



First United Methodist Challenge

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December 20, 2023

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe that Christmas Day is less than a week away. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so our worship schedule will be different. We will have one service on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. The morning service is for the fourth Sunday of Advent. I will be preaching on the fourth woman in the genealogy of Jesus: Bathsheba. Before worship there will be a breakfast potluck at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.



Our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 PM on Sunday evening in the sanctuary. Christmas Eve worship is one of my favorite traditions of the year. We will take communion and end with singing Silent Night by candlelight. I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Katie

Advent Activities at FUMC:

- Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 Youth Christmas Party
- Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 and 11:00 Cantata
- Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 AM Breakfast Potluck
- Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Worship
- Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:10 11, ESV



December 25th--January 1st

THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Only One Service
December 24th 10:00am
In the Sanctuary.

"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
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Judy Murrah.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Raye Rogersmember
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's Great Grandson
- Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor..... member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

- Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
- Connie Crafton sister of Joel Wagoner
- Asa Whitaker member

Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights

- Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
- Bill Beller..... member
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
- Jerry Millspaugh Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Billy Prickett..... member

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Ernestine Boyce member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Sharan Pittser.....member

White River Medical Center Rehab

Jack Presleymember

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

We need more canned meats, peanut butter & crackers,
canned pasta, breakfast items, fruit cups.

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

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.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Sgt. Lane Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Petty Officer Zane Smartmember
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- 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
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Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Custodian

Joe Johnson

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Mailing Address is:
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Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Our Presence

Online Worship Views December 10th

11:00 Service (YT 14 + FB 56) 82

9:00 Service(FB) 82

In-Person Attendance

December 17th 162

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received through 12-03-2023

Total Giving \$7,379.00

Received through 12-10-2023

Total Giving \$23,911.92

Received through 12-17-2023

Total Giving \$5,914.38

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 1:6 & 2

Samuel 11:1-5, 14-21, 26-27

Our Service

for December 24th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by Robb & Amanda Roberts.

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

Advent Readers:

10:00 Megan & Pete Roulier

GREETERS:

9:00

11:00

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

No Children's Sermon

LITURGIST: Pastor Katie Pearce

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

December 24 Skipper Vinson
December 25 Sarah Bolin
Katie Vinson Wooldridge
December 26 Pat Collins
Shelby Moore
December 27 Mason Neaville
December 28 Sunny McKinney
December 29 Peyton Osborn
December 30 David Wilkerson
December 31 Emma Glover Barber
Paige Presley
January 2 Wesley Gay
January 3 Alicia Williams
Heather Jackson
Alice Simmons
January 4 Devin Rice
Kristin Rice
January 5 Daniel King
January 6 Sonja Massey Turner

December 29 David & Kathy McKinney
January 3 Mitch & Sarah Bolin
January 5 Tim & Ronda Thompson

MEMORIALS

GRACE & WALLACE LYTLE

BETTY & ROBERT STROUD

Deborah & Bob Stroud

TERRI PRESLEY

Ron & Martha Lewallen

MILDREDARNOLD

Ron & Martha Lewallen

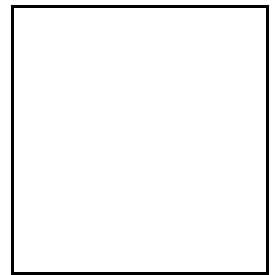
Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!

Come pick your special Sunday to do the altarflowers!



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December Activities

- Dec. 24—9:00am—Pot Luck—Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 24—10:00am—Combined Church
- Dec. 24—6:00pm—Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 31—10:00am—One Combined Service

The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **January 8th, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

11:00 Worship Service
 Livestream on
 YouTube and on Facebook

THIS SUNDAY MORNING ONLY

One service in the Sanctuary.
 December 24th 10:00am

Announcements

- Dec 20th** No Chancel Choir Practice
 No BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
 No BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
 Advent Bible Study - 5:30pm - Chaney-Huddleston
- Dec 23rd** Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Dec 27th** No Newsletter
- Dec 30th** Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the January 3rd newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Tuesday, January 2nd, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.