



First United Methodist Challenge



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December 5, 2018

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

It was absolutely wonderful to host 225 people at the Melba last Wednesday evening! Thank you for inviting friends, relatives, and neighbors to join us for a fun family night at the movies! More and more, our Wednesday evening is turning into our greatest evangelical outreach, and our youth and children are showing us the secret to growth: invite someone!



I hope you remember the challenges that I shared in July: that you bring at least person into your worship service to become part of our church family, and that you start or join a small group that meets each week to ask the life-giving question: "How is it with your soul?" There is no better season to invite someone to church and to visit with friends than Advent, so start this week if you haven't already! We prepared the sanctuary for Advent last Sunday afternoon, and Rhonda Bryant and Deann Castleberry have adorned the tree. It's a wonderful place to be!

This Sunday, we will continue the Advent "Journey to the Star" as we unpack Hebrews 10:5-10 and consider how love comes in unexpected ways at Christmas!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Calendar Requests

The church requests as much advance notice as possible when making reservations for facility use. Please contact Teresa in the church office, and please consider setting any annual events on the same week of each year (for example, the first Sunday of each November, the second Wednesday of each March). We have had several conflicts in recent weeks, and that can call for a scramble of changes and adjustments. We now have an online calendar that we will have on the website by 2019, and appreciate your help in hearing all our cats!

The Charge Conference met in Jonesboro last weekend, and we have approved our 2019 Church Leadership!

We have a list available in the church office, and will publish it in the newsletter when we draw closer to 2019. If you would like one before that, please contact Teresa in the office.



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Give a portion to FUMC!**

If you shop on amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and registering "First Methodist Church, Batesville, AR" as your charity of choice! 1/2% of every dollar you spend will be donated to our church for ministry!



Secret Pals

Secret Pals this is the month you visit your secret pal and reveal yourself as their secret pal. If you are unable to do so or send them a card let me know and I will tell them but hoping everyone will be able to reveal themselves in person.

Thank you for being a secret pal.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5th** - Star Search - Kids Musical - 6:00pm
- Dec. 6th** - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel
- Dec. 8th** - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall



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."

The volunteers from the Saturday morning breakfast wish you all a Happy Holiday season.

This time of year is when most of us think about giving back extra of what God has blessed us with and we from the Breakfast want to thank all of you who have been so generous with your gifts to the mission of providing those in need of our community a nourishing hot meal each week. This is our sixth year having provided almost 30,000 hot meals. Our group of volunteers has become a family along with those we serve. This is a group that would gladly welcome any of you to become part of our family. As I said this is our sixth year of providing these meals and in the very beginning it was decided that all of this would be provided at no cost to the church other than the use of the facility.

There are funds each year in the budget but we have chosen never use them. I tell you all this to say that if you can find it in your heart to make a designated offering to the Breakfast fund before Christmas we will be blessed. We ask this to be over and above your annual pledge as that is needed to provide for the other necessary functions and missions of the First United Methodist Church here in Batesville. The Breakfast is but one of the missions of FUMC of Batesville.

WE as a church are making a difference.

In closing the words of Jesus: Luke 14 12-14

“When you give a luncheon or dinner (breakfast), do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors; if you do they will invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



Fall Calendar:

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!

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

Rehearsals resume in 2019.

Youth Praise Band

Rehearsals - Wednesdays; 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.



The Giving Tree

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

Also, please consider giving a monetary donation. We use our cash funds from our spaghetti dinner fund-raiser and other donations to provide gifts for names that are not taken.

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

December 2nd

Sunday Worship Total.....283
 Sunday School79

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received 12/02/2018 \$13,611.00
 Amount needed weekly..... \$11,111.83

Our Service

for December 9th

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Lizzie Langston
 Molly McLean
 Georgi Moody

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of
 God by Paulette Arnold in honor of
 Barnabas Sunday school class.

