



First United Methodist Challenge



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December 12, 2018

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

Last Sunday was a fun day, in spite of the unpredictable weather. We sure missed a lot of you. We had a great service, and look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday!

We will continue our journey through Advent with a look at Philippians 4:4-7 as we turn our hearts toward the joy that we anticipate as Christ comes into our midst. The third Sunday of Lent is the Sunday we light the pink candle and recall the joyful expectation of Jesus' birth and consider the reason we are filled with joy no matter the circumstances. While the nativity scene is one that we look back on with reverence because God's plan was unfolding, the truth is that it had to be a tremendously stressful time for Mary and Joseph. Yet, they knew that God was going to do something they could not fully understand and it would change the course of history.

Join us for worship at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 am (weather permitting)! (It looks to be a beautiful day.)

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Thank you to our Praise Kids for their amazing performance last week of "Star Search". These kids have been working on this musical for months and I'm very proud of them!

Thank you to the adults that helped too...Joel Williams, Sandy West, Sue Kibbe, Kelli Swaim, Stacey Brown & Kyler Stolarik. Great job everyone!

-Katie McLean

SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

We will not have a meeting in December! So, I'll look forward to our fellowship on the usual third Tuesday in January, the 15th at 11:30! (Location to be determined later.)

Of course, the weather and road conditions will have an impact. I'll let you know of any changes as we get closer to January 15th.

Have a joyous Advent Season!
Gayle Silberhorn

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13th** - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel
- Dec. 14th** - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 24th** - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00pm & 11:00pm
- Dec. 24th, 25th, & 26th** - Office Closed
- Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st** - Office Closed



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."

With Love

SHELBY & LOGAN
LYNN SWAIM & HUNTER ENGLS

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR UNION

12 . 29 . 18

Four o'clock in the afternoon
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
615 East Main · Batesville, AR

Reception & Dinner to Follow

For Reception, text RSVP
to 870.612.2918
With number of Chicken and/or Pulled Pork Plates



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.

Music Ministry

Thank you to all who have participated in making the music portion of our worship meaningful this year.

Our combined choirs presented a wonder start to our advent season and our kids showed us how to be a star for God!

Our handbell choir will meet Wednesday for one last rehearsal and then play for services this Sunday Morning the 16th.

Our Youth Praise Band will sing for the Youth Christmas Party on Wednesday.

Rehearsals for all choirs and ensembles will begin again in January. (Schedule for 9:45 ensemble is to be determined.)

Merry Christmas
Stacey



I am so proud to be a part of an organization like UMW. It is dedicated to helping women, children and youth across our state, nation and the world. Our local unit is made up of dedicated women who give, and work so that others may have a chance.

We just had our end of the year Christmas potluck and it is a glorious time when we decide how to distribute our funds. We gave \$675 to Habitat for Humanity, Methodist Family Health Systems, FUMC Saturday morning breakfasts and our Youth program. We have given \$3,500 throughout the year to Global Missions. We gave an extra \$473 to help those units who cannot meet their pledge. We gave \$300 to our youth for scholarships. We gave \$700 to Camp Aldersgate. We gave \$400 to our church's back-pack endeavor. We gave \$200 to Theresa Brown to help with mailing expenses for her daughter Emily in China.

This totals up to over \$8,000.00 in addition to our regular giving to the church. Thank you for supporting our efforts for Missions. We need more young women to join us and keep this effort alive. Think about joining us.

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!



Fall Calendar:

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!

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 9th

Sunday Worship Total(one service only)85
 Sunday School . (no Sunday School due to weather)

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received 12/02/2018\$13,611.00
 Received 12/09/2018\$5,242.00
Amount needed weekly..... \$11,111.83

Our Service

for December 9th

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Ryland Wycough
 Mary Katherine Wycough

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of
 God by Rob, Amanda, & Mia Roberts in
 memory of Roger Roberts.

ALTAR GUILD: Gale Beller
 Karen Holifield

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:
 Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:
 Faith Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Terrell Tebbetts
 11:00 Sandy West

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

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

**Birthdays and Anniversaries
 from UMCN Calendar**

December 17 Jill Blankenship
 Carol Barnett Robertson
 Andrea Slaughter

December 18 Ginger Davis
 Amy Pinkston
 Julie Terhune

December 19 Rob Kibbe

December 21 Ken Davis
 Evan McLean
 Mandi Rowley

December 18 Hank & Tommie Pearce
 December 22 Bob & Susie Carter
 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner

MEMORIALS

ROBERT STROUD

Ronald & Barbara Cheatham
 Morris & DuLan Crandall
 Stan & MJ Wood, Scott & Myra Wood
 & Phil & Laura Brissey
 Robert & Janet Brown
 Welch, Couch & Company, PA
 Linda Tyler
 Ken & Ina Bolton
 Carolyn Kebble
 Linda Story
 Billie & Skip Rutherford

Flower Calendar 2019

Please look at the flower calendar in the hall.
 Choose your special dates for flowers early

When you pray,

*pray for our church,
 pray for our ministries,
 pray for our Sunday school teachers,
 pray for our staff,
 pray for each other,
 pray for our church!*

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 replace-
 ment 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 Who Mourn ✠

Our Sympathy goes out to Dale and Cleda Simpson in the death of Dale's step-mother **Shirla Mae Trammell Babb Young Simpson**, who passed away Sunday, October 21st.

Funeral services were held at North Heights Church of Christ on October 24th, with interment in Shiloh Crossroads Cemetery.

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
 Jerry Taylor member

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Robert (Lit) Craig member
 Bufford Maddox member
 Judy Murrah member
 Dianne Taylor member

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 Wheelercousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

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 _____

NAME _____ DATE _____

NAME _____ DATE _____



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United Methodist Men's
 Breakfast Meeting
 Sunday, December 16th
 7:00 a.m.
 Spah Grill (old Scenic View)

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Dec. 16th
8:30 Service
 Julia Nail
11:00 Service
 Paul & Karen Holifield
Coffee & Donuts
 Faith Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Dec. 14th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Dec. 16th - Explorer's Bible Study - 5:00pm
 In the Alpha Classroom
Dec. 17th - Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm
 At the Grammer House

Wednesday Activities
December 19th
 6:00 Adult Bible Study
December 26th
 No Activities
January 2nd
 No Activities
Up Coming Committee Meetings
 December 18th – 5:30 Church Council Meeting

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on
 KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet
www.ar1033.com and click Listen Live button
 paste into your web broser <http://player.tritondigital.com/2341>
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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the December 19th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, December 17th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.