

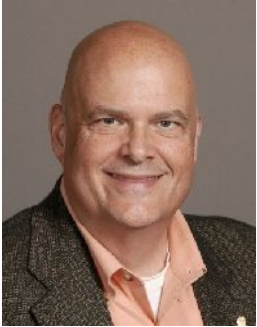


First United Methodist Challenge

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February 17, 2021

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers



From the Pastor . . .

As I shared in the weekly update last week, we are working on a plan for several key in-person events culminating in what we hope will be indoor worship (finally) on Easter Sunday! We are going to be watching everything closely and moving forward by faith!

Oddly enough, we are canceling our first event this month, but not because of the pandemic. We will not have any Ash Wednesday services (front steps or drive through) because of the weather. We will integrate some of that into future services and activities. Here are our plans at this point:

- **March 7:** Outdoor/parking lot communion service (with Lent activities to take home with you)
- **Late March:** Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Palm processional
- **April 1:** Maundy Thursday worship stations (indoor, outdoor, or hybrid)
- **April 4:**
 - Easter worship (hopefully in sanctuary) by reservation and multiple services if needed
 - 9:30 am and 11:00 am services, both identical services.
 - Services will be by reservation only if indoors, and we will share how to make reservations at least two weeks prior to Easter
 - If indoors, we will follow all appropriate protocols and procedures, including masks and social distancing.

This Sunday, it may strike you how we are prepared for future inclement weather events with our online worship options, and I am excited to plan worship no matter what the weather is!

We continue the sermon series, "Back Where We Started." We will focus on 1 Peter 3:18-22 as we hear some of the words to the early church about the deeper meaning of our baptism. It begs the question: are we saved "from" from something or "to" something?

Just as the early church struggled with a world in conflict and the promise of everlasting life, we, too, can struggle with whether we are stuck in the past or free from it. The answer may raise a few more questions...but questions don't always leave us with uncertainty.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

PS. Please note that we have closed all church activities this week, and we will not mail a newsletter. Please think of anyone who may not check the newsletter by email or website and give them a call to check on them and share information you read!

FUMC Church Family:

Since our warming center at FUMC cannot open under current CDC and Conference guidelines, we have created a Gmail account and free google number for our warming center outreach. batesvillewarmingcenter@gmail.com and 501-313-0717. People can call or text this number. Please help us share this information with persons who might need a place to stay in the cold. We are working with the ministerial alliance and local law enforcement to provide these people with hotel rooms free of charge. Any donations can go to our church and note warming center on the memo line or to "Churches United" which is the ministerial alliance. We have a few volunteers to help transport people. Above all, please join me in praying for the least among us during these major winter weather events.

Peace and love, Barrett Moore

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

Jim Coleman.....nephew of Marcella Langley
Pat Collinsmember
Bruce Hankinshusband of Sherry Hankins
Marcella Langleymember
Mona Neaville.....member
Terri Presley.....member
Troy Smythe.....son of Katy Smythe
Phyllis & Jim Terhune.....members
Dakota West.....grandson of Jim and Debra West

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Mac McClure.....father of Chad McClure

Covenant Prayer

From John Wesley's Covenant Service, 1780

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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

Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor..... member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Janine Kimmer..... member
Polly Livingston member
Carol Robertson member
Barbara Stevenson member
Stanley Wood..... member

Shiloh Nursing Home - Springdale, AR

Kathy Edmisten..... sister of Bennie Burks

Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold member
Bobbie Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip
Lucille Maris member
Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Judy Murrah..... member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
Colonel Mark Bowersson of Marcus & Glenda Bowers
Lt. Col. Chris Carpenterson of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jonesnephew of Mildred Arnold
SPC Lane Lively.....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
Major Adam Mooreson-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed.....son of Dan & Vicki Reed
TSgt. Karl Sagerson of Shirley Stuckey
Stg. Bradley Skelton.....
Sergeant Keegan Smartmember
Petty Officer Zane Smartmember
Capt. Michael Stevenson.....grandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

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Paul Holifield

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Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Worship

February 7th 186

Weekly Update

February 10th 83

Daily devotional average

2/8 - 2/12 31

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received through

02/01/2021

Cash & Checks \$10,460.00

Online Giving \$603.44

Received through

02/08/2021

Cash & Checks \$12,957.00

Online Giving \$1,483.98

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

Our Gifts

Memorials

are not available this week due to the inclement weather. They will be included in next week's newsletter.

**Daily Devotionals
to
start your Day!**

Monday through Friday 9 AM

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

February 22 Summer Seale
February 23 Samuel Cooke
February 24 Mickey Coe
Jennifer Faith
Nicholas Guyette
February 27 Jake Painter
Blake Smith

When we return to our usual activities, please consider how you can be in ministry.

• Please consider giving electronically!

It is the most secure way to give, because it goes directly from your bank or card to our church within a few days. It is certified under strict security standards. We have several ways for you to give electronically:

• **Give Plus App.** This is an extremely convenient way to give and also to be able to see your gifts anytime you want to login. Simply go to the App Store (for your Apple devices) or to Google Play (for your Android devices), search for "Give Plus Church" and download that App. You can search for our church by location and then it will ask you to set up your account (including your choice of giving by checking or credit/debit card). After that setup, you will not have to enter account information for subsequent donations, and you can return to the app anytime to view your giving history confidentially.

• **Text to Give.** Text the amount you want to give to 855-726-9179 and follow the prompts to set up your account. After that, you will be able to simply text the amount and confirmation donation. You will not be able to review previous donations via text, but we will include it on your church's giving statement.

• **Website.** We also have a page on our website for you to give electronically. Visit our website (www.fumcbatesville.org), and click the "GIVE ONLINE" button on the right hand side of that page.

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Community Breakfast

Free

8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall
No inside dining
Take out at side door of the Hall



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FACEBOOK CONNECTIONS

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"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at noon on Facebook Live

"Daily Devotional" on FaceBook & YouTube each morning Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

While we are closing the facilities, we are deeply concerned that we continue to provide care for our church and community. If there is anything, we can do to help you, please leave a message at (870) 793-3803 or call one of these staff members:

- Pastor Mark McDonald: (501) 650-0046
- Pastor Carl Hudson: (870) 251-6227
- Katie McLean (Children & Families): (870) 307-4034
- Lorrie McClure (Youth & Families): (870) 613-6961
- Bennie Burks (Visitation): (870) 834-8111
- Teresa Brown (Administrator): (662) 284-7390

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet whiterivernow.com/ar1033/ and click Listen Live button
 Get the KWOZ app for your smartphone or add it to your favorites on apps such as TuneIn Radio



Watch our worship service Sunday at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel FUMC Batesville, AR youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the February 24th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 22nd to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.