



First United Methodist Challenge



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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

What does Wonder Woman have in common with the Apostles' Creed? You'd be surprised!

Many of our heroes in comics, movies, and stories derive their power from the story of Jesus Christ. In Hollywood, movies have been known to hire Christian theologians to help them create a feeling that comes when we associate their hero -or heroine - with the story of Christ. (I took a class from a professor who worked for some of those movies!).



This week, we continue our series on the Apostles' Creed as we unpack the statement of belief in Jesus Christ. We will focus on John 1:1-5 as we learn about the real hero of our stories! Join us in worship or in our radio broadcast (find a link on our website)!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Join the Faith Class for the 4th annual Joyful Heart Ball on Saturday February 2nd from 6:00-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall! This free community-wide dance party is thrown especially for people of all ages with special needs and is a great way to show God's love to others. A DJ and photographer round out the family-friendly event.

Spread the word on social media, help us decorate, show your dance moves, or simply chat with attendees and make them feel welcome. Contact Candice Martin or Sara Moore at joyfulheartball@gmail.com if you want to participate. Donations can be made to the church, indicate Joyful Heart Ball on the check or envelope. Thank you FUMC family for making this event possible!



VIM
United Methodist Church
Global Ministries
Volunteers in Mission

VIM Training

For early responses to disasters, United Methodists require training so we can best serve those in disaster areas. We would like to have several early responders trained at FUMC, and invite you to attend the next state training to be certified.

VIM Team Leader Training:

Where: St. James UMC

When: March 9th

Time: 9-3

Cost: \$20 per person, Includes lunch and printed material

Upcoming Events

Jan. 24th - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

Jan. 26th - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall

Feb. 3rd - Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale - 8:00am - 12:30pm

Feb. 3rd - Confirmation - 11:00am service

Feb 6th - Confirmation - 6:00 pm



We are seeking a married couple or 2 men and 1 woman to stay in our warming center (on nights when temperatures reach 25 degrees). Hosts can sleep but stay ready to help with any needs, prepare some food in the morning, and clean/straighten before leaving. Hours are 6 pm – 8 am.



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."

Florida Hurricane Recovery Trip

Pastor Mark is working with other Arkansas United Methodists to put together a mission trip to Mexico Beach in Florida February 16-22.

The team is being led by Roy & Shelley Lee, active United Methodists and friends of Mark & Kelley McDonald. The Lees visited there on vacation soon after the hurricane and were deeply moved to return to help. The trip will include three workdays of construction projects, and our team will be responsible for travel expenses.

If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Pastor Mark (mark.mcdonald@arumc.org) as soon as possible.



Our cookie ministry is looking for cookie bakers. We need someone or a group of people who are willing to bake cookies for the waiting rooms (Surgery Center, ICU and Cancer Care Center) to give to the families of people who are in the hospital.

This is a great outreach for our church. Call Ruby Curl at 834-5377 if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Update: Florida Hurricane Recovery Trip Mission Team Forming

Details for the hurricane relief trip to Mexico Beach, Florida are still developing, and we do have a few interested from FUMC. Here is what we know so far:

Who? All adults are eligible (ERT certification not required)

What? Clean up (cutting/hauling branches, demo work) and some light construction most likely

When? February 16-22 (18-20 actual workdays)

Where? Mexico Beach, FL

How Much? Estimated cost \$300 per person



It is a new year and time to select a secret pal for the year. If you are interested please contact Bennie Burks at 834-8111.

I would love to have a lot of volunteers and will answer any questions you may have. We need both men and women volunteers.

THANK YOU.

2019 CHOIR SCHEDULE

All choirs will begin Wednesday, January 16th.

We will meet at the same times.

We will discuss the best time for everyone to meet.

Please bring your calendar.

Kids 4:30

Bells 5:15

Choir 6:00

Youth 7:30

Adults 8:00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Youth/Children's Meals.

Help us prepare meals or donate cost of a weekly snack supper for up to 150 people each week (approx.. \$200).

Blessing/Prayer/Bible Box & School Backpacks.

Seeking persons to help replenish boxes when able as well as donations of non-perishable items (strong preference for easy open containers)

Community Breakfast.

We are also seeking people to help set-up, cook, serve, and/or clean-up for our Saturday community meal, as well as monetary donations.

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

Paul Holifield

Trustees Chair

Gayle Ross

Finance Chair

Matt Martin

Our Presence

January 20th

Sunday Worship Total..... 184

Sunday School73

Our Gifts

Received in January

Received 01/06/2019\$12,706.50

Received 01/13/2019\$12,580.40

Received 01/20/2019\$11,177.00

Amount needed weekly..... \$11,607.52

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

Our Service

for January 27th

ACOLYTES: 11:00

Rylan Wycough Mary Katherine Wycough

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Winnell Calhoun in memory of Joe Calhoun.

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy McKinney
Eleanor Royer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Alpha Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Joni Bube

11:00 Glenda Martin

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: T McKinney Close: S Kibbe

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith A Walmsley

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMEN Calendar

January 27 Glenda Martin

January 28 Donna Ruth Arnold
Carrie Carter Davis
Jerry Rose

January 29 Barbara Stevenson
Miller Bryant

January 31 Ramona Shaffer

February 1 Matthew Ramsey

February 2 Winnell Calhoun
Lindsey Estes
Seth Osborn

Year End Financial Statements

Your statements have been mailed. If you have any questions about your statement please call the church office.

