



First United Methodist Challenge

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December 4, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

The prophet Isaiah wrote: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." The season of Advent is a time for us to prepare the way of the Lord! During this season of preparation, we get ready to welcome the Christ child in the manger, but we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts and lives each and every day.



Throughout Advent there will be different activities and ways for you to prepare yourselves for the joy of Christmas! Each year I especially look forward to our annual Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve services. We have handed out fliers with our Advent activities in worship; these are also posted on Facebook. I encourage you to share these fliers with a friend or neighbor, either physically or digitally, as a way to invite them to worship with you this Advent and Christmas.

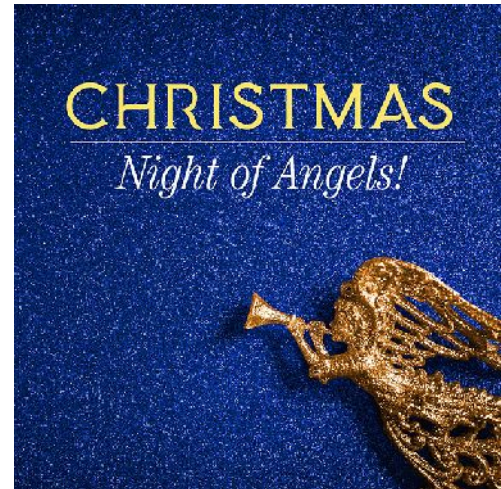
This is one of my favorite times of year. I look forward to sharing in our Advent traditions another year with you. This Sunday we will continue in our sermon series, O Come, O Come Emmanuel with the story of Joseph from Genesis 41:14-16 and Matthew 1:18-23. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Katie



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 for more information.



Christmas Cantata

December 15th

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

SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

Tuesday, December 14th

Noon

Soup Luncheon

Bring your favorite soup!

Pastor Katie is doing the Program!

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."

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce
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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 24th

11:00 Service (YT 18 + FB 208) 226
9:00 Service(FB)no data
9:00 Service(FB)(Nov. 17th) 198

In-Person Attendance

December 1st 95

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received through 12-01-2024
Total Giving \$18,762.48

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Genesis 41:14-16 & Matthew 1:18-23

Our Service

for December 8th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by the Chaney-Huddleston Fellowship Class in memory of Marcus Bowers and Mike Wilson.

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ADVENT READERS:

9:00
Amy, Bryson, Harper & Lincoln Bullard
11:00 Roger, Abby & Lily Barker

GREETERS:

9:00 Susan Tripp & Maggie Beshears
11:00 David & Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Rikki Painter

LITURGIST: Ken Rueter

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

December 8 Stefanie Carpenter
Seth Kemp
Charlotte Rose
December 9 Christy Dodd
Richard Frasier
Daniel Griffin
December 10 Zeb Erick Anderson
Kathleen Reynolds
December 12 Marti Ruiz
December 13 Amée Simmons Gould
Sakarin Koonopakarn
Sterling Dias-Koonopakarn
Martha Lewallen
Sarah Lynn Reynolds
December 14 Judy Altom
Max Neaville

December 9 Daniel & Ramona Shaffer

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if you can volunteer.

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temperature is under 25 degrees.



Flower
Calendar

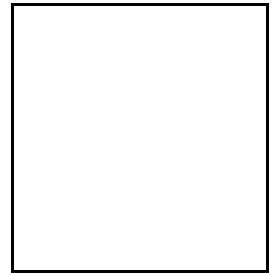
Flower Calendar 2024

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 9th, 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

Dec 4th Chancel Choir Practice
 BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
 BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm

Dec 5th College Group - 6:30pm
 Dec 7th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
 Dec 8th Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
 Dec 9th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
 Dec 9th 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 11th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Dec 9th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.

Advent at FUMC

December 2024

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