ALTAR GUILD: Gale Beller
 Karen Holifield

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 8:30 Sandy West
 10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:
 Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:
 L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Joni Bube
 11:00 Glenda Martin

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: B Cheatham Close: M Wilson
8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS
 J Ellis & D Smith W Anderson

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

December 9 Richard Frasier
 Daniel Griffin

December 10 Zeb Erick Anderson
 Kathleen Reynolds

December 12 Marti Ruiz

December 13 Ameen Simmons Gould
 Sakarin Koonopakarn
 Sterling Dias-Koonopakarn
 Martha Lewallen
 Sarah Lynn Reynolds

December 14 Judy Altom
 Max Neaville

December 15 Stacy Wagoner

December 9 Daniel & Ramona Shaffer

MEMORIALS

ROBERT STROUD

Holly Weber
 Barrett & Sara Moore
 Bennie Burks
 Timmy & Joan McKinney
 Harry & Becky Crossett

SUSAN WAITS

Donald & Linda Creighton

ROBERT STROUD

BEVERLY BRINK

Raymond & Alice Simmons

Handy Man Repairs Needed

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.

Request from the Altar Guild

The flowers in the brass vase in the sanctuary are placed in a plastic black liner.

If you take the flowers home, please return the black liner to the church.

The liners are not disposable and used every Sunday and for special occasions, such as funerals and weddings.

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.

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
 Diana Brownrelative of member
 Kris Deckerfriend of member
 Annabella Fletcherfriend of member
 Woody Fowlerfriend of congregation
 Tina Fowler
 Fletcher Hall family friends of members
 Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
 Deb Heslepdaughter of John Ellis
 Bill Hessfamily member of Rice Family
 Kerry Jenningssister of member
 Martha Lewallenmember
 Mary Ann Marshallmember
 Dawn Messerfriend of member
 Ruth Meyersaunt of member
 Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
 Meredith O'ConnellHelen Musgraves niece
 Maria Paninguafriend of member
 Betty Rhodesfamily of member
 Pat Ricefamily member of Rice Family
 Raye Rogersmember
 Charlotte Rosemember
 Rich Schmidtfamily member of Mark Wallace
 Becky Sheltonmember
 Bob Spencerfather of member
 Dianne Taylormember
 Tilley familyfriend of members
 Belinda Turnerfriend of member
 Frances Williamsfriend of member
 Brooklyn Woodfriend of member
 Mary Jeanette Woodmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Jerry Taylormember

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 Murrah member
 Jerry & Dianne Taylor ... members

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
 Major Chris Carpenterson of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
 Lt. Col. Marc Jonesnephew 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
 TSgt. 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 Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
 Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our Sympathy goes out to the family of **Robert Stroud**, who passed away Tuesday, November 27th.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Batesville at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 1st.

STAR SEARCH



KIDS MUSICAL

PRESENTED BY

PRAISE KIDS

DECEMBER 5TH - 6PM

United Methodist Men
will be bringing you a
Birthday and Anniversary Calendar
for the Year 2019

all we need is your help.

Do fill out the form if:

You were not in last year's calendar

You need to add a new entry, remove one or correct one

Do Not fill out the form if:

You were in last year's calendar

No changes need to be made

The calendar will not show the year of your birthday or anniversary, but our church records will be more complete if you do give the year.

Please submit only FUMC members and immediate family

We intend for the 2018 calendar to be given free to all members of the church. The way we finance the printing is by advertising. The advertisers will be church member businesses or professional services. The type of space will be a standard business calling card. For \$100.00, an advertiser will appear at least three times in a year.

Deadline is December 17th

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RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ANNIVERSARY DATE _____

CHILDREN

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

REMOVE A NAME

NAME _____ DATE _____

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NAME _____ DATE _____



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Dec. 9th
8:30 Service
 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner
11:00 Service
 Steven & Rikki Painter
Coffee & Donuts
 L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Dec. 7th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Dec. 9th - Explorer's Bible Study - 5:00pm
 In the Alpha Classroom
Dec. 10th - Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm
 At the Grammer House

Wednesday Activities
December 12th
 5:15 Handbells
 5:30 Kids-Cookies & Caroling
 5:30 Confirmation Class
 5:30 Youth Christmas Party

Up Coming Committee Meetings
 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 12th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, December 10th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.