



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, which is a season of four Sundays that begin a new liturgical year. We begin the story of our faith by preparing for the coming of Christ, like they did in the Old Testament day. Our minds are now turning toward the celebration of the birth of Christ, and you can see it in the Christmas decorations that came up before Thanksgiving! This year, it seems we are all ready for something to celebrate!



Advent also challenges us to consider how we are preparing for the return of Christ. After Jesus was resurrected, we began an entirely new time of waiting and preparation for his promised return. And it has been a long wait, indeed!

As we move into Advent during this pandemic, I believe the scriptures will take on new meaning. This week, we will look at Isaiah 64: 1-9. The prophet Isaiah is preparing for a visit from God! What is clear in this text is that he doesn't know what to expect, or how to get ready. Sound familiar? If you gathered with others at Thanksgiving, it was likely that you found yourself wondering just what you could do to safely gather. Perhaps you just decided to wait this one out, and hid from others for a little while longer. We cry out because we feel alone and separated, even from God. But there is good news: God WILL make something great out of this!

Join us this Sunday as we continue to rest in the Lord until his promised return! We will worship online at 9:00 and 11:00 am on Facebook at YouTube, and we will broadcast our traditional service at 11:00 am on 103.3 FM.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

The Giving Tree is an insert in this newsletter.

REPORT ON CARPET FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who provided comments about the proposed change to the carpet. The Church Council met last week, reviewed all of the comments, and voted to approve the Trustee's choice of carpet. We had a significant response to this issue. I have been delayed in responding to all of the emails I received. But please know that all of your feedback was carefully considered before the Trustees move forward with this work.

Peace and love,
Barrett Moore
Chair, Church Council



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

UMW Note:

Our Phyllis Terhune is now staying with her daughter, Bevin, in New Hampshire. She is making progress but I know that she would enjoy receiving cards from us. The address is:

Phyllis Terhune
c/o Beven Mitchell
32 Wentworth Road
Walpole, NH 03608



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If you shop on amazon.com, please consider going to **smile.amazon.com** and registering "**First Methodist Church, Batesville**" as your charity of choice! 1/2% of every dollar you spend will be donated to our church for ministry!

"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

Della Mae Dortch Member
Terri Presley.....member
Jim Smythe.....member
Phyllis & Jim Terhune.....members
Carolyn Wilsonmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Wakemed Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh, NC

Dianne Taylor.....member

Send cards to Dianne Taylor to:

Wakemed Raleigh Hospital
Room 3E41
3000 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27610

***Daily Devotionals to
start your Day!***

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

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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
Lucille Maris member
Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

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
Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
Major Adam Mooreson-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 Stevensongrandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

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

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

Associate Pastor

Carl Hudson

Choir Director

Amanda Pickett

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Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

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Alicia Williams

Sexton

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

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Cyndi House
Kathy McKinney
Sandy West
Asa Whitaker
Joel Williams

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holfield

Trustees Chair

Alex Roofe

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Daily Devotional Average.....39/day
Sunday Online Worship Service.....247
Weekly Update – Nov 18th 72 views

Our Gifts

Received in November

Received through
11/01/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$6,930.00
Online Giving..... \$1,725.38

Received through
11/08/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$17,705.00
Online Giving.....\$443.44

Received through
11/15/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$6,705.00
Online Giving..... \$1,578.82

Received through
11/22/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$2,788.00
Online Giving..... \$3,242.04

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

When we return to our usual activities,
please consider how you can be in ministry.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

November 29 Amber Wagoner
November 30 Cameron Cox
Joe Don Reynolds
Mike West
December 2 Jinger Austin Kemp
December 3 Clinton Arnold
Jason Austin
Molly Lucy
Joy Thompson
December 4 Maresa Bolin
December 5 Sydney Martin
Tim Thompson

December 1 Ross & Amanda Cox
December 2 Randy & Summer Seale
December 3 Brent & Kelli Swaim

MEMORIALS

URBA REED

GEORGE BENTZ, SR.

DIANA & LOWELL TEBBETTS

John Ellis



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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:
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First United Methodist Church

A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Giving Tree

It is time for the annual Giving Tree Project sponsored by the LIFE Class. The Giving Tree Project covers children that have aged out of the Angel Tree Project. This year, probably more than any other year, it is important to help these kids have the best Christmas possible! Due to the current Covid situation, we will be doing the majority of the project virtually instead of selecting ornaments off of the tree. If you would like to sponsor one or more children, please copy and paste 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. You may drop off gifts in the Kid's Department December 5 & 6 from 2pm-4pm, or anytime during the day December 7 & 8. We need to have all gifts dropped off no later than December 8! Distribution of gifts will begin December 12. 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. 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 (copy and paste)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfs5CEkm3LWYgGe_zQLcJ-J50u5GBTPCKtdUd8v8rDjdtZ_vg/viewform

Giving Tree QR Code



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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 noon 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/FUMCBatesvilleAR

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the December 2nd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, November 30th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.