

August 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Cemetery has new drive, entrance

Thanks to the generosity of Linda Mills, in memory of her husband Steve Mills, and George Hillman, in memory of his mother Esther Beeler Bere, the cemetery has undergone significant infrastructure improvements, including a newly completed driveway and entrance.

The newly completed driveway and entrance features stonework specifically chosen to match the original entrance, blacktop and improved drainage. These enhancements will make funeral processions smoother and safer for all attendees by improving traffic flow and access to the newest section of the cemetery.

The thoughtful contributions of Linda and George ensure that loved ones are honored in a setting that offers comfort and ease to all who visit.



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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

Innovative and Flexible

“I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23

The Apostle Paul's ministry was unique and innovative! Paul was developing what would become the primary framework for the Church's theology, while also sharing the gospel with people who were considered “outsiders.” Paul shares a strategy that he implemented in 1 Corinthians chapter 9.

Paul says that he was flexible, willing to meet people where they were. To the Jew, to the unchurched, to the weak, Paul was willing to meet people on their terms. He did not wait for them to come to him, Paul got in his Food Truck and met people where they worked, lived, and struggled in every day life. Why would he do such a thing? For the sake of the gospel!

We live in an ever-changing world. People do not think of the church as they once did, Christians do not even prioritize God in their own lives, why would we expect those outside the church to do so? To accomplish the work that we have been called to, we must be willing and ready to be flexible and innovative in reaching people for Christ. This means letting go of what we think should be, or even what we wish it to be and facing the reality of our world.

We will soon be starting a new Food Truck, a podcast, that will hopefully be another means of reaching people outside the church but also helping those inside to grow in their own faith and calling. I have never been one to listen to a podcast myself, but there are many people who do, especially a generation that the church is slowly losing. So, we must become what we need to, for the sake of the gospel!

This of course is not the only way, so we must continue to be innovative and willing to meet people where they are, most often, outside the church, if we are going to share the precious gift of Jesus with a world that is broken and hurting. A new podcast today, but who knows what be next? Perhaps God is speaking to you, listen, and perhaps the next new Food Truck may become the next new thing, the new way to reach others for the sake of the gospel!

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 1 p.m.

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

Trustees News

There have been a few extra repairs that have been keeping us busy the last couple of months. There was a small leak in the rubber roof that needed to be repaired by a roofer near the bathroom and the lights in our kitchen needed to be replaced/rewired (thanks Bob Fitzpatrick). There was a small plumbing leak in the kitchen. We called in a plumber who, after some investigation, found it was being caused by a clogged drain and hidden pipe that needed capped. Also, the old refrigerator at the parsonage finally gave out. We

had to have a new one put in so Pastor Chris and Angie could have cold food. (It is new, but it looks like the old one) Bob Barber has been busy working with the contractor on project upgrades at the Batesville cemetery. Please make sure you have a look when you have a chance. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our church properties.

Submitted by Linda Straight for the Trustees

Outreach

In August, we welcomed a guest from the United Methodist Church in Fishers speaking about the Greenhill Amani School in Kenya where we had previously donated funds for a classroom at the school. Pastor Chris took this opportunity to list all of our Outreach projects from the past year. When listed, it is awesome to see such an amazing act of faith and generosity from our congregation that we have been able to help so many locally, nationally and internationally.

This is a preview of what is scheduled for the remainder of 2025. I will obviously give more details when the month occurs.

September: Charles L. Flory Endowed Scholarship at the Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary. It marks the 25th year since Rev. Flory started the scholarship to help students in ministry.

October: Donation which will purchase cake mixes for the food pantry for holiday season

November: Special month of Giving- more information to follow!

December: Gift cards for those in need- more information to follow

Thank you for your light and love.

Sarah Heppner

Apple Dumplings at Applefest

The Apple Fest at Liberty Park will be Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28.

Batesville United Methodist Church will once again be making Apple Dumplings to sell both days.

So ... we will need lots of help on Thursday, September 25, and Friday, September 26, to get

ready. A sign-up sheet will be going out in September. Additionally, we plan to ask for recipe donations.

So ... get your apple peelers ready to go and pray for good weather!

Debbie Obermeyer 859-912-2481



Visiting Food Truck

Hop on Board

Ready to “leave the building?” Brighten someone’s day? Partner with a member of the Visitation Food Truck to visit our church family members in need. Following in the Lord’s footsteps, we can spread encouragement, comfort and support to others, maybe even ourselves. Will it take a lot of time? No. Do you need to memorize the Bible? No. Visit with a smile and some conversation to let members know, they are part of our family. Do you have time to touch base with a phone call? Can you send a card? Are you interested/available? Contact Nance Widdowson.

Children’s Church

September 7	Sarah Fitzgerald
September 14	Jordan Bergquist
September 21	Jordan Bergquist
September 28	Kendall Messerschmidt

Liturgists

September 7	Sarah Heppner
September 14	Sarah Fitzgerald
September 21	Marcy Moster
September 28	Debbie Wright

Scriptures

September 7	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Luke 14:25-33
September 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 21	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
September 28	Luke 16:19-31	1 Timothy 6:6-19

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts Wednesday, September 3 and September 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds Wednesday, September 10 and September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Rally Day ECH District September 13 – 10 a.m. Columbus First UMC

Administrative Council Monday, September 15 at 6 p.m.

Movie Night Sunday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Women’s Ministry Sunday, September 28 at 5 p.m.

Jacob’s Well

September 7	Blair and Melissa Kramer Family
September 14	Grant & Anna Reeves Family
September 21	John & Priscilla Christie Family
September 28	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald Family

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Bob & Sheila Smith
Cyndy Walther
George Hillman
Tony Trossman

Joan Moore

Merl Allen
Craig Summers
Brandt Maley
James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)
Mark McIntosh
Sesly Marshall
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.

Birthdays

September 5 John Snyder
September 9 Connor Renick
September 18 Sam Saner
September 23 Guili Zhang
September 26 Marilyn Schwegman
September 26 Joseph Choi

Greeters and Ushers

September 7 Kin Choi & Sara Snyder
September 14 John & Tina Snyder
September 21 Sean Fitzgerald & Gerry Werner
September 28 MacKenzie Kramer & Xiang Guo

Anniversaries

September 3 Hoagy & Deb Wright
September 5 Kin Choi & Sharon Chia
September 7 Kendall & Ryan Messerschmidt
September 12 Blair & Melissa Kramer
September 29 Pete & Cathy Nolan

Flower volunteers

September 7 Eric & Sarah Heppner
September 14 Chris & Jerilyn Lowery
September 21 Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
September 28 Blair & Melissa Kramer

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/>



Pastor Chris making the youth exercise during church service.

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.

Women's Ministry

Upcoming Event

Join the Women's Ministry Group on Sunday, Sept 24th at 5p for a Special Guest Speaker. Danielle Ogden, Licensed Occupational Therapist, will present "Grace in Motion: Choosing Life and Strength at Every Age." Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Women Go Hawaiian

The Women's Ministry Group enjoyed a luau in August. Luaus include Hawaiian food, music and dance. We experienced it all. Kulua pork, Huli Huli chicken, fruit salad and tropical desserts were served. Ladies learned to strum chords on a ukelele. And sang several songs accompanied by ukelele. We had fun learning a Hawaiian hula. Practicing movements and motions to tell the story of "Going to the Hukilau", a type of fishing with a net. Join us for more fellowship, food and fun in September.

Submitted by Kathy Newell



Scenes from August's Fifth Sunday Lunch



Discipleship Pathway

