



# First United Methodist Challenge



615 East Main Street  
Batesville, Arkansas 72501  
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January 30, 2019

**Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers**

From the Pastor. . .

This Sunday will be a full Sunday, with communion in all three services and several from our confirmation class joining during the 11:00 am service. On top of that we are beginning our "Love Your Youth. Month," during which we share information and fundraisers to help support our dynamic youth ministries. The money we raise is used throughout the year, and we will be sharing stories and descriptions of the way God is moving through our youth!



We continue the sermon series on the Apostles' Creed this Sunday as we turn our attention to the third person of the trinity -- the Holy Spirit. Take a look at John 14:15-21 as we go deeper into the way that God works in an through us today.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

PS. The Super Bowl Snack Sale is this Sunday before and after the 11:00 am service, so plan your party and stock up on supplies while supporting our youth!



Join the Faith Class for the 4th annual Joyful Heart Ball on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale - 8:00am - 12:30pm
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Confirmation - 11:00am service
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation - 6:00 pm



### New Members

Cyndi House and her son L.W. House joined our congregation at the 9:45 service.

They come into our community of faith by transfer of membership from First New Madrid United Methodist Church in New Madrid, MO.

Please welcome them with a hand of Christian fellowship.



**Cyndi and L.W. House**

### Music Ministry Update

As we have shared previously in worship, Dr. Stacey Brown has accepted a severance package from FUMC to allow her to continue her job search full-time. We ask that you continue to lift her in prayer for her search, and again express our deep gratitude for all she did at FUMC. Alicia Williams and Amanda Pickett have stepped up to assume some additional responsibilities, and Pastor Mark is leading us in a period of discernment to determine our next steps.

The first step in this process will be a brief survey in the bulletin this Sunday, and we can also provide that survey through the church office or by mail if requested. We will learn of the early results of that and share some of the possibilities we are exploring on Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone interested in our music ministries to come to this Town Hall meeting and join the discussion!



### 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."*

## ArtReach Workshops

When Katie McLean asked me to lead a sewing type class for the elementary-aged children who attend First Kids on Wednesday evenings, I was thrilled. We agreed it would be a good way to introduce the methods I use during my ArtReach Workshops.

After evaluating the number of participants, their ages, their needs, and the time available, I decided to have them make Monster Softies. The fleece and felt fabric do not ravel. The big-eyed needles are easier to thread. The stitching is supposed to look a bit uneven, and they are a lot of fun for both girls and boys to make. I designed a body shape for this particular series so that I could explain the way I design patterns without having much freehand drawing skill. During this Workshop, they will learn how to turn a sewn shape, how to stuff it, how to sew the opening closed and then how to apply felt shapes for its features. I hope they are enjoying the time we are spending together because I would love to lead many more Workshops for them and their families in the years to come. Some of the other beginning Workshops I lead include: machine sewing, jewelry-making, knitting on round looms, painting backgrounds, Zentangling, Bible Journaling and collage.

I am currently scheduling ArtReach Workshops for 2019, so please send me a message if you or a small group you know might be interested. Here's to a creative year!

Kelley McDonald



**Secret Pals**

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.

## Wednesday Night Fun with First Kids!



## 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Worship Total.....212

Sunday School .....91

## 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

Received 01/27/2019 .....\$13,894.00

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

## Our Service

for February 3<sup>rd</sup>

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Taft Ward

Tabyn Ward

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Bryan & Carla Langston in honor of Lizzie Langston's Birthday.

ALTAR GUILD: Rebecca Richman

Steve Richman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Mark McDonald

10:55 Mark McDonald

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Barnabas Sunday School Class

COMMUNION STEWARD:

Becky Crossett & Debra West

LITURGIST: 8:30 Terrell Tebbetts

11:00 Hannah Driver

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: B Cheatham Close: M Wilson

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMEN Calendar

February 3 Elizabeth Hope Langston  
Larry Sandage

February 4 Bill Shelton  
Earline Tripp-Jones  
Carol Wise

February 5 Laura Ross Davis  
Eddie Wagoner  
Mary Jeanette Wood

February 6 Janine Kimmer

February 8 Randy Seale

February 9 Belinda Bube

Natalie Cox

Lexie Slaughter Gatlin

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February 6 Charles & Sue Kibbe

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

**Ushers** help us direct people throughout worship, welcome guests, hand out bulletins, and gather information for follow up.

