



First United Methodist Challenge

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November 27, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

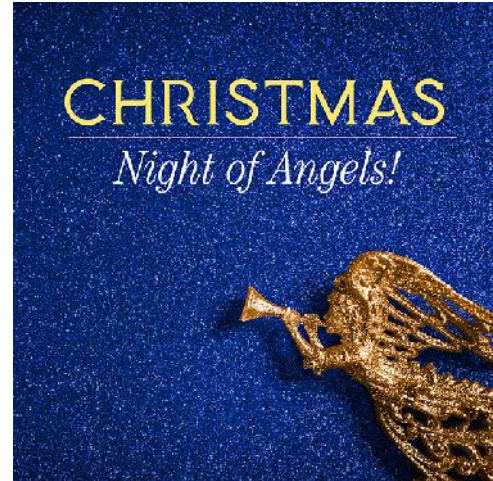
I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving week! While Thanksgiving is not a Christian holiday, gratitude is an important practice in Christianity and it is written about throughout scripture, particularly in the Psalms. Psalm 107:1 says, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever." I encourage you to find time amidst the cooking, cleaning, and traveling to reflect on all the ways God has blessed you and to give thanks.



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and I could not be more excited! I love this time of year. While the secular world will declare it is Christmas before Thanksgiving leftovers are eaten, the Christian season of Advent provides a contrast to the busy and chaotic secular December. Advent is a season for preparation and reflection, a time to make our hearts and lives ready to welcome the Christ child into our world.

An Advent calendar is included in the newsletter. This has events at the church as well as suggested activities for ways you can celebrate Advent and Christmas this year. This is a great time of year to invite someone to attend church with you, either on a Sunday or on Christmas Eve. This Sunday we will begin a new sermon series, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, on the Gospel of Matthew. We will start with Matthew 1:1-17. I look forward to worshipping with you!

God bless you,
Pastor Katie



Christmas Cantata

December 15th

At both 9:00am & 11:00am Services
Both will be in the Sanctuary.



Christmas Poinsettias

We will be decorating our Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas this year. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, please use

this form and return to the church office by noon on Monday, December 2nd.

Please print clearly so that we can may publish the honoree's name correctly.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Amount Paid _____

Use a separate form for each plant. Remember to enclose your payment.

Advent and Christmas

Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 PM Kids at the Oak 7 Cinema
watching The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 PM Hot Chocolate at the Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 15 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Join us Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
First United Methodist Church
615 East Main Street, Batesville, AR

"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 Bowersmember
- Ruby Curlmember
- Phil DaughertyJennifer Emery's father
- Ginger Davismember
- Emma Herringtonfriend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Faith McClurg.....member
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Poolsister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kervin Robinson.....Michael Robinson's father
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
- Belinda Turnerfriend of the Reynolds
- Lyndal Waitsmember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Christmas Cantata
CHRISTMAS—Night of Angels

December 15th
At both 9:00am & 11:00am Services
Both will be in the Sanctuary.



November 25 - November 29

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
- Gayle Stobaugh..... friend of members

Woodcrest Assisted Living

- Ernestine Boyce member

The Springs of Searcy Health & Rehabilitation

- Judy Murrah..... 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
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts.....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

Mac N Cheese

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 November 17th

11:00 Service (YT + FB 119) 119

9:00 Service(FB)no data

In-Person Attendance

November 24th 119

Our Gifts

Received in November

Received through 11-03-2024

Total Giving \$4,638.00

Received through 11-10-2024

Total Giving \$9,546.58

Received through 11-17-2024

Total Giving \$6,516.83

Received through 11-24-2024

Total Giving \$3,206.42

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 1:1-17

Our Service

for November 24th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by Paulette Arnold in honor of Pastor Katie.

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Louise Sandefur

11:00 Charles & Sue Kibbe

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Stephanie Wade

LITURGIST: Sandy West

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

December 2 Jinger Austin Kemp

December 3 Clinton Arnold

Jason Austin

Molly Lucy

December 4 Maresa Bolin

December 5 Sydney Martin

Tim Thompson

December 6 Mildred Arnold

Larry Jackson, IV

Candice Martin

Linda Metcalf

Ashton Taylor Weaver

December 7 Rhonda Wise

December 1 Ross & Amanda Cox

December 3 Brent & Kelli Swaim

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.



