



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

This Sunday, we will continue our Easter series as we look at the way that Jesus shows up in unexpected ways and in unexpected places. This week, we will follow the story that John tells in John 21:1-14, one that is known as "the walk to Emmaus." It is a powerful story that reminds us of the way that we sometimes miss what God is doing, but later realize how God was working right by our side.



As we continue to move through uncertain times, it's important to recognize how God is with us even though we may not understand how or where. So often, we have trouble seeing the bigger picture of life because we get overwhelmed by the details around us. An old saying about this is a familiar one: "When you can't see the forest for the trees." We will consider the ways that God is very much alive and at work with us ... even in these days of uncertainty!

Join us in worship beginning at 9:00 am on YouTube and Facebook, or on 103.3 FM at 11:00 am!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

PS. This week, I've begun a devotional series called "All Things New" as we plan on coming out of this time ready to live a new life in Christ. I will share a devotional every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we will have other devotionals such as music and scriptures – brought by staff and members of our church! All of these are posted on our Facebook page (FUMC Batesville) around 8:00 am Monday through Saturday!

Upper Rooms

The new Upper Rooms for May-June have arrived! Please call the church office at 793-3803, or email us at fumcbatesville@gmail.com and we will work out a way to get one to you.

"Cautious" Talks to Reopen

This past week, the conversations in Arkansas and the US began to include talk of "reopening" our nation. While a goal is Arkansas is to *begin* to lessen some restrictions around May 4, this will not include larger gatherings like worship that we miss so much. We do not want to reopen before it is safe to do so, because we don't want to see a resurgence of COVID-19, especially because of our church's activities!

Our leadership will begin meeting this week to discuss some of the steps we may take *when those steps are appropriate*. We are not feeling a sense of urgency to reopen and will act in the best interest of our church and community as we discuss our options. We will communicate any plans through our newsletter and social media.

Please be in prayers for President Trump, Governor Hutchinson, Bishop Mueller, Mayor Elumbaugh, our other elected officials, and all of our local leadership as they search for the right way to help us all discern our next steps!

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

If the Blessing Box is full, please place your donation in the large, green storage box next to the children's entrance in the covered drop off. You may also fill the box out of this if there are items in there. (We have staff and volunteers that are moving those items into the pantry a few times a day.)

We always need these items in our Blessing Box Pantry:

- All canned goods (veggies, soups, meat, fruit)
- Mac & cheese
- Ramen noodles
- *• Breakfast items (pop tarts, breakfast bars) *low*
- *• Proteins (canned meat, etc.) *low*
- Kid-friendly foods
- Smaller rice bags, mashed potatoes, etc.

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



The First Kids team would like to thank some folks that have recently helped our children's ministry department.

*Dr. & Mrs. Bradley Slaughter for donating toothpaste and toothbrushes for our mission project-dental care kits

*Ms. Doris Casper & Ruby Curl for knitting & crocheting 75 prayer squares that were distributed at Beyond 2020

*Brent & Kelli Swaim for making a set of Holy Listening Stones for EVERY FAMILY in our children's ministry program!

*Fredricka Tabor for making cloth masks for EVERY CHILD in our children's ministry program!

*Mallory McClure, Ruby Curl, Tom Curl, Lorrie McClure, Fredricka Tabor, Amanda Lucy, Kelley McDonald, Kathy McKinney, Matthew & Josh Walmsley, Laura Pickren, Asa Whitaker, Sue Kibbe for helping make our Easter egg surprise so successful!

*Carl Hudson for making a wooden craft for EVERY CHILD to paint!

*Thank you to the First Youth & FUMC families that sponsored kids for our Easter egg surprise!

*A special thanks to Ben McDonald for always being a "hoppy" and happy helper!

All my love and His,
Katie McLean



Hello FUMC! I have something for you to do during our quarantine!

Can you begin collecting lids (plastic bottle caps, milk carton lids, soda can pop tops, etc.) for our kids' ministry please? We are going to set up a Maker Space classroom soon and we can certainly use your plastic lids and caps for kids to use in their art/Bible stories.

Right before this pandemic, we published a wish list for items we will need. At this time, if you can just collect caps and lids, that will be great. These are small and we can easily disinfect them once we return to church.

