

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
Loving Christ, Loving others, Serving God
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November 23, 2022

Celebrate Christmas with our Christmas
musicals at FUMC!

RANDOM ACTS OF CHRISTMAS

God gave us a baby as a gift for Christmas? That seems so random! Or does it? Follow along with Ms. Scammon and our children to realize the true meaning of Christmas through random acts of kindness. They find out how it's not so random after all!

Presented by our Children's Choir
Sunday, December 4, 6:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

CEREMONY OF CANDLES

The Light of the world had come to those who had walked in darkness, revealed in the shining eyes of the child named Jesus. The child whose light would shine across the earth and defeat the darkness of death, sending shadows to flight. From this perfect Light we light our own candles of hope and faith, shining into shadows of our own time. Let us declare to the darkness again, "Let there be Light!"

Presented by our Chancel Choir
Featuring: Handbells, Youth Choir, Children's Choir,
and strings
Sunday, December 11, 6:00 PM
in the Sanctuary



BLESSED!!!
OWLS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
12:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Bring a Friend!!!

THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT ADVENT

When Advent begins on November 27 this year, so does a new church year. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."

The Newsletter Newsletter, November 2021

HELP AND HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

Cooler temperatures remind us that not everyone has a warm, safe place to sleep every night.

Thru our mat ministry we can offer HELP & HOPE to the HOMELESS, but we need WEAVERS and CUTTERS.

Contact Charlie Ann Bailey, Nancy Bridges, or Louise Powers, and we will set up a training session and get you started!

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS: Margaret Moore, Jason Russell, Jane Hentz, Bonnie Johnson, Laverne Briscoe, Jack King, Loree Tucker, Ellis Byrd, Vivian Bridges, Faye Rich, Glenda Bailey, Mary Katherine Baglan, Asa Tucker, Libba Byrd
FRIENDS: Rose Lummus (Brooke Wright's mom), TV Miller (Monroe Pointer's step-father), Jimmy Eubanks, Gary Elliott (friend of Paul & Judy Savage), Jeff Burchfield, David and Cheryl Beene, Franky Laster, Wanda Lowery, Jud Moore, Diana Johnston (J. J. Heafners's mom), Bill Gritzner (friend of Lee & Beth Garner), Will Kidder (Bonnie Johnson's grandson), Shelton & Jeanne Cromwell Gillis, Micah Smith, Brynn Leigh Warren, Rheta Ann West (Sabrina Morris' mom), Dean Joiner (Ryna Smith's brother), Stanley Sharp, Durl & Faye Raines, Jennifer Respass, Mari Corroero, Sandra Turner, Jessica Byrd, Adam Lupfer (Ann McDowell's nephew), Darrell Martin, Christy Collins, Allen Warwick, Olivia Billingsley Leow

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Trina Caffey and family at the death of her husband George Caffey who passed away on November 19.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Clint and Brandi Powers into the membership and fellowship of Batesville First UMC.

LIBRARY NEWS

Discover the secret of a man's soul in WILD AT HEART by Eldredge in section A ELD.



Wednesday, December 7th Messengers Sunday School Class & Youth will go Caroling.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Messengers Sunday School Class & Youth are collecting items for Mathew 25 Ministry to bring Joy to their holiday season. If you have any items listed below, please drop them by the Messengers Class (Room 321) by Sunday, December 18th.

Adult sizes:

- coats
- socks
- hand & feet warmers
- Christmas cards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 P.M.-Children's Christmas Program, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 P.M.-Chancel Choir Cantata

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 P.M.-Christmas Eve Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 A.M.-Morning Worship

Happy Birthday

November 24-Jacque W. Montgomery
November 25-Connie Baker, Luke Egbert, Jensen Wells, Landry Wells
November 26-John Davis, Spencer Davis, Natalie Ferrell Wright
November 27-Deanne Davis
November 28-Donna Mooney
November 29-Harry Lee Pitcock, SuzAnne Walton
November 30-Anna Katherine Baglan, Jack Henry Heafner, Hollie Roberson

Happy Anniversary

November 23-M/M Josh Lowery, M/M Charles Wright
November 25-M/M Calvin Flint

November 27-Nursery Volunteer

Marsha Wren

November 27-Acolytes

8:30 A.M.

Brady Pitcock/Avery White

10:55 A.M.

November 27-Ushers

8:30 A.M.

Keith Heafner/Gary Kornegay
Dennis Land/Josh Hawkins

10:55 A.M.

Bart Broome/Monroe Pointer
Bill Burnett/Jay Amis

November 27- Security Team

Josh Bright/Dave Lange
Glen Gibson/Ed Dean

YOUTH WINTER RETREATS

YOUTH ELEVATE SKI RETREAT 2023

The dates for this trip are January 13-16.

Prices are per person.

\$265 ski
\$295 snowboard
\$215 non-ski

That covers 2 days (ski, snowboarding), 3 nights lodging (for 4 to a room), conference (production, speaker, band, etc.), and 3 mornings of breakfast.

The deadline for the hundred-dollar deposit is December 1 to hold a spot.

One extra detail, if you need to add on any rooms please do that when you register. It is \$125 a night. This would be so your leader can have their own bed or if you have a charter bus driver.

OVERFLOW 2023

January 14-16th

Deadline for signup Dec 15th (per their website)

\$165 per person

Checks can be taken when we go or mailed to CLS (their address is 117 Camp Lake Stephens Drive Oxford)

Sign up @

Camplakestephens.com/overflow

Speaker: Russ Polsgrove

Worship: Abbey Pates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, November 23

12:00 P.M.-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING FOR THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 27

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts,

Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, November 28

12:00 P.M.-OWLS, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Fellowship Hall

7:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 30

3:00 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building

5:15 P.M.-Youth Choir

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

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Financial Report for November 13, 2022

2022 Budget	\$974,619.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	18,742.67
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	862,162.82
Budget Amt. Offering	13,286.00
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	799,079.39

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**Batesville Christmas Parade
Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

First United Methodist Church will have a float this year for our children to participate.

Our theme is

Jesus is the SWEETEST name I know!

We ask that children wear a red or white shirt.

Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

If your child would like to participate, please pick up a form from the church office or email Kelly Kasch at kasch092918@att.net.

We will decorate the float on Saturday, December 3rd @ 10:00 am in activities building side parking lot.

It should not take more than an hour if we have several people to help. Thanks, Kelly Kasch

Morning Worship

Matthew 24:26-44

Kerry Powell

Evening Worship

Kerry Powell