



# First United Methodist Challenge

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January 24, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday we wrapped up our Stewardship series, Stewardship 101. I hope that you learned something new about generosity, stewardship, and tithing, but I hope the sermons and materials handed out also showed you more about the wonderful ministries at FUMC and how you can be a part of them through giving.



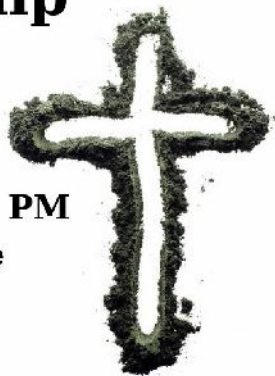
I encourage you to pray about how you can support your church, have any conversations you need to have, and turn in your Estimate of Giving card to the church by the end of January. Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC.

This Sunday we are starting a new worship series called Being Good Neighbors. I am excited to talk about how we can build relationships with those in our community and live out our call to love our neighbors as ourselves. There will be some fun activities about neighboring in worship to take home. I hope you'll join us this Sunday; the scripture passage is Mark 12:38-44.

Blessings,  
Pastor Katie

## Ash Wednesday Worship

**February 14 at 6:30 PM**  
**FUMC Batesville**  
**615 E Main St**  
**All are welcome**



Thank you to all our church family for making our annual soup luncheon a success!

Special thanks to those who brought soup, helped with electrical issues, and stayed to clean up.

Visiting with you in line, it was so refreshing to hear these comments; "I look forward to the soup luncheon," "I could eat soup everyday this time of year," "I didn't have to cook today," and "Soups are always so good."

Donations totaled \$1,053.00 for United Women of Faith Misinsions.

United Women in Faith meet each month on the first Monday evening of the month in the parlor at 5:00. Our next meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!!! Give us a try!!!



Cristian And Morgan Painter Reyes

Are expecting  
Drop in the parlor

January 28, 2024

1:30 -3:00

Registry at Amazon under baby registry

*"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**

- Bill Beller.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Marcus Bowers .....member
- Ginger Davis .....member
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Louise Hughes .....member
- Judy Murrah.....member
- Sharan Pittser.....member
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Raye Rogers .....member
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- 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**

**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
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
- Jerry Millspaugh ..... Elaine Vinson's uncle

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

- Ernestine Boyce ..... 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.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum
- Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren .....
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**The Springs of Batesville Rehab**

- Jack Presley .....member

**Baltimore Hospital**

- Heather Pool .....niece of Jim & Kay Pool



Our Warming Center at the Grammar House is open whenever the temperature reaches 25 degrees. We are seeking volunteers to help staff the center, launder and reset the beds, and otherwise help restock the center with food.

The Center opens around 6:00pm and closes around 9:30pm if no guests are present. Otherwise we close the following morning around 8:00am. We also welcome your prayers and support communicating this ministry to the community. Volunteers can contact the church office or Mike Wilson for more information.

**Blessing Box**

If you would like to help stock our Blessing Box, here's a list of items:

Pull tops please on can goods.

Canned meat, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages

Thank you for being a blessing those less fortunate!

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

**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 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 January 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 19 + FB 115) ..... 134

9:00 Service(FB) .....

### In-Person Attendance

January 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 113

## Our Gifts

### Received in January

Received through ..... 01-07-2023

Total Giving ..... \$5,149.00

Received through ..... 01-07-2023

Total Giving ..... \$12,593.31

Received through ..... 01-14-2023

Total Giving ..... \$4,865.48

## Our Service

### for January 21<sup>st</sup>

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

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

### GREETERS:

9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat

11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Sandy West

**LITURGIST:** Arden Fraiser

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 29 Miller Bryant

January 31 Ramona Shaffer

February 1 Matthew Ramsey

February 2 Winnell Calhoun

Lindsey Estes

Seth Osborn

February 3 Elizabeth Hope Langston

Larry Sandage

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Mark 12:38-44

## MEMORIALS

### DIANNETAYLOR

Terrell and Diane Tebbetts



Flower  
Calendar

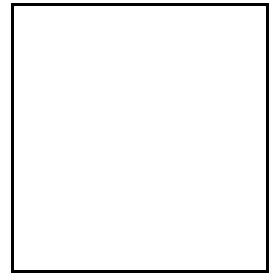
## Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!

Come pick your special Sunday to do the altar flowers!



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

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

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**

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

**Announcements**

- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir Practice  
 BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm  
 BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> United Women in Faith - Parlor - 5:00pm
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30pm



**Community Breakfast**

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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the January 31<sup>st</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).

# Lenten Lunches

## Soup Lunch and Devotional

Wednesdays during Lent at Noon

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February

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***St. Mary's Catholic Church***

Devotional by Rev. Elizabeth Brinegar of First Presbyterian Church

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February

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***St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

Devotional by Rev. Jesse James of Central Ave. United Methodist Church.

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March

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***Lyon College***

Devotional by Rev. Katie Pearce of First United Methodist Church

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March

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***First United Methodist Church***

Devotional by Chaplain Maggie Alsup of Lyon College.

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March

20

***First Presbyterian Church***

Devotional by Father Jon Miskin of St. Mary's Catholic Church