

April 2025 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

3rd Annual Women's Dinner

Cherishing Our Life Together

Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker for this event is Rev. Mary W. Cartwright, a retired pastor and the Associate District Superintendent for the Southeast District. She also serves as the Immigration Rights advocate for the Indiana Conference Board of Diversity, Missions and Justice.

Mary will be challenging us with thought provoking questions about our busy lives: How do we engage in life with others? How do we practice awe and gratitude? What do we notice that gives us hope?

This will be a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!! Hope to see you on Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

Cost is \$14 per person.
Send in your reservations by May 7

Name _____

Contact Info _____

Additional Guests _____

Reservations by May 7. Checks payable to Batesville United Methodist Church. Drop in the church office or give to Debbie Obermeyer or Susie Rowland.

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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

Renewal

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2



As a United Methodist Pastor, renewal is a term I often hear. The deep concern of burn-out is always there, so the Conference is sure to make us aware of the need for it. I know pastors who take a couple weeks every few years to go on a spiritual retreat, sometimes just sitting in silence and meditating. I can think of few things I would hate more than this. I would go crazy! I do appreciate the need for renewal, but not just for clergy, but for everyone who carries the name of Christ. It is a difficult calling we have received, striving to live as Christ, growing in our understanding of God's will and teachings, while serving as the hands and feet of Christ can be overwhelming. But I think there is something worse than being overwhelmed and that is complacency and as we reach the end of the season of Lent, complacency is a good thing to consider.

Sometimes we find ourselves in a rut. Doing the same things over and over helps to create complacency. We start to forget or not realize the blessings and work that are going on around us. We start to take for granted the ease of things in our church. No arguing or talk of splits, no troublemakers complaining, which unfortunately is fairly common in many congregations. The growing number of kids we have been blessed with. So many churches do not have any children at all! For many, Sunday worship is just there. They do not think about all the people and parts that go into getting things ready, from paying the bills to making deposits, to cleaning and repairing, organizing and writing and printing.

The same is true when we worship. We have grown so accustomed to the Order, we fail to stop and think about what it all means, the words we sing, “Here I Am Lord, Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling,” do we really consider what we are saying and do we truly mean it? Or the Lord's Prayer, when was the last time we really thought about what we are saying?

Renewal is more than just leaving for a time or taking a break, it really about the way we think! “Discerning God's will” as Paul put it. Renewal is important, but it does not always come easy. It requires us to slow down, to appreciate, to look at things in a new way and a willingness to change.

As we come to the end of this season of Lent and anticipate the joy and Hope and Beauty of Easter, may we see with renewed eyes and a renewed spirit. May we be drawn closer to God and to each other as we move forward, living, serving and worshiping as the family of faith that God has blessed us with and called us to be!

Grace and Peace

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Saturday April 19th at 10:00 am
-Kids 12 and under!

Batesville UMC 106 S Park Ave

Easter Ecumenical Cantata

Easter Sunrise Service – April 20 at 6:30 a.m.

2nd Performance – April 27 at 7 p.m.

Both performances are held at St. John's United Church of Christ

Note: There are 54 singers of which five come from our church. The choir is made up of members from 17 churches in the area.

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.



Scriptures

April 6 – Philippians 3:4-14 **John 12:1-8**
April 13 – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 **Luke 19:29-40**
April 20 – Acts 10:34-43 **John 20:1-18**
April 27 – Acts 5:27-32 **John 20:19-31**

(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

Calendar

Chrismons – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Lent Prayer Gathering – Tuesday, April 8 at 9-9:25 a.m.
Buds – Wednesday, April 9, and April 23 at 5:30 p.m.
Movie Night – Sunday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m.
Sprouts – Wednesday, April 16, and April 30 at 5:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service – Friday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service – Sunday, April 20 at 9 a.m. only
Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 20, St. John's Huntersville at 6:30 a.m.
Administrative Council – Monday, April 21, at 6 p.m.
Second Performance of Easter Ecumenical Cantata – St. John's Huntersville Sunday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Birthdays

April 5	Logan Kramer
April 5	MacKenzie Kramer
April 16	Meg Liter
April 26	Lara Moster
April 28	Sophie Hutchinson
April 29	Nancy Burcham
April 30	Tina Snyder

Anniversaries

April 12	Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
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Youth April Schedule

BUDS April 9 and 23
SPROUTS April 16 and 30

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Tony Trossman and Family

Karen Holt

Kin Choi

Charlie Whalbring

Vergie Sharp

Joan Moore

Deanna DeMotte

Jerry Lusk

Merl Allen

George Hillman

Craig Summers

Annetta Lusk

Matt Marshall

Brandt Maley

Betty Lou Barber

James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)

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)



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.

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.



Liturgists

April 6	Sean Fitzgerald
April 13	Sarah Fitzgerald
April 20	Deb Wright
April 27	Angie Renick

Flower volunteers

April 6	Ann Stokes
April 13	Jeff & Amy Liter
April 20	Congregation
April 27	Congregation

Children's Church

April 6	Sarah Fitzgerald
April 13	Jordan Bergquist
April 20	Kendall Messerschmidt
April 27	Melissa Kramer

Greeters and Ushers

April 6	Logan & Mackenzie Kramer
April 13	Andy & Jen Saner
April 20	Susie Rowland & Marc Emral
April 27	Gerry Werner & Blair Kramer

Jacob's Well

April 6	Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
April 13	The Saner Family
April 20	Teresa Burdette and Ann Stokes
April 27	Hoagy & Deb Wright

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/>

Fellowship Hall floors will be refinished this month

The Trustees have been maintaining the church properties with help from the congregation as needs arise.

One major project that will be happening in our church in April is the refinishing of our fellowship hall floors. This has been an ongoing problem for quite some time as the tiles become loose, lift up, and become a safety hazard.

The week after Easter, we will be having a company called Galaxy Concrete Coatings come in and take up the tile and replace it with a very nice-looking poly coating. If you have seen the

new fellowship hall floor at Holy Family church, it will be like that.

We are able to make this improvement to our fellowship hall through the blessing of our church endowment funds.

While the work is being done in the church, we ask that everyone be patient with construction noise and possible dust. Keep a watchful eye to ensure our congregation (both big and small) remain safe.

Thank you,
BUMC Trustees



Women's Ministry meeting for first time

Sunday, April 27, at 6 p.m. is the tentative date for the first Women's Ministry meeting.

It is an opportunity for the women of the church to gather, to share fellowship, self-care, food, fun and enjoy each other's company and support.

This ministry would meet once a month at the church. It is intended not to be yet another responsibility on your already full calendars but an opportunity to unwind, relax and get a much needed break from all that you do and are responsible for.

If you want to participate or have ideas contact Kathy Newell.



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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person at 6:30 p.m. discussing the Book of Genesis.

Discipleship Pathway

