



First United Methodist Challenge



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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

When I was in seminary, I took a class in which I was required to write a paper called my "Credo" -- Latin for "I believe." My paper took two semesters to write and was over 90 pages long. I was required to systematically state what I believed with no conflicts within the credo. I won't say it was perfect, but I will say that I had to work very hard to quit saying what others believed and put my own beliefs into my own words.



This Sunday, we will begin a new series called "we believe." Like my credo, I will use the "Apostles' Creed" to describe a simple but ecumenical statement of our beliefs as Christians. As our denomination faces a debate about some of our doctrines about human sexuality, I believe it will be helpful to look at the Apostles' Creed, because it is one of the first statements of belief of Christians. It appears to have been written and circulated within the first 200 years after Christ, and still serves as the common beliefs we share with millions of Christians around the world.

- Jan. 20 - "The Great 'I Am: God the Father'" (Exodus 3:13-15)
- Jan. 27 - "The Word Made Flesh: Son" (John 1:1-5)
- Feb. 3 - "No Orphans of God: Holy Spirit" (John 14:15-21)
- Feb. 10 - "Church: Community of Saints" (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Feb. 17 - "Church: Forgiveness of Sins" (Matthew 18:21-22ff)
- Feb. 24 - "Church: Resurrection People" (1 Corinthians 15:35-38)

Join us each week at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 am, or listen on 103.3 FM (with live link through our website as well!).

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

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.



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.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 17th - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel
- Jan. 19th - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 21st - Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day



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."



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!

2019 CHOIR SCHEDULE

All choirs will begins 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

HANDICAP PARKING ONLY

Please save the parallel parking spaces near next to the covered drop off for handicap parking ONLY!

Please reserve these spots at all times for those who need them.



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.



Chris Folmsbee spoke to the Church Council last Saturday evening. He is the discipleship minister at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City.

He worked with our discipleship team as they focus on ways to engage youth and young adults in our community. Chris also met with our staff and church leadership this weekend as we focus on ways to make disciples and grow in Christ.

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!

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 13th

Sunday Worship Total.....203
 Sunday School86

Our Gifts

Received in January

Received 01/06/2019\$12,706.50
 Received 01/13/2019\$12,580.40
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 20th

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Molly McLean
 Lizzie Langston
 Georgi Moody

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Sue Kibbe in honor of their son in laws, Bryan Langston and Andy Walmsley.

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy McKinney
 Eleanor Royer

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Faith Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Tommy Newton
 11:00 Amanda Lucy

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: J Ellis Close: M Wilson
8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS
 J Ellis & D Smith A Walmsley

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from U MEN Calendar

January 20 Libby King
 Becky Shelton
 January 21 Bill Bobrosky
 Martha Healey
 Russell Staggs
 January 23 Julie Taylor
 January 24 Laura Brissey
 Pam Smith
 January 25 Gina Robertson
 January 26 Ruth Ashcraft
 Paul Glover
 Ron Lewallen
 Andy Walmsley

MEMORIALS

ROBERT STROUD

Jon & Martha Healey

Lost and Needs to be Found

A hearing aid has been found in the sanctuary.
 You may claim it in the church office.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but thine.
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
 And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
 Amen.

Our Mailing Address is:

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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 Bentz.....member
 Gary Bower.....friend of member
 Kris Decker.....friend of member
 Chad Edwardsfriend of member
 Annabella Fletcher.....friend of member
 Woody Fowler.....friend of congregation
 Tina Fowler.....
 Fletcher Hall family.....friends of members
 Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
 Deb Heslep.....daughter of John Ellis
 Bill Hessfamily member of Rice Family
 Doug Hillfriend of member,
 Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
 Martha Lewallen.....member
 Mary Ann Marshall.....member
 Dawn Messer.....friend of member
 Ruth Meyers.....aunt of member
 Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
 Max Neaville.....member
 Meredith O'Connell.....Helen Musgraves niece
 Maria Paningua.....friend of member
 Betty Rhodesfamily of member
 Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family
 Raye Rogersmember
 Charlotte Rose.....member
 Rich Schmidt.....family member of Mark Wallace
 Mike Sextoncousin of David Smith
 Becky Sheltonmember
 Bob Spencerfather of member
 Dianne Taylor.....member
 Tilley family.....friend of members
 Belinda Turner.....friend of member
 Frances Williamsfriend of member
 Brooklyn Woodfriend of member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Baptist Hospital - North Little Rock

Michelle Canchalodaughter of Bennie Burks

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Linda Hix* in the death of her sister **Pat Bone**.

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 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 Pomeroy.....son 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 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

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

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Jan. 20th
8:30 Service
 Paul & Joni Bube
11:00 Service
 Marcus & Glenda Bowers
Coffee & Donuts
 Faith Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Jan. 18th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Jan. 20th - Explorer's Bible Study
 In the Alpha Classroom
Jan. 21st - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Jan. 24th - Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer

Wednesday Activities
January 16th
 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 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 23rd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, January 21st to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.