



First United Methodist Challenge

open hearts
open minds
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Christ
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February 12, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

This week, we continue our series on the beatitudes as we move to Matthew 5:7-8:

"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy."

"Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God."



As Jesus continues to unfold the way the kingdom of God works, he challenges us with two new ways of living: show mercy and have a pure heart. Join us this week as we explore how that might look in today's world!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

5th annual
Joyful Heart Ball
Saturday, February 15th
6:00-9:00pm

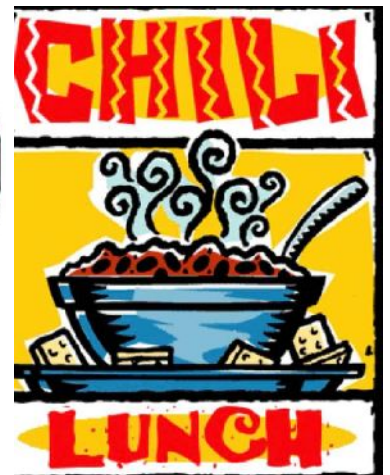
Want to get involved?
-help decorate Friday, February 14th
-attend the dance!
-prepare food for the event (contact Jennifer Emery)
-donate to FUMC (put Joyful Heart as the designation)

Questions?
joyfulheartball@gmail.com or find us on Facebook!



On Wednesday, February 26, we will mark the beginning of Lent with a special service at 6:00 pm. You are invited to join us at 5:30 for a light meal of soup and sandwiches, followed by worship in the sanctuary that will include an opening time of worship and stations for your own spiritual preparation. Our stations will include imposition of ashes, communion, nailing our sins to the cross, and time for prayer and meditation. The youth and children will also have stations as they continue to learn about Lent following the sanctuary worship.

This service is open to people of all ages, nations, races, and backgrounds. Join us as we humble ourselves and seek God's guidance to deepen our spiritual walk with God.



**Support First Youth Sunday Feb. 23rd.
Chili & Frito Pies available for lunch.**

We have 70 registered to go to Veritas (our state-wide youth rally) this Year! Please come out and support our youth at these fund-raisers:

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 15th** - Joyful Heart Ball - 6:00-9:00pm - F Hall
- Feb. 23rd** - Youth Chili Lunch Fund-Raiser
- Feb. 26th** - Ash Wednesday Service - 5:30 meal - 6:00 Service
- Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st** - Youth to VERITAS
- Mar. 15th** - ASU Wesley Foundation will conduct all services



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."

Please join us for a Wedding Shower
in celebration of the upcoming marriage of
Kate Emery and Nelson Heringer



February 23rd, 2020
Drop in- 1:30-3:30 in the Church Parlor



Kate is registered at Home Holidays and
More in Batesville
Bed Bath and Beyond, Dillard's, and Target



**Secret
Pals**

It is time to choose a secret pal for the year 2020.

I have a list and information on those who need a secret pal.

Please contact me for information and thanks for those who participate.

Thank you,
Bennie



ASU Wesley Foundation Coming to FUMC

The Wesley Foundation is the campus ministry of the United Methodist Church, and we are excited to have the ASU-Jonesboro Wesley Foundation to lead us in worship on Sunday, March 15th at all three Sunday services.

Youth in Worship



We are excited to share a new way to donate to FUMC that is secure and smart! For those days when you don't have cash or checks, we now have a method for giving -- even during the offering in worship -- that is convenient and secure:

GivePlus APP

Beginning immediately, you can give to the church through a simple app that you download to your smartphone and give through your checking account, debit card, or credit card. Once you've set your secure account, you can view all your donations made through the App, change your account information, and set up recurring donations! Type this link to watch a short video about the TextPlus App

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>
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Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
Reverend Mark McDonald

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
Kathy McKinney
Randy Seale
Joel Wagoner
Sandy West
Asa Whitaker
Joel Williams

Church Council Chair
Barrett Moore

Staff/Parish Chair
Paul Holifield

Trustees Chair
Alex Roofe

Finance Chair
Tommy Newton

Our Presence

February 9th

Sunday Worship Total.....243
Sunday School.....84

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received 02/02/2020.....\$15,872.41
Received 02/09/2020.....\$15,814.00
Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

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 16th

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which adorn the altar are given to the glory of God by Paulette & Blair Arnold in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Prickett

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Alpha Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Austin Sweat
11:00 Arden Frasier

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS
J Ellis & D Smith Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMEN Calendar

