



# First United Methodist Challenge

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June 26, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

I spent last week at Annual Conference in Hot Springs with Sandy West, our lay delegate, and Michael Robinson, the young adult delegate for the Northeast district. Katie McLean received the Denman Evangelism Award at Annual Conference for her work with our children's ministry. At the close of Annual Conference Bishop Merrill set the appointments, making it official that I am returning to FUMC Batesville! It is a joy to be your pastor and I am grateful to be here for at least another year.



We have a lot to celebrate at FUMC. We announced on Sunday that Habitat for Humanity in Batesville is closing. Members of our church have supported Habitat's mission financially and as volunteers over the years. The Habitat Board decided to divide up their bank account among several organizations in Independence County that are helping the homeless and the most vulnerable in our community. FUMC received \$20,000 from Habitat For Humanity for our warming/cooling center! I am so pleased to be a part of a church that has a reputation for serving others in the community, and I am thankful to Habitat For Humanity for continuing their generosity and keeping those financial gifts in our community.

This Sunday we will continue the story of Jacob in Genesis 33:1-12. I hope to see you in worship on Sunday!  
Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie

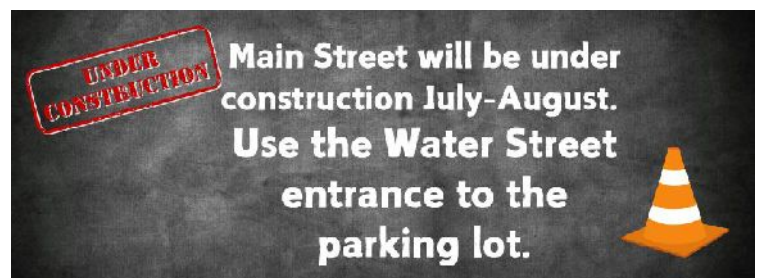


Katie McLean awarded the Harry Denman Evangelism Award program that honors United Methodists in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism – expressed in Word (what), Sign (why), and Deed (how) – brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

Evangelism happens in many contexts and many settings; impacts and engages all generations; and requires relationship among a variety of persons.



**Church Office will be Closed**  
July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>



*"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 Bowers .....member
- Ginger Davis .....member
- Emma Herrington .....friend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Louise Hughes .....member
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Anne Luster .....member
- Bill Luster .....member
- Faith McClurg.....member
- Aline McCracken .....member
- Jerry Millspaugh .....Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's  
Great Grandson
- Sonja Massey Turner .....member

**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

**Wood-Lawn Heights - Rehab**

- Billy Prickett..... member

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

- Ernestine Boyce ..... member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**White River Medical Center Rehab**

- Bill Waldrip.....member

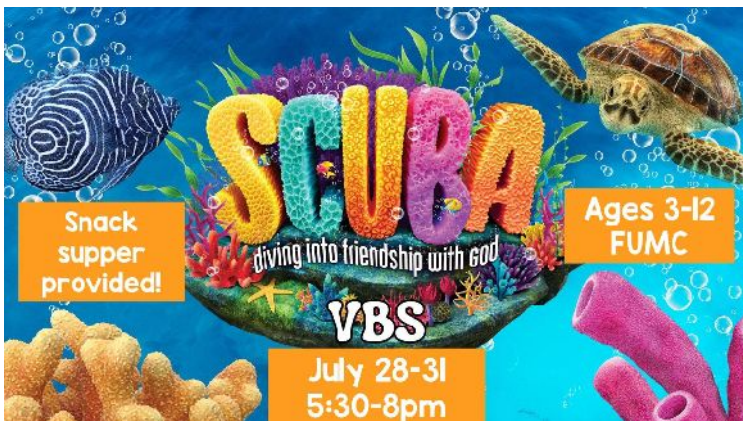
**UAMS - Little Rock**

- Belinda Turner.....friend of the Reynolds

**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 Bellow
- Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- 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 Bellow
- Major Joe Warren .....
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler ..... cousin of member



**Would YOU like to volunteer at VBS?**

**We need you!**

July 28-31

5:30-8:00pm

**Positions needed:** kitchen helpers, preschool and elementary helpers, dancers to help lead worship, registration desk, deliver snacks and set up and clean up.

Please contact the church office (870.793.3803) to sign up!

**Blessing Box**

Collecting these items this week

**Canned Fruit**

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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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views June 16<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 10 + FB 136) ..... 146  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 191

### In-Person Attendance

June 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 101

## Our Gifts

### Received in June

Received through ..... 06-02-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$13,033.48  
Received through ..... 06-09-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$10,593.58  
Received through ..... 06-16-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$4,832.31  
Received through ..... 06-23-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$9,039.03

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Genesis 33:1-12

## Our Service

### for June 30<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and glory of God by  
(need altar flowers this Sunday)

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Louise Sandefur  
11:00 Charles & Sue Kibbe

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Rikki Painter

**LITURGIST:** Alex Roofe

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

June 30 Sarena Adcox  
Aug 1 Tina Baker  
Hunter Driver  
Aug 2 Robin Brock  
Joel Rogers  
Aug 3 Megan Holifield  
Larry Weaver  
Aug 4 Mark Davis  
Chaney Taylor, Jr  
Madison Grace Taylor  
Aug 6 Mack Boyce  
Kenny Bowren

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June 30 Bill & Becky Shelton  
July 4 Dr. Jordan & Nancy Weaver

## MEMORIALS

### Burrell "Mac" McClure

Gary & Linda Leonard

### Neil & Beverly Wilkins

Ronald Evans

## When you pray,

*pray for our church,*  
pray for our ministries,  
pray for our Sunday school teachers,  
pray for our staff,  
pray for each other,  
*pray for our church!*



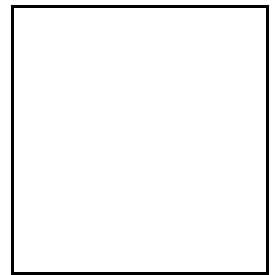
Flower  
Calendar

## 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 **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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**

- June 26<sup>th</sup> No Chancel Choir Practice  
 No BFUMC Kids  
 No BFUMC Youth  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- June 27<sup>th</sup> College Group - 6:30pm
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm



**Community Breakfast**

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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).