



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

"We're in a Timeout"

Remember timeouts? Whether it was during a sporting event or when you were caught doing something wrong, a timeout is a time of reflecting, regrouping, or refocusing on what is important. Sound familiar? We're in a timeout these days because of COVID-19, and we are faced with two questions: what did we do and what are we going to do about it now? The Psalmist answers that question with a pretty straightforward answer: Remember.



Join us this Sunday in worship as we look at Psalm 78:1-16 and consider what we will do with our Time Out.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Outside Work Day

The Board of Trustees is announcing another evening workday because the first went so well! We enjoyed the temperature getting cooler as we worked (rather than warmer as it does in our early morning work days) and the deadline of nightfall that gave us a clear ending time! On top of that, we enjoyed some time in fellowship with others!



We will gather in the front of the church on Saturday, October 3rd at 5:00 pm to continue working on the front landscaping, including trimming, raking, weeding and removing several shrubs. Bring your work tools and join us!

Care Packages for our College Students and Military!



It is that time of year again! United Methodist Women would like to send a care package to our College Students and Military. Please text addresses to Janet Smart 870-834-0561.

We need addresses by Oct 4th. Thank you!

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

UMW meeting in the yard of Ruby Curl



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



Arkansas Conference LSM News

2020 Fall Lay Servant Ministries

<https://arumc.org/our-ministries/lay-servant-ministries/>

We are offering several options to fit into your time schedule this fall. There are 2 different times to take the Intro to LSM course and several advance courses already listed. We will be adding 2 more advance courses as the details come in.

You are responsible for ordering your book as soon as possible. The courses are being offered at no cost. They are being held by Zoom. If you have an issue with online registration, contact your District Director and they will register you. They will need your email, phone, Home District and Home Church.

Course Options this Fall:

Begin Date - Session - # - Course

9/23/20 - 7:00-9:30pm - 4 sessions - Intro to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic) - ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3 - Wednesdays

9/23/20 - 10am-noon - 5 sessions - See All The People - Wednesdays

9/23/20 - 10am-noon - 5 sessions - Start Here - Teaching Adults - ISBN 978-0-88177-303-3 - Wednesdays

9/26/20 - 10am-noon - 5 sessions - UM Polity - The Method of our Mission - ISBN 978-1-4267-6717-3 - Saturdays

10/1/20 - 6:30-8:30pm - 5 sessions - UM Polity - The Method of our Mission - ISBN 978-1-4267-6717-3 - Thursdays

10/4/20 - 4:00-5:00pm - 5 sessions - Preaching - From Your Heart to Theirs - ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3- Does require 1 hr/week video to be watched prior to class session for discussion. All 10 hrs must be completed for credit. - Sundays

10/6/20 - 6-8pm - 5 Sessions - Preaching - From Your Heart to Theirs - ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3 -- Tuesdays

One of our former youth, **Kyler Stolarik** earns American FFA Degree, the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization.

"As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career.

Some of the requirements include:

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state level.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program, or have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program, or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program, through which the member has exhibited comprehensive planning and managerial and financial expertise.
5. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
 - a. Earn at least \$10,000 and productively invested \$7,500 or
 - b. Earned and productively invested \$2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service within at least three different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.

Batesville FFA had 5 recipients this year, more than any other program in the state for the 2020-2021 year: Alexa Dowell, Emalee Grace Marlin Tate, Julian Maddox, Laney G. Johnson, and Kyler Stolarik.

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 Roofoe

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
Sept 13th - Sept 19th 80
Sunday Online Worship Service..... 266
Weekly Update - Sept 16th 135

Our Gifts

Received in September

Received through
09/7/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$3,250.00
Online Giving..... \$1,828.53
Received through
09/14/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$12,770.00
Online Giving..... \$1,191.03
Received through
09/21/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$3,540.00
Online Giving..... \$885.00
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!

*Daily Devotionals
to
start your Day!*

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Sept 27 Crystal Bradley
Sept 28 Jennifer Emery
Robert Hill
Mark Huddleston
Morgan Presley
Sept 30 Diane Taylor Rix
Oct 1 Natalie Ives Howard
Josh Walmsley
Oct 3 Alisha Carter
Buddy Vinson

Oct 2 Lane & Gina Garrett



MEMORIALS

FLOY MAE CROSSETT

Timmy & Joan McKinney

GEORGE BENTZ

Bennie Burks

KATHERINE TRIPP

Raymond & Alice Simmons & Bart Simmons

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

Raymond & Alice Simmons, Joe & Ameer Gould, & Bart Simmons

Our Mailing Address is:
First United
Methodist Church
P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

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 Jameson.....member
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



EMAIL US!!!

Email us at fumcbatesville@gmail.com to add your email to our newsletter list, in case we are not able to mail it for a brief time because of safety concerns.

