



# First United Methodist Challenge

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January 31, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family

We started a new sermon series on Sunday called "Being Good Neighbors." In all four Gospels Jesus is asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" And Jesus answers, "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and a second is like it: to love your neighbor as yourself." Love God; love neighbor. According to Jesus, loving our neighbors is one of the primary ways we live out our faith. Over the next two weeks we will continue to consider what it would look like if we took the Greatest Commandments seriously and how we can be good neighbors in our community.



In worship I challenged everyone (including myself!) to get to know our neighbors. You can do this on your street, in the hallway of your apartment or assisted living home, or at work. I encourage you to take the Second Greatest Commandment seriously this week and get to know your neighbors, and I would love to hear any stories of success! This Sunday we will continue the series on neighboring. The scripture passage is Luke 14:12-24, and the sermon is called A Crowded Table; I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie

## Ash Wednesday Worship

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



### Super Bowl Snack Sale

Sunday February, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Before & after the services  
in the hallway.

Come help support our  
Youth!



## Lenten Luncheons



2024 Lenten Lunch Schedule

Wednesday's at noon.

February 21—St. Mary's Catholic Church

February 28—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

March 6—Lyon College

March 13—First United Methodist Church

March 20—First Presbyterian Church

*"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
- Jerry Millsbaugh ..... Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- 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

**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

**The Springs of Batesville**

- Judy Murrah .....member



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 21<sup>st</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 28 + FB 12) ..... 40

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

### In-Person Attendance

January 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 139

## Our Gifts

### Received in January

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

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

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

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

Received through ..... 01-21-2023

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

Received through ..... 01-28-2023

Total Giving..... \$18,850.48

## Our Service

for February 4<sup>th</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 Jim Ramsey

11:00 Tom & Ruby Curl

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Stephanie Wade

**LITURGIST:** Molly Lucy

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

February 4 Bill Shelton  
Earline Tripp  
Carol Wise

February 5 Laura Ross Davis  
Eddie Wagoner

February 6 Jackie Martin  
February 9 Belinda Bube Prince  
Lexie Slaughter Gatlin

February 10 Aranda Altom  
Julie Ballard

Jeannie Wagoner

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February 6 Charles & Sue Kibbe

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Luke 14:12-24

## MEMORIALS

**MICKEY COE**

Winnell Calhoun



Flower  
Calendar

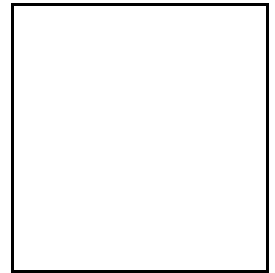
## Flower Calendar 2024

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 **February 5<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 31<sup>st</sup> Chancel Choir Practice  
 BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm  
 BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Feb 5<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 February 7<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).