



First United Methodist Challenge



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April 10, 2019

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

We have an INCREDIBLE day planned for this Sunday! Our children will be waving palm branches, and our handbell choir will ring praises to God in the 8:30 and 11:00 service, and we continue our sermon series on the Seven Deadly Sins as we seek to understand how Jesus taught us to deal with our anger. We will look at Philippians 2:5-11 and reveal the ways that we can be more Christ-like dealing with this difficult vice.



At noon, we invite our church family and friends to join us for a church-wide potluck, complete with a petting zoo, egg hunt, and more! The church will provide ham, so bring complementary side dishes (salads, sides, desserts, etc.).

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

P.S. We have re-launched our 11:00 worship service LIVE on 103.3 FM. We will also be streaming living on YouTube (search for FUMC Batesville, AR for our channel), so don't miss the chance to join us in worship -- live or in person, and let us know how we can stay connected as a family!

Palm Sunday Celebration!
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.

Painting of Historic FUMC coming up for Auction!

The Trustees is excited to announce that we have commissioned a painting of FUMC that we will auction off to raise money for our capital campaign. The painting will be displayed this Sunday with a silent auction sheet. You may bid by writing you name on the silent auction sheet, or you may contact Teresa Brown in the office to get a number for your bids if you want to remain anonymous. You may also call in your bid if you aren't able to make it to the church. Bidding will start at \$400, and the auction will run through April 23 at 12:00 pm.



Upcoming Events

- Apr. 14th** – Palm Sunday Celebration
- Apr. 17th** – Tenebrae Service - 6:00pm - Sanctuary
St. Paul's Episcopal will join us
- Apr. 18th** – Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00pm
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Apr. 19th** – Good Friday Service - 12:00pm
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."

Financial Update

Thank you to all who continue to support the mission and ministry of our church! The Finance Committee is including a special "first quarter" financial update this week:

General Budget Approved for January - March: \$144,604

General Budget expenses for January - March: \$125,325

Tithes/offerings received toward general budget for first quarter: \$120,365

As you can see, we are short of meeting our budget, but our staff and leadership are doing a good job keeping expenses down. As we approach the summer months, we typically have a reduction in giving because people are traveling. However, we also have an increase in expenses because of our vibrant summer youth and children's programs (and higher utilities). Please consider helping us prepare for summer in whatever way you can. Here are some suggestions:

- Set up an automatic donation through your financial institution's bill pay feature and automate it!
- Give electronically through our website (fumcbatesville.org). You can make a one-time or recurring gift!
- Give a special offering to our "Summer Ministries Fund" this Easter (to support VBS and similar events).
- If you've given an "estimate of giving" card this year, please check your giving statement that will arrive soon and see if you are able to catch up or need to make adjustments on your estimate so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for all you do to help us make disciples as we transform lives, communities, and the world!

Fellowship Hall Sound System

We have collected our bids for the sound upgrades in the Fellowship Hall, and we are excited to begin the work after Easter. When we finish, we will have our equipment mounted and secure, and the only set up will involve moving the projector into place. We have \$6,000 already given or pledged for this, and hope to raise another \$4,000 to complete our work. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation to "A/V system."



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).

Our LIVE Radio Broadcast is Back!

We are excited to announce that our radio broadcast is back! Many have noticed that our radio broadcast has been repeating old shows because of technology problems that we have faced. This past Sunday, we found a great way to broadcast our 11 o'clock service live, with a failsafe of the 830 service if we experienced technical difficulties with our live broadcast. Everything seem to work great, and now we are back with a live broadcast of our service on 103.3 FM. In addition to the live stream that you can download on their website when you are traveling, we also offer a live video stream of our service each week on our YouTube channel. Simply search for FUMC Batesville, AR and watch for our live service to be broadcast at 11 AM each week. We also will archive our 830 and 11 AM services on that same page, so even if you can't watch it or listen to it live, you are able to go back to previous worship services.

Now that we have these new ways to stay connected in worship, we invite you to help us expand this outreach even more! We broadcast on the radio so that those who cannot make it to our building on Sunday are still able to join us in worship. Now that we have that back – and have added a live stream on YouTube – we hope that you will share with others about this opportunity to join us in worship. We also hope that you will consider sponsoring our a radio broadcast. We invite you to sponsor one of our weekly services for \$50, much in the way you might offer flowers for our sanctuary each week. Simply call Teresa in the church office if you would like to sponsor one of our services at any time. We will include your honorarium or memorial in our weekly bulletin like we do with the flowers.

