

March 2026 Newsletter



Batesville United Methodist Church



Celebrating Chinese New Year

The February Women's Ministry was treated to a special Chinese New Year celebration with Sharon Chia. It was a time to share God's grace, reflect on our "overflowing" abundance that leads believers to bless and share with others. Sharon helped us create a banner using the Chinese symbol for fish; recalling the miracle of the loaves and fishes. We added Chinese lettering to focus on divine provision and spiritual fruitfulness rather than just material wealth. See more photos on page 8.

information from her Last Supper collection. We'll offer a Biblical feast for you to enjoy. Focusing on fruits and grains mentioned in the Bible. Looking forward seeing you, to share in this special event and fellowship time.

**Next Women's Ministry meeting
is 5 p.m. March 22**

Wilma Flory will share meaningful items and



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Watch us live or check out our library at
www.batesvilleumc.org

Sunday Worship

8 a.m. Chapel Service
10 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

*“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be full.”*

John 15:11

Finding Joy in Lent

Joy is probably not the first thing we would connect with the season of Lent. All the self-reflection and examination, fasting and giving the things up that we enjoy. And yet joy can be found in this season. Partly because as we do the work of preparation, often we will find that we are actually doing some things well. We find the fruit of God’s work in us and in the community of faith. As Jesus shares in John 15, his teachings are intended to bring joy, not hardship or dread but rather to lead us on a better path, a better way.

As I reflect on our family of faith as a whole, I am struck by the changes that we are seeing and feeling here at BUMC. The spirit of joy and friendship, the spirit of volunteering and getting involved is a wonderful sight to see. God is moving here and the fruit we see from the work of the Holy Spirit should provoke us to continue on this path.

There is room for improvement for sure, and still more reflection and self-examination needed, but let us also take time to share the joy of all that God is doing and celebrate those things that we are faithfully doing well!

May you all experience a holy Lent!



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March 8	Sean Fitzgerald
March 15	Joe Roberts
March 22	Logan Kramer
March 29	Bruce Li



Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: by appointment with Pastor Chris

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

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

An Unexpected ER Visit: Gratitude, Faith, and Timing

By **Kin Choi**

Friday Jan. 24, 2026, marked my first-ever visit to the emergency room – an experience made uniquely memorable by being surrounded by familiar Baxter and Hillrom products. It turned into an unplanned but eye-opening reminder of how preparation, teamwork, and timing truly matter.

That morning, my angioedema escalated quickly. My face swelled noticeably, and my lips reached what I jokingly call “Dolly Parton-level visibility.” Despite the dramatic appearance, I had no pain or fever and could walk and talk (with a slightly AI-sounding voice). I am deeply grateful that my wife Sharon was able to accompany me before returning to school later that morning. Her calm presence was a blessing.

After a brief stop at Immediate Care at Margaret Mary Hospital, I was sent directly to the ER. Once I removed my mask after registration, the urgency became



clear, and I was escorted to an ER room. A care team of five moved efficiently, connecting vital monitoring and IV medications ordered by the on-shift physician.

The doctor quickly identified the root cause: a contraindication involving one of my prescribed medications. Timing mattered. Because I had taken the medication the day before—not that morning—treatment could be provided safely on site. Had I taken it earlier that day, an airlift might have been required.

After several hours of observation, I was discharged and home by noon. This experience became a Friday reflection for me. Thanksgiving is not a single moment or event—it is a daily practice. I give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for His protection, for the skilled caregivers who served with compassion, and for the loving support of family and community.

In every circumstance, we grow by trusting Christ, caring for one another, and working together to improve outcomes for all.

Helping with New Horizons

The Batesville United Methodist Church is invited to participate in a Disability Awareness Fair from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at New Horizons on Six Pine Ranch Road.

The goal is to connect those with disabilities with resources and support in the community. We will share info about our services, including our free meals.

Call the church if you are interested in helping.

BUMC will host a special Easter Celebration for New Horizon clients 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, in the Fellowship Hall

A volunteer meeting to plan the lunch and activities will be held in Jacob's Well at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 16,.

