October 2026 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

Outreach helps Project Rouj

I would like to update the congregation about our August outreach to UMCOR for the Indiana Floods.

Outreach donated $1,000; the Special Endowment for Poor, Needy & Children donated $2,000; and members of the congregation collectively donated $3,200. We made sure to mark our donations to UMCOR to have those affected in Indiana receive these allocations. Once again, your generosity was in full force.

For September, Outreach is donating $500 from the Special Endowment for Poor, Needy, & Children to Project Rouj. This is a nonprofit, whose executive director is Jamalyn Williamson, an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and whose husband is the senior pastor at the Zionsville United Methodist Church.

Project Rouj exists to improve and transform the future of Haitian families, one home at a time. The project hires local workers and pays them living wages to build homes, thereby creating jobs and affordable housing in the same stroke.

This is how Project Rouj helps the cycle of poverty to become the cycle of renewal. Currently, due to a matching promise from a generous benefactor for Project Rouj, our donation will be matched.

To learn more about this non-profit, visit: https://projectrouj.org/.

Submitted by Sarah Hepner

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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

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38



Harvest

It is that time of year, another changing of the seasons, to my favorite time of year, Fall. I enjoy the cool mornings, the changing of the leaves, the festivals and of course less mowing is always a good thing. At the beginning it is a little confusing, pants and a jacket in the morning, switched to shorts in the afternoon, but very soon we will be fully into Fall with brisk temperatures and the harvest season. Here in Indiana, we all know about harvest season, the crops, beans and corn primarily, that we saw going into the ground and growing all summer will soon be collected, bringing and end to the growing season.

As I think about it, this a good time of year for each of us to give some thought to the idea of harvesting. Over the last year God has given us the seeds and asked us to scatter them. God has offered provisions to nurture those seeds and to help in their growth. Sometimes it is in the world around us but also within ourselves. It is a good question to ask ourselves, how well did those seeds grow? Which fruit of the Spirit have we seen growing within us this past year that we can now see as a fruit ready for harvesting and use? Is our spiritual growth reaping a bountiful harvest?

As a church we have asked a lot of the congregation over the last growing season, and you hve responded. It is always good to see a busy church, full of activities, ministries and time together but all that work comes at a price. It is always a careful balance of doing all that we can without burning everyone out. I hope that as you reflect personally and collectively as a congregation you will find that God has been faithful and we have shared in that work to produce a bountiful crop!

Grace and peace
PC



Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: by appointment with Pastor Chris

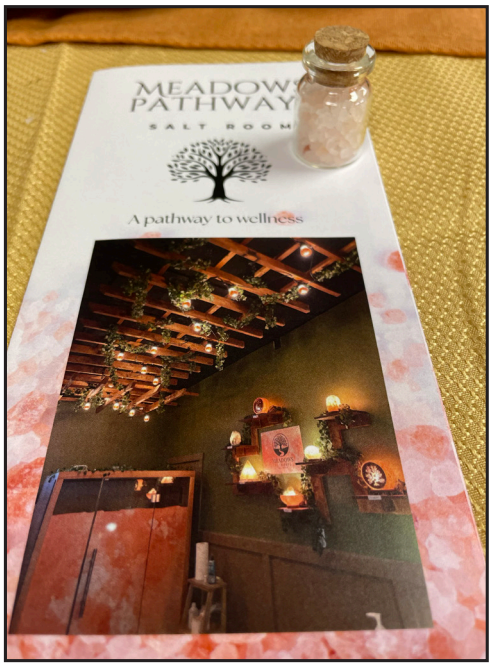
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

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

Women learn of salt's importance

Women's Ministry met on Sept. 27 to discuss the importance of salt in our lives.

Salt combines 2 pure ingredients – sodium and chloride. Individually these chemicals can be dangerous. But, in combination these ingredients bring flavor, health, value to our lives.



Salt is mentioned more than 35 times in the Bible. In the Methodist tradition, Matthew 5:13 is interpreted as an active call to personal and social holiness. Bringing God's love, justice, and compassion into the community. Salt can be used to slow decay, to preserve meat from spoiling. Just as we are called to counter societal wrongs through moral living, mercy and grace.

Salt is an important element of our health.

Women's Ministry welcomed Shana Johnson from Meadows Pathways Salt Room which offers Halotherapy – also known as Salt Therapy. This is a natural, drug-free treatment that involves inhaling fine, medical-grade salt particles. This practice supports respiratory health, skin health, and relaxation.

Meadows Pathways is at 320 N. Walnut St. Call 812-312-0819 for more information.

According to ancient customs, once you shared salt, (perhaps sharing a meal) you were friends for life. Delving into salt, you will find it a very interesting subject. St. Augustine is credited with praying: "Lord; you have put salt on our lips that we may thirst for you."

May you be the Salt!

