
Vilonia, AR 72173



Give online via  
PayPal.



Set up Bill Pay  
with your bank.

To find out more or to give, go to [www.viloniaumc.org/giving](http://www.viloniaumc.org/giving)

**Wednesdays  
at the  
Well**

*Drawing from  
the refreshing  
Spirit of God.*

***Come be renewed as  
we join in fellowship***

***Wednesdays at the Well  
Dinner at 6 pm.  
Adults \$3, Kids \$2  
Bible studies for all ages  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm***

# ***CALENDAR***

- Wednesday, March 5 @ 6 pm .....Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper  
@ 6:30 pm.....Ash Wednesday Service

## **March 9**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins , Set your clock forward one hour**

- Sunday, March 9 @ 9 am ..... Worship service (In-person & online)  
@ 10:15 am ..... Sunday School  
@ 11:45 am .....UW In Faith Lunch & Activity
- Wednesday, March 12 @ 12 pm.....Bible Study (Rm101)  
@ 6 pm .....Wednesdays at the Well Dinner  
@ 6:30 pm.....Classes for Children, Youth & Adult
- Sunday, March 16 @ 9 am .....Sunday Worship service (In-person & online)  
@ 10 am ..... Brunch Potluck  
@ 10:15 am ..... Sunday School  
@ 4:30 pm .....Youth Potluck
- Wednesday, March 19 @ 12 pm.....Bible Study (Rm101)  
@ 6 pm .....Wednesdays at the Well Dinner  
@ 6:30 pm.....Classes for Children, Youth & Adults

**ACCESS VILONIA UMC'S ELECTRONIC GOOGLE CALENDAR [HERE](#)**



## Vilonia United Methodist Church

*Loving our community as we are through words, actions, and presence*

### **Long-term prayers are needed for:**

Benny & Ellen Bell, Gordon Higgins, Steve Chastain, Rick Edwards, Lucy Roberts, Barb and Ray Stafford, Michael Gilbert, Mary Stitt, Mark Johnson, Tessa Wells, Corey Wells, Rick Lyle, Michael Moxley, Mark Reeds, Jonus Reeds, Regina Ault, Loretta Bean, Vilonia, our Church, all Military Families, our Nation, and our World Leaders. Also, victims of war, refugees, and all those suffering from hunger worldwide.

### **Prayers are needed for**

Bill Dickens, in ICU with pneumonia and malnutrition  
Continued prayers for Sharon Nichols's father, Chuck Bowman, as he begins chemo-treatment  
Travel prayers for Sharon Nichols as she goes to help with her father  
Gordon Higgins who is home recovering from surgery  
Karen's Aunt Shirley, who is in hospice, and her daughter who is also having health concerns.  
Prayers for all who are suffering from any disease.  
Prayers for peace and our Nation's Leaders

### **Joys**

Gordon Higgins had successful surgery this week.  
Dorrit Caufield got to spend time with All her great-grandchildren.

### **Birthdays**

March 3 - Benny Bell  
March 6 – Diana Brasher  
March 7 – Melissa Freeman