**Greeters** stand near the entrance to welcome guests and help them find their way around the facilities.

**Liturgists** help lead worship and serve communion.

**Special Music.** We are looking for people to share special music.

## Flower Calendar 2019

Altar Flowers: we invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office).

You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice.

The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who are ill or homebound.

Our Mailing Address is:

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

## Year End Financial Statements

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

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 Adams .....brother-in-law of Mark Wallace  
 Don Wayne & Patsy Anderson ..... family members of member  
 Gerri & George Bentz .....member  
 Gary Bower .....friend of member  
 Glenda Bowers .....member  
 Kris Decker .....friend of member  
 Chad Edwards .....friend of member  
 Alvetta Hatfield .....mother of Karen Holifield  
 Patty & Mike Healey .....parents of Jon Healey  
 Deb Heslep.....daughter of John Ellis  
 Bill Hess .....family member of Rice Family  
 Patti Jackson and family....former members  
 Kerry Jennings.....sister of member  
 Martha Lewallen .....member  
 Mary Ann Marshall.....member  
 Dawn Messer.....friend of member  
 Ruth Meyers .....aunt of member  
 Evelyn Talamantes & Elvis Minera..friends of members  
 Janice Murphy .....cousin of Sharan Pittser  
 Greg Neaville .....member  
 Meredith O'Connell.....Helen Musgraves niece  
 Maria Paningua.....friend of member  
 Angela Panneck.....friend of member  
 Terri Presley .....member  
 Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family  
 Sam Rigsbee.....relative of member  
 Raye Rogers .....member  
 Charlotte Rose .....member  
 Rich Schmidt.....family member of Mark Wallace  
 Bob Spencer .....father of member  
 Tilley family.....friend of members  
 Belinda Turner.....friend of member  
 Frances Williams .....friend of member  
 Brooklyn Wood .....friend of member

### ✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Patti Jackson and Mike, Mark, Jennie and their families* in the death of husband and father, **Wayne Jackson**, who passed away January 26<sup>th</sup>.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at Pulaski Heights UMC in Little Rock.

### 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 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 MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent  
 Trent McDonald .....cousin of member  
 Capt. Shannon McLoughlin ..... daughter of Cecilia Vinson  
 Major Adam Moore ..... son-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis  
 1st Lt. Jason Pomeroy .....son of Wanda & Bob Pomeroy  
 TSgt. Karl Sager .....son 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



# Super Bowl Snack Sale

Super Bowl Party shop from First Youth. Buy some tasty treats this Sunday and help support these great teens.

**Lyon College  
Gospel Choir &  
The Anointed Ones**  
IN CONCERT

**WED., FEB.  
20TH @ 6PM**

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**This  
 Sunday**

We offer a new station that has gluten free communion wafers and individual cups for those who prefer to take communion this way.

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**Hospitality Team for Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8:30 Service**  
 Julia Nail  
**11:00 Service**  
 Paul & Karen Holifield  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
 Barnabas Sunday School Class

**Bible Studies / Small Groups**  
**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting  
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.  
**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Explorer's Bible Study  
 In the Alpha Classroom  
**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Bible Study  
 At the Grammer House  
**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study - 9:45am  
 Home of Eleanor Royer

**Wednesday Activities**  
**January 30th**  
 NO Children's Choir this week  
 No handbells this week  
 First Kids/Youth / 5:30 pm Adult Bible Study / 6 pm  
**Youth/Parent/Family Movie**  
**"To Save a Life" Showing in**  
**Sanctuary / 6 pm**  
 NO choir or youth 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  
 KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet  
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 paste into your web broser <http://player.tritondigital.com/2341>  
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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the February 6<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).