



First United Methodist Challenge

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February 24, 2021

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, "Back Where We Started." We are following the New Testament Epistles – or letters to the early church – to consider how we can learn from their challenges to help us as we return to many of our pre-COVID practices. Each week, we are looking at a different letter, learning about the city of that new church, and considering the word and direction that brings to us today.



This week, we will turn to the letter to the church at Rome with Romans 4:13-25, and hearing a word about how Christians can stand right before God. To prepare for this, consider this question: If your house were on fire and you had to flee immediately, what would you grab on your way out? What does that say about you?

While Paul doesn't ask that particular question, our answers tell us something about deeply held values and our own personality quirks. That is similar to what Paul is writing to us. Can you see that? Come join us this Sunday in worship to consider what that question means to us today.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter egg hunt will look a little different this year. While we are still finalizing the most COVID safe plans, we know for sure we will need eggs and candy! This year, we are purchasing pre-filled peanut-free eggs from Sunny Bunny eggs. Sunny Bunny Eggs is located in Springfield, MO and provides meaningful employment to people with disabilities.

If you would like to make a donation to help with the purchase of our Sunny Bunny eggs, please write Egg Hunt on the memo line of your check. This will be easier and will require less contact than individuals purchasing the supplies and bringing them to the church.

Thank you for supporting our First Kids ministry!

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary



We are taking memorials and honorariums to purchase Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021).

We will use them in the sanctuary for worship that day and deliver them to homes afterwards. Hopefully, we will all be able to gather in the sanctuary that day!

The cost is \$22.00 per plant. If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a friend or a family member, please use this form and return it to the church office by noon, Wednesday, March 10th.

Use a separate form for each honoree. Remember to enclose your payment.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Paid by: check cash

"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

- Pat Collinsmember
- Bruce Hankinshusband of Sherry Hankins
- Mona Neaville.....member
- Terri Presley.....member
- Racheal RoofeMember
- Troy Smythe.....son of Katy Smythe
- Phyllis & Jim Terhune.....members

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

- Doris Caspermember
- Mac McClure.....father of Chad McClure

Arkansas Heart Hospital - Little Rock

- George Collins

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
- Virgina Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

Woodcrest Assisted Living

- Judy Murrah..... member

February 22, 2021

Dearest Church Family and Friends:

Words cannot express the Peace, Strength and Comfort you gave to us during Jim's illness and passing. Your cards, food, phone calls, texts, memorials, and most of all your Prayers, helped us and are still helping us through this time of sadness in our lives. We know Jim is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and is at perfect peace and rest, but we still miss him so very much. Thank You.

Our Love and Prayers are with each of you, Katy, Christie, Troy, Kate, and Family

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 Stevensongrandson of members
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member



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

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

Associate Pastor

Carl Hudson

Choir Director

Amanda Pickett

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

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Katie McLean

Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Sexton

Joe Johnson

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Mike Wilson

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Cyndi House
Kathy McKinney
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Tommy Newton

Our Mailing Address is:
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Our Presence

Worship

February 14th 193

Weekly Update

February 17th 43

Daily devotional average

2/15 - 2/18 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

Received through

02/15/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$2,035.00

Online Giving.....\$775.00

Received through

02/22/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$6,797.00

Online Giving.....\$715.00

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

MEMORIALS

JOHN TAYLOR

MARILYN COFFMAN

Jon & Martha Healey

DELLA MAE DORTCH

Patrick & Annette McShane

Eric Todd & Katie Mohlke

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

March 2 Blair Arnold
Scott Ford
March 3 Ashley Cooksey
Julie Fidler
James McLean
March 4 Sara Rogers
Deerick Smith
Kaley Waldrip
March 5 Henry Matinchek
March 6 Keith Terhune

*Daily Devotionals
to
start your Day!*

Monday through Friday 9 AM

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First Kid Parents!

Two important things are happening over on our FUMC Kids Facebook page:

***weekly Prayer Room page with Ms. Kathy

***daily Lenten calendar for kids ~ click on a door to reveal the lesson or activity for your child. This can be done on any device and is a great faith formation tool to use at home!



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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 March 3rd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, March 1st to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.