

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church

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“Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking with him.” ~ Luke 9:28-30 NRSV

This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday. It is also the LAST Sunday after the Epiphany, and FIRST Sunday of March (Holy Communion). The gospel lection is from Luke, and tells the story of Jesus’ transfiguration before Peter, John and James, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah. I think it’s significant, and helpful that it’s this gospel lection which leads us into Lent, because it offers us such a bright and hopeful image to hold onto as we begin the Lenten disciplines. I also think it’s meaningful that Transfiguration Sunday falls on the first Sunday of March, because the celebration of holy communion reminds us that, whether on top of the Mount of Transfiguration, or in depth of the Valley of the Shadow of Death, faith is a journey we take in the company of kindred souls.

General Conference has been meeting this week. As I write this, the outcome of the conference is still unknown. However, I believe that the experience of what we call “church”, the walk of faith with Christ, and Christian discipleship, are all practices intended to be done in the company of Christian brothers and sisters. Regardless of how things go in St. Louis, we will have church this Sunday at First United Methodist Church. The gospel will be preached, the sacrament of holy communion celebrated, and the triune God worshipped.

As we hear again about the glorification of Christ in the presence of Peter, John and James, may we be found among God’s people at First United Methodist Church!

I’ll see you in church Sunday!
Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3

5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building

Monday, March 4

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys’ Man Cave, Activities Building

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Ash Wednesday Service

The past few weeks have been a busy week in the lives of the youth. Last week, we at Batesville FUMC joined many of the other churches in town for the yearly Disciple Now event. There, this amalgamation of youth groups worshipped together, studied the word of God together, worked on mission projects together, and ate (thanks to Marsha and Fletcher) together! It’s good being in a town where the Christians realize that there is more that unites us than we realize and that we can be a dangerous force FOR the Kingdom (in the best possible way) when we work together. Here’s to seeing what God does next, here in Batesville.

1 Corinthians 1:10

-Drew

LIBRARY NEWS

“Fresh Air” is a group experience, 8 session dvd study trading state spiritual obligation for a life-altering, energizing, experience-it-everyday relationship with God. The DVD is available in section 2 40.

MOTHER’S DAY OUT

Mother’s Day Out is available on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8-3 and currently has openings for ages 3 mos.-5yrs. If you or someone you know would be interested in enrolling their child/children in Mother’s Day Out, please contact Frances Gibson at 662-934-0112.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

April 29-May 2 Tracy will be out of the office. We need someone to come into the office that week to fill in for her. Office duties will be to answer the phone, type The Messenger and make sure it gets mailed, type and fold the bulletin for Sunday and other general office duties. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Tracy at 563-4534. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED FOR LENTEN LUNCHESES

Each Wednesday beginning March 13-April 17 at noon, we will need seven ladies to provide food: 4 for sandwiches, 3 for desserts. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry to the fellowship hall behind the door.



Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Emily Smith and her family are sponsoring a spaghetti lunch (carry-out only) in the activities building on Sunday, March 31 to benefit Emily’s mission trip to Kenya this summer. Lunch plates will be available for pickup beginning right after Sunday School. Lunch will be spaghetti, green beans, bread and dessert. Cost is donations.

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Gloria Baker, Gayle Wadsworth, Jean Cobb Douglas, Rosemary Woodall, Jerry Knotts, Ryna Smith, Meg King, Patti Flint, Hollie Roberson, Mary Haberman, Erin Nabors, Betty Flint, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Amy Franklin, Ann Trusty, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody

FRIENDS: Joey Haire, Chris Jamison, Brenda May (Scoot Wilson's daughter), V. K. Smith (Evelyn Wofford's son-in-law), Larry Little, Kristen Flores, Peggy Burnett (Chris Burnett's mom), Terri Chandler (Cindy Jones' sister), Lee Garner, Sr., Don Haire, Kevin Gant, Emma Katelyn Morton (great-niece of Ryna Smith), Judy Greene, Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Carolyn Goodnight (Christy Broome's mom), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham's mom), Asher Taylor, Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Durwood Gordon, Steve Durr, Shelda Murphree (sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter
Military Call-Up: Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle, Benjamin Chambers (nephew of LaFonda Poland), Jeffrey Brown, Casey Clark, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Juli Lange and family at the death of her aunt Barbara Whitaker Smith of Madison, MS who passed away on February 18.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
6:00 PM, SANCTUARY**

Ash Wednesday is the day to put out our Easter crosses. If you are new to our church and would like a cross, come by the church office to pick one up. If you have previously had a cross and you have misplaced it, you can get a new one for \$5.



**MONDAY, MARCH 11
12 PM, GATHERING ROOM**

Food Pantry Focus:

Egg Cartons, Instant Pudding

There is a basket in the activities building for anyone in our congregation who would like to bring items for the food pantry.

CALENDAR FOR LENT

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 PM-Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 13

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Rickey Haynes (District Superintendent), Speaker

Wednesday, March 20

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Morgan Spencer (Pastor of Pope Charge), Speaker

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Daniel Herring (Drew's Brother; Pastor of Grenada FUMC), Speaker

Wednesday, April 3

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Milton Whatley (Pastor of Como UMC), Speaker

Wednesday, April 10

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Russell Fletcher (Former Pastor of FUMC), Speaker

Wednesday, April 17

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Keith Keeton (Pastor of Senatobia FUMC), Speaker

Thursday, April 18

6:00 PM-Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at **Batesville First United Methodist Church on 3/29/2019**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

Happy Birthday

February 28-Melinda Bingham
February 29-Presley Ford, Pat Ludlam
March 1-John David Bailey, Ky Stubblefield Fisak, Walt Strehle
March 2-Cella Caldwell Carver, Russell Fletcher, Andy Garrott, Kimberly Beard Land, Ashley Walker
March 3-Lisa Newcomb, Reid Morris, Morgan Wright
March 4-Debbie Bowie, Trey McGovern, Charlie Overton, Bobby Shipp
March 5-Lacy Bailey

Happy Anniversary

February 28-M/M Clint Egbert
March 2- M/M Taylor Clark
March 3- D/D Glen Stone

March 3-Acolytes

8:30 A.M. Ruthie Thomas/Gabriella Russo
10:55 A.M. Ella Rivers

March 3-Ushers

8:30 A.M. Judd Gentry/Harry L. Pitcock
Clint Fisher/Dave Billingsley
10:55 A.M. Bill Burnett
Tom Womble/Andy Young

Security Team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 27

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
5:45 P.M.-Handbells
6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 28

12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study

Sunday, March 3

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building
9:45 A.M.-Sunday School
10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship
5:00 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building
6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.-Children’s Chorale, Choir Room

Monday, March 4

10:00 A.M.-FUMC Gospel Choir (formerly MAC)
1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Man Cave, Activities Building
5:30 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters
7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study

Wednesday, March 6

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
5:45 P.M.-Handbells
6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

MORNING WORSHIP

“A Foretaste of Glory Divine”
Luke 9:28-36

EVENING WORSHIP

Ed Temple

Financial Report for February 24, 2019

2019 Budget	\$1,040,865.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	20,016.63
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	160,133.04
Budget Amt. Offering	7,164.00
Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date	99,564.98

“Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” ~ Hebrews 13:16

Attendance for February 24, 2019

Sunday School	166
Morning Worship	225
8:30 A.M.	141
10:55 A.M.	74
Nursery	7
Security	3

Please help us fund the ministries and missions of our great congregation. Currently, our giving is lagging behind the level of support which is normal for this time of year. Please help us by catching up with your tithe, or by increasing your financial support for our congregation. The need is great, and your faithful and generous giving is critical to the work of Christ’s church.

Thank you,
Ed