



First United Methodist Challenge

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March 17, 2021

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday:
Hebrews 5:5-10
"A New Kind of Savior"



As we continue our series, "Back Where We Started" and consider how the early church dealt with many issues similar to those we now face, the lectionary takes us to Hebrews. This is one of the most mysterious letters in the New Testament, because we don't know exactly who it was written to (Christians in Italy?), who it was written by (Paul, Barnabas, or Apollos?), and even when it was written (perhaps 60 AD?). However, it is clearly a word of encouragement to Christians who are facing opposition and struggling with aspects of Jewish traditions.

Even with all that uncertainty, our passage for this Sunday clearly gives us a message that is certain: Jesus saves. He is now the one and only, the great high priest.

What does that mean for us as we work our way out of a year of sickness and isolation? Everything! Tune in this Sunday as we see the power Jesus has as a new kind of savior.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

EASTER LILIES STILL AVAILABLE!



We have pre-ordered Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021) and have about 15 available for purchase. We have extended the deadline to reserve a Lily in Memory or Honor of a loved one.

We will use them in the sanctuary for worship that day and deliver them to homes afterwards.

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 24th.

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

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Paid by: check cash

Easter Update: NEW SERVICES ADDED

Both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services filled up quickly, so we have added two new services for Easter reservations: 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Reservations are required to maintain our social distance, and we will have more details next week about the guidelines we will follow that day. All services will be in the sanctuary and follow the same format and style. We will not have separate traditional and contemporary services that day.

To sign up, copy and paste a link into your browser, or click on one of these links on our Facebook page:

8:00 am Worship Reservation: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/145087619977>

11:00 am Worship Reservation: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/145328654919>

Remember, we will also have worship available on YouTube, Facebook, and the radio that day! We want everyone to feel comfortable coming back out for worship, so take your time if you're not ready to take that big of a step!

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

New Pastor Appointed to FUMC

We are pleased and excited to announce that Bishop Gary Mueller has appointed Rev. Katie Pearce as the next pastor at FUMC, effective July 1, 2021. Rev. Pearce will follow Mark McDonald, who is retiring after 30 years in ministry. She is serving her fifth year as the senior pastor at FUMC Morrilton, and is an excellent pastor who will be a wonderful leader of our church in the coming years.

We have included a pastoral profile of Rev. Pearce in this issue. Feel free to reach out to her and welcome her via the contact information provided in that profile.



The Lord's Prayer Linking Us Together - Part 2

The deep divisions in our nation, with so much animosity between opposing factions, have found their way into the church. Perhaps the illustration of being links in a chain of prayer, that leads from Jesus to the disciples, to members of the early church, to martyrs and saints all the way to us, might help us focus on what links us together more than the divisions that threaten to tear us apart. We are linked together as followers of Jesus in prayer and our commitment to follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So, I encourage you, the next time you pray the Lord's Prayer, to visualize each of us as links a chain that binds us together.

In God's peace,
Kathy McKinney

FUMC Kids!

Please join us for an



Saturday, April 3

1:00pm

Egg hunt

Ms. Carey & Mr. Bill's petting zoo

portraits with Mallory

Resurrection eggs for each family!

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!

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

Lay Leader
Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers
Cyndi House
Kathy McKinney
Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair
Barrett Moore

Staff/Parish Chair
Paul Holifield

Trustees Chair
Alex Roofe

Finance Chair
Tommy Newton

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Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Our Presence

Worship

March 7th 144

Weekly Update

March 10th 59

Daily devotional average

3/9 - 3/12 32

Our Gifts

Received in March

Received through 03/07/2021

Cash & Checks \$7,865.00

Online Giving \$733.98

Received through 03/14/2021

Cash & Checks \$9,525.00

Online Giving \$975.00

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

Pray for our church

for our pastors & staff

for our leaders

for those who are homebound or hospitalized

for every household

for our small groups and relationships

Pray for our community

for those who are hungry

for those who are struggling in life or faith

for those who are abused and oppressed

for those who do not yet know the love of Christ

Pray for our world

for the church universal

for our nation's leaders

for all the nations

for the unity of all God's children

for the care of God's creation

for peace with justice

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

March 12 Saoirse Moore

March 21 Becky Crossett

Meredith McKinney

March 22 Barbara Estes

Vincent Guyette

Dr. Jordan Weaver

Mary Margaret Ives

March 24 Alanette Rushing

March 25 B.J. Slaughter

March 27 Matthew Adams

Burke Fraiser

March 27 Edward & Katie Driver

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

MEMORIALS

GEORGE COLLINS

Jeanette C. FLEMISTER

Suzanne & Robert Evans

DELLA MAE DORTCH

Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Ketz, Jr.

URBA REED

JIM SMYTHE

GEORGE COLLINS

Jimmie Anne Mitchum



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

Doris Casper.....member
Pat Collins.....member
Terri Presley.....member
Troy Smythe.....son of Katy Smythe
Phyllis & Jim Terhune.....members

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Mac McClure.....father of Chad McClure

UAMS - Little Rock

Mona Neaville.....member

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
Barbara Stevenson member
Stanley Wood..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights

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

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Judy Murrah..... member

*Daily Devotionals to
start your Day!*

Monday through Friday 9 AM

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EMAIL US!!!

Email us at fumcbatesville@gmail.com
to add your email to our newsletter list,
in case we are not able to mail it for a
brief time because of safety concerns.

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 Wheelercousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

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



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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
facebook.com/fumcbatesville

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