



First United Methodist Challenge

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making
Christ
first

615 East Main Street
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May 1, 2019

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

This Sunday, I am grateful to welcome Rev. Velda Bell to our pulpit. Rev. Bell is a recently retired UM pastor who has been attending FUMC for several months, and she will bring the message this Sunday in all three services. Her sermon will be based on John 21:1-14 and it is entitled, "Going Fishing."



Join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 am for another beautiful time of worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

PS. We continue to hear strong comments about our YouTube broadcast. You can join the 8:30 or 11:00 service online by searching for "FUMC Batesville, AR" on YouTube. We continue to broadcast the 11:00 am service on 103.3 FM, as well.

Congratulations to the Successful Bidder!



Congratulations to Tommie & Amy Newton-Crow for their purchase of the church painting that was auctioned off last month! They are excited about displaying it in their home.

Historic Painting Prints Now Available

Our Trustees are making a limited number of prints available for a donation of \$50 or more to our building fund. We have 50 copies that are number and signed by Eric Bork, and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis through the church office.



Seniors wishing to be recognized on Senior Sunday, May 12th, please email or text one senior picture and one baby picture by May 8th to Lorrie McClure.

General Conference Plan Moves Forward

The Judicial Council of our denomination met last month and approved several portions of the "Traditional Plan" that was passed at General Conference in February. There were many issues address, but a brief summary of these rulings is simply that the UMC positions on ordination and marriage of homosexual couples (not allowed in our churches) remains the same, and there is stricter accountability on clergy and bishops who violate these restrictions.

Leaders from several perspectives of our denomination continue to meet to explore ways we can find a more unifying response to these concerns, so please continue to keep this work in your prayers, that we may find ways to continue to focus on making disciples while addressing the concerns that many have.

Upcoming Events

- May 6th** – United Methodist Women – 6:00pm – Parlor
- May 12th** – Senior Sunday
- May 15th** – Family Follies – 5:30-7:30PM – F Hall
- May 27th** – Office Closed for Memorial Day
- June 23rd-26th** – Vacation Bible School



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."

The Saturday morning breakfast is a blessing to many

The volunteers for our Breakfast ministry want to thank all of you who have been so generous with your gifts to the mission of providing those in need of our community a nourishing hot meal each week. This is our sixth+ year having provided over 30,000 hot meals. Our group of volunteers has become a family along with those we serve. This is a group that would gladly welcome any of you to become part of this ministry. In the very beginning it was decided that all of this would be provided at no cost to the church other than the use of the facility.

There are funds each year in the budget, but we have chosen never use them. I tell you all this to say that if you can find it in your heart to make a designated offering to the Breakfast fund. We ask this to be over and above your annual pledge as that is needed to provide for the other necessary functions and missions of the First United Methodist Church here in Batesville. The Breakfast is but one of the missions of FUMC of Batesville.

WE as a church are making a difference.

In closing, the words of Jesus: Luke 14 12-14

“When you give a luncheon or dinner (breakfast), do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors; if you do they will invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



Shop Amazon? Give a portion to FUMC!

If you shop on amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and registering "First Methodist Church, Batesville, AR" as your charity of choice! 1/2% of every dollar you spend will be donated to our church for ministry!



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
June 23-26

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



FUMC On-the-Go

When you can't make it to our campus, check us out online and on the radio!

Our new YouTube channel has sanctuary worship services and events archived so you can watch them anytime. Simple search for FUMC Batesville, AR to look through our broadcasts (including the Tenebrae service and Ms. Arkansas' visit with our youth and children).

Our 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services are streamed live on that channel, and our 11:00 service is also broadcast live on 103.3 FM each week!

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

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Paul Holifield

Trustees Chair

Gayle Ross

Finance Chair

Matt Martin

Our Mailing Address is:

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Our Presence

April 28th

Sunday Worship Total.....183

Sunday School78

Our Gifts

Received in April

Received 04/07/2019\$12,123.57

Received 04/14/2019\$8,285.00

Received 04/21/2019\$10,972.00

Received 04/28/2019\$11,370.41

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 May 5th

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God and in memory of Christain Martin Lovendahl from his mom, Glenda Martin.

ALTAR GUILD: Diana Waldrip
Karen Holifield

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Faith Sunday School Class

COMMUNION STEWARD:

Carla Langston

LITURGIST: 8:30 Tommy Newton

11:00 Sara Moore

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: S Kibbe Close: M West

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith

Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMEN Calendar

May 5 Roger Barker
Amanda Lucy
Josh Taylor

May 6 Katherine Brannon Fishman
Melissa Bube
Sue Kibbe

May 7 Wes Shelton
Rachel Taylor

May 8 Leanne James
Scott Pinkston

May 9 Zach Langston

May 6 Pete & Helen Musgrave

May 9 Scott and Cindy Kallsnick

May 10 Andy & Ann Walmsley

May 11 Tim & Joan McKinney

MEMORIALS

JAY BURKS

Winnell Calhoun

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.

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
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
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
Margie Sextoncousin of David Smith
Bob Spencerfather of member
Bob Stobaughfriend of member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Doris Caspermember
Max Mizefriend of member

† Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our sympathy goes out to *Lorrie McClure and family* in the death of her grandmother, **Bernice Swetnam**, who passed away, Sunday, April 21st.

The funeral service was held Friday, April 26th at Wortham Funeral Home in Highland, Arkansas

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
Virgina Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Robert (Lit) Craig member
Bufford Maddox member
Judy Murrah member
Dianne Taylor member

Nursing home - Hot springs Village

Bob Steelman friend of member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
Lt. Col. 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



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, May 5th
 8:30 Service
 Joe Don & Kathleen Reynolds
 11:00 Service
 Paulette Arnold
Coffee & Donuts
 Faith Sunday School Class

Tuesday Activities
May 7th
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
May 8th
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room
 6:15 Praise Team
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

Bible Studies / Small Groups

May 3rd - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.

May 5th - Faith Group - 6:00pm
 Faith Class Room
 "Twelve Ordinary Men"

May 6th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House

Other Events / Committee Meetings

May 6th – UMW Meeting – 6:00pm – Church Parlor
 The Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 23rd.
 May 9th – Morning Prayer Service – 7:15am-7:45am – Chapel
 May 14th – Finance Meeting – 5:30pm – Barnabas Classroom

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on
 KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet
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 May 8th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, May 6th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.