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
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
Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure
Dianne Taylor..... member

Woodcrest Assisted Living

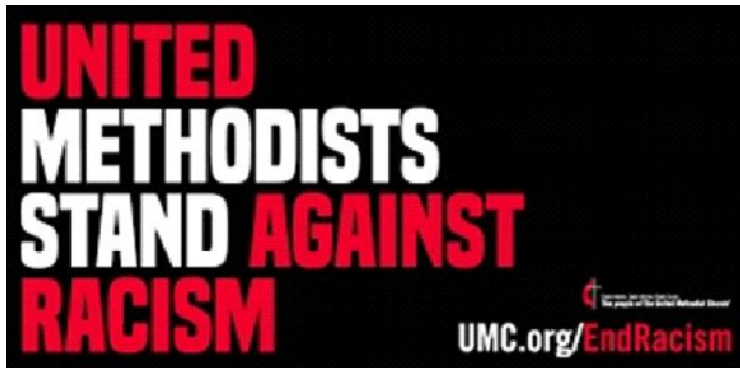
Marilyn Coffman..... member
Judy Murrah..... member

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 Moore.....son-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

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

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



We're all out of answers ...

“Ending racism has been a priority for United Methodist Women for a long time. Even with all I’ve learned, during this time I’ve realized that there is still so much I don’t know or that I need to relearn about the history of the United States and the ways that I and other white people are co-opted into a racist system and benefit from it, even without our conscious assent. Some of you may have a similar sense of needing to shift and change very quickly. How can there be so much to learn? How can there still be so much I didn’t see? How can all our efforts at change (in ourselves,

our organization, the church and the nation) have fallen so woefully short?

And, now more than ever, we need to listen, learn and love as our board of directors has said, going deeper in the work of racial justice that United Methodist Women has made plain for the whole church through the Charter for Racial Justice.”

Harriett Jane Olson

General Secretary

United Methodist Women

holson@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Excerpt from September/October 2020 issue of response, the magazine of women in mission.

Ms. Olson’s words express much of what I have felt in this time of increased awareness of how alive and active racial injustice continues to be in our country and the church.

Prayer for Racial Justice

We’re all out of answers, O Covenant God of all humanity,

We can’t find the right words that will fix what has been broken,

We can’t heal the wounds caused by hundreds of years of hatred, with the Band-Aid of, “sorry,”

or the hand sanitizer of, “not really my fault.”

We decry destruction of property in a moment of anger

and minimize the destruction of people over years of disgust.

We claim an understanding of sorts of the anger we see around us,

But secretly wish they would act more . . . like us.

Give us a solution; we’ll pay it. Give us a fee; we’ll pay it.

What will it take to make all of this go away?

“All of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble’.”

Give us the grace to be humble, O Sovereign Lord. Let us not seek our own wisdom,

let us be slow to give answers,

slow to say, “they should,”

and quicker to say, “I’m listening.”

To say, “tell me about your pain.”

To say, “I see you.”

“I care about you.”

Let us humble ourselves

that we might begin anew the journey to becoming the family of God.

In the Name of the One who humbled himself upon a cross we pray. Amen.

Derek C. Weber, June 2020

Links: unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice

<https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice/racial-justice/united-against-racism>

<https://www.ucf.edu/news/how-to-be-a-better-ally-against-racism/>

In God’s peace,

Kathy McKinney

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870-251-3665

Please continue to consult our Anti-Racism calendar daily, and act on as many of the actions as possible. Even if unable to do all of the actions, the calendar has been a good daily reminder that I have a choice of whether or not to even consider race each day. People of Color in this county do not. I cannot become an Antiracist if I choose through white privilege not to think about race and it's effect on all of us.

30 *days* of ANTI-RACISM

SEPTEMBER 2020		1 Pray about how God is calling you to act.	2 Draft your racial autobiography.	3 Participate in intercultural conversations.	4 Volunteer or donate in support of National Food Bank	5 Support diverse leadership.
6 Celebrate National Read-a-Book Day by purchasing an anti-racism resource.	7 Pray about how you can speak up about injustice this week.	8 Learn more about your local elections.	9 Engage in the difficult conversation.	10 Learn greetings and phrases in another language.	11 Be willing to be in the minority.	12 Support a local Black-owned business.
13 Listen to a preacher from a different cultural background than your own.	14 Plan to participate in an anti-racism demonstration.	15 Commit to continued learning in celebration of National Online Learning Day.	16 Engage in local community organizing.	17 Recognize racism in your community.	18 Find a mentor who is from a different cultural background than your own.	19 Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month.
20 Send your tithe or offering to a Black church.	21 Engage with and invest in young leaders dedicated to anti-racism work.	22 Celebrate National Voter Registration Day by registering to vote and helping another person to register.	23 Encourage an activist.	24 Support Black artists and musicians.	25 Amplify the voices of People of Color by inviting them as speakers at worship and other events.	26 Watch a documentary film or series about anti-racism.
27 Pray about how God is calling you to be more anti-racist.	28 Support non-profits engaged in the work of anti-racism.	29 Examine your implicit biases.	30 Commit to continuing the work of anti-racism in honor of National Love People Day.	  RELIGION & RACE The United Methodist Church www.gcorr.org		
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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

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](https://www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR)

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the September 30th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, September 28th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.