



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

In case you missed it, we have left the season of Lent, moved all the way through the season of Easter, and moved right through the traditional Sunday of Pentecost. When we first started Easter, I mentioned that I was going to go through Easter stories until we reopened, and I planned what I thought were more than enough sermons. Now, we are about to move in June, and we are moving to the last of the four gospels to begin the final three Easter stories.



This Sunday, we will look at a familiar text to many people: the "Walk to Emmaus," from Luke 24:13-35. While it was NOT the text assigned to the Sunday after Pentecost, it is so very on target for this Sunday. It is an Easter passage that speaks very directly to us in the days of the COVID virus, continued unease, protests, and so much more.

Walk with us this Sunday. 9:00 am on YouTube and Facebook Live, 11:00 am on 103.3 FM, or catch the service when it's convenient for you on YouTube or Facebook any time after those times!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

PS. Don't forget that this is Communion Sunday! We will be live on YouTube at 10:00 am and Facebook at 12:00 pm. You can pick up communion elements Wednesday during Crosses & Communion. (More information is in this issue.)

Crosses & Communion

This Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm, we invite you to drive through the covered drop off area (enter from the Main St. side) and pick up a unity cross and communion elements that our pastors will bless for you. You are invited to take the cross home, decorate it if you want, and place it in your yard. Prior to our return to worshipping in our building (when that time comes), we will ask you to bring it back to the church to symbolize our return.



You may either be served communion while you are in your car by Pastor Mark and Pastor Carl, take the elements home and take them when are you there, or keep them until Sunday to receive them during our online communion services (10:00 on YouTube and noon on Facebook). We will have instructions and a liturgy for you to use when we take the communion elements. They are individually packaged and do not need to be refrigerated.

Church Building To Remain Closed Through June

Church Family,

The Church Council met last week and unanimously agreed to continue our building's closure through the end of June. We will meet again on Thursday, June 25, at 6 PM by Zoom to review the data from the Conference, State of Arkansas, and our church. Although we continue to desire to reopen without restrictions, I welcome your comments and thoughts about reopening.

Peace and love,
Barrett Moore
Chair, Church Council

Join the Newsletter Email List

If you don't already receive the newsletter via email, we strongly encourage you to share your email with the church office.

Our email list allows you to receive information earlier, and we often share separate information with our email list to highlight important aspects of our ministries!



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



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

Building Remains Closed

Our Trustees and Church Council have both met to discuss when to reopen, and both have agreed to continue to keep the building closed until we can return without the current restrictions recommended by the bishop and governor. The Council believes that will be no sooner than July.

The Trustees will meet again this week, and the Council will meet again later in June to reevaluate our situations. The Trustees have the responsibility of deciding when it is safe to reopen (based on liability, health & safety, and preparedness), and the Council has the responsibility of coordinating any reopening to ensure our ministries resources are balanced and our mission remains paramount.

The "Launch Team," our Church Council ministry coordinators, continue to meet weekly to plan appropriate activities to keep our church connected while our building is closed, so continue to watch our weekly newsletter and Facebook page for all that we are doing!



Community Celebrating Clark Emery's 24th Birthday!



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
 May 24th - May 31st 101

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 170
 Weekly Update Views 198

Our Gifts

Received in May

Received through
 05/04/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$16,865.00
 Online Giving..... \$4,620.30

Received through
 05/11/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$10,019.41
 Online Giving..... \$2,396.87

Received through
 05/18/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$3,435.00
 Online Giving..... \$2,486.79

Received through
 05/25/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$2,455.00
 Online Giving..... \$2,791.73

Received through
 05/31/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$5,100.00
 Online Giving..... \$1,765.13

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

MEMORIALS

MARGARET MATTHEWS

Charlotte & Dennis Davidson

KATHERINE TRIPP

Stan & MJ Wood, Scott & Myra Wood,
 Phil & Laura Brissey, and their families

CHARLES ARNOLD

Stan & MJ Wood, Scott & Myra Wood,
 Phil & Laura Brissey, and their families

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

June 7 Brooke Davis Moore
 June 10 Nate McDonald
 June 11 Robin Austin Gay
 Steve Richman
 Seth Wagoner
 June 13 Dick Bernard
 Ann Davis
 Lyndal Waits

June 7 Ken & Ginger Davis
 Terrell & Diane Tebbetts
 June 8 John & Rhonda Wise
 June 9 Raymond & Alice Simmons
 June 10 Tom & Ruby Curl
 June 12 Henry & Susan Matinchek
 Bill & Carey Robertson

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

Blessing Box Donations Needed

Our Blessing Box pantry was very low last week, so we went shopping to build it back up. We need more support to keep up with the continued high demand, so please consider giving any non-perishable food or a cash donation. You can give through our app or website and designating your gift to "Disaster Work and Emergency Needs."

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.

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
Marcus & Glenda Bowersmembers
Clif Burrell, IVson of Clifton & Norma Burrell
Winnell Calhounmember
Doris Caspermember
Nancy Duncanfriend of Amanda Pickett.
Annebelle Fletcher.....friend of David Smith
Bella Floyd.....friend of members
Verlie Garrettgrandmother of Lane Garrett
Randy & Linda Guthrierelatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Linda Hixfriend of John Ellis
Mona Hobbsfriend of Diane Tebbetts
Louise Hughesmember
Kerry Jenningssister of member
Mary Johnsonmother in law of Clifton Burrell
Betty Jones.....friend of Mary Slaughter
Sharon Looney.....friend of Jon Healey
Anne Lustermember
Ruth Meyersaunt of member
Janice Murphy.....cousin of Sharan Pittser
Maria Paningua.....friend of member
Angela Panneckfriend of member
Traci Phillipsdaughter of George & Pat Collins
Terri Presley.....member
Judy Pridgenfriend of Glenda Martin
Pat & Rodney Rice.....family members of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbeerelative of member
Raye Rogersmember
Charlotte Rosemember
Tom Sellershusband of Jane Jameson
Bob Spencerfather of member
Gladys Smithmother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey.....member
Carolyn Wilson.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Knoxville, Tennessee Hospital

Steve Robertscousin of Pastor Mark

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

Janine Kimmer..... member
Polly Livingston..... member
Jackie Martin..... member
Carol Robertson..... member
Barbara Stevenson..... 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
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

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227



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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 5:30 pm on Facebook Live

"Daily Devotional" on Facebook each morning at 8:00 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
- Ruby Curl (Finances): (870) 834-5377

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



Watch our worship service Sunday at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel FUMC Batesville, AR YouTube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the June 10th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, June 8th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.