



# First United Methodist Challenge

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November 9, 2022

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

I spent most of last week in Houston, Texas for the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference is responsible for electing and assigning bishops throughout the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, which includes Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. This was my first time to attend as a voting delegate and it was a historic conference! We elected three new bishops on the first ballot. Typically, elections can take up to 30 ballots. For reference, this has not happened since 1852 when bishops were elected by the General Conference. It has never happened at a Jurisdictional Conference.



Bishop Laura Merrill was one of the three new bishops elected and she was assigned to serve the Arkansas Conference, beginning January 1, 2023. I am thrilled to receive Bishop Merrill as our new bishop. It was wonderful to spend a little time getting to hear from her at the conference, and I look forward to her leadership here in Arkansas.

I am thankful to the staff and to many office volunteers for covering while Teresa and I were both out of the office last week. Jurisdictional Conference was a wonderful experience, but I was happy to be back in Batesville for All Saints Sunday. This Sunday we will be continuing our sermon series on Supporting Characters with the story of Elijah and Elisha. I encourage you to read 2 Kings 2:1-14 in preparation for worship. I look forward to being in worship with you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Pastor Katie

## SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

It's time for our retired (or almost elderly) folks to meet for lunch. We can talk about the possibility of going to the Downtown Playhouse in Pocahontas for their production of "The Mousetrap." We will meet at noon on November 15th at Mi Ranchito Restaurant (corner of Eagle Mountain Boulevard and Harrison). We always enjoy visiting and welcoming some "new blood."

Gayle Silberhorn (call 698-1919 for more information)

## They Are Home!!!!

Join us in welcoming Emily and Will and Ethan to the US and Batesville.



Drop in the parlor Sunday Nov 13, 2:00-4:00 Gifts ideas include kitchen items, towels or linens, gifts cards are always welcome.

Ethan is in a 18 month size but could use larger size. Diapers and wipes always useful.

Hosted by Gayle Ross, Becky Crosett, Paulette Arnold, Sandy West and Ruby Curl



## Christmas Poinsettias

We will be decorating our Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas this year. The cost is \$22.00 per plant. If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, please use this

form and **return to the church office by noon on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Please print clearly so that we can may publish the honoree's name correctly.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**Use a separate form for each plant. Remember to enclose your payment.**

"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

Glenda Bowers.....member  
 Marcus Bowers .....member  
 Will Gaddy .....friend of Earlene Tripp  
 Mac McClure .....father of Chad McClure  
 Terri Presley.....member  
 Billy Prickett.....member  
 Kelli Swaim.....member  
 Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim  
 Asa Whitaker .....member  
 Carolyn Wilson .....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

### Women's Lunchtime Bible Study

Wednesdays at noon in the Barnabas classroom.

Bring your lunch and join Pastor Katie for a 45  
minute Bible study.

This week we are on chapter 3.

### Districtwide Zoom Charge Conference

Sunday, November 17th at 6:30

Call the church office if you would like the like the  
Zoom link.

### Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

#### Canned Vienna Sausages

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the  
church office

### Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

#### Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor..... member

#### Eagle Crest Nursing & Rehab - Ash Flat

Larry Swetnam..... father of Lorrie McClure

#### Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Bill Beller ..... member

#### Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth..... member

#### Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold ..... member

Gerri Bentz..... member

Benodlyn Kramer ..... aunt of Sonya Massey

Polly Livingston ..... member

#### Woodcrest Assisted Living

Judy Murrah..... member

### Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please  
review and update the status of your service member.

Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter .....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter

Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bellow

Colonel Marc Jones .....nephew of Mildred Arnold

Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby

Capt. Ian MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent

Trent McDonald.....cousin of member

Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson

TSgt. Jonathan Reed.....son of Dan & Vicki Reed

Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bellow

Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member

### If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

### Youth/College Intern

Michael Robinson

### Choir Director

Amanda Lucy

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Kathy McKinney  
Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holifield

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views October 23<sup>rd</sup>

11:00 Service ..... 77  
9:00 Service..... 93

### In-Person Attendance

November 6<sup>th</sup> ..... 152

## Our Gifts

### Received in November

Received through ..... 11-06-2022  
Total Giving ..... \$12,114.55

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

2 Kings 2:1-14

## Our Service

for November 13<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** in honor and glory of God by **(need altar flowers this Sunday)**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Susan Tripp & Maggie Beshears  
11:00 Mike & Carolyn Wilson

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Amanda Roberta

### LITURGIST:

Alex Roofe

### USHERS:

David Smith, John Ellis

WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

November 13 Eddie Brock  
Will Langston  
November 14 Dru Seale  
November 15 Wayne Anderson  
Susan Carpenter  
Webster McKinney  
November 16 Chelsea Rosson  
November 17 Andy Brock  
Tom Martin  
Gary Minnick  
November 19 Mark Lamberth

## MEMORIALS

### TIM MCKINNEY

Pat Collins

### MONANEVILLE,

First Community Bank  
Smith Plumbing  
Pat Collins  
Sharon Breashears  
David & Sharon Pittser

### NEVA "COOKIE" BALL

Chaney/Huddleston Class

### VELVAHUDDLESTON

Pat Collins  
Chaney/Huddleston Class  
Bob & Shelia Stobaugh

## Altar Flowers Ministry

Please call the church office 793-3803, to take a Sunday, or take a moment to stop by the flower calendar and pick a week of two to sign up to do the flowers.

Upcoming dates open for flowers

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

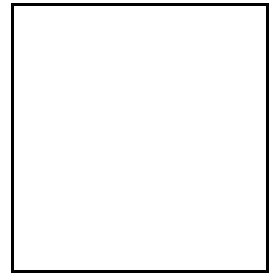
Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.

Our Mailing Address is:

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Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 2014  
Batesville, AR 72503-2014



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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on  
 YouTube and on Facebook



Watch our worship service  
 Sunday at 11:00 am  
 on our YouTube channel  
 FUMC Batesville, AR  
[youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR](https://youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR)



**Community Breakfast**

**Free**

**8:30 Every Saturday**  
**FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the November 16<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).

**United Methodist Men**  
will be bringing you a  
**Birthday and Anniversary Calendar**  
for the Year 2023

all we need is your help.

**Do** fill out the form if:

You were not in last year's calendar

You need to add a new entry, remove one or correct one

**Do Not** fill out the form if:

You were in last year's calendar

No changes need to be made

*The calendar will not show the year of your birthday or anniversary, but our church records will be more complete if you do give the year.*

*Please submit only FUMC members and immediate family*

We intend for the 2023 calendar to be given free to all members of the church. The way we finance the printing is by advertising. The advertisers will be church member businesses or professional services. The type of space will be a standard business calling card. For \$100.00, an advertiser will appear at least three times in a year.

**Deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIVERSARY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**REMOVE A NAME**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



## The Giving Tree

It is time for the annual Giving Tree Project sponsored by the LIFE Class. The Giving Tree Project covers children ages 0-18 that either do not qualify for, or have aged out of the Angel Tree Project. This year, we plan to have both the virtual sign up method as well as the option to select a name off of the tree in the church lobby. If you would like to go ahead sign up virtually, please click the link and fill out the Giving Tree information form. You can also scan the QR Code to access the form. Everyone that fills out the form will be assigned names to shop for. This information will be sent out via text and/or email. We will have the tree up with names to select in the next 2 weeks if you prefer to wait. You may drop off gifts in the FUMC Chapel anytime during the day November 28-December 2, or from 5pm-7pm November 29 and December 1. We need to have all gifts dropped off no later than December 2! Distribution of gifts will begin at 9am on December 10. If you have any questions, have trouble accessing the Google Form, prefer to fill out a hard copy of the form, or would like to make a monetary donation to the Giving Tree Project, please contact Amanda Lucy at 805-8431 or [alucy@gobsdl.org](mailto:alucy@gobsdl.org). Thanks in advance for the continued support of this project. It truly is a blessing to be able to serve the community in this way.

Giving Tree Information Form

<https://forms.gle/a6JkHxDDmTK5zWUu8>

Giving Tree QR Code

