

March 2019 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship

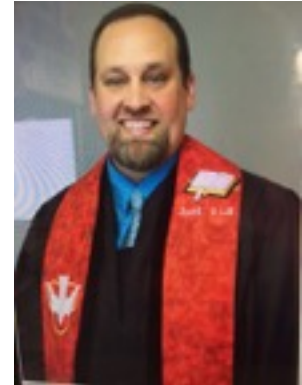
8:00 A.M. Chapel Service
10:00 A.M. Sanctuary/Children's Time
Nursery Available
Handicap Lift at the Alley Door #5
Ramp at Door #2 at the corner of
Park Street and South Street



Message from Pastor Chris . . .

LENT

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

This year I would like for us to think of Lent as a mirror. It is a time of introspection and self-examination. A time to consider what we are doing faithfully and the areas in which we still need to improve as we “go on to perfection.” To assist this I am sharing with you John Wesley’s 22 questions of self-examination. These are a list of questions that Wesley and the members of the Holiness Club would ask of themselves and each other. May they be a means of gaining insight for each of us, as we examine ourselves during this season of Lent.

John Wesley’s 22 Questions of self-examination

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?

8. Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

The intent of this exercise and this season is not to run ourselves down or to beat ourselves up. It is a time of reflection and evaluation on the areas in which we need the grace of God and the Holy Spirit to work as we continue to grow in God's love and as we pursue to be like Christ. Blessings on a Holy Lent!

Grace and peace

Pastor Chris



REMINDER

From our webpage you can watch our Sunday Services live or anytime with the archives!
<http://www.batesvilleumc.org>

Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday: Closed or by appointment with Pastor Chris

Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please Note: Pastor Chris is not in the office on Fridays.

Thank you!



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. We are currently studying the topic of Angels. 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!

March Birthday's and Anniversaries



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	Gary Brandes
March 24th	Blair Kramer
March 25th	Chandler Renick



March 27th	Connie Miller
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Trustees

The Trustees have been busy. Currently we are working on the gingerbread trim on the parsonage. Leo Turchyn is leading this effort to scrape and sand the various pieces of trim. If this is your thing, talk to Leo.

We've cut back trees at the parsonage. Take a look as you drive by.

As our budget allows, we will continue to make improvements and of course, maintain our existing properties. Our next meeting is March 18 at 6:30. Deb O, Chair

SPECIAL NOTE

A thousand pardons for this very late report. On November 30, 2018 our church was invited to set up a vendor booth at the holiday tree lighting festival. It was suggested that we sell either soup or chili and as we have award winning chili cooks (the Jester's) we went with chili.

The committee consisted of Deb Obermeyer, Angela Simpson, Robert Jester and Nance Widdowson. Our booth offered chili and cupcakes for sale. Robert was the master chili cook and Angela made all of the cupcakes. The volunteer sales staff included Ron Simpson, Jill and Charlie Zimmerman, Angie Renick and Shirley Montgomery. This endeavor added \$335 to the general fund. This is possible in part due to donations for ingredients made by church members, cup sleeves donated by Amack's Well and Oyster crackers donated by Sky Line Chili.

PRAYERS

Our Prayer list: Bishop Trimble, Rev. Beverly Perry, Pastor Chris and Family, Nicole Christie, **Nancy Bultam (Dickey Family)** Bobby Bane, Bobby Branson, Gloria Riley, Lynn Creasy (Aylor), Russell Dean, Earl Rowland (Rowlands), Ginny Hartshorn, The Brayton Deal Family (Nettnay), Amy Arnett (Smith), Sue Metzcar (Jester), Chris Schumacher, Rev. Ernie Elder, Penny Logue (Campbell), Dot Walsman, Jessica Weideman (Stutler), Millie Lewis, Dale Lambert, Meloday Jobst, Jeff Chaffee, Brenda Stant (Crowell), Mike Dudgeon, Josh Hensley (Renick), Blair Kramer's mother Cheryl, Carl Hinkle, Owen Lewis, Jackie Schaefer (Wright), Roland Gudgeon, Linda Taylor, Cody Ryan (Hisrich), Gary Patton, Gary & Dee Dudgeon, Virginia & Les Smith, Sylvia Wirth, Edie & Wilbur Zimmer, Our Children and Youth, Batesville Community, Safe Passage, People in the Armed Forces, Irene Fitzpatrick (The Chateau), Roselyn Campbell (St. Andrews), Bob Melia (St. Andrews), Betty Schaefer (St. Andrews), Susan Wonnell (St.

Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Fund continues to be a beneficial part of our church family mission. We have been able to contribute financial help to the church's programs and other community efforts. The Endowment has provided funds to help with church and parsonage maintenance, summer food program, local food pantry and safe passage. We are very blessed to have this opportunity and will continue to serve in our church's mission

Kid's Coloring Contest

We are having a Kid's Coloring Contest for this month.

Please have a colored picture to the church office by Friday, March 22nd.

The Winner for February was Hannah Bruns. Her picture is on the bulletin board next to the Pastors Office.



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will have a Bunco Party on March 16th at 4-6 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Adult Sunday School – Please Join Us at 9 AM

We have a new DVD Series for Lent Starting March 10th. After completing our series on C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity, we will start a new series titled Who Is This Man? It features the best-selling author John Ortberg. In this 5 session DVD-based series, Ortberg shows how Jesus' influence has swept over history, bringing inspiration to the fields of art, science, government, medicine and education. His vision for us and how to lead our lives of dignity, compassion, forgiveness and hope continues to inspire and challenge humanity today. Please join us as we watch the DVD and discuss the impact the lessons have on our lives. We meet every Sunday in the Parlor at 9 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Hoagy Wright at (812) 934-5774 (leave message) or hjdawright@gmail.com.

