



First United Methodist Challenge

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October 7, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

We have begun! It was a joy to watch contemporary and traditional worship this past Sunday, and to continue to see how God continues to move through these days. The early numbers show an almost even split of Sunday worshippers (100 in each service!), and it's fulfilling to find a way to continue to grow and develop our online presence.



This Sunday, we will continue the new series, "The Good Ole Days" as we look at Exodus 32:1-14 with a sermon I've entitled, "Permission to Sin." You're likely familiar with the passage, during which the people of Israel got bored waiting and build a golden calf. What could that have to do with the coronavirus pandemic? Hmmmmm.....

Join us this Sunday on Facebook, YouTube, or 103.3 FM as we continue our journey to the promised land from the "Good Ole Days" we've left behind.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Pastor Carl Answering Pastoral Calls this Week

While Pastor Mark's son, Malachi, is getting married this week, Carl Hudson is ready and available for any pastoral needs you may have!

Feel free to reach him by calling the church office or his cell (870) 251-6227.

Renovations Begin this Week!

Renovations of our sanctuary, repairs to the upstairs rooms, and work on the new pavilion have begun and will continue over the next couple of months.



The total estimated costs are still begin tallied, but we know that the immediate work will run between \$80,000 and \$90,000. We expect another \$30,000 to \$40,000 if plans for the carpet, pew cushions, and chancel access are approved. While we have cash in hand to begin, we will be preparing a full estimate and invite donations to these projects.

Please prayerfully consider how you might help us renovate our sanctuary and building a beautiful pavilion for our future!

Charge Conference is October 20



Our annual Charge Conference – the annual meeting for our congregation – will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Our District Superintendent, John Fleming, will lead the meeting, and we will vote on the issues approved by our Church Council a few weeks ago. Our elected leaders vote at this meeting, but everyone is welcome to attend.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office and we will forward the Zoom information to you as soon as it is available.

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

SINCE WE CAN'T OFFER OUR TRUNK OR TREAT THIS YEAR AND WHILE OUR BUILDING IS STILL CLOSED...WE WANT TO TREAT OUR FUMC KIDS TO SOMETHING SPECIAL!



DRIVE THRU PICNIC!

First Kids
Shining God's Light



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
5:30 - 6:30 PM

YOU CAN DRIVE UNDER THE BREEZEWAY AT CHURCH TO RECEIVE A PICNIC-TO-GO AND A SPECIAL TREAT! YOU CAN EVEN WEAR YOUR COSTUME! YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HAVE A CAR PICNIC OR TAKE YOUR FOOD HOME + ENJOY!

FUMC FALL OFFERINGS!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - FRUIT NINJA!
At Julie Hall's farm. 2:00pm for YOUTH!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - TIE DYE TUESDAY!
In the Church Breezeway. CLUB 56 & YOUTH - Come tie dye @ 6pm. Reservations required.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 - YOUTH & KIDS FISHING EXCURSION!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - PEBBLES CORN MAZE! AUGUSTA, AR
The church will not be able to provide transportation due to covid. Meet there at 3pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - FALL ON THE FARM
At the home of Warrin and Crystal Anderson. 2:00pm for YOUTH!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - S'MORE JESUS! BONFIRE & BIBLE STORIES!
At Clark Hall's farm 6:00pm for youth!

SKEET SHOOT WITH PASTOR MARK & BEN: PATE & TIME TBA!
For YOUTH. Reservations required.

LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF THE GAME: PATE & TIME TBA!
volleyball - cheer - football - basketball - soccer - tennis
Those skills & price classes will be for kids and will be led by our youth athletes and volunteer coaches.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 5:30PM
HOOPS! MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET UP
for 4th-6th graders. We will meet in the Church Breezeway (in our socially-distanced hula hoops) for Popsicles and a Q & A time with Pastor Mark!

A new youth small group begins Tuesday, October 6 with Ben and Michael. Each week will rotate between P & J and fishing! 7:15pm at the river.

A new small group for high school seniors begins on Sunday, October 4 at the home of Ann and Andy Walmley @ 7:00 pm. They will meet the first Sunday of each month.

Beginning October 4 there will be two online worship services: 9:00 & 11:00 am on Facebook and YouTube. Scan this QR code.




HOOPS!

Middle School Meet Up
(4th-6th graders)

Tuesday, October 27
5:30-6:15PM
FUMC breezeway



JOIN US IN OUR SOCIALLY-DISTANCED HULA HOOPS FOR POPSICLES AND A Q-&A TIME WITH PASTOR MARK!

WEAR A MASK!!



Daily Devotionals to start your Day!

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville

Mid-Week Update with Pastor Mark

Wednesdays @5:30 on facebook

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

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 Rooft

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Daily Devotional Average..... 42/day

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 175

Weekly Update - Oct 1st..... 48 views

Communion - Oct. 4th 58 views

Our Gifts

Received in October

Received through
10/5/2020

Cash & Checks..... \$9,475.00

Online Giving..... \$1,093.28

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

MEMORIALS

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

GEORGE BENTZ SR.

FLOY MAE CROSSETT

Blair & Paulette Arnold

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

MARY ANN MARSHALL

MARGARET MATTHEWS

GEORGE BENTZ, JR.

KATHERINE TRIPP

CHARLES ARNOLD

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Oct 14 Larry Bentley
Lauren Patterson

Oct 15 Sidney Lewis
Callie Matinchek

Oct 16 Hannah Driver

Oct 17 Caitlin Arnold
Debbie King
Stephen Painter
Daniel Shaffer

Oct 11 Jim & Gayle Ross

Oct 17 Dorianne Dias & Sakarin
Koonopakarn

Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with
whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for
thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have
nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on
earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

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Our Mailing Address is:

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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
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

White River Medical Center

Jim Smythemember

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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
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 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



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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
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"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

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 October 14th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, October 12th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.