



First United Methodist Challenge



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February 19, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

This Sunday is the final Sunday of our February series in the Beatitudes, as we turn to Matthew 5:9-11:

"Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. 12 Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you."



How can we be peacemakers in a world that we are also harassed insults are hurled at you? Join us Sunday as we consider some of the greatest examples of our faith, and how God calls us to show the way by leading the way.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Thank You!

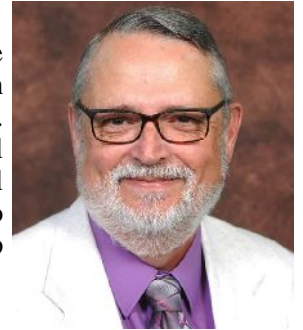
Thank you to all those who have helped with our transportation needs. We have found three additional church vans to borrow, and we are making donations to their ministry to thank them for sharing. We now have 72 people going to Veritas, and we are taking five passenger vans, a truck and trailer for luggage, and a support vehicle! If you would like to help with expenses, simply make your donation to "Youth Ministries" and it will help us take our largest group ever to Veritas!

Upcoming Events

- 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

Welcome to our New Associate Pastor!

The SPRC is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Carl Hudson to FUMC as our associate pastor. Carl will serve as a "Part-time Local Pastor" for our congregation and will serve around 10 hours per week to provide pastoral care and leadership under our senior pastor.



Carl's bio is in the insert page.

What Is Veritas?

The Arkansas Conference's biggest event.

Each year over 1,400 youth and youth leaders come together to celebrate what it means to be connected. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally-known speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways.

Worship describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another. The word passionate expresses an intense desire, an ardent spirit, strong feelings, and a sense of heightened importance. Veritas is where we practice Passionate Worship.



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."

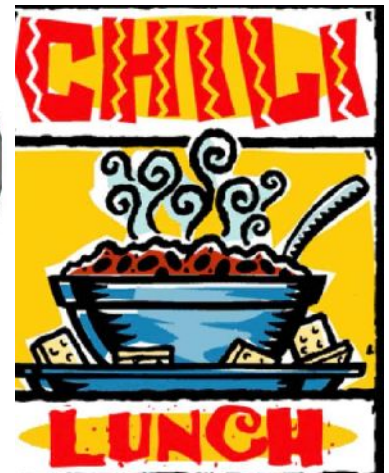
*Please join us for a Wedding Shower
in celebration of the upcoming marriage of
Kate Emery and Nelson Heringer*



*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*



**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:



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.



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.

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
Reverend Mark McDonald

Associate Pastor
Carl Hudson

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 16th

Sunday Worship Total.....205
Sunday School.....58

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received 02/02/2020..... \$15,872.41
Received 02/09/2020..... \$15,814.00
Received 02/16/2020..... \$4,903.00
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 23rd

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which adorn the altar are given to the glory of God by

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Prickett

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Barnabas Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Madelyn James
11:00 Luke Brissey

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMCN Calendar

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

MEMORIALS

IRVIN KIMMER

KEN BOLTON

John Ellis

IRVIN KIMMER

Timmy & Joan McKinney
Alice & Raymond Simmons
Barrett & Sara Moore

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.

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 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
Anabelle 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
Kerry Jennings..... sister of member
Mary Johnson mother in law of Clifton Burrell
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
Gayle Silberhorn..... member
Bob Spencer father of member
Gladys Smith..... mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey..... member

† Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our Sympathy goes out to *Janine Kimmer and family* in the death of her husband, **Irvin Kimmer**, who passed away February 15th.

Funeral service is Wednesday, February 19th, at 2:00 pm in our sanctuary, with a graveside service to follow at Oaklawn cemetery here in Batesville.

Visitation with the family will be at 1:00 pm in the parlor.

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

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 Bellow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler..... cousin of member

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Our Sympathy goes out to Linda Thompson in the death of her brother J.L. Roy.

and

Our Sympathy goes out to John Ellis in the death of his brother Robert Ellis.

and

Our Sympathy goes out to Vicki Reed and family in the death of her father Jessie Allen, who passed February 16.

Carl Hudson Bio

I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, raised in Slidell, Louisiana. I had many close friends in a great neighborhood. I attended First UMC of Slidell while growing up until I was about fourteen years old. I graduated from high school in 1973.

I entered the U.S. Air Force in 1974 and spent six years working in electronics repair on radar systems. While in the military, my church attendance was sporadic.