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.

Flower Calendar 2019

The 2019 flower calendar is up on the bulletin board by the church office.

Now is the time to stop by and sign up for a special Sunday to do flowers in honor or memory of someone.

Get your date reserved now!

Our Mailing Address is:

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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

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
 Michelle Canchalodaughter of Bennie Burks
 Kris Deckerfriend of member
 Chad Edwardsfriend of member
 Annabella Fletcherfriend of member
 Woody Fowlerfriend of congregation
 Tina Fowler
 Fletcher Hall familyfriends of members
 Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
 Patty & Mike Healeyparents of Jon Healey
 Deb Heslepdaughter of John Ellis
 Bill Hessfamily member of Rice Family
 Doug Hillfriend of member
 Patti & Wayne Jacksonformer members
 Kerry Jenningssister of member
 Martha Lewallenmember
 Mary Ann Marshallmember
 Dawn Messerfriend of member
 Ruth Meyersaunt of member
 Evelyn Talamantes & Elvis Minera..friends of members
 Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
 Max Neavillemember
 Meredith O'ConnellHelen Musgraves niece
 Maria Paninguafriend of member
 Pat Ricefamily member of Rice Family
 Sam Rigsbeerelative of member
 Raye Rogersmember
 Charlotte Rosemember
 Rich Schmidtfamily member of Mark Wallace
 Mike Sextoncousin of David Smith
 Becky Sheltonmember
 Bob Spencerfather of member
 Dianne Taylormember
 Tilley familyfriend of members
 Belinda Turnerfriend of member
 Frances Williamsfriend of member
 Brooklyn Woodfriend of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Suzanne Evans* in the death of her sister, **Betty Rhodes**, who passed away January 17th.

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

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
 Stanley & Mary Jeanette Wood members

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
 Margaret Matthews 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
 Major Adam Moore son-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
 1st Lt. Jason Pomeroyson of Wanda & Bob Pomeroy
 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

2019 Church Leadership

If you are wanting to reach out to any of our church leaders, here are the key contact persons for 2019:

- Church Council Chair (responsible for overall direction and coordination of ministries, policies, and procedures): Sandy West, sandywest68@gmail.com 870-307-1224.
- Lay Leader (works with pastor to keep congregation connected with denomination and community): Mike Wilson, michael.l.wilson.mw65@gmail.com, 870-612-2889.
- Staff-Parish Chair (responsible for relationships among pastor, staff, and membership, as well as policies and procedures related to staff): Paul Holifield, rxduck@ipa.net, 870-613-5100.
- Finance Chair (responsible for accounting of all church funds and fund-raising): Matt Martin, mattvmartin@yahoo.com, 501-250-3438
- Trustees Chair (responsible for oversight of church facilities, maintenance, and insurance): Gayle Ross, gayleross1952@gmail.com, 870-307-9757
- Worship Chair (responsible for coordination of worship with pastor, staff, and lay leadership): Terrell Tebbetts, terrell.tebbetts@lyon.edu
- Outreach Chair (responsible for coordination of ministries that serve our community and world): Asa Whitaker, asawhitaker333@yahoo.com, 807-307-2236
- Newsletter Editor (responsible for weekly newsletter and coordination with other media): Lyndal Waits, lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net 870-834-0142.
- Pastor (responsible for overall vision, direction, and daily operation of overall ministries, full-time pastor): Mark McDonald. mark.mcdonald@arumc.org, 501-650-0046
- Pastor Emeritus (pastoral care, unpaid staff position): Bob Langley, 870-403-7407.
- Church Administrator (responsible for organization and support of day-to-day ministries, full-time staff): Teresa Brown. teresa@fumcbatesville.org, 870-793-3803 (M-F, 8:30 - 4:00 pm).
- Children & Family Ministries (overseeing and supporting children/family ministries; full-time staff): Katie McLean. katie@fumcbatesville.org, 870-307-4034.
- Youth Ministries (responsible for overseeing and supporting youth ministries; part-time staff): Lorrie McClure. lorrie@fumcbatesville.org, 870-613-6961.
- Music & Worship Arts (responsible for overseeing and supporting worship and music ministries; full-time staff): Stacey Brown. stacey@fumcbatesville.org. 912-690-1804.
- Congregational Care (responsible for homebound and health-care visits, part-time staff): Bennie Burks. Bennie@fumcbatesville.org. 870-834-8111



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Jan. 27th
8:30 Service
 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner
11:00 Service
 Steven & Rikki Painter
Coffee & Donuts
 Alpha Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Jan. 25th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Jan. 27th - Explorer's Bible Study
 In the Alpha Classroom
Jan. 28th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Jan. 31st - Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer

Wednesday Activities
January 23rd
 4:30 Kids Choir
 5:15 Handbells
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 5:30 Confirmation Class - Club 56 room
 6:00 Choir
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room
 7:30 Youth Praise Team
 8:00 Adult Praise Team

Up Coming Committee Meetings
 February 5th - 5:30 Trustee Meeting - Barnabas Classroom
 February 12th - 5:30pm - Finance Meeting - Barnabas Classroom
 February 19th - 5:30 - Church Council - Barnabas Classroom

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

Articles for the January 30th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, January 28th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.