



First United Methodist Challenge

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www.fumcbatesville.org

October 14, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

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!

Renovations

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.

FUMC FALL OFFERINGS!

~~SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - FRUIT NUTJAIL~~
~~TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - THE PVE TUESDAY!~~

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 Marnie 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
 These events & Bible classes will be for kids and will be led by our youth ministers and volunteer coaches.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 5:30PM
 HOOPS! MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET UP
 for 6th-8th graders. We will meet in the church breezeway (in our socially-distant hula hoop!) for potshots 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 7:35pm 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!

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



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

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***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 Roofe

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Daily Devotional Average.....60/day

Sunday Online Worship Service.....239

Weekly Update – Oct 8th 62 views

Our Gifts

Received in October

Received through
10/5/2020

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

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

Received through
10/12/2020

Cash & Checks..... \$17,689.41

Online Giving.....\$315.00

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Oct 20 Joni Bube
Shayne Gardner
Oct 21 John Bradley
Oct 22 Bill Arnold
Oct 23 Jim Ross
Oct 24 Gary McDonald
Latricia Wiliford

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.*



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.

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
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

† Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our sympathy goes out to the *family and friends* of **Urba Reed** who passed away October 7, 2020.

Graveside service was held Monday, October 12th.

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE HONORING OUR
HEALTHCARE HEROES!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

FUMC PARKING LOT • 6:00PM - 6:30PM

**WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AND
 EACH HERO WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING AND A GIFT!**

WE WILL FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES AND WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR CAR.



FUMC HEALTHCARE WORKERS:

Sarah Wycough
 Lynne Treat
 Maggie Beshears
 John Bradley
 April Ward
 Dr. Jason Knott
 Becky Box
 Shanna Tunstall
 Chasity Hennings
 Dr. Greg Neaville
 Jamie Gooch
 Brian Gooch
 Lacia Townsend
 Lori Konkler
 Logan Moore
 Misty Vanenburg
 Dr. Verona Brown
 Gary Bebow

Amy Bullard
 Lindsey Castleberry
 Ron Cheatham
 Dr. Rob Emery
 Leanne James
 Carla Langston
 Robin Gay
 Andrea Slaughter
 Dr. Bradley Slaughter
 Gary McDonald
 Sydney Nail
 Shelby Brown-Swaim
 Brianna Ballard
 Dr. Doug Matthews
 Deanna Nast
 Crystal Anderson
 Stephanie Moser
 Gina Davis

Dr. James O. Davis
 Shirley Waits
 Amanda Roberts
 Dr. Melody Moody
 Wesley McClure
 Emmy McKibben
 Laura Pickren
 Dr. Craig Pickren
 Jami Rider
 Roger Barker
 Diana Waldrip
 Dr. Bill Waldrip
 Dr. Paul Holifield
 Karen Holifield
 Dr. Megan Holifield
 Ross Cox
 Ananda Cox
 Dr. Meriden Glasgow

April Rice
 Bobbi Davis
 Dr. Mark Davis
 Summer Seale
 Tracy McClurg
 Dr. Bob Carter
 Susie Carter
 Morgan Overstreet
 Dr. Bill Shelton
 Wesley Gay
 Dr. Kaley Waldrip
 Madison Morgan
 Tammy Thompson Murphree
 Tim Thompson
 Dr. Kate Emery
 Dr. Meredith McKinney



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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

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 21st newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, October 19th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.