



First United Methodist Challenge

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May 8, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

Last week I sent a letter to the congregation detailing some of the legislation passed at the recent General Conference of the United Methodist Church. I have included parts of that letter below.



If you want to hear more I will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary. If you have a question you would like answered you can submit questions in advance by emailing me at Katie.pearce@arumc.org.

General Conference of the United Methodist Church has passed several pieces of significant legislation. These changes include revising the social principles, removing language which restricts the ordination and marriage of LGBTQ people, and passing regionalization, which changes church polity to allow the United States, Africa, Europe, and the Philippines the ability to adapt ministry to their local context.

I know for some of you this is an exciting day of long awaited celebration and for others this decision will bring disappointment and worry about the future of the church. I want to speak to both groups here:

What does this mean for First United Methodist Church of Batesville? The General Conference has wisely left that decision to the local church. There are protections for pastors and clergy who decide to perform same-sex weddings as well as for pastors and churches that chose not to perform same-sex weddings. The decision on whether or not to allow same-sex weddings on church property belongs to the local church. Bishop Laura Merrill has shared conversation guidelines for churches who decide to have discussions around this topic, however, the decisions of the General Conference do not require action from the local church.

I know that there is a wide range of opinions, feelings, and reactions to this news in our congregation. However you feel today, you are welcome at our church today and every day and I hope to see you Sunday. I also want to remind you of what unites us as a congregation and a denomination:

We are united in our core doctrines and beliefs, our love for Jesus Christ and for one another, we are united in our commitment to love and serve our community and live by the Great Commandment to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself.”

I love our church and I love being your pastor and serving God and our community together. May God continue to bless us so that we might be a blessing unto others.

God Bless,
Pastor Katie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Come help Celebrate
Ernestine Boyce's
97th birthday*

at Woodcrest

Saturday, May 11th

1:00pm – 2:00 pm

*No presents but
cards are welcome.*



"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
- Ginger Davismember
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Louise Hughesmember
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Anne Lustermember
- Bill Lustermember
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Jerry Millspaugh Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
- Sonja Massey Turnermember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

- Baptist Health Medical Center ICU - Little Rock**
Bill Waldrip.....member
- UAMS - Little Rock**
Belinda Turner.....friend of the Reynolds

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 Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

Pentecost Sunday May 19th
Wear red to church to represent the Holy Spirit!

Confirmation Sunday May 19th
In the 11:00am service only

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

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Our Presence

Online Worship Views April 28th

11:00 Service (YT 21 + FB 63) 84

9:00 Service(FB) 78

In-Person Attendance

May 5th 113

Our Gifts

Received in May

Received through 05-05-2024

Total Giving \$6,889.55

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

John 14:15-26

Our Service

for May 12th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by Elaine Vinson in honor of all Mothers.

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat
11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Rikki Painter

LITURGIST: Terrell Tebbetts

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

May 12 Kim Fountain
Kelly Rhodes
May 13 Elliot Brannon
Kaylea Kallsnick Milum
Kyle Kallsnick
May 14 Ernestine Boyce
May 16 Todd Alan Adcox
Tammy Arnold
Lily Barker
Samantha Hogan
May 17 Leah Gardner
May 18 Kim Osborn
Susan Tripp
Mike Wilson

May 12 Larry & Brenda Sandage
Daniel & Ramona Shaffer
May 15 Eddie & Stacy Wagoner
May 16 Chaney & Leah Taylor

First United Methodist Church

A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

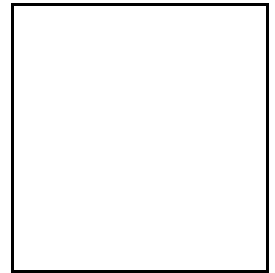


Flower Calendar 2024

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 **May 13th, 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

- May 8th Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- May 9nd HIIWAYS College Group - 6:30pm
- May 11th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- May 13th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- May 13th Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- May 19th Penecost Sunday - Wear Red!
- May 19th Confirmation Sunday - 11:00 service



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the May 15th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, May 13th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.