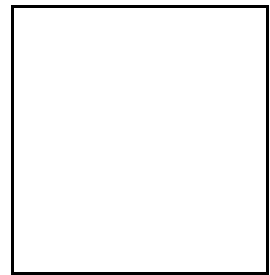
Flower Calendar 2024

Upcoming dates open for flowers

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.



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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Dec 2nd, 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

Nov 27th No Chancel Choir Practice
 No BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
 No BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
 No Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm

Nov 21st No College Group - 6:30pm
 Nov 30th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
 Dec 1st Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
 Dec 2nd Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
 Dec 2nd Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
Office Closed – November 25th – November 29th



Community Breakfast
Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Dec 4th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Dec 2nd, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.

Advent at FUMC

December 2024

1 st Sunday of Advent Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 AM	1 United Women in Faith 5:00 PM in the Parlor Poinsettias for sale due	2 Share a post from the FUMC Facebook page about Advent activities	3 Kids 5:30 Adult Bible Study 6:00 Youth 6:30	4 College Group 6:30 PM	5 Shop for Giving Tree Gifts	6 Saturday Morning Breakfast	7
2 nd Sunday of Advent Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 AM	8 Giving Tree Gifts due	9	10 Invite a child to see the Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever tomorrow at 5:30PM	11 Kids at Oaks Cinema 5:30 PM Youth Christmas Party 6	12 Send a Christmas card to a church member in the nursing home	13 Bake cookies and share with a neighbor or take them to the fire and police stations	14 Giving Tree Distribution 10:00-noon Christmas Parade 6:00
Cantata: Christmas: Night of Angels at 9:00 and 11:00 AM	15 Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM	16	17 Silver Belles and Beaus Christmas lunch at noon	18 invite someone to attend Christmas Eve worship with you	19 Call a friend you have lost touch with to wish them a Merry Christmas	20 Say thank you to a teacher!	21 Saturday Morning Breakfast
3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 AM	22 Send a Christmas card to a church member in an assisted living facility	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 6:00 PM	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	26 Share leftovers with Family Violence Shelter or another non-profit	27 Write a thank you card for a gift you received this season	28 Saturday Morning Breakfast
1 st Sunday of Christmas Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 AM	29 6 th Day of Christmas- Sing a Christmas hymn!	30	31 Reflect on how God has been with you in 2024 and pray for 2025.				



The Giving Tree

It is time for the annual Giving Tree Project sponsored by the LIFE CLASS at FUMC Batesville. The Giving Tree Project covers children ages 0-18 that either do not qualify for, or have aged out of the Angel Tree Project. This year, we plan to have both the virtual sign up method as well as the option to select a name off of the tree in the church lobby. If you would like to go ahead sign up virtually, please click the link and fill out the Giving Tree information form. You can also scan the QR Code to access the form. Everyone that fills out the form will be assigned names to shop for. This information will be sent out via text and/or email. Also, the tree is up and ready for names to be chosen! If you pick a name off the tree, please sign the clipboard so we don't have any doubled up! You may drop off gifts in the FUMC Chapel anytime during the day December 2-6, or from 5pm-6pm December 2 & 4. All gifts need to be dropped off at the church no later than December 9! Distribution of gifts will be 10am-noon on December 14. If you have any questions, have trouble accessing the Google Form, prefer to fill out a hard copy of the form, or would like to make a monetary donation to the Giving Tree Project, please contact Amanda Lucy at 805-8431 or alucy@gobsdl.org. We will be having a Giving Tree committee meeting at 5:30 pm on Sunday, November 17 in the Fellowship Hall for anyone that would like to help out in any way. Please make plans to attend the meeting if you would like to be involved! If you have a conflict with the meeting time but would still like to help, please contact Amanda Lucy! Thanks in advance for the continued support of this project. It truly is a blessing to be able to serve the church and community in this way.

Giving Tree Information Form

<https://forms.gle/a6JkHxDDmTK5zWUU8>

Giving Tree QR Code