Thank you! Happy collecting!
Ms. Katie

Ways to Give During the COVID-19 Crisis

- Give through our website at www.fumcbatesville.org
- Give through our Giving App (Give Plus Church on App Store or Google Play)
- Text any gift amount to 855-726-9179 and follow the link you will receive
- Mail checks to FUMC, P.O. Box 2014, Batesville, AR 72503

Church-wide Devotionals

Posted every morning on
the Church Facebook page.

Join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville/>



Send in your
Pictures and Videos!

Many have been sharing pictures and videos of life during our separation, and we have included them as a slideshow during one of our songs in worship each week.

Please keep sending pictures! We hope to have more people each week!

Send to
fumcbatesville@gmail.com

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

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Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
through April 18th 142

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 260

Our Gifts

Received in April

Received through
04/05/2020.....\$11,550.00

Received through
04/12/2020.....\$9,434.80

Received through
04/19/2020

Cash & Checks\$4,260.00

Online Giving\$4,911.38

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

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

Our Lenten collection project, Get Up & Give, is being extended from April 9 to June 30!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

April 26 Cindi House
Scarlett Patterson
Urba Reed

April 28 Ella Jones
Joan McKinney

April 29 Annie Jones-Wynn

April 30 Pete Musgrave

May 1 Carey Robertson
Nathan Tucker

May 2 Josh Bryant
Gina Garrett
Shelley Terhune

April 26 Chris & Barbara Wagoner

April 28 Wesley & Robin Gay
Barrett and Sara Moore

April 29 Scott & Amy Pinkston

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

First Kids & First Youth

Our youth and children's ministries are meeting in all new ways during the COVID-19 crisis. Both are utilizing private Facebook pages (for students and parents), Zoom meetings, printable activities, video devotionals, virtual activities and much more! They have found ways to connect and serve while maintaining social distances and other safety!

To connect with our youth during this time, contact Lorrie about youth and Katie about children.

This week's church council meeting is being postponed until May 7 at 6 PM. The chairs of the committees, or a representative of the committee, will meet by Zoom instead this Thursday at 6 to discuss the details of when the church might reopen and what that entails. We will present those approaches to the full council on May 7.

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
Marcus & Glenda Bowers..... members
Clif Burrell, IV son of Clifton & Norma Burrell
Winnell Calhoun member
Doris Casper member
Charles Covington friend of members
Bryan Dickey friend of David Smith
Nancy Duncan friend of Amanda Pickett.
Chad Edwards friend of David Smith
Annebelle Fletcher friend of David Smith
Bella Floyd friend of members
Don Gilchrist..... member
Randy & Linda Guthrie..... relatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfield mother of Karen Holifield
Patty Healey..... mother of Jon Healey
Linda Hicks..... friend of John Ellis
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
Bill Luster..... member
David McDonald..... brother of Mark McDonald
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 & Rodney Rice..... family members of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbee relative of member
Raye Rogers..... member
Charlotte Rose member
Tom Sellers..... member
Gayle Silberhorn member
Bob Spencer..... father of member
Gladys Smith..... mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey..... member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Verlie Garrett mother of Lane Garrett

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Janine Kimmer..... member
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
Virgina 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
Colonel Mark Bowers son of Marcus & Glenda Bowers
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 Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our Sympathy goes out to *Pat Collins and family* in the death of her brother, **Philip (Phil) Rodney Davidson, Sr.**, who passed away April 10th.

A private family graveside service will be held at Hawkins Cemetery in Arlington, TX. A public memorial service will be held at a later date.



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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](https://www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville)

"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at 5:30 pm on Facebook Live
 "Daily Devotional" on Facebook each morning at 8:00 am

Watch our worship service Sunday at 9 am at [YouTube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR](https://www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR)
 Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet www.ar1033.com and click Listen Live button paste into your web browser <http://player.tritondigital.com/2341>
 Get the KWOZ app for your smartphone or add it to your favorites on apps such as TuneIn Radio

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
- Ruby Curl (Finances): (870) 834-5377



Watch at 8:30am & 11:00am on our YouTube channel (FUMC Batesville, AR)

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the April 29th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 27th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.

