



First United Methodist Challenge

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November 16, 2022

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church family,

This Saturday Sandy West and I will be traveling to Hot Springs for the Special Called Session of the Annual Conference. At this session we will be voting on churches in the Arkansas Conference who have voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The process of separation is difficult for all parties involved; I appreciate your prayers for Sandy and me, as well as for all delegates and all the churches involved. While it saddens me that any church would want to leave the United Methodist Church, well over 80% of the churches in Arkansas are staying United Methodist. The special session of the Annual Conference will not have any bearing on what we do at First United Methodist Church of Batesville, but if you have any questions about the annual conference or the denomination, please make an appointment to speak with me.



This Sunday is the last week of the Supporting Characters sermon series. I will be preaching on Paul and Barnabas from Acts 15:22-40. Next Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is my favorite season in the life of the church, and I am excited to be preaching a new series called A Christmas Story during Advent this year. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Katie

District Wide Zoom Charge Conference

Sunday, November 17th at 6:30

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



The Giving Tree

see the insert page



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 28th.**

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 Bowersmember
 Will Gaddyfriend of Earlene Tripp
 Mac McClurefather of Chad McClure
 Terri Presley.....member
 Billy Prickett.....member
 Kelli Swaim.....member
 Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim
 Carolyn Wilsonmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Asa Whitaker

Women's Lunchtime Bible Study

We will start back in January 2023.

Warming Center Volunteers Needed

Please contact Mike Wilson if you can volunteer.
 We will open the Warming Center up when the
 temperature is under 25 degrees.

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

Peanut Butter and Saltine Crackers

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 Carpenterson of R.L. & Susan Carpenter

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

Colonel Marc Jonesnephew of Mildred Arnold

Sgt. Lane Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby

Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew 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 Smartmember

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bellow

Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin 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 November 6th

11:00 Service 86

9:00 Service.....

In-Person Attendance

November 13th 92

Our Gifts

Received in November

Received through 11-06-2022

Total Giving\$12,114.55

Received through 11-13-2022

Total Giving\$7,407.33

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Acts 15:22-40

Our Service

for November 20th

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 Michael Robinson
11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Rikki Painter

LITURGIST:

Michelle Szybowicz

USHERS:

David Smith, John Ellis
WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

November 20 Karen Holifield
November 21 Bart Simmons
November 22 Glenda Bowers
Becky Kent
November 23 Paulette Arnold
Grace Neaville
November 25 Jason Ballard
Mark Brissey
November 26 Lorrie McClure

November 25 Jimmy & Becky Winemiller

MEMORIALS

MONANEVILLE

Tom & Susie Cummings
Terri Watkins

VELVAHUDDLESTON

Ron & Martha Lewallen



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 20th, 27th

December 4th, 11th

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

Our Mailing Address is:

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



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@gobsd1.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



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 18th

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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

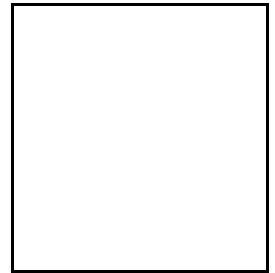
NAME _____ DATE _____

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **November 21st, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.



Community Breakfast
Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAYMORNINGS

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

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the November 23rd newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, November 21st, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.