March Calendar

Tuesdays - Chrismons at 6:30 p.m.

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

March 1st. - World Day of Prayer

March 6th. - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.

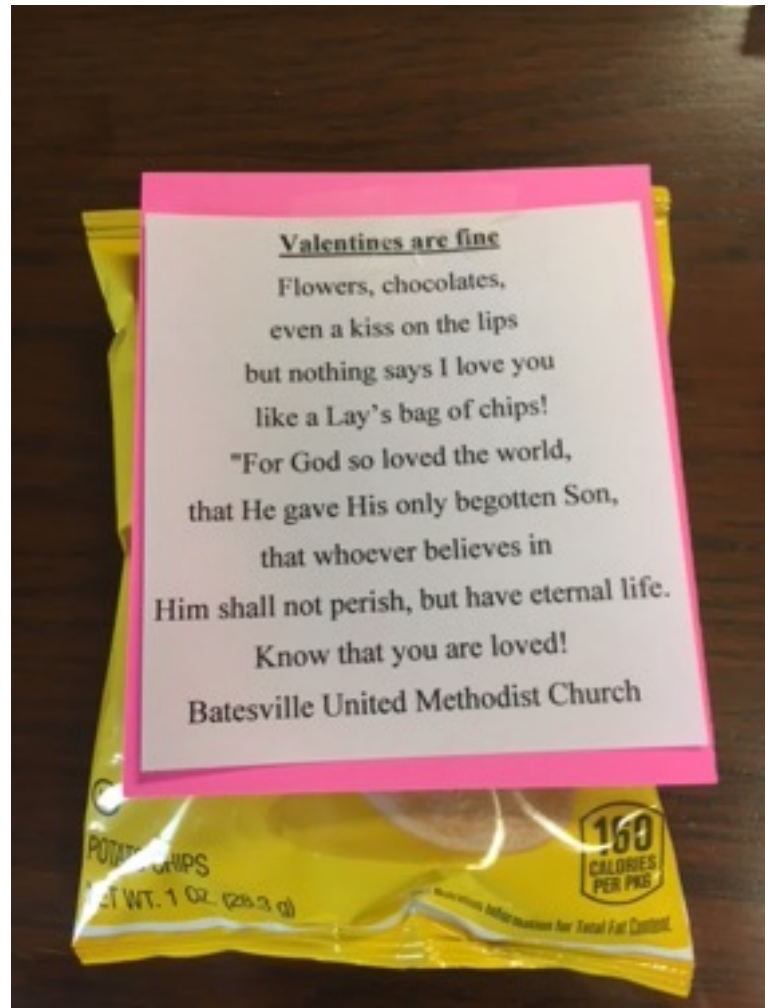
March 13th. - Kids Club at 5:30 p.m.

March 16th. - Bunco Party at 4-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

March 20th. - Fellowship meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 27th. - Kids Club at 5:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY's Agape Gift
for the Batesville High
School Staff!!**



Kid's Club

Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27th @ 5:30 pm

March Scriptures

March 3rd:	Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 , Luke 9:28-36
March 10th:	Luke 4:1-13, Deuteronomy 26:1-11 , Romans 10:8b-13
March 17th:	Luke 13:31-35, Philippians 3:17-4:1 , Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
March 24th:	1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9 , Isaiah 55: 1-9
March 31st:	2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 , Joshua 5:9-12

2019 Prayer Partners and Directories

are now complete. Prayer Partners are located on the bulletin board out side of the office and the directories are located on the tables in the hallways and the sanctuary.



Turkey Dinner 2018 Report

Income: \$8,191.00

Expenses: \$2,855.00

Profit: \$5,335.78

Paid out to Trustees: \$5,133.00

Balance carried forward for 2019: \$1,500.00

Over the last couple years we have been working to get every committee in compliance with the Discipline, including the Turkey Dinner. We have seen several big changes but with your faithful commitment and hard work it proves to continue to be a good source of income for the Trustees. The turkey Dinner is now compliant with the regulations and procedures of the Discipline and our own Finance Committee regulations. These steps are important in being good stewards and protecting everyone, including the church. I want to thank everyone involved and for the patience of the congregation as these steps have required more time. In moving forward this report will go out at the first of the year. If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you!

Grace and peace

Pastor Chris

You're INVITED!!!



When? April 13, 2019 @ 3:00 pm

Where? BUMC Fellowship Hall

RSVP: Look for a sign-up sheet or email Melissa Kramer at melkramer912@gmail.com to let us know you will be joining, so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

What is Cookies and Canvas? A local artist will be leading a fun filled afternoon of creativity and fellowship. Each person will be provided with a canvas and supplies to paint a picture to take home. No artistic talent required, the artist will assist and guide us through.

Everyone is welcome, from our youngest to our oldest, this is a multi-generational activity.



Witness Committee

This event is free to the congregation, thanks to the Michel Fund Endowment

Outreach Committee News

The Outreach Committee met on February 11th. Joy in the Harvest and the Ilula Staff salary have been sent.

Many thanks to all who attended the Faith Promise Mission pitch-in. We received pledges for \$8,060 towards our budget of \$11,500. It is not too late to pledge if you were unable to attend. Thanks for helping us meet our goal.

We are currently planning a Mission Day for June 8, 2019. We would like to assemble UMCOR flood buckets to take to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. There is still room when we go June 25-28. What other projects would you like to do as a church to be productive in our community? Please see a committee member if you have any ideas.