Upcoming Women Ministry meeintgs:

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m.

Join in the games, prizes, fun and fellowship. Snacks and treats provided. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m.

Share the holiday spirit with warm hearts and hands. We will assembly Christmas holiday care packages. Fellowship, food and fun.



Sunday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m.

The Women's Ministry is sponsoring Movie Night. Gather together to celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone welcome. Popcorn, candy, hots dogs, snacks provided.

Submitted by Kathy Newell

Good weekend for Apple Fest



BUMC once againt service apple dumplings and barbecue sandwiches during Apple Fest.

The weather on both days was good and the church served many people with delicious food and the church's mission:

Love, Grow, Share, Serve.

Calendar

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
TC4H Tai Chi Study – Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.
Chrisoms – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Buds – Wednesday, October 7 and October 21, at 5:30 p.m.
Sprouts – Wednesday, October 21 and October 28, at 5:30 p.m.
Free Dinner – Saturday, October 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free Meal Holiday Planning – Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Council – Monday, October 19, at 6 p.m.
Women's Ministry – Sunday, October 25, at 5:00 p.m.
Pitch-In Dinner - Sunday, October 25, after the 10 a.m. service

Birthdays

October 3	Mary Kay Roberts
October 3	Kent Nettnay
October 7	Owen Lewis
October 10	Clifton Straight
October 14	Naomi Melia
October 20	Marjorie Powell
October 25	Zach Wade
October 31	Doris Brandes

Anniversaries

October 12	Kathy Newell & Marc Emral
October 29	Jeff & Amy Liter

Flower volunteers

October 4	Bob Fitzpatrick
October 11	Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
October 18	Kathy Newell & Marc Emral
October 25	Hoagy & Deb Wright

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Janet Hagerty
Family of James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)'s
Family of Les Smith
Diana Kirby
Lucille Snyder
Wayne Pinkerton
Shoufeng Mei (Guili Zhang's mother)
Tom Amberger (Mary Kay's brother-in-law)
Nancy Briggs (Jim Walther sister)
Madison UMC congregation
Michele and Gerry Werner
Judy and Victoria
Ron Boice
Moya Jones
Lisa Haessig
Christians in China
Chris Lowery
Bob & Sheila Smith
George Hillman
Tony Trossman
Joan Moore
Merl Allen
Craig Summers

Mark McIntosh
Sesly Marshall
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
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



Long Term Care
Carol Pinkerton (Waters)
Ted and **Ginny 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.

Scriptures

October 4	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 **Philippians 3:4-14**
October 11	Exodus 32:1-14 **Philippians 4:1-9**
October 18	Exodus 33:12-23 1 **Thessalonians 1:1-10**
October 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 **Matthew 22:34-40**

AV

October 4	Joe Roberts
October 11	Logan Kramer
October 18	Linda Straight
October 25	Robbie Bruns

Jacob's Well

October 4	John Christie and Priscilla Mok
October 11	The Snyder's
October 18	Sesly Marshall
October 25	Deb & Mel Obermeyer

Children's Church

October 4	Sharon Chia
October 11	
October 18	
October 25	Sesly Marshall

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/

Liturgists

October 4	Jerilyn Lowery
October 11	Sarah Heppner
October 18	Marc Emral
October 25	Sarah Fitzgerald

Greeters and Ushers

October 4	Hoagy & Deb Wright
October 11	Gerry Werner & Tina Snyder
October 18	Ki Choi & Sara Snyder
October 25	Linda Straight & Susie Rowland

COMMUNITY FREE MEAL

All are welcome!



Every 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm

OCTOBER 17th meal

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Sides and Dessert

Dine-in, Carryout or Delivery

Batesville United Methodist Church
106 South Park Avenue

Local delivery orders can be placed by calling
812-934-3137
call to reserve your delivery by Wednesday, please

Our 2026 Program Supporters

Ripley County Community Foundation
Women's Giving Circle Grant
Sally Morris Community Impact Grant

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
Batesville Food Pantry
His Hands Ministry
Southeastern Indiana REMC
J.T.M. Food Group
Food & Growers Association
Franklin Co. Cattlemen's Association
The Tribe
The Garrett Group
St. Louis School Cafeteria
Friends of BUMC



Keep this date!

Cookie Exchange is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, after the 10 a.m. church service.

Bring your family's favorite cookies to share or bake a new taste sensation.

New recipe ideas will be shared in November.

Pitch-in dinner change

Normally, we have our pitch in dinner the fifth Sunday of the month. The holiday season will be upon us and many of our Sundays are spoken for.

In place of having a November pitch-in, which would be the Thanksgiving weekend, we have moved the luncheon up a month to Sunday, Oct. 25.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This date will allow us the opportunity to share with Pastor Chris how much we appreciate him





Discipleship Pathway

