



# First United Methodist Challenge



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

From the Pastor. . .

We've only covered three of the seven deadly vices, and it seems like we've been dealing with sin for months! Greed, Envy, and Lust were all about ways we put something or something in God's proper place, and that can be said about all of the vices. Yet, this week, we turn to what would seem to be a potluck's worst nightmare: Gluttony.



I think you'll be surprised to learn what I've discovered about gluttony. Yes, it's about overeating. But the virtue that we find standing opposed to gluttony is one of the most hopeful scenarios that we can have. While Greed, Envy, and Lust were countered with Charity, Gratitude, and Accountability, this week's Good News is going to surprise you.

We'll look at the words of Jesus from Matthew 11:28-30, as we discover how to "Feed Your Soul." Join us at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00, or listen to us on the radio at 103.3 at 11:00 am!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

PS. I'm very excited to share that we are now streaming our sanctuary services (8:30 & 11:00 am) on YouTube under our channel, "FUMC of Batesville, AR." It is broadcast live and then remains on the Channel so you can watch it anytime that it is convenient for you! Many thanks to Calvin Frazier and Joel Williams for all they are doing to expand our audio-visual ministry venues!

Please join the United Methodist Women in supporting Methodist Family Health's annual Lenten "Get up and Give" campaign. We are collecting men and ladies underwear and socks- all sizes for youth. We will have several boxes located in the church. We will be collecting between March 6 - April 14.

## Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary



We will be decorating our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies for Easter this year. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary *in honor of* or *in memory of* a friend or a family member, please use this form and return it to the church office by **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

*Please enclose your payment for each lily ordered.*

*Please print clearly so we can get the names right.*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by:  check  cash

*Please use a separate form for each plant.*



The United Methodist Committee on Relief, or UMCOR, is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR seeks to transform people and

communities in ways that support an abundant life.

Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100 percent to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

## Upcoming Events

- Apr. 5th-6th** - Bible Boot Camp Lock-In (see page 2)
- Apr. 6th** - Youth Spring Rally - Jonesboro (see page 2)
- Apr. 17th** - Tenebrae Service - 6:00pm - Sanctuary  
St. Paul's Episcopal will join us
- Apr. 18th** - Maunday Thursday Service - 6:00pm  
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church



## 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."*

**BIBLE BOOT CAMP LOCK-IN!**



**THE TRUE AVENGER**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 5 TO SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
**5:30 PM - 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Dinner, snacks & breakfast provided. Kids need to pre-register by clicking on the QR code. They need to bring a sleeping bag, a Bible & a flashlight. They are welcome to invite friends, but please pre-register!  
 For questions call Katie McLean @ 870.307.4034  
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NEDCYM  
 PRESENTS

**SPRING RALLY**

**APRIL 6TH 10AM**  
**JONESBORO**

**ACCYM SCREENING, OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK AND HIJINX FUN!**

**BRING A SACK LUNCH AND \$16.25 FOR HIJINX FAMILY FUN!**



**ROAR!**  
 Life is wild • God is good  
**VBS**  
**Leaders wanted**

**Save the Date!**

Vacation Bible School

June 23-26

If you would like to volunteer, please call or text Katie McLean @ 870.307.4034



**WE ARE ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Children's Council would like to ask for your help once again in providing plastic eggs and candy for our upcoming Palm Sunday Celebration! We prefer individually-wrapped, peanut-free candy that will fit inside a plastic egg! And speaking of eggs, we need those too! You may place your donations outside the church office or simply write a check and mark Easter Candy in the memo line. Thank you!

**JOIN THE FAITH GROUP AS WE STUDY THE 12 APOSTLES**

The Faith group is continuing a 9-week study on the book "Twelve Ordinary Men". Join us Sundays at 6:00pm March 31st – April 28th in the Faith room to learn more about the apostles and how Jesus chose ordinary, flawed people to start His church.

### 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

**Treasurer**

Ruby Curl

**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

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Worship Total..... 181

Sunday School .....83

### Our Gifts

**Received in March**

Received 03/03/2019 .....\$11,199.00

Received 03/10/2019 .....\$9,099.45

Received 03/17/2019 .....\$8,916.22

Received 03/24/2019 .....\$6,385.00

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

### MEMORIALS

**JAY BURKS**

Suzanne & Robert Evans

Chaney Huddleston class

Dot Lewis

### Our Service

for March 31<sup>st</sup>

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Ainsley Stolarik  
Laurel Stolarik

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Glenda & Marcus Bowers in honor of Pastor Mark & the Chaney-Huddleston class.

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Jameson  
Alice Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West  
10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Faith Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Kathy McKinney  
11:00 Amanda Lucy

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: John Ellis Close: Tom Curl

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith **Need Ushers**

### Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

March 31 Liz Massey

John Ellis

Katy Smythe

April 1 Dale Altom

Joyce Prickett

April 2 Katie Tripp Grigsby

Edward House

Addison Wax

April 4 Kim Stobaugh

April 5 Ronda Thompson

Holly Wilkerson

April 6 Brooke Knowles

Rusty Staggs

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April 1 Matt & Carmen McDonald

April 5 Reggie & April Rice

### MEMORIALS

**TOMMY OSBORN**

Burrell & Barbara McClure

**JERRY TAYLOR**

William & Penelope Dickason

Mary Ann Marshall

Barry & Sandra Hammers

### 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.

Our Mailing Address is:

First United  
Methodist Church  
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 Adams .....brother-in-law of Mark Wallace  
Gerri & George Bentz .....member  
Marcus & Glenda Bowers .members  
Dakivious Brown .....friend of member  
Bennie Burks .....member  
Michelle Burks-Canchola ..daughter of member  
Winnell Calhoun .....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  
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  
Diane Tebbetts.....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  
George Sitowski .....friend of members  
Bob Spencer .....father of member  
Bob Stobaugh .....friend of member  
Diane Tebbetts.....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

### † Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our sympathy goes out to *Bennie Burks and family*, in the death of her son, **Jay Burks**, who passed away Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at First United Methodist Church .

### 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

#### Wood-Lawn

Mildred Arnold..... member  
Bobbie Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip  
Troy Kuchler ..... stepdad of member  
Lucille Maris ..... member  
Margaret Matthews ..... member  
Virginia Swetnam ..... mother of Lorrie McClure

#### 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

### If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046



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Pick up a calendar in the hallway by the information board.

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**Hospitality Team for Sunday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 8:30 Service  
 Jim & Katy Smythe  
 11:00 Service  
 Paul & Karen Holifield  
 Coffee & Donuts  
 Faith Sunday School Class

**Bible Studies / Small Groups**  
**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting  
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.  
**Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Explorer's Bible Study  
 In the Alpha Classroom  
**Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Faith Group - 6:00pm  
 Faith Class Room  
 "Twelve Ordinary Men"  
**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Men's Bible Study  
 At the Grammer House  
**Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study - 9:45am  
 Home of Eleanor Royer  
 "Armor of God"

**Tuesday Activities**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal - Parlor  
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Wednesday Activities**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**5:30 Wednesday Night Live - Family Dinner**  
 5:30 Kids & Youth  
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room  
 6:00 Praise Team  
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

**Other Events / Committee Meetings**  
 April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trustees - 5:30pm - Barnabas Classroom  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on  
 KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet  
[www.ar1033.com](http://www.ar1033.com) and click Listen Live button  
 paste into your web browser <http://player.tritondigital.com/2341>  
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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).