



First United Methodist Challenge



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April 3, 2019

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

Last week, we dealt with Gluttony as one of the Seven Deadly Sins, and I shared how important "rest" is to prevent poor decisions.

This week, we turn to "Sloth," which we usually think of as "laziness." We're going to look at Philippians 3:4b-14 as we consider the ways that we often give up in our drive for certain goals in our lives.



Join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 am this Sunday!
Pastor Mark



Palm Sunday (April 14): Normal worship services with children's processional at all services and handbells at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Then, we have a church-wide potluck at 12:00 pm with an egg hunt for the children! (The church is providing ham, so bring salads, sides, and desserts to share with others!)

Tenebrae (Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm in our sanctuary.): Musical service of lights symbolizing the passion of Christ as candles are extinguished. St. Paul's Episcopal is joining for this service.

Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church): Service of Holy Communion and foot washing (optional) with the Episcopal Church. Pastor Mark and Father Jim will serve communion at their church.

Good Friday (Friday, April 19, noon): St. Paul's Episcopal Church is leading a noon service remembering the day that Jesus was crucified. Bethel AME is also hosting a noon service involving leadership from several area churches (including Kathy McKinney from FUMC).

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 5th**.

*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.

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 5th-6th** - Bible Boot Camp Lock-In (see page 2)
- Apr. 6th** - Youth Spring Rally - Jonesboro (see page 2)
- Apr. 14th** - Palm Sunday Celebration
- 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



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.



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 4TH - 6TH 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
 First United Methodist Church • 615 East Main St. Batesville



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!

"Contact Lorrie ASAP to sign up for the rally this Saturday!"



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

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.



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!

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 31st

Sunday Worship Total 194

Sunday School 95

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

Received 03/31/2019 \$23,479.00

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 April 7th

ACOLYTES: 11:00 (need volunteers)

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Tom & Ruby Curl.

ALTAR GUILD: Megan Holifield
Kaley Waldrip

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Alpha Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Carey Robertson

11:00 Sandy West

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: Close:

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

April 8 Megan McSpadden

April 9 Brandt Crouch
Beatrice Moore

April 10 Dorianne Dias

April 11 Dallas Estes
Devyn Seale
Dyllan Seale

April 13 Lowell Turner
Cayley Wagoner
Bart Wilkerson

April 9 Mary Jeanette & Stanley Wood

MEMORIALS

JERRY TAYLOR

Susie & Bob Carter

Robert Craig

David & Sharan Pittser

ROBERT STROUD

Susie & Bob Carter

JAY BURKS

Susie & Bob Carter

Robert Craig

Neva B. Ball

Doris Casper

Bill & Diana Waldrip

Ron & Martha Lewallen

Timmy & Joan McKinney

Mildred Arnold & Sonja Turner

David & Sharan Pittser

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.

Our Mailing Address is:

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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 Adamsbrother-in-law of Mark Wallace
Gerri & George Bentzmember
Marcus & Glenda Bowers .members
Dakivious Brownfriend of member
Bennie Burksmember
Michelle Burks-Canchola ..daughter of member
Doris Caspermember
Winnell Calhounmember
Ed Driverhusband of member
Chad Edwardsfriend of member
Reagan Harperfriend of members
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Patty & Mike Healeyparents of Jon Healey
Patti Jackson and familyformer members
Kerry Jenningssister of member
Anne Lustermember
Mary Ann Marshallmember
Ruth Meyersaunt of member
Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
Meredith O'Connellniece of Helen Musgrave
Maria Paninguafriend of member
Angela Panneckfriend of member
Diane Tebbettsmember
Jack & Terri Presleymembers
Pat Ricefamily member of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbeerelative of member
Raye Rogersmember
Charlotte Rosemember
Rich Schmidtfamily member of Mark Wallace
George Sitowskifriend of members
Bob Spencerfather of member
Bob Stobaughfriend of member
Diane Tebbettsmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

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

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

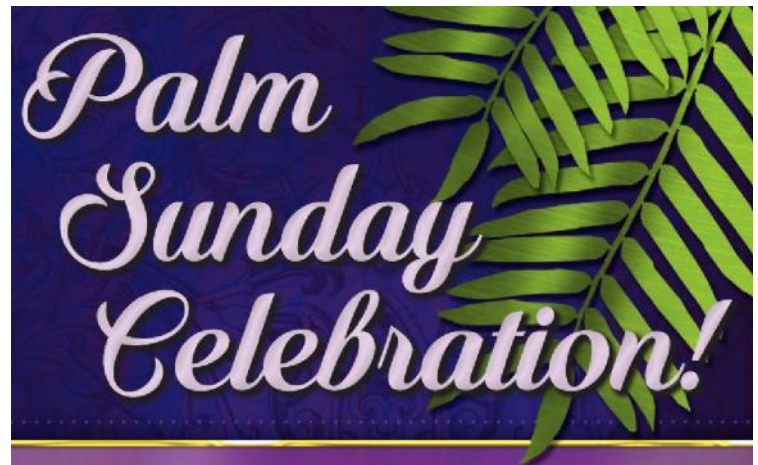
MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
Major Chris Carpenterson of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jonesnephew of Mildred Arnold
Pvt. Lane Lively
Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
Trent McDonaldcousin of member
Capt. Shannon McLoughlin daughter of Cecilia Vinson
Major Adam Moore son-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
1st Lt. Jason Pomeroyson of Wanda & Bob Pomeroy
TSgt. Karl Sagerson 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 Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Club 56 Small Group Gatherings

Last Sunday night, our Confirmation Class met with their Small Groups for the first time. We had groups at 3 different locations and it was a wonderful evening! Thank you to Pastor Mark, Ms. Chasity and Ms. Shelby, Tommy and Amy Newton Crow and Melody Moody for hosting. The next Club 56 Small Group gatherings will take place April 28.



SUNDAY, APRIL 14 • 11:00 AM

Church-Wide Family Event!

Potluck! Easter Egg Hunt! Petting Zoo!

Pictures with the Bunny!



This is a church-wide potluck and we ask you to bring a side dish that will go with ham. Kids will wave palm branches during the 11am service and the potluck and festivities will begin at noon. Kids needs to bring a bag or basket and the egg hunt will be divided by ages.

5TH Annual



April 13, 2019
RAIN OR SHINE
Riverside Park
Walk begins at 10:00 am



**Macy's Stroll and Roll
for Angelman Syndrome**



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Check out newsletters online!

www.fumcbatesville.org/



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

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Apr. 7th
8:30 Service
Billy & Joyce Prickett
11:00 Service

Coffee & Donuts
Alpha Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Apr. 5th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Apr. 7th - Explorer's Bible Study
In the Alpha Classroom
Apr. 7th - Faith Group - 6:00pm
Faith Class Room
"Twelve Ordinary Men"
Apr. 8th - Men's Bible Study
At the Grammer House
Apr. 11th - Bible Study - 9:45am
Home of Eleanor Royer
"Armor of God"

Tuesday Activities
April 9th
5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal - Parlor
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
April 10th
5:30 Kids & Youth
6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room
6:15 Praise Team
7:15pm Youth Praise Band

Other Events / Committee Meetings
April 9th - Finance Meeting - 5:30pm - Barnabas Classroom
April 11th - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on
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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the April 10th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 8th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.