



First United Methodist Challenge

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March 20, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

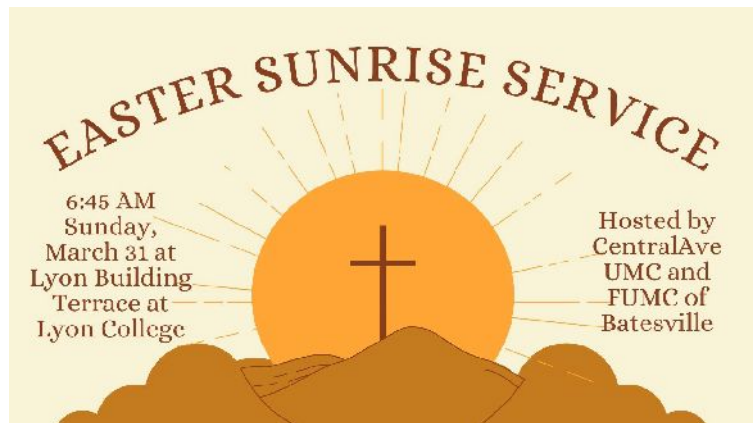
Next week is Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and continues through the Last Supper, the arrest, trial, torture and execution of Jesus and ending on Holy Saturday, the day that Jesus' body lay in the tomb. During Holy Week we walk through the last week of Jesus' life. By commemorating the events of the final week through worship and prayer we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the resurrection.



This Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will have the Parade of Palms at both worship services. Next Wednesday is our Egg-stravaganza Easter Family event. Maundy Thursday worship is at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary and we will have prayer stations based on the Stations of the Cross in the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday. I encourage you to participate in these events and to spend time in prayer and devotion as we journey towards the cross.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



Lenten Luncheons



2024 Lenten Lunch Schedule

Wednesday's at noon.

See the insert for the speakers.

March 20—First Presbyterian Church

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

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

Bill Beller.....member
Glenda Bowers.....member
Marcus Bowersmember
Ginger Davismember
Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
Starr Kent.....member
Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
Louise Hughesmember
Aline McCrackenmember
Jerry MillspoughElaine Vinson's uncle
Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
Billy Prickett.....member
Kathleen Reynolds.....member
Alannette Rushingmember
Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
 Connie Crafton sister of Joel Wagoner
 Asa Whitaker member

The Springs Batesville

Judy Murrah..... member

Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights

Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Ernestine Boyce member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

Sgt. Lane Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby

Trent McDonald.....cousin of member

Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson

Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum

Petty Officer Zane Smartmember

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow

Major Joe Warren

Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Sonja Massey Turner.....member

Baptist Health Medical Center ICU - Little Rock

Bill Waldrip.....member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Michael Robinson and family*, in the death of his cousin **Daron Roberson**, who passed away Friday, March 15th.

Visitation is scheduled on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Willis Funeral Service. The Funeral service will be on March 23rd at 11:00 a.m., at Believers Community Church.



Get Up & Give, a donation collection project benefiting the Arkansas children and families cared for by Methodist Family Health. **Our United Women in Faith are asking our congregation to help us collect items for this year's campaign.** We are collecting only WHITE bath towels and wash cloths, disposable baby diapers of any size, and paper towels. **We will collect now until April 7th.** You may place your items in the baskets outside the office or the sanctuary.

Blessing Box

If you would like to help stock our Blessing Box, here's a list of items:

Pull tops please on can goods.

Canned meat, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages

Thank you for being a blessing those less fortunate!

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce
katie.pearce@arumc.org

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Custodian

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Mailing Address is:
First United
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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Our Presence

Online Worship Views March 10th

11:00 Service (YT 12 + FB 68) 80

9:00 Service(FB) 160

In-Person Attendance

March 17th 137

Our Gifts

Received in March

Received through 03-03-2024

Total Giving \$10,756.41

Received through 03-10-2024

Total Giving \$5,356.03

Received through 03-17-2024

Total Giving \$10,977.31

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Luke 22:47-51

Our Service

for March 24th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Susan Tripp & Maggie Beshears
11:00 David and Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Amanda Roberts

LITURGIST: Racheal Roofe

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

March 24 Alanette Rushing

March 25 B.J. Slaughter

March 27 Matthew Adams

Burke Fraiser

March 28 Julie Ross Blodgett

March 29 Ruby Curl

March 27 Edward & Katie Driver

March 28 David & Holly Wilkerson

March 30 Wayne & Crystal Anderson

MEMORIALS

JOSEPHINE RAYE ROGERS

Charles & Jan Sullivan

Diane & Fletcher Lord

CAROL BARNETT ROBERTSON

James "Skip" Rutherford

Flower Vase Liners

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 used every Sunday and for special occasions, such as funerals and weddings.



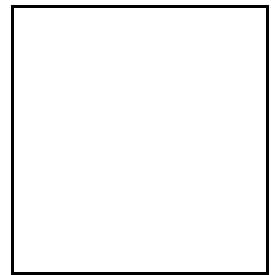
Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!

