



First United Methodist Challenge

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December 11, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

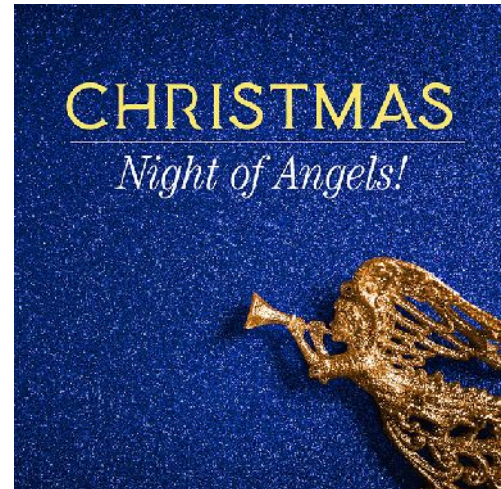
This Sunday is our Christmas Cantata. Every Sunday I feel blessed and energized by our music in the contemporary and traditional worship services. I am excited to have a service of song this week; it has become one of my favorite Advent traditions.



This Saturday is the Christmas parade, another one of my favorite traditions. We will be passing out free hot chocolate before the parade, so come say hello!

Advent and Christmas are wonderful times to invite someone to church with you. I encourage everyone to invite at least one person to church this season!

God Bless,
Pastor Katie



Christmas Cantata

December 15th

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



SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

Tuesday, December 17th

Noon

Soup Luncheon

Bring your favorite soup!

Pastor Katie is doing the Program!



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.

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

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"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.

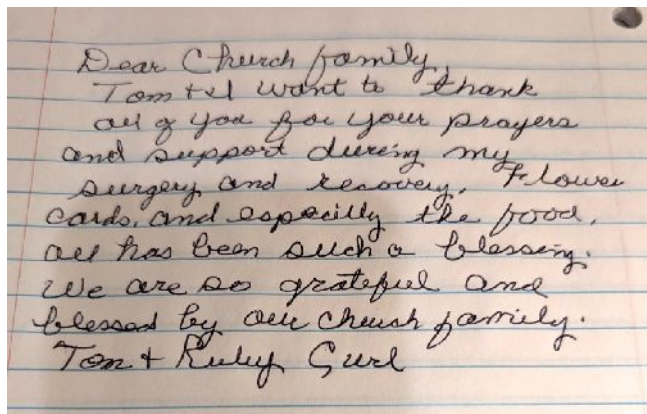
Our Prayers for Those at Home

- Bill Beller.....member
- Larry Bentley.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- 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

MD Anderson - Houston, TX

- Brent Bentley.....member



✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Kelli Swaim & Ronda Thompson*, and their families in the death of their father, **Mike Wilson**, who passed away Tuesday, December 3rd.

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 7th, at FUMC. Burial will be at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock at a later date.

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

Canned Pasta

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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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Our Presence

Online Worship Views December 1st

11:00 Service (YT 12 + FB 244) 256
9:00 Service(FB) 336

In-Person Attendance

December 8th 99

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received through 12-01-2024

Total Giving \$18,762.48

Received through 12-08-2024

Total Giving \$2,132.00

Warming Center Volunteers Needed

Please contact the church office
if you can volunteer.

We will open the Warming Center up when the
temperature is under 25 degrees.

Our Service

for December 15th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and
glory of God by

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ADVENT READERS:

9:00 Amanda & Ross Cox

11:00 Sue Kibbe, Carla Langston, Ann
Walmsley, Anna Grace and Lizzie

GREETERS:

9:00 Susan Tripp & Maggie Beshears

11:00 David & Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Lucy

LITURGIST: Pastor Katie

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

December 15 Stacy Wagoner

December 17 Jill Blankenship
Andrea Slaughter

December 18 Ginger Davis
Amy Pinkston

December 19 Rob Kibbe

December 21 Ken Davis
Evan McLean
Mandi Rowley

December 22 Bob & Susie Carter
Joel & Jeannie Wagoner

MEMORIALS

MIKE WILSON

The Hurley Trust - Jennifer Hurley
Donis B. Hamilton
Ron & Martha Lewallen
Joan McKinney
Sonja Massey-Turner
Caleb & Suzie Rice
Terrell & Diane Tebbetts
Suzanne & Robert Evans
Ron & Barbara Cheatham

MARCUS BOWERS

Ron & Martha Lewallen
Suzanne & Robert Evans
Ron & Barbara Cheatham
Dot Lewis

CATHYSWAIM

Sonja Massey-Turner

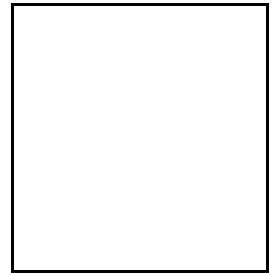
Flower Calendar 2025

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office). You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice. The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who our ill or home-bound.

Please take a moment to pick a Sunday where you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.



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The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Dec 16th, 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 11th Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm at Oaks Cinema
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Dec 12th College Group - 6:30pm
- Dec 14th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Dec 15th Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
- Dec 16th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Dec 16th Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Worship Service - 6:00pm



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Dec 18th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Dec 16th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.