February 9 Belinda Bube Prince
Lexie Slaughter Gatlin
February 10 Aranda Altom
Julie Ballard
Jeannie Wagoner
February 15 Barbara Cheatham
Lucille Maris

IN HONOR OF CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAISE BAND

David Pittser

MEMORIALS

KEN BOLTON

Timmy & Joan McKinney

ROBERT ELLIS & J.L. ROY

Chaney Huddleston Class

BUFORD MADDOX

MIKE HEALEY

KEN BOLTON

REV. BOB LANGLEY

SUSAN WAITS

HILDA STRACENER

MERRELL WALKER

JERRY TAYLOR

ROYCE KNOWLES

J.C. WELLS

Josephine Raye Rogers

The FLOWER CALENDAR for 2020

Please take a moment to stop by the flower calendar and pick a week of two to sign up to do the flowers.

We have a lot of open dates coming up in the new year, here are just a few:

February 16, 23
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Don Wayne & Patsy Anderson...parents of Wayne Anderson
Hannah Baker.....
Gerri & George Bentz.....member
Vernon Block.....father of Gina Garrett
Glenda Bowers.....member
Marcus Bowers.....member
Clif Burrell, IV.....son of Clifton & Norma Burrell
Winnell Calhoun.....member
Doris Casper.....member
Bryan Dickey.....friend of David Smith
Nancy Duncan.....friend of Amanda Pickett.
Chad Edwards.....friend of David Smith
Annabelle Fletcher.....friend of David Smith
Don Gilchrist.....member
Randy & Linda Guthrie....relatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfield.....mother of Karen Holifield
Patty Healey.....mother of Jon Healey
Mona Hobbs.....friend of Diane Tebbetts
Jane Jameson.....member
Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
Mary Johnson.....mother in law of Clifton Burrell
Charles Kibbe.....member
Janine Kimmer.....member
Sharon Looney.....friend of Jon Healey
Mary Ann Marshall.....member
Ruth Meyers.....aunt of member
Janice Murphy.....cousin of Sharan Pittser
Maria Paningua.....friend of member
Angela Panneck.....friend of member
Traci Phillips.....daughter of George & Pat Collins
Terri Presley.....member
Judy Pridgen.....friend of Glenda Martin
Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family
Rodney Rice.....family member of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbee.....relative of member
Raye Rogers.....member
Charlotte Rose.....member
Bob Spencer.....father of member
Gladys Smith.....mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey.....member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Encompass Health Rehabilitation - Jonesboro

Gayle Silberhorn.....member

White River Medical Center

Irvin Kimmer.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston.....member
Jackie Martin.....member
Carol Robertson.....member
Barbara Stevenson.....member
Katherine Tripp.....member
Stanley & Mary Jeanette Wood.....members

Wood-Lawn Heights

Jessie Allen.....father of member Vicki Reed
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
Marilyn Coffman.....member
Judy Murrah.....member
Dianne Taylor.....member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austin.....son of Robin Austin Gay
Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jones.....nephew of Mildred Arnold
SPC Lane Lively.....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
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
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed...son of Dan & Vicki Reed
TSgt. Karl Sager.....son of Shirley Stuckey
Stg. Bradley Skelton.....
Senior Airman Keegan Smart.....member
Petty Officer 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

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our Sympathy goes out to *Lowell Tebbetts and family* in the death of his wife, **Di Tebbetts**, who passed away February 7th.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 11th, at the First United Methodist Church.



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United Methodist Men's
 Breakfast Meeting
 Sunday, February 16th
 7:00 a.m.
 Spah Grill (old Scenic View)

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Feb 16th
 8:30 Service
 Jim & Katy Smythe
 11:00 Service
 Paulette Arnold
Coffee & Donuts
 Alpha Sunday School Class


Tuesday Activities
February 18th
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30pm Adult Praise Team - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
February 19th
 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 14th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Feb 16th - Wesley Small Groups
 11:00am Morningside-ShelbyDobbs/AmandaRoberts
 11:00am Faith Classroom - Cyndi House
 3:30pm Charity Sewing Group
 4:00pm Loft Classroom - Kathy McKinney
 5:00pm Parlor - Sue Kibbe
 6:00pm Faith Classroom - Barrett & Sara Moore
Feb 17th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Feb 20th - Women's Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer "The Mission of Jesus"

Other Events / Committee Meetings
 February 15th - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall

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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 **YouTube**
 Watch at 8:30a and 11:00a
 on our YouTube channel
 (FUMC Batesville, AR)

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the February 19th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 17th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.