

January 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Scenes on Christmas Eve



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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

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

New Year, New Things

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?”*

Isaiah 43:19



As I say every year, it is hard to believe another year is already over. The days are long but time flies! 2024 was a very good year for BUMC, God has continued to bless us in amazing ways. Attendance was up, giving was up, we welcomed many new people, including an expanding Youth group and a new staff position for youth. It is exciting to see what God has planned for this church in 2025.

Of course, a new year also means that many people will be making new year's resolutions. Big plans to do new things. I have set my own goals for 2025. I plan to continue exercising and watching what I eat, I must keep that A1C down! I plan to learn at least 2 new skills and I have a whole stack of books to read. I also plan to continue to stick to our new budget and to try and live with less stuff, I have decided that the multi-billion-dollar companies have received enough of my money.

What about you? New year, and new plans? Any new skills or goals? I would encourage everyone, even those who have done it before to consider joining the One Year Bible reading plan. It takes less than half an hour per day and by the end of the year, you will have read the entire Bible. I have printed plans available. Or maybe just the New Testament? There are several Bible Reading generators on line to customize any plans you may have. Or maybe getting more involved in church? More regular attendance? Bible Study on Thursday, learning about what you will be reading this year! Chrismon's? Choir? Food Truck? Or maybe God has put something new on your heart?

A new year means a fresh start, a new year of possibilities and we know just how quickly it will pass, so why not set some goals, learn some new things and continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Who knows what God may do or how God might use you this year!

Grace and peace

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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.

Honoring our veterans

About 35 church members honored our veterans buried in our cemeteries on Wreaths Across America Day.

About 100 wreaths were placed on graves of the veterans buried in both the Mulberry Street cemetery and the old cemetery on East County Road 1300 North.

Bob Barber organized the laying of the wreaths.





Scriptures

January 5 – Isaiah 60:1-6 **Matthew 2:1-12**

January 12 – Isaiah 43:1-7 **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

January 19 – Isaiah 62:1-5 **John 2:1-11**

January 26 – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-10 **Luke 4:14-21**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

Bible Study – Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, Jan. 15 and 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds Lock In – Friday, Jan. 17

Administrative Council Meeting – Monday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m.

Flower volunteers

January 5 Congregation

January 12 Marcy Moster

January 19 The Kramer's

January 26 Ann Stokes

Birthdays

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| January 1 | Pete Nolan |
| January 4 | Hoagy Wright |
| January 13 | Sheila Smith |
| January 13 | Dennis Stutler |
| January 14 | Angie Renick |
| January 15 | Ryan Messerschmidt |
| January 19 | Chris Lowery |
| January 23 | Linda Straight |
| January 24 | Marcy Moster |
| January 24 | Jacob Musick |
| January 27 | Karen Oesterling |
| January 29 | Xiang Guo |
| January 30 | William Newell |
| January 31 | Teresa Burdette |

Anniversaries

January 7 Larry & Marge Hooten

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
George Hillman
Craig Summers
Annetta Lusk
Dave Raver
Matt Marshall
Brandt Maley
Betty Lou Barber
James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)
Corrine Ferguson
Beth Brinkman
Carol McGrath
Mark McIntosh
Deb & Hoagy Wright
Steve Moore
Sesly Marshall
Shannon MacLaren
Cheryl Lowery
Kyle Hurtley
Mark Burkert
Rachael Hoff
Priscilla Elzey
Tony Drummond (Susie)
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
Nancy Dinnen
John Lewis

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
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)



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.

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](#).

Updates and improvements continue to be made on our new webpage.

Seeing the Christmas lights



'The Star' movie night



Greeters and Ushers

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| January 5 | Bob & Carolee Barber |
| January 12 | Andy & Jen Saner |
| January 19 | Mary Kay Roberts & Sarah Snyder |
| January 26 | Kin Choi & John Snyder |

Jacob's Well

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| January 5 | The Reeves Family |
| January 12 | Kathy Newell & Marc Emral |
| January 19 | Teresa Burdette |
| January 26 | The Saner Family |

Liturgists

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| January 5 | Joe Roberts |
| January 12 | Jerilyn Lowery |
| January 19 | Marc Emral |
| January 26 | Sarah Fitzgerald |

Share A Ride

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| January 5 | |
| January 12 | Bob & Carolee Barber |
| January 19 | |
| January 26 | |

Children's Church

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| January 5 | Sharon Chia |
| January 12 | Sarah Fitzgerald |
| January 19 | Jordan Bergquist |
| January 26 | Kendall Messerschmidt |

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/>

The youth receive their presents



Passing out Chrismons



December pitch-in



Reminder

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

www.batesvilleumc.org

Also on Facebook@Batesville United Methodist Church.

BUMC constantly gives back to our community at the food pantry. Santa even arrived to help.



Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person at 6:30 p.m.

Discipleship Pathway

