



# First United Methodist Challenge

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April 6, 2022

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

Holy Week begins this Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the most meaningful times of the year and I am looking forward to celebrating Holy Week and Easter at FUMC Batesville. Palm Sunday we will have a guest organist, Betty Cohen, from Conway, and our children will lead us in a Parade of the Palms at the beginning of worship. The Children's Easter egg hunt will take place during children's Wednesday night activities, beginning at 5:30 PM on April 13<sup>th</sup>.



Maundy Thursday worship will be at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. On Good Friday there will be self-guided prayer stations in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00a-4:00p. I hope you will take part in the Holy Week activities at the church.

The scripture for Palm Sunday is Luke 19:28-40; I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie

### Easter Lilies:

Due to a shortage of Easter lilies, we will not have Easter lilies for sale in honor or memory of people this year. We hope to bring back this tradition next year.

## PRAYER STATIONS

Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be self-guided prayer stations in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00a-4:00p.



## New Member

**Pete Roulier** (shown with his fiancée, Megan Holifield) will live at 5 Valley View after the wedding on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call the church office for his phone number.

Pete is the NCA Portfolio Manager at Citizens Bank.

He comes into our community of faith from another denomination.

Please welcome him with a note, a call or a hand of Christian fellowship.



**Pete Roulier with Megan Holifield**

## Newsletter Changes

Publishing a paper newsletter and sending it by US Postal Service has become fraught with problems. We have been mailing the newsletter at a bulk rate, which is significantly cheaper than first class. Bulk rate does not have the delivery time as first class. The past few months the newsletter has not arrived in a timely manner, and we do not believe the delivery time will improve.

The other problem is that paper cost has increased dramatically. Along with toner cost for the copier.

Please send your email address to [fumcbatesville@gmail.com](mailto:fumcbatesville@gmail.com) if you are not getting the newsletter by email.

We will print a limited number of newsletters for those who do not have access to email. The printed newsletters will be sent by first class postage.

**Please note:** The date of the last newsletter we are sending out by paper mail is April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are not already getting it by email we need your email address so we can add you to the email list to send out. The newsletter will still be available on our website.

"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

Marcus Bowers .....member  
Will Gaddy .....friend of Earlene Tripp  
Alvetta Hatfield .....mother of Karen Holifield  
Anne Luster .....member  
Mac McClure .....father of Chad McClure  
Judy Murrah.....member  
Mona Neaville.....member  
Terri Presley.....member  
Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim  
Carolyn Wilson .....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

The Children's Ministry team needs Easter candy! We would appreciate donations of small, peanut-free candy that will fit inside plastic eggs. You may place your candy in the bucket by the church office. You may also give a monetary donation to the Children's Ministry.

Thank you!



## Upcoming Events

April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

April 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt during  
Wednesday night activities

April 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday—6:00pm

April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
Prayer Stations in the Fellowship Hall—8:00am-4:00pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter—9:00am & 11:00am

### Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

#### Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor..... member

#### Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston ..... member

#### Mountain Meadows

Neva C. Ball ..... member

#### Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth ..... member

#### Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold ..... member

Lucille Maris ..... member

### Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

Colonel Mark Bowers .....son of Marcus & Glenda Bowers

Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter .....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter

Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow

Colonel Marc Jones .....nephew of Mildred Arnold

Stg. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby

Capt. Ian MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent

Trent McDonald.....cousin of member

Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed.....son of Dan & Vicki Reed

Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow

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

### If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

### Youth/College Intern

Michael Robinson

### Choir Director

Amanda Lucy

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Sexton

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Kathy McKinney  
Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holifield

### Trustees Chair

Alex Roofe

Our Mailing Address is:  
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## Our Presence

### Online Worship

March 27<sup>th</sup> .....93

### In-Person Attendance

April 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... 120

## Our Gifts

### Received in April

Received through .....04/03/2022

Total Giving ..... \$10,020.26

## Blessing Box

Collecting these items on Sunday

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuna/Vienna Sausage

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

## Our Service

for April 10<sup>th</sup>

### ALTAR FLOWERS

(no altar flowers during Lent)

### ALTAR GUILD:

Karen Holified  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Michael Robinson  
11:00 Paul & Karen Holifield

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Amanda Lucy

### LITURGIST:

11:00 Joyce Prickett

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

April 10 Dorianne Dias

April 11 Dallas Estes  
Devyn Seale  
Dyllan Seale

April 13 Cayley Wagoner  
Bart Wilkerson

April 14 Amy Lewis

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April 16 Dick & Nancy Bernard

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Luke 19:28-40;

## MEMORIALS

### BARBARASTEVENSON

Vic & Freddie Nixon

### NEIL WILKINS, SR.

Conny E. Parham  
Fist Community Bank  
Boris & Pamela Dover  
Walter Rene Julian



## Altar Flowers Ministry

Please call the church office 793-3803, to take a Sunday, or take a moment to stop by the flower calendar and pick a week of two to sign up to do the flowers.

Upcoming dates open for flowers

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>



Our church hosted the Northeast District clergy meeting with the Bishop. Thank you to District Superintendent John Fleming, Pastor Katie, Ruby, Teresa, and Michael for helping our church be hospitable and welcoming.



Did you know we have four Master Gardeners in our church? Asa Whitaker, Anne Luster, Debra West, and Sue Kibbe really do have green thumbs! They have volunteered their time to help with the landscaping on our church grounds and it's going to look great! Thank you, Master Gardeners, for sharing your hard work, expertise, and love for landscaping with FUMC. We appreciate you!

Katie McLean



### Upcoming FUMC Kids events:



\*Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday (kids are invited to process in and wave palm branches at the beginning of the 9am and/or 11am services)

\*Wednesday, April 13 - Egg hunt & petting zoo 5:30-7:30pm

\*Confirmation Retreat - Friday, May 6

\*Wonderfully Made Workshop for 5th-7th graders - May 14-15

\*Confirmation Sunday - June 5



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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on YouTube  
 Posted Later on Facebook

Listen to the Previous Sunday's Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet [whiterivernow.com/ar1033/](http://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



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



Watch our worship service  
 Sunday at 11:00 am  
 on our YouTube channel  
 FUMC Batesville, AR  
[youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR](https://youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR)

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the April 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).