



First United Methodist Challenge



615 East Main Street
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
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February 26, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers


From the Pastor. . .

This Sunday, I'm pleased to welcome Rev. Carl Hudson to the pulpit. Pastor Carl is the new associate here at FUMC, and he will bring the message at all three of our services this Sunday.

I'm excited to begin this new time in ministry with Pastor Carl. He is gifted in pastoral leadership, especially in pastoral care/counseling, and you can reach him at (870) 251-6227.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Ash
Wednesday 

On Wednesday, February 26th, we will mark the beginning of Lent with a special service at 6:00 pm.

You are invited to join us at 6:00pm to 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.

WARMING CENTER MEETING



The FUMC Warming Center will have a short meeting on Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 P.M. in the Alpha Classroom to discuss its policies and answer questions for volunteers. Come join us and share how you can participate in this life-saving ministry.

Barrett Moore

Lenten Bible Study



Lent is a season when Christians are invited to prepare for the observance of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ by reflecting upon our need to be reconciled with God and each other. To that end, a small group at FUMC – the Batesville Unity Group (BUG) – invites anyone who is interested to join us for a Lenten Study titled “What Does the Bible Really Say about Same Sex Relationships”

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Alpha Classroom, starting this Thursday, Feb. 27. The first topic is “How Do Methodists Approach the Scriptures?”

March 5 we will deal with the Old Testament & Homosexuality; and March 12, 19, and April 2 we will look at the New Testament & Homosexuality.

If you have questions, email Paul Bube (pcbube@gmail.com) or Barrett Moore (barrettsmoore@gmail.com).

A Quiet Place

During Lent, we want to remind you that our sanctuary and chapel are available if you would like a place to come and sit in quiet reflection.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 26th** - Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00pm Service
- Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st** - Youth to VERITAS
- Mar. 1st** - Warming Center Meeting - 3:30pm - Alpha classroom
- 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."

5th Annual Joyful Heart Ball

Thank you to our church family for continuing to support FUMC's dance for people with special needs! The 5th annual Joyful Heart Ball was a success with more than 75 persons in attendance this year. One of the group home staff members shared with us that there are several residents who are alone on birthdays and holidays, but as soon as February rolls around these individuals begin asking if it's time for the Joyful Heart Ball. Thank you to the following people and groups who helped make this year a success:

- Pastor Mark
- Katie McLean
- Lorrie McClure
- First Youth
- United Methodist Women
- Chaney-Huddleston Class
- Sweetie Cakes
- Kroger
- Louise Sandefur
- Rob and Jennifer Emery
- L.W. House
- Kat Smith-Moser
- Denise Gatlin



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.



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 23rd

Sunday Worship Total.....208
Sunday School.....65

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
Received 02/23/2020.....\$11,166.00
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 March 1st

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which adorn the altar are given to the glory of God by (need altar flowers this Sunday)

ALTAR GUILD: Megan Holifield
Kaley Waldrip

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Chaney Huddleston Fellowship SS Class

COMMUNION STEWARD:

Becky & Steve Richman

LITURGIST: 8:30 Tommy Newton
11:00 Barrett Moore

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries from UMEN 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
March 7 Alan Adcox
Jordan Austin
Carmen McDonald

MEMORIALS

IRVIN KIMMER & KEN BOLTON

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

IRVIN KIMMER

Bill & Diana Waldrip
Ron & Martha Lewallen
Burnell & Barbara McClure
Bennis Burks
Jon & Martha Healey

DI TEBBETTS & IRVIN KIMMER

Blair & Paulette Arnold

ROBERT ELLIS

Timmy & Joan McKinney

NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Please remember to turn off the lights in the rooms when your group is finished. Hall way lights may be left on.

