



First United Methodist Challenge

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September 16, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday, we continue with the lectionary as we turn to Philippians 1:21-30 as we consider the question: **"Is it Worth It?"**

Paul is writing to the early church about their fear of death and loss to challenge them with a word that is extremely relevant to us today. As we struggle with countless losses and challenges because of the virus, politics, and social unrest, we also face everyday challenges that can quickly overwhelm us and make us ask if it is worth it.

Paul writes the church from prison, where he is surely facing one of those moments. His answer is clear, but it is a question he can't answer for you. So how do we answer that question? Join us this Sunday and hear the word of hope that remains the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Final Cottage Meeting



Did you miss the change to participate in a cottage meeting? Are you interested in meeting with Pastor Mark to share in the hopes and dreams for our church?

Join us on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 pm on Zoom, dial in, or YouTube for the final 2020 Cottage Meeting. You can join this meeting by clicking a simple link on your tablet, smartphone, or computer to join it live with audio and video, and you can also dial into a phone number to join by phone. Another alternative is to watch the cottage meeting on our YouTube channel (which will allow you to see it, but not speak during the live presentation).

To sign up, contact the church office at fumcbatesville@gmail.com, 870-793-3803. We will email you a Zoom link, or share the phone number and passcode so you can join in!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22 at 6 PM

Dear Church Family,

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 PM. This meeting will be virtual. You should receive an email with the link to the meeting if you wish to attend. Otherwise, please call the church office and one of our great staff will share that information with you.

In addition to approving our normal yearly business, the church will discuss in passing the current state of affairs about reopening our campus. We have previously voted to await a 14-day continuous decline in the State of Arkansas before considering reopening our church campus. It seems like that benchmark is nowhere in sight. But we will talk about these issues and welcome your comments.

Peace and love,
Barrett S. Moore
Chair, Church Council

Collect those lids!

Hi everyone!

The Kids Department IS still collecting lids! You all have done a great job saving items for our Maker Space classroom and I appreciate it! You can leave your donations in the plastic storage bin under the breezeway. As a reminder, we are only collecting plastic items that can be easily disinfected (no cardboard).

Thank you and keep collecting!

Ms. Katie



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

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

- Jane Jamesonmember
- Terri Presley.....member
- Phyllis Terhune.....member
- Carolyn Wilsonmember

Share Your Joys and Concerns!

We are taking our prayers in a new direction!

We are asking you to submit your prayers (joys and concerns) with the following guidelines:

- Prayers can be submitted by call the church office (793-3803), emailing the church (fumcbatesville@gmail.com), or through our prayer concern form at fumcbatesville.org.

- You MUST have permission of the person named to share their name publically.

- Each submission will be included in the newsletter and worship for two weeks, then it will be removed from the list. You can resubmit the prayers to continue them for additional time.

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

- Janine Kimmer..... member
- Polly Livingston member
- Carol Robertson member
- Barbara Stevenson member
- Stanley Wood..... member

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
- Dianne Taylor..... member

Woodcrest Assisted Living

- Marilyn Coffman..... member
- Judy Murrah..... 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.....
- Sergeant 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

Daily Devotionals to start your Day!

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

- Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046
- Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

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

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

Cyndi House
Kathy McKinney
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

Our Mailing Address is:

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Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
Sept 6th - Sept 12th 51
Sunday Online Worship Service.....214
Weekly Update - Sept 9th 118
Communion Sept. 13 108

Our Gifts

Received in September

Received through
09/15/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$3,250.00
Online Giving..... \$1,828.53
Received through
09/08/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$12,770.00
Online Giving..... \$1,191.03
Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

Coming Soon!

We are excited to share that we are launching a second online worship service that begins October 4, 2020. The new service will feature traditional hymn and readings, and will premier at 11:00 am each Sunday. It will feature the same theme, sermon, and children's time, and will allow us to provide two different styles of worship. Watch for more details in the next few weeks!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Sept 20 Maddie James
Sept 21 Diane Tebbetts
Chris Wagoner
Sept 22 Cassidy Garrett
Sept 23 George Bentz, Jr.
Leah Crossett Cook
Dakohta Seale
Sept 24 Sherry Everett
Shirley Stuckey
Cole Jordan Weaver
Sept 25 Matthew McClure
Sept 26 Patrick Arnold
Cathy Hill

Sept 22 Chris & Stefanie Carpenter
Sept 24 Mark & Jennifer Faith
Sept 25 Chad & Lorrie McClure

MEMORIALS

FLOY MAE CROSSETT

Earline Tripp & Katie Driver

COVID Rules for FUMC Groups

The church remains closed and access is limited to essential personnel only. That generally includes persons getting food for the blessing box, staff performing necessary duties, and clearing/maintenance persons only.

Masks are required at all church functions and activities, including outside groups. We do allow you to remove your mask while seated in a small group provided you are at least 6 feet from any other person. If you stand to walk somewhere, you must put your mask back on.

Groups should remain near or below 10 people when meeting outside.



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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 & YouTube each morning at 9:00 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 whiterivernow.com/ar1033/ and click Listen Live button
 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 September 23rd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, September 21st to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.