Birthdays

March 1	Mel Obermeyer
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March 10	Melissa Kramer
March 10	Mike McIntosh
March 18	Claire Saner
March 19	Tim Giesting
March 24	Blair Kramer
March 25	Chandler Renick



Happy 90th birthday Ginny Hartshorn. She celebrated with family and friends at The Chateau on Feb. 14.

Scriptures

March 8 – Exodus 17:1-7 **Romans 5:1-11**
March 15 – John 9:1-12 **Ephesians 5:8-14**
March 22 – Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Romans 8:6-11**
March 29 – Isaiah 50:4-9 **Matthew 21:1-11**

Calendar

5 Cups – Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

TC4H – Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Chrismons – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Visitation Food Truck – Sunday, March 15, at 9 a.m.

New Horizons volunteers for Easter event – Monday, March 16, at 11 a.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, March 11, & March 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Free Dinner – Saturday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women's Ministry – Sunday, March 22, at 5 p.m.

Pitch-In Dinner – Sunday, March 29, after the 10 a.m. service

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Baby Hazel
Moya Jones
Steve Reider
Layla Dudley
Les Smith
Lisa Haessig
Christians in China
Chris Lowery
John Roberts
Family of Ralph Hochstetler
Bob & Sheila Smith
George Hillman
Tony Trossman
Joan Moore
Merl Allen
Craig Summers
James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)
Mark McIntosh
Sesly Marshall
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
John Lewis
Michael, Emily, Eric

Prayers are requested for former BUMC pastor (1970-1975), Rev. Allan Wilson, Columbus, Indiana. He was recently hospitalized and then transferred to Belmont Health and Rehabilitation, 540 Belmont Drive, Columbus, IN 47201.

Teachers and Students
Our Children and Youth
Batesville Community
Safe Passage
People in the Armed Forces
People of Ukraine
Israel Palestine Conflict

Family
Church
Community
State
Nation



Long Term Care
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)
Nancy Dinnen

Audio/Visual Team

Our team has been busy. We've put a lot of the work into our LiveStream service. We continue to make improvements. Our live 10 a.m. Sunday service is now available on the [Batesville United Methodist Church Facebook page](#).

If you want to help, contact the church.

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.

Greeters and Ushers

March 8	Bob & Carolee Barber
March 15	Susie Rowland & Kin Choi
March 22	John & Tina Snyder
March 29	Mary Kay Roberts & Linda Straight

Jacob's Well

March 8	Doug & Mona Wilson
March 15	Kathy Newell & Marc Emral
March 22	Deb & Mel Obermeyer
March 29	Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

Flower volunteers

March 8	Hoagy & Deb Wright
March 15	Bob & Carolee Barber
March 22	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
March 29	Doug & Mona Wilson

Children's Church

March 8	Jordan Bergquist
March 1	Kendall Messerschmidt
March 22	Sharon Chia
March 29	Sesly Marshall

Liturgists

March 8	Pete Nolan
March 15	Sarah Heppner
March 22	Jerilyn Lowery
March 29	Angie Renick

Church Website

Joe continues to improve the church's website. It now has an easy way to give and the services are easily accessible, Live and archived. If you have the chance, please check it out. If you have any ideas or information or pictures please send them to Joe Roberts.

Also, if you have not yet been to the church's Facebook page or Instagram, please check them out as well and click to "FOLLOW" <https://batesvilleumc.org/>

Reminder

From our webpage you can watch our Sunday Services live or anytime with the archives!

www.batesvilleumc.org

Also on Facebook@Batesville United Methodist Church.



FREE Picnic Lunch!



 Dine In • Take Out • Delivery
 **Saturday, March 21, 2026**
 **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
 **106 S Park Ave • Batesville UMC**



Pulled Pork Sandwiches



Mac & Cheese



Coleslaw & Cookies



Call to order: 812-934-3137

Delivery orders in by March 18

Women's Ministry celebrates Chinese New Year



Dishing up a chili lunch



Volunteers delivered about 115 meals and served about 50 at the church during Feb. 21's free meal. The next free lunch is barbecue on March 21.



Discipleship Pathway