I was discharged from the Air Force in 1980 and began working as a technician in military computer research and development where I assembled and tested electronic circuits designed by the engineers. I progressed to a non-degreed design engineer position where I was tasked with the design of a unit for the U.S. Navy.

In 1987, I began to accept that I was being called by God but I did not want to be a pastor so I decided to help people by becoming a psychologist. I came to Batesville to visit my sister and she offered me free room and board if I went to Arkansas College/ Lyon College, I agreed. I met my sister's best friend in church and she and I were married in 1988. I graduated from college in 1991 and we moved to Louisville, Kentucky where I attended Spalding University, part time, in pursuit of Master's degree in Psychology. I worked several part time jobs as a chemical dependency counselor while going to school.

In 1996, I received a Call from God that I could not resist. I entered Asbury Theological Seminary in 1997 and graduated in 2001. I served two churches as a student pastor and then was appointed to a church after graduation. I served Springfield UMC in Springfield, Kentucky until 2005.

In 2005, my wife, Darlene, and I returned to Batesville. I worked as a chemical dependency counselor for the adult probation and parole office until my retirement. While working there, I began to serve Bethesda Campground UMC where my wife was playing the piano and I was attending.

I served Bethesda Campground UMC from 2012 until 2019 when I decided to take some time off from pastoring. After being off for several months, I felt refreshed and called back to ministry when presented with the possibility of being the associate pastor here at First UMC.

I am excited about working with Mark and the church in continuing and expanding the ministries of the church to serve God through serving this community in the name of Jesus.



LENTEN LUNCH & LEARN

Our United Methodist congregations will join the Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians to host a Lenten series Wednesdays to consider how we struggle when we or our loved one's face death. We will meet at different churches each week and share a lunch before we are led in a brief presentation by Rev. Karen Cherwein and other clergy and professions who have insights and experiences to help Christians face times of uncertainty.

Here is the schedule:

- March 4: Legal Issues (Wills, advance medical directives, trusts) at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2800 Harrison St.
- March 11: Leaving a Legacy (telling our story) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 424 E. Main St.
- March 18: Financial Implications at Central Ave. United Methodist Church, 1205 N. Central Ave.
- March 25: Talking with Loved Ones at First Presbyterian Church, 775 E. Boswell
- April 1: Preplanning Funerals at First United Methodist Church, 615 E. Main St.

This series is FREE and OPEN TO EVERYONE, so please share with your friends, relatives, neighbors, classmates, and colleagues!

FIRST SUNDAY SHARE

Beginning next month, we will begin a new monthly focus on our outreach when we share communion. Each Sunday we share communion in all three services (usually the first Sunday of each month), we will celebrate "First Sunday Share," which will emphasize two special offerings:

- 1 **Food Ministries.** We will also ask you to bring non-perishable food items to help us continue to fill our blessing box, backpacks, and emergency food needs we support. We will provide a list of our most pressing needs during the last week of each month so you can focus on food donations where we need them most! We will present the food during worship, and use it to keep our pantries ready to serve our community's greatest needs.
- 2 **Pastor's Fund.** The money left at the communion rail (or marked "Communion" or "Pastor's Fund") will be shared with our newly forming ministerial alliance. Our church is committing \$1 per member in average attendance, and we will contribute that each month. Those funds will be shared through this new cooperative outreach of over a dozen churches. That group, now named "Churches United," will work closely with all our local assistance agencies to help close the gap in our communities. This year, our focus is on emergency housing (related to homelessness) and transportation (working closely with WRMC). The money you leave at the communion rail will help us support Churches United, and excess will be used for other needs that may arise with our church's outreach to our neighbors in need.

Get Up & Give

Our United Methodist Women are asking you to help us with our annual "Get Up & Give" Lenten collection project. We ask that you contribute necessities to the children and families in Methodist Family Health's care. The project is during the entire 40 days of Lent, and both children and adults can participate by donating personal hygiene items, clothes, shoes, school supplies, bedding, funds and other necessities to the Methodist Counseling Clinic in their community. These clinics help children and families manage psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and spiritual issues. Look for posters around the church to learn more.



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Feb 23rd
 8:30 Service
 Paul & Joni Bube
 11:00 Service
 Charles & Sue Kibbe
 Coffee & Donuts
 Barnabas Sunday School Class


Tuesday Activities
February 25th
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30pm Adult Praise Team - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
February 26th
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Feb 21st - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Feb 23rd - 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 24th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Feb 27th - 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
 March 2nd – UMW Meeting – 6:00pm – Church Parlor

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the February 26th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 24th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.