

March 2020 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. Sanctuary/Children's Time

Nursery Available

Handicap Lift at the Alley Door #5

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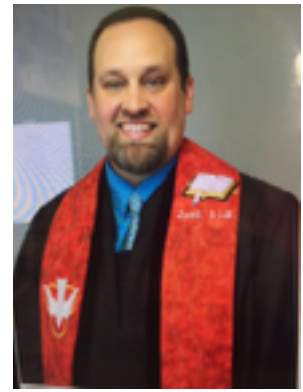
Park Street and South Street



Message from Pastor Chris . . .

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LENT



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays which are considered a ‘mini-Easter.’ It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. These forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing for his ministry.

From the early church, this season was a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for Easter. A time of self-examination and reflection. It was a time for those new to the faith to prepare and learn as they prepared for baptism and membership into the church.

Like all the other seasons in the church, this season involves work but not the kind of Advent or Easter. It involves a work that is inwardly focused. It demands that we look within ourselves and face the reality of who we are. Just like many of us who hate to see a photograph of ourselves or a recording of our own voice, so this season is a time that demands honesty.

Most all of us have at least three sides. The version of us we present to others, the version we try and believe ourselves and the reality of who we are. This doesn’t mean that we are deceitful or that we all have something to hide, it simply means there is a reality of who we truly are that requires us to look deeper, within ourselves and this can be difficult.

This season of Lent we will have a sermon series I am calling “Down to Earth.” The idea behind it is two-fold. Of course, God came down to earth and while here Jesus taught us many things, life giving things that found their ultimate meaning in his sacrifice. While here upon the earth Jesus often used the things of the earth, the things around us to teach a bigger and more important message. So, through this season we will begin with “Wilderness,” followed by “Wind,” “Water,” “Mudd,” and “Cave.”

It is my hope and prayer that God will use this season and this series to continue the great work that God has begun in each of us. It is also my hope that as we look within what we find will not be used to beat ourselves up but rather to cele-

brate the beauty and power of God's grace, the greatness of God's love and to open ourselves up to the work of the Spirit.

Brothers and Sisters, children of God, loved, redeemed and called! I pray for a holy Lent for each of us and for God's holy church.

Grace and peace

Pastor Chris



REMINDER

From our webpage you can watch our Sunday Services live or any-time with the archives!

<http://www.batesvilleumc.org>



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. If you have a topic of interest or something you have questions about please let Pastor Chris know. Everyone is welcomed to join the discussion!

PRAYERS

Our Prayer list: Bishop Trimble, Rev. Beverly Perry, Pastor Chris and Family, Rev. Charles Flory, **Ryan Summers (Connie Summers), Irene Bradford (Jane Fitzpatrick), Darlene Sidell (Susie Rowland), Andrew Murphy (Matt Trossman), Angela Simpson's mother Laura**, Lesa Worthington (Glenn & Dixie Butte), Denny Harmeyer, Anthony Pemberton (Naomi Melia), Steve Brinkman (Mary Kay Roberts), Janice Schein, Sandra Dickey, Maxine Gudgeon & Family, Nancy Miller, Bob Bordner, Connor Renick, Barb Schwartz, John & Millie Lewis, Steve Mills, Hoagy Wright, Patti Crowell, Therese Zins, Mary Linger, Howard Aylor, (Aylor), Ginny & Ted Hartshorn, Rev. Ernie Elder, Penny Logue (Campbell), Dale Lambert, Melody Jobst, Brenda Stant (Crowell), Josh Hensley (Renick), Blair Kramer's mother Cheryl, Carl Hinkle, Owen Lewis, Jackie Schaefer (Wright), Linda Taylor, Cody Ryan (Hisrich), Gary Patton, Dee Dudgeon, Virginia & Les Smith, Edie & Wilbur Zimmer, Our Children and Youth, Batesville Community, Safe Passage, People in the Armed Forces, Irene Fitzpatrick (The Chateau), Rose Lynn Campbell (St. Andrews), Roland Gudgeon (St. Andrews), Betty Schaefer (St. Andrews), Dot Walsman (St. Andrews), Susan Wonnell (Chateau), Julia Creasy (Aylor) in Assisted Living in Lafayette, Sylvia Wirth (Greensburg), Bill Hisrich, Gary Dudgeon (Arbor Grove - Greensburg)

We are looking to update our prayer list. If you have any new information, please email the office or if you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out an orange prayer card. You can find the prayer cards in the hymnal holders on the back of the pews. Thank you!



March Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| March 1st | Mel Obermeyer |
| March 1st | Susie Rowland |
| March 4th | Dale Dickey |
| March 8th | Maxine Gudgeon |
| March 10th | Melissa Kramer |
| March 10th | Mike McIntosh |
| March 19th | Tim Giesting |
| March 20th | Dan Aylor |
| March 24th | Blair Kramer |
| March 25th | Chandler Renick |
| March 27th | Connie Miller |



No Anniversaries in March

HANDICAP RESTROOMS

Brothers and Sisters,

We are truly being blessed here at BUMC. We are continuing to get new people and our needs are beginning to change. It recently came to my attention that our restrooms are a problem for some people to access and use. As we continue to welcome new people we want to be sure that this is not a barrier for our members and our guests. Handicap accessible restrooms are also a requirement by the Conference.

Therefore, I have asked the Trustees to look into making our restrooms fully handicap accessible. I recognize that our space is already limited and we do not wish to create new problems but we must do something. I will be working with the Trustees, Administrative Council and all of you to get your input and make our facilities accessible to all and something we are all proud of.

If you have any questions, concerns or recommendations please do not hesitate to let me know.

Blessings!

PC

SPROUTS



We are truly blessed here at BUMC. We have some of the most wonderful children and the blessing of seeing them continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God. We have continued to learn of God's love and the importance of following God, such as the example from Jonah. We have played human foosball, Ga-Ga ball and made many wonderful and creative crafts as well as continued to form a community.

Attendance continues to grow and we have reached capacity so a new table was just ordered and we also purchased a popcorn machine, a big hit with the sprouts, for upcoming events.

The supplies for this years VBS have been ordered and we will soon be asking for volunteers to help in this important ministry! Please pray how you might be used!

Also, please continue to pray for our SPROUTS as they continue to grow!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our new Fellowship group is excited and we have a lot of new opportunities scheduled for 2020. To start we have scheduled every 5th Sunday as a pitch-in day, a time to share and spend time with one another. **On March 14th we are hosting "The Great Bread Bake-Off."** There will be a Kid's bakery meeting at 2:00 pm to teach the kids how to make their own bread from scratch and then everyone is invited to come at 4:00 pm to share homemade, fresh baked bread, a devotion and Holy Communion.

We are also planning an up-coming movie night with 2 cinemas, one for kids and the other for adults, so look for that in May.

It is our hope to organize and plan events that will be fun, encourage fellowship and strengthen the bonds of faith that holds us together!

Blessings

The Fellowship Committee

March Scriptures:

March 1st Psalm 32:1-5, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, **Matthew 4:1-11**

March 8th Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, **John 3:1-17**

March 15th Psalm 95:6-11, Romans 5:1-11, **John 4:5-42**

March 22nd Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, **John 9:1-41**

March 29th Psalm 130, Ezekiel 37:1-14, **John 11:1-45**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

March Calendar

Tuesdays - Chrismons at 6:30 p.m. - If any one is interested in making Chrismons - contact Marcy Moster

Wednesdays - Choir Practice at 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

March 3rd - Fellowship Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

March 4th & 18th - Sprouts at 5:30 p.m.

March 8th - TIME CHANGE - Day Light Saving Time Begins - Spring Forward

March 11th - Witness Committee at 6:30 p.m.

March 14th - The Great Bread Bake-Off - Kids at 2:00 p.m.
Adults at 4:00 p.m.

No Sunday School for the youth on March 15th, & 22nd

March 16th - Trustee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

March 25th - Agape Project at 6:30 p.m.

