



First United Methodist Challenge



615 East Main Street
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
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November 28, 2018

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

"The Star: A Journey to Christmas" is our Advent theme this year, and this Sunday's worship will focus on our journey of hope. In Luke 21:25-36, teaches us how we should be even more hopeful when things seem to be toughest, because we can see beyond the things that come to an end to the life that is beyond death.



When Jesus taught in this passage, he told us how to learn that change isn't the end: when the trees begin to develop sprouts, you know that summer is nearing. This season, we don't worry that the world is coming to an end because the leaves fall from the trees. We know it is a change in seasons and there is more to come. Likewise, when we face difficulties in our lives, we know that they may mean changes in the near future, but there is much more yet to be realized!

Join us this Sunday as we explore the mystery of hope that is being revealed to us!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

PS. Please remember that the mass choir will bring some special music during our services this Sunday as we begin to prepare our hearts for Christ this season!



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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 29th** - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel
- Dec. 1st** - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 3rd** - City Christmas Parade - 6:00pm
- Dec. 5th** - Star Search - Kids Musical - 6:00pm



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Give a portion to FUMC!

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Community Breakfast
Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



Fall Calendar:

November 28 - The Star movie at the Melba

December 5 - Praise Kids present Star Search & family dinner

December 13 - Confirmation Class & Christmas party for preschool-4th grade @ Georgi's

December 19 & December 26 - no class

Don't forget to sign up for our Remind 101 system for First Kids. Simply text @eegg7 to 81010 to receive important reminders and announcements!



The Giving Tree

We still have names left on the tree. Help a youth have a wonderful Christmas!

Music Rehearsal Schedules

Children's Choir

Rehearsals - Wednesdays @ 4:30 Nov. 28th

"Star Search" Christmas Program Wednesday, December 5th.

Kids arrive at 4:30. Church-wide Supper at 5:30. Program at 6:00.

Rehearsals will resume in 2019.

Handbell Choir

Rehearsals - Wednesdays @ 5:15 December 5th, December 10th.

Play for 8:30 and 11:00 services on December 16th.

Rehearsals will resume in 2019.

Chancel Choir / Christmas Choir

Program - Sunday, December 2nd @ 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00.

Rehearsals resume in 2019.

Youth Praise Band

Rehearsals - Wednesdays; November 28th, December 5th @ 7:15

Morning Worship, Sunday, December 9th @ 9:45 & 11:00

Youth Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 12th @ 5:30

Rehearsals resume in 2019.

Charge Conference

Each year, United Methodist churches gather for an annual meeting in their local ministry setting (called a "charge"). It is a time to remember those who have died, elected leadership, set the pastor's compensation, and reflect briefly on the work of the church. This year, our bishop has asked that representatives of all charges gather together on Saturday, December 1 at FUMC in Jonesboro for a joint Charge Conference at 10:00 am. During this joint Charge Conference we will not deal with each congregations' reports, but will hear directly from the bishop about our shared ministries. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you want to coordinate rides, please contact the church office.

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
 Reverend Mark McDonald

Pastor Emeritus
 Reverend Bob Langley

Church Administrator
 Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care
 Bennie Burks

Minister to Children & Family Ministries
 Katie McLean

Minister of Worship and Arts
 Dr. Stacey Brown

Minister to Youth
 Lorrie McClure

Worship Leader/Accompanist
 Alicia Williams

Organist
 Amanda Pickett

Sexton
 Joe Johnson

Lay Leader
 Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers
 Jon Healey
 Kathy McKinney
 Randy Seale
 Joel Wagoner
 Sandy West
 Asa Whitaker
 Joel Williams

Church Council Chair
 Sandy West

Staff/Parish Chair
 Barrett Moore

Trustees Chair
 Gayle Ross

Finance Chair
 Matt Martin

Our Presence

November 25th

Sunday Worship Total..... 179
 Sunday School65

Our Gifts

Received in November

Received 11/04/2018 \$10,417.26
 Received 11/11/2018 \$16,372.40
 Received 11/18/2018 \$6,488.00
 Received 11/25/2018 \$2,568.00
Amount needed weekly..... \$11,111.83

Our Service

for December 2nd

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Zeb Anderson
 Burke Fraiser

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of
 God by Lisa Caplinger.

