



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 turn to our final appearance of Jesus after he was raised from the dead in the gospel of Luke. We are used to hearing about Jesus' ascension in the book of Acts, so you might be surprised to hear that Luke – the author of Acts – includes it as the last scene in the gospel of Luke! It helps bridge the gap, but it also brings a special emphasis to the focus that can help us through this time of waiting!



Join us this Sunday at 9:00 am online (Facebook and YouTube) and 11:00 am on 103.3 FM!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Launch Team Update

The Ministry Coordinators from the Church Council continue to meet weekly making plans for ways to stay connected during our building closure as well as ways to prepare for our reopening. They are also working on plans for how to start back with small groups, Sunday School, and worship in keeping with the bishop's recommendations.

Our Trustees will work with the Ministry Coordinators to determine how new cleaning guidelines will also affect our potential opening plans. All of this will continue to affect us for some time, so we are considering all the options we may have as we continue to learn more about the increased COVID spread.

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."

Pastors Are Re-appointed

The Arkansas Annual Conference met last Saturday via Zoom. We worshipped together, approved a new conference budget for shared ministries, remembered clergy family who had died this past year (including Rev. Bob Langley), recognized new clergy, and finalized appointments for the coming year, including Pastor Mark's third year and Pastor Carl's second year at FUMC.



June 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

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

Parking Lot Worship Postponed



Our first parking lot worship service has been postponed until **Wednesday, June 24 at 6 PM.**

Come in your vehicle and park in our Main St. parking and the First Baptist Church Main St. parking lot. Face the church building and tune into the frequency we will have posted at the entrance. You are also wel-

come to sit in lawn chairs, but we do ask that you maintain social distance and wear a mask if you sit outside your vehicle.

Our building remains closed, so there are no restrooms available. Our service will last about 20-30 minutes, will be family-friendly, and will have some fun ways for you to participate!

Congratulations to Andrew and Melanie Hradesky on the birth of Andrew Peter Hradesky, III (nicknamed "Tripp") last week! Carolyn has a new brother!



UMW Gathering



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
June 6th - June 13th 75
Sunday Online Worship Service..... 203
Communion..... 39
Weekly Update Views 73

Our Gifts

Received in June

Received through
06/08/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$11,310.00
Online Giving..... \$2,856.00
06/15/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$2,055.00
Online Giving..... \$2,513.99
Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

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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

June 22 Colton Qualls
June 23 Nancy Weaver
Melinda Jackson Murphy
June 24 Justin Taylor
June 25 Ronda Bryant
June 26 Christopher Moore
Amanda Roberts
June 27 Hudson Harris Carter

June 23 Shelby & Beatrice Moore
David & Pam Smith
June 25 Billy & Joyce Prickett

MEMORIALS

MARGARET MATTHEWS

BOB LANGLEY

Jimmie Anne Mitchum

TAMARA GRIFFIN

Frank & Susan Tripp

Pray for our church

- for our pastors & staff
- for our leaders
- for those who are homebound or hospitalized
- for every household
- for our small groups and relationships

Pray for our community

- for those who are hungry
- for those who are struggling in life or faith
- for those who are abused and oppressed
- for those who do not yet know the love of Christ

Pray for our world

- for the church universal
- for our nation's leaders
- for all the nations
- for the unity of all God's children
- for the care of God's creation
- for peace with justice

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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, IV.....son of Clifton & Norma Burrell
Winnell Calhounmember
Doris Casper.....member
Nancy Duncanfriend of Amanda Pickett.
Annebelle Fletcher.....friend of David Smith
Bella Floyd.....friend of members
Verlie Garrettgrandmother of Lane Garrett
Randy & Linda Guthrie.....relatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Linda Hix.....friend of John Ellis
Mona Hobbs.....friend 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
Tommie McDonald.....member
Ruth Meyersaunt of member
Janice Murphy.....cousin of Sharan Pittser
Judy Nallfriend of members
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 Spencer.....father 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

Baptist Hospital - Little Rock

Jim Westmember

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
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

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Linda Thompson* in the death of her brother, **Denver Roy** of North Little Rock, who passed away June 10th. Interment is at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, North Little Rock.

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

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 June 24th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, June 22nd to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.