Come pick your special Sunday to do the altarflowers!



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The FUMC Challenge

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **March 25th, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

11:00 Worship Service
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

SUNDAYMORNINGS

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Announcements

Mar 20th First Presbyterian Church - Soup Lunch - noon
Mar 20th Chancel Choir Practice
No BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm (Spring Break)
No BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm (Spring Break)
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
Mar 21st No HIIWAYS College Group - 6:00pm (Spring Break)
Mar 23rd Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Mar 25th Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March 27th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, March 25th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.

Lenten Lunches

Soup Lunch and Devotional

Wednesdays during Lent at Noon

February

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***St. Mary's Catholic
Church***

Devotional by Rev. Elizabeth
Brinegar of First Presbyterian
Church

February

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***St. Paul's Episcopal
Church***

Devotional by Rev. Jesse James
of Central Ave. United Methodist
Church.

March

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Lyon College

Devotional by Rev. Katie Pearce
of First United Methodist Church

March

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***First United
Methodist Church***

Devotional by Chaplain Maggie
Alsup of Lyon College.

March

20

***First Presbyterian
Church***

Devotional by Father Jon Miskin
of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Lent

February 14 - March 31, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			February 14 Attend an Ash Wednesday service.	15 Make a copy - print or digital - of this calendar, and share with a friend!	16 Fast from social media.	17 Visit a shut-in and deliver a meal or special treat.
18 1st Sunday in Lent Read Mark 1:9-15	19 Pray for the children in your neighborhood.	20 Say "thank you" to a store clerk, server, and/or delivery person.	21 Repent of your sins. Ask God for forgiveness.	22 Be humble.	23 Share an online post from your church with friends and family.	24 Commit to a new, healthy habit.
25 2nd Sunday in Lent Read Mark 8:31-38	26 Pray for people affected by war and conflict around the globe.	27 Send an encouraging letter or email to someone.	28 Skip a meal and give your savings to a favorite charity in your community.	29 Today is Leap Day! Do something fun. Play!	March 1 Read the words of Charles Wesley's hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	2 Make a list of the blessings you have received in life.
3 3rd Sunday in Lent Read John 2:13-22	4 Pray for God's blessing on The United Methodist Church	5 Pray for God's blessing on those affiliated with other denominations.	6 Reach out to someone who is difficult to get to know.	7 Seek to be led by God.	8 Open your heart to someone you disagree with.	9 Ask God to reveal your spiritual gifts to you and use them.
10 4 th Sunday in Lent Read John 3:14-21	11 Pray for your immediate family members.	12 Be a witness for Christ.	13 Forgive those who have wronged you.	14 Remember and give thanks for those who have guided your faith and disciplined you.	15 Support a local business.	16 Go on a walk and listen to the sounds of nature.
17 4th Sunday in Lent Read John 12:20-33	18 Pray for someone in your extended family.	19 Fast from electronics.	20 Ask God to help you reconcile a broken relationship.	21 Text someone you haven't heard from recently and ask how they're doing.	22 Invite someone to join you for next week's Easter service.	23 Plant flowers or garden seeds. (Start seedlings inside if needed.)
24 Palm Sunday Read Mark 14:1 - 15:47	25 Holy Week Read John 12:1-11	26 Holy Week Read John 12:20-36	27 Holy Week Read John 13:21-32	28 Maundy Thursday Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35	29 Good Friday Read John 18:1 - 19:42	30 Holy Saturday Read John 19:38-42

31 EASTER
Christ the Lord
is risen today!
Hallelujah!
Read John 20:1-18



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Consider a gift to UMHEF as part of your 2024 Lenten commitment.
Visit umhf.org/give, use the enclosed envelope, or call 1-800-811-8110.

It's almost Lent.

Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus. The 40 days* of Lent 2024 begin on February 14, Ash Wednesday, and end on March 30, the Saturday before Easter. This time represents the forty days Jesus suffered in the wilderness, enduring temptations and remaining close to God through fasting and prayer. This unimaginable time of trials and suffering is what prepared Jesus to carry out His ministry.

Through prayer, introspection, and service, you can also set aside the days of Lent to deepen your spiritual life and discern what God asks of you. On the other side of this page, you will find a special Lenten calendar, a gift from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. We invite you to use the daily prompts to help you pause, focus on God, and find renewal in Christ.

Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1: 13-16, NRSV



The grand vision of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is that it be economically possible for any qualified United Methodist student to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education.

UMHEF supports United Methodist students attending one of the 119 UM-related schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Our partnerships with local UM churches, schools, annual conference foundations, and donors allow over 1,000 students to receive more than \$2 million in vital scholarship support every year.

*The 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays.

Visit [UMHEF.ORG/GIVE](https://umhef.org/give) If you would like to support the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation as part of your Lenten commitment. You can also donate by mail by using the enclosed envelope or by phone by calling 1-800-811-8110.

"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him."

POPE FRANCIS