ALTAR GUILD: Gale Beller
 Karen Holifield

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 8:30 Mark McDonald
 10:55 Mark McDonald

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:
 Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:
 Chaney Huddleston Fellowship SS Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Jon Healey
 11:00 Hannah Driver

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: T McKinney Close: C Kibbe
8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS
 J Ellis & D Smith A Walmsley

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

December 2 Jinger Austin Kemp
 George Bentz, Sr.
 December 3 Clinton Arnold
 Jason Austin
 Joy Thompson
 December 4 Maresa Bolin
 December 5 Sydney Martin
 Tim Thompson
 December 6 Mildred Arnold
 Larry Jackson, IV
 Candice Martin
 Linda Metcalf
 Ashton Taylor Weaver
 December 7 Gerry Bentz
 Rhonda Wise
 December 8 Stefanie Carpenter
 Seth Kemp
 Charlotte Rose
 Stanley Wood

December 2 Randy & Summer Seale
 December 3 Brent & Kelli Swaim

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Our Mailing Address is:

First United
 Methodist Church
 P.O. Box 2014
 Batesville, AR 72503-2014

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry service position please find a replacement and contact the church office with the change.

If you see any repairs that need to be done, please come to the church office. There is a paper up on the board across from the sink to list them.

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.
At the end of 3 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

Dick Adamsbrother-in-law of Mark Wallace
 Don Wayne & Patsy Anderson family members of member
 Gerri & George Bentzmember
 Gary Bowerfriend of member
 Marcus Bowersmember
 Diana Brownrelative of member
 Bennie Burksmember
 Kris Deckerfriend of member
 Annabella Fletcherfriend of member
 Woody Fowlerfriend of congregation
 Tina Fowler.....
 Fletcher Hall familyfriends of members
 Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
 Deb Heslep.....daughter of John Ellis
 Bill Hessfamily member of Rice Family
 Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
 Bud & Maxine Kerr & family friends of members
 Martha Lewallen.....member
 Mary Ann Marshall.....member
 Mac McClurefather of Chad McClure
 Dawn Messer.....friend of member
 Ruth Meyersaunt of member
 Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
 Meredith O'Connell.....Helen Musgraves niece
 Maria Paningua.....friend of member
 Betty Rhodesfamily of member
 Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family
 Raye Rogersmember
 Charlotte Rosemember
 Rich Schmidt.....family member of Mark Wallace
 Becky Sheltonmember
 Bob Spencerfather of member
 Robert Stroudmember
 Dianne Taylor.....member
 Jerry Taylor.....member
 Tilley family.....friend of members
 Belinda Turner.....friend of member
 Frances Williamsfriend of member
 Brooklyn Woodfriend of member
 Mary Jeanette Woodmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Batesville Health and Rehabilitation

Rodney Trantham friend of member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston member
 Jackie Martin member
 Carol Robertson member
 Barbara Stevenson member
 Rachael Taylor relative of member
 Katherine Tripp member
 J.C. Wells..... father of Gina Davis

Fairfield Bay Nursing Home

Jay Burks son of Bennie Burks

Wood-Lawn

Mildred Arnold member
 Bobbye Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip
 Troy Kuchler stepdad of member
 Lucille Maris member
 Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Robert (Lit) Craig member
 Bufford Maddox member
 Judy Murrell member
 Jerry & Dianne Taylor ... members

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austin.....son of Robin Austin Gay
 Major Chris Carpenter.....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
 Lt. Col. Marc Jones.....nephew of Mildred Arnold
 Pvt. Lane Lively
 Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
 Trent McDonaldcousin of member
 Capt. Shannon McLoughlin daughter of Cecilia Vinson
 Capt. Adam Moore son-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
 1st Lt. Jason Pomeroyson of Wanda & Bob Pomeroy
 PFC Colton Quallsgrandson of Ken & Ginger Davis
 SSgt. Karl Sagerson of Shirley Stuckey
 Stg. Bradley Skelton
 Airman First Class Keegan Smart..... member
 Seaman Apprentice Zane Smart..... member
 Capt. Michael Stevenson ...grandson of members
 Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts ...son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
 Capt. John Tice.....nephew of Verona Bebow
 Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler..... cousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Night at the Melba

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Nov. 25th
8:30 Service
 Paul & Joni Bube
11:00 Service
 Marcus & Glenda Bowers
Coffee & Donuts
 Chaney Huddleston Fellowship SS Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Nov. 30th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Dec. 2nd - Explorer's Bible Study - 5:00pm
 In the Alpha Classroom
Dec. 3rd - Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm
 At the Grammer House

Wednesday Activities

November 28th
 4:30 Children's Choir
 5:30 Kids & Youth (The Star Movie)

Up Coming Committee Meetings
 December 4th - No Trustee Meeting
 December 11th - 5:30pm - Finance Meeting - Barnabas Classroom

**Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on
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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the December 5th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, December 3rd to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.