# First United Methodist Challenge

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October 7, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

**From Pastor Jonathon. . .**

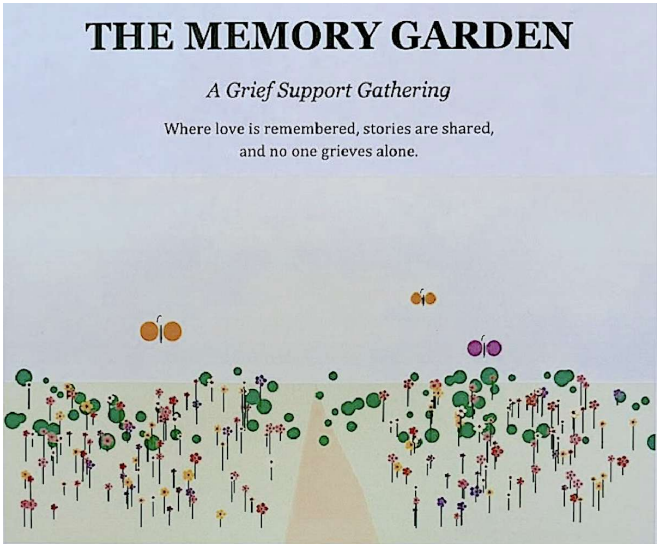
**Our final Cottage Meeting** was last night. **Thank you so very much** to each person and family that hosted: **Melody, the Beshears, the Coxes, Lorrie, and the Castleberrys**. Thank you, Barrett, Sara, Rikki, and Teresa, for organizing the meetings and all the hard work that went into picking dates and times as well as sending invites to everyone.

While there will be more to share in the future about our discussions, I'd like to share with you something I communicated at most of the meetings about **the work of the Holy Spirit already going on in our midst**. I firmly believe that we each and all are called to minister to others, and I trust the Holy Spirit within each one of you to prompt you.

That being said, **the Holy Spirit has caused two new ministries to be birthed**. I invite you to join me in supporting them by starting to pray even now for them. **Pray** that God would continue to empower each leader. **Pray also** how you might best support them, whether by participating, encouraging each leader, or by giving financially.

**Knot Forgotten starts Sunday, October 11th in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3pm**. Come crochet warm hats, mittens, etc. for those in the hospital and in need. Alicia and Kelli welcome anyone interested, whether a complete beginner or otherwise.

**The Memory Garden starts Monday, October 12 at 6pm in the Parlor.** All are welcome to come join this grief support gathering that will meet monthly. Paul strongly desires for this to be a time and place for remembrance, connection, and hope.




**Silver Bells and Beaus** will meet Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will from by EL Palenque Restaurant and the program will be presented by the Director of Eagle Mountain Assisted Living. Join us for Food and fellowship and an interesting program. As always bring a dessert if you wish.

*"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
Brent Bentley.....member
Larry Bentley.....member
Eddie Brock.....member
Winnell Calhoun.....member
Tom Curl.....member
Marva Hipp.....member
Starr Kent.....member
Charles Kibbe.....member
Ron Lewallen.....member
Aline McCracken.....member
Florene Renfro.....member
Amanda Roberts.....member
Ken Rueter.....member
Alannette Rushing.....member
Laney Thompson.....member
Sarah Waits Conner.....niece of Lyndal & Shirley Waits
William Dalzell.....friend of members
Clay Hooper.....grandfather of Mallory Hooper
Tammie Murphree.....daughter of Linda Thompson
Everleen Phillips.....friend of members
Ruston Phillips.....friend of David & Pam Smith
Heather Pool.....niece of Joe & Kay Pool
Andy Rhodes.....friend of members
Kervin Robinson.....father of Michael Robinson
Tony Rushing.....husband of Alannette Rushing
Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's Great Grandson
Jimmie Ruth Taylor.....friend of member
Louise Watson.....wife of Terry Watson
Jordan Wheeler.....friend of member
Charles & Gina Williams.....friends of members

## Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

St. Bernards - Jonesboro
Joe Pool.....member

White River Medical Center
Billy Prickett.....member
Eleanor Royer.....member

## Our Prayers for Our Community

Sports & Recreation

## Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

**Cave City Nursing Home**
Richard Ashcraft..... member

**Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**
Fran Shellenberger ..... member

**Wildwood Independent Living**
Nelda Hackworth..... member
Joe Don Reynolds..... member
Dorace Williams ..... member

**Wood-Lawn Heights**
Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
Patricia Glass..... mother of Teresa Brown
Benolyn Kramer ..... aunt of Sonya Massey

