



First United Methodist Challenge

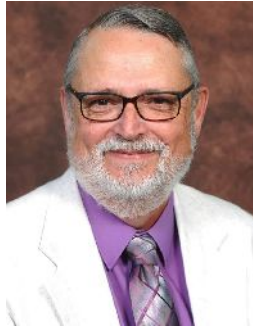
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July 1, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Associate Pastor . . .

Hello to all. I hope you are doing well in these challenging times. Mark is on vacation so I will be bringing the message this week. With all that is occurring in these days, let us remember that worship of God is of great importance. The message this week will deal with our worship of God from Psalm 145:8-14. It is a great reminder of the important characteristics of God and how to ease our walk through tough times.



So, continue in scripture and prayer and I look forward to sharing the message with you on Sunday.

Remember that I am available for your pastoral needs at 870 251-6227, while Mark is on vacation.

Communion This Sunday

We will celebrate holy communion online this Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel and at noon on our Facebook page. We invite you to prepare elements for this, which can include anything that represents the Bread or juice we normally use. Pastor Carl will lead the communion services.

Parking Lot Worship

We celebrated our first Parking Lot Worship service last Wednesday evening, and had around 40-50 in attendance! We were delighted to share in scripture, music, a sermon/devotional through our new FM station transmitter. Also as a bonus, we welcomed Michael Robinson into membership at FUMC. Michael has worked with our youth for the last two years, and he is discerning a call to ministry while he finishes his undergraduate degree.



We hope to have another Parking Lot Worship service in July, so watch the newsletter for details!

I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC FOR THREE REASONS:

- 1. HUMILITY:** I don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms.
- 2. KINDNESS:** I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
- 3. COMMUNITY:** I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all!

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."



Pastor Mark will be on vacation July 1-15, and Pastor Carl is available for any pastoral needs during this time. His cell is 870-251-6227, so don't hesitate to call him if you know of any pastoral needs. He will preach July 5, and Rev. John Fleming, our district superintendent, will preach July 12.

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

Parking Lot Worship Service



Pastor Mark welcoming Michael Robinson as a member of our community of faith.



Daily Devotionals to start your Day!

Monday through Saturday 8 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville

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

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

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Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
June June 20th - 27th 99
Sunday Online Worship Service..... 235
Weekly Update Views 62

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
06/22/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$2,821.03
Online Giving..... \$737.34
06/29/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$4,635.00
Online Giving..... \$3,073.19
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

July 5 Fiona Donovan
Rob Emery
Robb Roberts
Laney Thompson

July 6 Spencer Martin

July 7 George Collins

Polly Livingston

David Smith

July 8 Reilly Faith

July 9 Ben Shelton

July 11 Sarah Tripp

July 7 Jack & Terri Presley

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Mission Trips: FUMC participates in several mission trips each year, some involving youth, some adults only, and some family inclusive. We are also working to include local, regional, and international missions for those who are interested. Please complete the tear off section to keep up!

Ramps. Our men's group has a team that builds ramps and does a few other repairs to help neighbors with disabilities.

ERT: We are seeking people interesting in training for early entry to disaster areas to help provide immediate relief and make scenes safe for people to begin to rebuild their lives. This training will be eight hours long and typically occurs on a Saturday.

Food Ministries: We always have opportunities for people to help with our Wednesday meals, Saturday breakfast, blessing box, backpacks, and warming/cooling center.

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
Roger Burns..... father of Stacy Pretty
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
Verlie Garrett grandmother of Lane Garrett
Randy & Linda Guthrie relatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfield mother of Karen Holifield
Linda Hix friend of John Ellis
Mona Hobbs friend of Diane Tebbetts
Louise Hughes member
Kerry Jennings sister of member
Mary Johnson mother in law of Clifton Burrell
Betty Jones..... friend of Mary Slaughter
Sharon Looney..... friend of Jon Healey
Tommie McDonald..... member
Ruth Meyers aunt of member
Janice Murphy..... cousin of Sharan Pittser
Judy Nall friend of members
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
Bob Spencer father of member
Gladys Smith mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey..... member
Carolyn Wilson member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Knoxville, Tennessee Hospital

Steve Roberts cousin of Pastor Mark

UAMS - Little Rock

Tom Sellers husband of Jane Jameson

Baptist Hospital - Little Rock

Jim West member

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 Stevensongrandson 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

Church Family,

The Trustees and Church Council met during the last weeks. They voted to meet and discuss further plans to reopen the building after the State of Arkansas experiences a consecutive 14-day decrease in cases of the novel coronavirus. Once our State experiences that sort of decrease, we will meet and determine how the church building will reopen. The Church Council discussed a proposal by the Launch Team on how to reopen. Everyone agreed the manner of reopening is fluid and changes weekly. For example, churches that have chosen to reopen now have reported small attendance and implemented significant restrictions on its members who attended in person. If you want more information or want to comment on how to structure our services when we reopen, please feel free to contact a member of the Launch Team, pastor, or staff.

Best regards,

Alex Roofe

Chair, Trustees

Barrett Moore

Chair, Church Council



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email us at fumcbatesville@gmail.com
 Check out newsletters online!
www.fumcbatesville.org/




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

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 July 8th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, July 6th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.