



# First United Methodist Challenge

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April 3, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful Easter celebration at First United Methodist Church! We had three awesome worship services, and it is always a joy to see so many visitors, out of town guests, and church family. I am so thankful for the many people who put in extra effort during Holy Week to help make these services meaningful: the staff, praise team and choir, Altar Guild, ushers and greeters, and liturgists. These combined efforts helped to create truly uplifting and joyful worship throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.



We started a new tradition this year. Brent and Kelli Swaim built a beautiful flower cross, and we had a tremendous turnout of flowers, especially for the first year. The flower cross represents the new life that emerges from Jesus' death and how God can turn sin and death into resurrection and new life! If you have a picture of your family in front of the flower cross please send them to Teresa at [teresa@fumcbatesville.org](mailto:teresa@fumcbatesville.org). We are creating a collage of our Easter morning at FUMC.

This Sunday we will continue the story of Jesus' resurrection. I will be preaching on the Walk to Emmaus from Luke 24:13-35. I hope to see you this Sunday to continue to celebrate the new life we have in Christ Jesus.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie



## SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

Silver Bells and Beaus will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Noon in the fellowship hall. We will provide chicken strips and drinks and you can bring a side or dessert to share.

Mayor Rick Elumbaugh will be our guest speaker and bring us up to date on the city of Batesville. Hope to see you then.

**Church Office will be Closed Monday, April 8th**



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.

### ✠ Dianne Taylor Funeral Information ✠

Funeral Service for Dianne Taylor

This Friday, April 5th, 2024

First United Methodist Church

10:30am-11:30am Reception in the Parlor

11:30am Funeral Service 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**

- 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

**✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠**

Our sympathy goes out to *Alma De Sio and Katie Mones & family*, in the death of husband and father, **Lou De Sio**, who passed away March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Visitation will be from 10:00am to 11:00am, Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home with funeral services beginning at 11:00. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville

**✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠**

Our sympathy goes out to *Tom & Ruby Curl*, in the death of Ruby's sister-in-law, **Sharon Turner**, who passed away March 17<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green, KY.

**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:  
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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views March 24<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 16 + FB 60) ..... 76

9:00 Service(FB) ..... 98

### In-Person Attendance

March 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 298

## 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

Received through ..... 03-31-2024

Total Giving ..... \$9,442.00

## Our Service

### for April 7<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 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat

11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

Sandy West

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

Alice Simmons & Robin Brock

**LITURGIST:** Pete Roulier

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

April 8 Megan McSpadden

April 9 Brandt Crouch  
Beatrice Moore

April 10 Dorianne Dias

April 11 Dallas Estes

April 13 Cayley Wagoner

Bart Wilkerson

## MEMORIALS

### JIMMIE ANN MITCHUM

Bill & Diana Waldrip  
Leanne Lindsey & family  
Sandra Taylor

### JACK PRESLEY

Janie "Dot" Lewis  
Suzanne & Robert Evans  
Sandra Taylor

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Luke 24:13-35



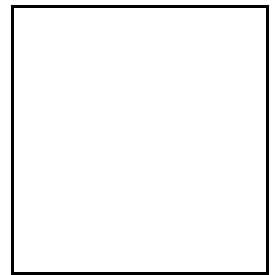
## Flower Calendar 2024

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 8<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**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- April 4<sup>th</sup> HIIWAYS College Group - 6:00pm
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



**Community Breakfast**

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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the April 10<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).