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Bob Langley

Choir Director

Amanda Pickett

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

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

April 7th

Sunday Worship Total.....210

Sunday School80

Our Gifts

Received in April

Received 04/07/2019\$12,123.57

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 14th

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by Sonja Turner in memory of Lowell Turner's 89th birthday.

ALTAR GUILD: Megan Holifield
Kaley Waldrip

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Barnabas Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Joyce Prickett

11:00 Kelley McDonald

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: T McKinney

Close: T Curl

8:30 USHERS

11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith

Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

April 14 Amy Lewis

April 18 Matt Martin

April 19 Chris Carpenter

April 20 Ashley Montgomery Foster

April 16 Dick & Nancy Bernard

MEMORIALS

JAY BURKS

Martha & Jon Healey

Ken & Ina Bolton

William & Louise Sanderfur

Michael & Sandy West

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Mission Trips: FUMC participates in several mission trips each year, some involving youth, some adults only, and some family inclusive. We are also working to include local, regional, and international missions for those who are interested. Please complete the tear off section to keep up!

Ramps. Our men's group has a team that builds ramps and does a few other repairs to help neighbors with disabilities.

ERT: We are seeking people interesting in training for early entry to disaster areas to help provide immediate relief and make scenes safe for people to begin to rebuild their lives. This training will be eight hours long and typically occurs on a Saturday.

Food Ministries: We always have opportunities for people to help with our Wednesday meals, Saturday breakfast, blessing box, backpacks, and warming/cooling center.

Our Mailing Address is:

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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
Michelle Burks-Canchola ..daughter of member
Doris Caspermember
Winnell Calhounmember
Ed Driverhusband of member
Chad Edwardsfriend of member
Don Gilchristmember
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Patty & Mike Healeyparents of Jon Healey
Kerry Jenningssister of member
Martha Lewallenmember
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
Jack & Terri Presleymembers
Pat Ricefamily member of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbeerelative of member
Raye Rogersmember
Charlotte Rosemember
Rich Schmidtfamily member of Mark Wallace
Margie Sextoncousin of David Smith
Bob Spencerfather of member
Bob Stobaughfriend of member

† Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our sympathy goes out to *Brent & Kelli Swaim & Logan & Shelby Engles*, in the death of Shelby's biological paternal grandfather, **Jose Bunda, Jr.**, who passed away April 2nd. The funeral service was Monday, April 8th in Sherwood, Arkansas.

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Max Mizefriend of member

St. Vincent Hospital - Hot Springs

Bob Steelmanfriend of member

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

Bible Boot Camp

Hello church family!

I just wanted to give a quick update from our Children's Ministry program. We had our 5th annual Bible Boot Camp last weekend. We hosted 46 4th-6th graders for a lock-in! Thank you to Amanda Lucy, Kelli Swaim, Amanda Roberts and Abby Barker for planning it and a special thanks to David Smith and Tom and Ruby Curl for all their help. Pastor Mark led the lessons and Kelley, Maddie and Nate McDonald led our service project. We had amazing college interns that stayed UP all night!



I hope everyone will join us this coming Palm Sunday for a special potluck following the 11am service. The Children's Ministry team will provide ham (and chicken strips for kids). We are asking you to bring a side dish to share. There will be an egg hunt, petting zoo and pictures with the Easter bunny.

Lorrie McClure and I met with the AR Conference Children's Coordinator, Melinda Shunk. She toured our church, children's and youth spaces. She was eager to learn about our growing Wednesday night programs. We exchanged ideas and had a wonderful visit.

I will see you on Sunday! Kids: don't forget your Easter baskets! Feel free to invite friends and family! All are welcome!

Katie McLean



5TH Annual



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



macy's miracle



Macy's Stroll and Roll
for Angelman Syndrome



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

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Apr. 14th
8:30 Service
Paul & Joni Bube
11:00 Service
Mike & Carolyn Wilson
Coffee & Donuts
Barnabas Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups

Apr. 12th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
At Ameriprise Office on College St.

Apr. 14th - Explorer's Bible Study
In the Alpha Classroom

Apr. 14th - Faith Group - 6:00pm
Faith Class Room
"Twelve Ordinary Men"

Apr. 15th - Men's Bible Study
At the Grammer House

Tuesday Activities
April 16th

5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal - Parlor
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
April 17th

5:30 Wednesday Night Live - Family Dinner
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 16th - Church Council - 5:30pm - Barnabas Classroom
April 18th - 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
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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the April 17th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 15th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.