March 29th - Pitch-In following the 10:00 a.m. service



February's Agape Gift for the Batesville Intermediate School Staff. Thank you to all who helped!

Trustee News

The Trustees are in the process of gathering bids for several new projects. These are exciting times for our church facility! We are meeting with plumbers to create plans for handicap restrooms. As information is available, we will share our vision with the Administrative council and all of you.

We are working to create a kitchenette in the youth wing so we have a beautiful area as well as a refrigerator and microwave.

Finally, we are accepting bids for a roof for our church.

All of these things as well as maintaining our building are keeping us very busy.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact any of the Trustees.

Deb Obermeyer, Chair

Membership

Are you interested in becoming a member? We have a few people who are joining the church. If you would also be interested, please contact Pastor Chris.

March Volunteers

| | Liturgist | Greeter | Greeter | Usher | Acolyte | Flowers | Live Stream | Childrens |
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| Mar. 01, 2020 | Sean Fitzgerald | Lara Moster | Carolee Barber | Carolee Barber | Robert Bruns | Jeff & Amy Liter | Marc Emral | Kendall & Ryan Messerschmidt & Sarah Fitzgerald |
| Mar. 08, 2020 | Sarah Heppner | Vergie Sharp | Marc Emral | Marc Emral | Elli Lewis | Chris & Angie Renick | Sean Fitzgerald | Marcy Moster |
| Mar. 15, 2020 | Joe Roberts | Jerilyn Lowery | Dale Dickey | Dale Dickey | Parker Fitzpatrick | Sarah Heppner | | Sally Heppner & Sarah Fitzgerald |
| Mar. 22, 2020 | Deb Wright | Val Stutler | Shirley Montgomery | Shirley Montgomery | William Newell | Robert & Sandi Jester | Bob Barber | Carolee Barber |
| Mar. 29, 2020 | Ginny Hartshorn | David Wade | Zach Wade | Zach Wade | Hannah Brun | Joe & Mary Kay Roberts | Kin Choi | Sarah Fitzgerald |

A volunteer list for the whole year is on the bulletin board. If you would like a copy, stop in at the office and we will make a copy for you.

For the month of March, if there are any changes to the volunteer list or if something should happen to come up and you can not make it, please call the office at 812-934-3137 and reschedule.



Alter /Communion Steward
for March 2020:
Michele Werner

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OutReach News

The major news for this month was the annual Faith Promise Mission event held on February 1st and 2nd. Our special mission guests were Lowell and Claudia Wertz, who established a mission station in Kigoma, Tanzania (Africa) in 1985. The events of their weekend with us included a dinner gathering at the Sherman on Saturday night, a Saturday morning work project (carried out by the kids) creating rice packs for those in need, a sermon Sunday morning entitled "Joy is not dependent on circumstances", and a pitch-in lunch after church. Lowell and Claudia gave us an update on the progress of their "joy in the Harvest" mission.

This progress is very substantial and includes the development of the following:

- * A feeding program of 1500 meals each week
- * A computer school
- * Transportation over long distances to reach health care
- * Building of a Community Center
- * Building of a Radio Station
- * Destitute Camp
- * Building the Gungu Church
The Church was built in 1998 and accommodates about 300 people. Our Church funded approximately two-thirds of the total cost (\$15,000)

This was their fifth visit with us. We have strongly supported their mission every year since the start of our church's Faith Promise Mission in 1991. This year we provided an extra \$2,000 to them in honor of their visit to us.

In other Outreach news, here is a Mission and Justice Summit coming soon. This is an exciting opportunity for Methodists across Indiana to gather, learn, and share about service opportunities. The event will feature 15 optional workshops. It will be held in Franklin, IN and is scheduled on Saturday, March 28th. Representatives from our Outreach Team will be going. For further information, contact Connie Miller. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd, at 5:30 p.m.
March 28th is the Mission & Justice Summit

Coloring Contest Winner
for February

Xander Kramer