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**
Ernestine Boyce ..... member
Mary Carol Smith..... friend of members

## 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 Milum.....husband of Kaylea Milum
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

Collecting these items this week

**Canned Tuna**

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**
Pastor Jonathon Bevil at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

**Senior Pastor**
Reverend Jonathon Bevil
jonathon.bevil@arumc.org

**Church Administrator**
Teresa Brown

**Minister to Children & Family Ministries**
Katie McLean

**Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome**
Lorrie McClure

**Director of Traditional Worship**
Marc Sexton

**Worship Leader**
Alicia Williams

**Organist**
Charlie Stanley

**Treasurer**
Ruby Curl

**Custodian**
Joe Johnson

**Lay Leader**
Dr. Terrell Tebbetts

**Lay Servants/Ministers**
Sandy West

**Church Council Chair**
Barrett Moore

**Finance Chair**
Ron Lewallen

**Staff/Parish Chair**
Rikki Painter

**Trustees Chair**
Jim McSpadden

Our Mailing Address is:
First United
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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

In-Person Attendance Octoer 4th

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|---|---|
| 9:00 Service | 43 |
| 11:00 Service | 76 |
| Total | 119 |

Our Presence on Social Media
September 27th
Online Worship Views

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|---|---|
| 9:00 Service(FB) | 90 |
| 11:00 Service (YT 27 + FB 75) | 102 |

## Our Gifts

*Received in October*

Amount needed each week - $10,519.15

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|---|---|
| Received through | 10-04-2026 |
| Total Giving | $11,303.08 |

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Genesis 4:1-7

## Our Service

*for October 11th*

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Gayle and Jim Ross.

GREETERS:
9:00 Louise Sandefur
11:00 Jim & Merry McSpadden

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Tommy Newton

LITURGIST: Terrell Tebbetts

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 11 - October 17

Oct 11 Bill Beller
Oct 12 Maggie Beshears
Tyson Williams
Oct 13 Gary Travelstead
Oct 14 Larry Bentley
Lauren Patterson
Oct 15 Sidney Lewis
Callie Matinchek
Oct 16 Hannah Driver
Oct 17 Caitlin Arnold
Stephen Painter
Daniel Shaffer
Charles Sharp

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Oct 11 Jim & Gayle Ross
Oct 14 Kyler & Emma Stolarik
Oct 17 Dorianne Dias & Sakarin Koonopakarn

*Pray for our church*
for our pastors & staff
for our leaders
for those who are homebound or hospitalized
for every household
for our small groups and relationships
*Pray for our community*
for those who are hungry
for those who are struggling in life or faith
for those who are abused and oppressed
for those who do not yet know the love of Christ
*Pray for our world*
for the church universal
for our nation's leaders
for all the nations
for the unity of all God's children
for the care of God's creation
for peace with justice
*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

## Flower Calendar 2026

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

Open Dates

October 18, November 1, 8, 15, 22

Sign up in the hallway by the office.

# Knot Forgotten MINISTRY

*Crocheting comfort. Sharing Christ. Serving others.*

## Starting Sunday, October 11th

**For more information**

**Contact Kelli Swaim 870-612-2918**
**or**
**Alicia Williams 870-834-6076**

**Open to all skill levels, even beginning wanting to learn!**

# THE MEMORY GARDEN

*A Grief Support Gathering*

Where love is remembered, stories are shared,
and no one grieves alone.

**Beginning October 12 • 6:00 p.m. • Meeting Monthly**

**First United Methodist Church**
**Parlor Room • 615 East Main Street • Batesville, Arkansas**

*All are welcome. Come as you are.*

Interested in attending?
Paul Kibby: 214-232-0674 • Theresa at the church office: 870-793-3803

*A place for remembrance, connection, and hope.*

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **October 12th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall
Kids Sunday School—K-4th grade 10:00am
Youth Sunday School 10:00am
Adults Sunday School 10:00am
11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

### Announcements

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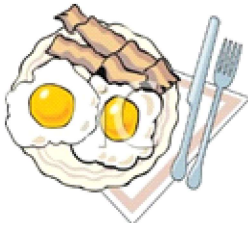
| Oct 7th | BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm |
| | BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm |
| | Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room |
| Oct 10th | Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall |
| Oct 11th | Saturday Stroll - 11:00am |
| Oct 13th | Common Ground *a College & Career Group* - 6:30pm |



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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the **Oct 14th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Oct 12th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com