



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

Easter Lives! We continue for the fourth Sunday of Easter as we follow John's account after the resurrection. We don't normally follow through each gospel account like this after Easter, and this week we learn about forgiveness in a new and powerful way.

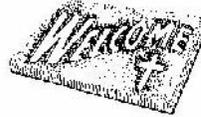
Perhaps you've seen the commercial of the person getting a tattoo that says, "No Regrets?" When the camera zooms into the tattoo, it says, "NO REGERTS."

I think everyone has regrets. Some are temporary: a bad self-haircut can be regrettable these days, but hair grows back. But some regrets are more lasting, even permanent. In our community, people can forgive sins, but it seems like no one ever forgets!

This Sunday, Jesus is going to show us the power of God's forgiveness, and by doing so, he is going to unleash a power on the world that changes everything! We'll read about it in John 21:15-19, as we consider how Jesus helps us not only overcome our "regrets," but helps us live like never before.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

PS. This is communion Sunday, so be sure to prepare you communion elements like we did on the first Sunday of Easter so we can share communion again! We will have live communion at 9:00 am on YouTube and noon on Facebook.



New Member

Betsy Dietz has recently moved to Batesville to be closer to her family – Laura (her daughter), Phil, Luke, and Mark Brissey. She looks forward to being in her home currently under construction at 60 Eagle View Drive soon.

Betsy is retired from IBM and already happily serving as a member of the church Finance Committee. Call the church office for her phone number and email address.

She is transferring her membership from St. James UMC. in Little Rock.

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



Betsy Dietz

Church Council Meeting

Dear Church Family,

Your Church Council will meet using Zoom on May 7th at 6:00 P.M. In addition to our usual business, we will hear from our three standing committees about their proposals for the timing and manner of reopening the church. Representatives from Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, and Finance will report on their work during the previous weeks and months, including their work towards a reopening plan.

All Church Council meetings are generally open to any person who attends our church, who has a family member

(including a youth) who attends our church, or any person who is part of a group that uses our facility. You are welcome to attend using Zoom or by calling a number associated with the Zoom meeting. Lyndal or someone from the church will email that link to you the week of the council meeting. Of course, you are also welcome to contact Pastor Mark or our staff with your questions, comments, and concerns. I similarly welcome your comments and thoughts by email to barrettsmoore@gmail.com.

I have been touched by how resilient and faithful we have been during this pandemic! We have continued worshipping together, loving our neighbors, caring for each other, and serving our community. Our leaders met last week to begin the conversation about reopening our church. No decisions have been made to-date about reopening, and in connection with guidance from the Arkansas Conference, we will carefully consider our committees' and your thoughts.

Peace and love,
Barrett Moore
Chair, Church Council

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

Communion This Sunday

The first Sunday is a traditional communion Sunday in the United Methodist Church, so we share communion as we did on the first Sunday of Easter. Simply prepare your communion elements (something to represent the body and blood of Christ) and have them ready this Sunday morning.

We will share communion at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel and noon on Facebook Live. Everyone is welcome!

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



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

Conference Recommendations

The Arkansas Conference (of United Methodist Churches) has made several adjustments to help us plan. First, they recommended that we have no gatherings until after May 17 at the earliest. (That date may be extended, too.).

Our Church Council will follow the recommendations of the conference and state and will decide on specific plans for our congregation and ministries. We will communicate those decisions through Facebook and the newsletter as they progress, and when we are prepared to reopen, we will announce this through every medium we have: telephone, email, newsletter, online worship, weekly Facebook updates, Facebook (facebook.com/fumcbatesville), and our website (fumcbatesville.org).

Annual Conference and District conferences have also been postponed and moved to an online medium. Annual Conference will be held ONLINE only on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and our District Conference will be held online on May 17 at 4:00 pm. Watch for more information about how you can watch those.

Daily Devotionals to start your Day!



Monday thru Saturday 9 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville



Robert (Lit) Craig has moved to Fayetteville to live with Carol (his daughter) and Mike Jones. His new address is 888 E Ash St., Fayetteville, AR 72703.

Send him a note or card or call the church office for his telephone number.



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.

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 25th 147

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 264

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

Received through

04/26/2020

Cash & Checks\$5,645.00

Online Giving\$2,952.22

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

May 3 Lynnley Dodd

May 4 Vicki Green

Brent Swaim

May 5 Roger Barker

Amanda Lucy

Josh Taylor

May 6 Katherine Brannon Fishman

Melissa Bube

Sue Kibbe

May 7 Wes Shelton

May 8 Leanne James

Scott Pinkston

May 9 Zach Langston

May 6 Pete & Helen Musgrave

May 9 Scott and Cindy Kallsnick

MEMORIALS

PHILLIP RODNEY DAVIDSON

Chaney Huddleston Class

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Children's Ministries

Our children's ministries move around Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings, with meeting for Sunday School at 9:45 am after the first two songs in the contemporary service.

On Wednesdays, we begin with a meal in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm, followed by activities, prayer time, crafts, music, Bible lessons, or other fun activities!

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
Nancy Duncan friend of Amanda Pickett.
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
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
Sharon Looney friend of Jon Healey
David McDonald..... brother of Mark McDonald
Ruth Meyers..... aunt of member
Janice Murphy cousin of Sharan Pittser
Maria Panigua..... 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
Bob Spencer..... father of member
Gladys Smith..... mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey..... member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center-Rehab

Verlie Garrett grandmother 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
Bobbye 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

Marilyn Coffman..... member
Judy Murrah..... member
Dianne Taylor..... member

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
Capt. 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.....
Senior Airman Keegan Smart..... member
Petty Officer Zane Smart member
Capt. Michael Stevenson.....grandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Winnell Calhoun* in the death for her brother, **Conway Matlock**, who passed away April 22nd.

A private family funeral service was held Saturday, April 25th, in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel in Crockett, TX. Interment will be at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas.



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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 9:00 am

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 our worship service Sunday at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel FUMC Batesville, AR
[YouTube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR](https://www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR)

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the May 6th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, May 4th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.