



# First United Methodist Challenge

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March 27, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,  
 Palm Sunday was a joyful beginning to Holy Week. We had the parade of palms in both worship services and remembered Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As we move through Holy Week, I have included scripture readings from the Gospel according to Mark that correspond with the last week of Jesus' life so you can follow his daily walk to the cross from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. I encourage you to read through the last week in scripture and participate in Holy Week worship and activities at church. Before we go to the empty tomb, we must first go to the cross. In both the scripture readings and on the church calendar you will notice there is nothing on Saturday. Traditionally on Holy Saturday the church sits quiet, with no activities because it commemorates the day Jesus' body was in the tomb.



On Wednesday our Children and Family Ministries will host Egg-stravaganza. This is for kids of all ages and a great opportunity for those without children in the program to experience our Wednesday night activities. There will be Breakfast for Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny, petting zoo, and a short worship service.

Maundy Thursday worship is at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will have communion at this service.

Good Friday prayer stations will be in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM on Good Friday. The 14 prayer stations walk through the stations of the cross. If you have never done prayer stations before, these are interactive prayer exercises that tell the story in a new way. The prayer stations are self-guided and take about 30 minutes to complete all 14.

On Easter morning we will have a sunrise service on the Terrace of the Lyon Building on Lyon College campus at 6:45 AM with Central Avenue United Methodist Church. We will worship at 9:00 and 11:00 at the church and have communion at the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

I encourage you to find time during Holy Week to read scripture and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and the empty tomb. I look forward to spending this week in worship and prayer with you.

God bless,  
 Pastor Katie

**Holy Week  
 at First United Methodist  
 Church**

**Egg-stravaganza: Wednesday,  
 March 27 at 5:30 PM**      **Sunrise Easter Worship  
 6:45 AM at Lyon College**

**Maundy Thursday  
 March 28 at 6:00 PM**      **Easter Worship  
 March 31  
 9:00 and 11:00 AM  
 at 615 E. Main St.**

**Good Friday Prayer Stations  
 March 29 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

6:45 AM  
 Sunday,  
 March 31 at  
 Lyon Building  
 Terrace at  
 Lyon College

Hosted by  
 Central Ave  
 UMC and  
 FUMC of  
 Batesville

Holy Week	Scripture Readings
Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11
Monday	Mark 11:12-19
Tuesday	Mark 12:1-12
Wednesday	Mark 14:1-11
Maundy Thursday	Mark 14:12-71
Good Friday	Mark 15
Easter Sunday	Mark 16

*"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
- Aline McCracken .....member
- Jerry Millspaugh ..... Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool..... niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- Banks Shaw..... Barbara & Ron Cheatham's  
Great Grandson
- Sonja Massey Turner .....member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

- Baptist Health Medical Center ICU - Little Rock**  
 Bill Waldrip.....member



Get Up & Give, a donation collection project benefiting the Arkansas children and families cared for by Methodist Family Health. **Our United Women in Faith are asking our congregation to help us collect items for this year's campaign.** We are collecting only WHITE bath towels and wash cloths, disposable baby diapers of any size, and paper towels. **We will collect now until April 7th.** You may place your items in the baskets outside the office or the sanctuary.



This coming Sunday (Easter Sunday) bring a flower or flowers to put on the cross that will be outside in front of church. If the weather is bad we will move the cross it inside the building.

**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

**The Springs Batesville**

- Judy Murrah..... 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

**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:  
First United  
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Batesville, AR 72503-2014

## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views March 17<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 12 + FB 45) ..... 57  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 133

### In-Person Attendance

March 17<sup>th</sup> ..... 128

## Our Gifts

### Received in March

Received through ..... 03-03-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$10,756.41  
Received through ..... 03-10-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$5,356.03  
Received through ..... 03-17-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$10,977.31  
Received through ..... 03-24-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$3,219.71

## Our Service

### for March 31<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 Michael Robinson  
11:00 Mike Wilson

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

Rikki Painter

**LITURGIST:** Sandy West

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

March 31 Liz Massey  
John Ellis  
Katy Smythe  
April 1 Dale Altom  
Joyce Prickett  
April 2 Katie Tripp Grigsby  
Edward House  
Addison Wax  
April 4 Kim Stobaugh  
April 5 Ronda Thompson  
Holly Wilkerson  
April 6 Brooke Knowles  
Rusty Staggs

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April 1 Matt & Carmen McDonald  
April 5 Reggie & April Rice

## MEMORIALS

### JOSEPHINE RAYE ROGERS

Harry & Becky Crossett

### JACK PRESLEY

Marcus & Glenda Bowers  
Eleanor Royer

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 28:1-10

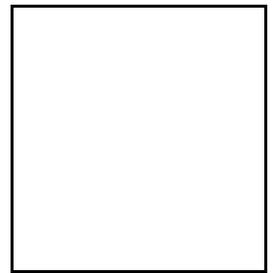


## Flower Calendar 2024

2024 is open!  
Come pick your special Sunday to do the altarflowers!



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on April 1<sup>st</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**

- Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> No HIIWAYS College Group - 6:00pm (Spring Break)
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



**Community Breakfast**

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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).