



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

We are two weeks away from covering every gospel passage in our Bible that accounts for what happened after the resurrection, and it has amazed me how powerfully it has spoken to the needs and challenges we face during our COVID crisis. This week is no different!



We will turn to Luke 24:36-49, and hear the instruction that Jesus gave the disciples when they were so ready to get out there: "Wait for it!" That's right, they were ready to get busy sharing the gospel story, and Jesus told them to stay home and put on masks until the Holy Spirit arrived. (Well, not the mask part, but you get the idea!)

Join us this week for another online experience together this Sunday: 9:00 am on YouTube and Facebook, and 11:00 am on 103.3 FM. Let us know you are with us, and what we can do to help you in these days!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



January 20th, beginning at 6AM ending whenever it gets too hot.

Below is a list of things we're going to tackle, but if you can't make it on the 20th feel free to take on anything on the below list at any time. Please bring your own tools.

Work Areas

1. Bill Huddleston Garden- Clear weeds and grass from inside metal edging. Re-do metal edging to form more of an oval shape for easier care and mowing.
2. Weed flower beds beside main entrance door.
3. Trim hollies along entrance away from driveway and try to expose as much of the windows as possible.
4. Cut back hollies around Main Street church sign in order to see the sign.
5. Cut and trim all nandinas on church grounds
6. Weed eat grass around bushes on 6th Street side of church
7. Cut down tree in foundation at back of church near air conditioner.
8. Weed and trim shrubs on east side of building

Opening Areas of Church Grounds

The Board of Trustees wants the Church to know that the western parking lot, the Grammer House Deck will be marked so that outdoor groups can meet on Church Grounds. These areas will have tape applied to the surface so that proper Social Distancing can be easily maintained. The Trustees ask that any groups meeting at these locations abide by all guidance given by Bishop Mueller, the CDC, and the Governor.

Thank you,
Board of Trustees

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."



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



Drive-by Celebration

Raye Rogers' 98th birthday is this Sunday June 14th. We have organized a drive-by parade for her starting at 3:00 that afternoon. 75 Bluff View Dr. It would mean so much to her to see her friends drive by and wish her a happy birthday!

We are excited to share two ways to donate to FUMC that are secure and smart! For those days when you don't have cash or checks, we now have two methods for giving – even during the offering in worship – that are convenient and secure:

GivePlus APP

Beginning immediately, you can give to the church through a simple app that you download to your smartphone and give through your checking account, debit card, or credit card. Once you've set your secure account, you can view all your donations made through the App, change your account information, and set up recurring donations! Type this link to watch a short video about the TextPlus App

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>
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GivePlus TEXT

A second secure way to give is simply to text the amount you want to give (such as \$100) to 855-726-9179. You will receive a link to allow you to give via text from the account of your choice (without having to create an account). After that, you can simply text the amount you want to give, and you will receive a text back confirming your donation. You can even make it a recurring donation via text! You will receive a text and email receipt, and your gifts made by text appear on your church giving statement (emailed monthly and mailed quarterly). Type this link to watch to watch a short video about GivePlus Text

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj7AIH6rty0>

Thank you for supporting the ministries that God is moving through at FUMC! Please let us know if you have any needs in your life that we can help with.

Launch Team Evaluating Activities

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!



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



**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

**Daily Devotionals to
start your Day!**

Monday thru Saturday 9 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville



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

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Tommy Newton

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Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
 May 31st - June 6th 96

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 187
 Weekly Update Views 125

Our Gifts

Received in May

Received through
 05/04/2020
 Cash & Checks..... \$11,310.00
 Online Giving..... \$2,856.00

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

MEMORIALS

MARGARET MATTHEWS

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

MARY ANN MARSHAL

KATHERINE TRIPP

MARGARET MATTHEWS

Mark & Dianne Lamberth

KATHERINE TRIPP

MARGARET MATTHEWS

Bill & Diana Waldrip

DON GILCHRIST

Sonja Massey-Turner

When you pray,

*pray for our church,
 pray for our ministries,
 pray for our Sunday school teachers,
 pray for our staff,
 pray for each other,
 pray for our church!*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

June 14 Raye Rogers
 Bridgett Rogers
 June 17 Katie Driver
 Anna Gray Southerland
 June 20 Elaine Vinson

June 16 Mark & Kelley McDonald
 June 18 George & Della Mae Dortch

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SERVE

Ushers help us direct people throughout worship, welcome guests, hand out bulletins, and gather information for follow up.

Greeters stand near the entrance to welcome guests and help them find their way around the facilities.

Liturgists help lead worship and serve communion.

Special Music. We are looking for people to share special music.

FUMC Representatives!

Our District Conference and Annual Conference will both be held online through Zoom, and we ask you to be in prayer for those who will be attending:

Mark McDonald
 Carl Hudson
 Mike Wilson
 Betsy Dietz
 Cyndi House
 Nathaniel McDonald
 Kathey McKinney
 Randy Seale

We are proud to have so many people from FUMC involved in the leadership of our extended ministries!

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
Bob Spencerfather of member
Gladys Smithmother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey.....member
Carolyn Wilsonmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Knoxville, Tennessee Hospital

Steve Robertscousin of Pastor Mark

UAMS - Little Rock

Tom Sellershusband of Jane Jameson

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
Virginia 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

As church members we all hunger for connections during these times we cannot come together as a church body. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, **SHEPHERD GROUPS** have been established!

It is one way we hope to

- Build connections
- Help with feelings of isolation you might be experiencing
- Create new friendships that will hopefully continue after this difficult time apart

Shepherd groups will consist of approximately 10 people or family units. Each group will have a monthly scripture focus and you are encouraged to respond within your group by doing things like: sending a card, making phone calls, baking goodies, offering to run errands, etc. for the people in your group.

You will be contacted by your shepherd leader very soon. If you aren't contacted in the next two weeks, please call the church office @ 870.793.3803 and you will be added to a group.

HAPPY SHEPHERDING!





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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 17th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, June 15th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.