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:

March 1, 8, 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 Blockfather of Gina Garrett
 Glenda Bowersmember
 Marcus Bowers.....member
 Clif Burrell, IVson of Clifton & Norma Burrell
 Winnell Calhoun.....member
 Doris Casper.....member
 Bryan Dickeyfriend of David Smith
 Nancy Duncan.....friend of Amanda Pickett.
 Chad Edwardsfriend of David Smith
 Annebelle Fletcher.....friend of David Smith
 Don Gilchrist.....member
 Randy & Linda Guthrie....relatives of Glenda Bowers
 Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
 Patty Healeymother of Jon Healey
 Mona Hobbs.....friend of Diane Tebbetts
 Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
 Mary Johnsonmother in law of Clifton Burrell
 Janine Kimmermember
 Sharon Looneyfriend of Jon Healey
 Mary Ann Marshall.....member
 Ruth Meyers.....aunt of member
 Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
 Maria Paningua.....friend of member
 Angela Panneck.....friend of member
 Traci Phillipsdaughter of George & Pat Collins
 Terri Presleymember
 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 Rogersmember
 Charlotte Rose.....member
 Gayle Silberhorn.....member
 Bob Spencerfather of member
 Gladys Smith.....mother of David Smith
 Shirley Stuckey.....member
 Shirley Waits.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

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

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
 Bobbye 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 Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
 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
 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

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046
 Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

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 items listed below. These clinics help children and families manage psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and spiritual issues. Look for posters around the church to learn more.

Below is a list of items that the United Methodist Women are asking the congregation to help collect for this project:

1. Men and boys boxers and briefs in all sizes
2. Women's panties in sizes 7-14
3. Non-underwire bras in sizes 34-40 in cups B, C, D and DD
4. Socks in all adult sizes

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.



Dancing in the Graveyard: A Lenten Educational Series

This Lent, join us from 11:30-12:30 each Wednesday for a special series sponsored by several area churches! Each week, we will meet for a free lunch and share ways to help face the uncertainty of death through the certainty of our faith, drawing from practical and spiritual approaches to prepare for end-of-life issues:

March 4, First Presbyterian Church

Acknowledging our Morality: Sharing stories about experiences with death and dying; building trust and community.

March 11, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Recording our Wishes: Learning about Advance Care Planning ("Living Wills") and other legal documents that help us and our family through hard times.

March 18, Central Ave. United Methodist Church

Logistical/Pragmatic Plans: Financial Planning; Planning for potentially needed future care (Home Care, Assisted Living, Hospice, etc.); Community Resources (wills/estates, etc.).

March 25, St. Mary's Catholic Church

Funeral Planning: Service Planning/Texts/Music/Participants; Funeral pre-planning with panel of pastors and providers

April 1, First United Methodist Church

Important Conversations: How to talk with loved ones about what you want; how to initiate this conversation with your parents and with your children.

The primary presenter is Rev. Karen Cherwien, a Lutheran pastor and a Board-Certified Chaplain. She has clinical experience working in hospice, palliative care, pediatrics, and trauma. She is originally from small-town southern Minnesota and served congregations in rural Minnesota before becoming a chaplain. She and her family live here in Batesville.

We will also have local pastors, funeral directors, attorneys, and other providers throughout many of the sessions. The presentations will last approximately 20-30 minutes so people can fit this into their lunch hour.



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Mar 1st
 8:30 Service
 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner
 11:00 Service
 Steven & Rikki Painter
 Coffee & Donuts
 Chaney Huddleston Fellowship SS Class


Bible Studies / Small Groups
Feb 28th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Mar 1st - 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
Mar 2nd - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Mar 5th - Women's Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer "The Mission of Jesus"

Tuesday Activities
March 3rd
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30pm Adult Praise Team - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
March 4th
5:30pm First Wednesday Family Dinner
Join us for a meal and fellowship
 5:30pm Kids & Youth
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study-Chaney Class Room
 6:00pm Praise Team
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

Other Events / Committee Meetings
 February 29th – Community Breakfast – 8:30am – Fellowship Hall
 March 2nd – UMW Meeting – 6:00pm – Church Parlor

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 or add it to your favorites on apps such as TuneIn Radio

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

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March 4th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, March 2nd to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.