



# First United Methodist Challenge



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February 20, 2019

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

From the Pastor. . .

I have no doubts that you will be reading/hearing about The United Methodist Church this week. We have a special called General Conference -- a gathering of United Methodists from around the world. This is the official voice of the UMC, and they will be addressing some of our denomination's positions on human sexuality.



The UMC is one of the most diverse denominations in the world -- both culturally and theological. I love the UMC because I get to see people who disagree on many issues serve side-by-side in the ways that matter most: to help people experience the love and grace of Christ every day. I see this most apparent in our outreach ministries, such as our youth and children's programs, community breakfasts, and warming center. It also takes place in even more powerful ways when we share that grace through our personal relationships. We will continue to keep our primary focus on sharing Christ with others through our hospitality, outreach, and relationships with others.

I hope you will join me in praying for Asa Whitaker (FUMC member and one of our delegates to General Conference) and all those who are seeking to discern what is best for our church's mission. Pray that we will move through these disagreements and stand strong in the unity of God's forgiveness and grace in Christ Jesus so we can continue to do the work Christ has commissioned us to do.

This Sunday, we will continue our series on the Apostles Creed as we look at one of the most amazing ways that God's grace is made real: forgiveness. We will look at Matthew 18:21-22 (and the parable that follows), and consider the way the Holy Spirit is alive and at work even in the midst of controversy and disagreement through the power of forgiveness of sins.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Mark



## Frito Pie Fest- Feb. 24th



**Support First Youth Sunday Feb. 24th.  
Chili & Frito Pies available for lunch.**

**Yummy!!!**

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**- Lyon College Gospel Choir & The Anointed Ones in Concert
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**- Support First Youth Sunday
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**- Frito Pie Fest - Fellowship Hall - After Worship Services
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**- Black History Celebration - UACCB Ind. Hall - 6:00pm
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary - 6:00pm



**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."*

### General Conference begins this week

In the United Methodist Church, the official body that makes statements for the denomination is called the General Conference. While that group normally meets every four years, we have a special called conference that begins this week in St. Louis. They are meeting to address our position on human sexuality, specifically our position on homosexuality as it relates to marriage and ordination. There are many proposals, and our own Asa Whitaker is one of the 800+ delegates from around the world that will be praying and discerning our next steps. Please pray for Asa and all the delegates as they lead our denomination.

You will see and hear a lot about the UMC in the national media over the next week, and we will share more in worship and the newsletter after the General Conference makes their decisions. Regardless of what is reported, please know that FUMC and your pastor is deeply committed to keeping our primary focus on the our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ as we "Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World."

If you have questions or what to know more, please feel free to contact Pastor Mark or Asa Whitaker. Asa leaves for General Conference later this week, and Pastor Mark will be back from our mission trip this Friday. Both can be reached by phone or email, as well.

### Mission Team concluding their work this week!


Please continue to keep Michael & Sandy West, Michael Wilson, Gary McDonald, and Pastor Mark in your prayers and they conclude their hurricane recovery work in Florida this Wednesday and start the journey back home.



### Sorting United Way Donations to our Food Ministry




*Black History Celebration*




**Keynote Speaker**  
Rep. Monte Hodges

**Sunday, Feb. 24**  
**6 p.m.**  
**University of Arkansas**  
**Community College at Batesville**  
**Independence Hall**


*featuring guest speakers,  
musical performances and a slideshow  
presentation by the Melba Theater*




**LYON**  
Gospel Choir




Rev. Aleta Pearson of  
Amazing Grace  
Community Church



Alicia Williams and the  
First United Methodist Praise Team



Friendship Missionary  
Baptist Church



Fulfilled Vision

Presented by the UACCB Multicultural Student Association and the Lyon College Black Student Association



### 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.

## 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 Mailing Address is:

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

## Our Presence

February 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Worship Total..... 178

Sunday School .....64

## Our Gifts

### Received in February

Received 02/03/2019 .....\$10,448.00

Received 02/10/2019 .....\$9,181.00

Received 02/17/2019 .....\$9,594.00

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 February 24<sup>th</sup>

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Lily Barker

Addison Wax

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Leanne & Maddie James in honor of Tom Curl's birthday.

ALTAR GUILD: Rebecca Richman

Steve Richman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30

10:55

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Faith Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Joyce Prickett

11:00 Will Langston

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: L Sandage Close: T Curl

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMEN Calendar

February 24 Mickey Coe  
Jennifer Faith  
Nicholas Guyette  
February 27 Jake Painter  
Blake Smith  
March 2 Blair Arnold  
Scott Ford

## 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

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.

## Handy Man Repairs Needed

If you see any repairs that need to be done please come to the church office, there is a paper up on the board across from the sink to list them.

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  
 Gerri & George Bentz .....member  
 Ed Driver .....husband of member  
 Chad Edwards .....friend of member  
 Reagan Harper .....friend of members  
 Alvetta Hatfield .....mother of Karen Holifield  
 Patty & Mike Healey .....parents of Jon Healey  
 Patti Jackson and family....former members  
 Kerry Jennings.....sister of member  
 Martha Lewallen .....member  
 Anne Luster .....member  
 Mary Ann Marshall.....member  
 Ruth Meyers .....aunt of member  
 Janice Murphy .....cousin of Sharan Pittser  
 Meredith O'Connell.....niece of Helen Musgrave  
 Maria Paningua.....friend of member  
 Angela Panneck .....friend of member  
 Jack & Terri Presley .....members  
 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

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

#### St. Vincent - Little Rock

Travis Langley.....nephew of member

#### White River Medical Center

George Sitowski .....friend of members

Due to privacy laws, First Church cannot access hospital admission records. Please let the church office know when you or a family member are hospitalized. 870-793-3803

### 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 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 .....  
 Senior Airman 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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*February is LOVE our YOUTH month @ FUMC*

The Month of February we will be highlighting First Youth & our wonderful teens. We try to focus this month of love on all the Love we have for the teen leaders of the church. This month we also focus on fundraising for YOUTH programming. We try to dedicate this time and not be asking all year long. However, we do YOUTH all year long, so GIVE BIG during our month of LOVE. Here are just a few of the ways you can support:

- Car Wash
- And of course fill out a pledge card.

There are lots of ways to give & support. Make this an awesome month of LOVE©



Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>



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**Hospitality Team for Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 Service**  
 Billy & Joyce Prickett  
**11:00 Service**  
 Eleanor Royer & Charles Kibbe  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
 Faith Sunday School Class

**Wednesday Activities**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 Wednesday Night Live - Family Dinner**  
 5:30 Kids & Youth  
 6:00pm Lyon College Gospel Choir & The Anointed Ones  
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

**Wednesday Activities**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 Kids & Youth  
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room  
 6:00 Praise Team  
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

**Bible Studies / Small Groups**  
**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting  
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.  
**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Explorer's Bible Study  
 In the Alpha Classroom  
**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Bible Study  
 At the Grammer House  
**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study - 9:45am  
 Home of Eleanor Royer  
 "Armor of God"

**Other Events / Committee Meetings**  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - Church Council - Barnabas Classroom  
 February 28<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the February 27<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).