



# Batesville United Methodist Church

## What does Easter mean to you?

Easter is the celebration and recognition of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus. For some it is the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection, symbolizing victory over sin and death, renewal, and new life. But Easter can have many different meanings for us personally. It is also a season of fifty days. The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith.



Graphic via Chat GPT

A pastor was sharing a children's sermon and asking a small group of young children what Easter meant.

One child eagerly piped up! That's When Jesus came out of the tomb!

The pastor enthusiastically said, "Yes! And do you know what that means?"

The child was excited having gotten the answer right, she continued, "I don't know for sure, but I think if he saw his shadow there'd be six more weeks of winter."

So what does Easter mean to you?

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[www.batesvilleumc.org](http://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

**“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.”**

**Acts 4:33**

## **Testifying to the Resurrection**

I was looking back at some the past articles I had written for the month of April. In 2020 I shared this passage with you as I also announced that we would not be gathering for Easter worship as we were on lock down from COVID. It is hard to believe that was 6 years ago!

But as I thought about it, I was reminded of what a joy it is that we can come together and worship a Risen Saviour! What joy it is walking into the sanctuary after experiencing the darkness of Friday, contemplating all that was lost, to be able to declare Christ is Risen, Indeed!

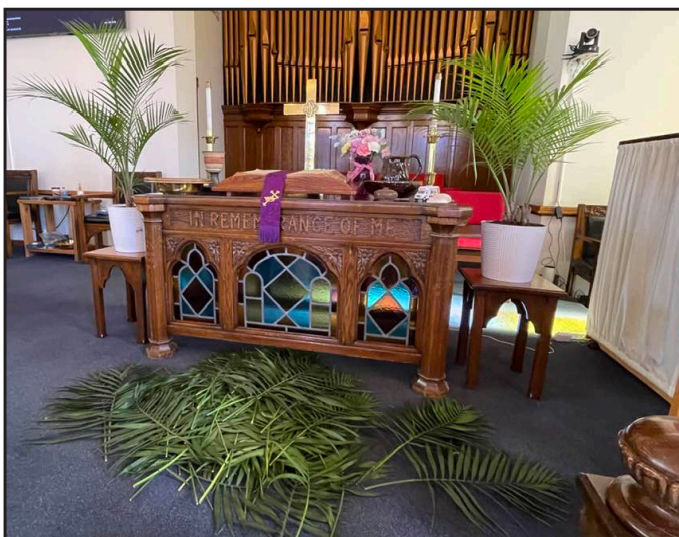
I also thought about all the ways we have continued to testify to the Resurrection through our lives, our Family of Faith and our ministries. And the ways in which God’s grace has so powerfully worked in all of these.

I am grateful for your faith, support, generosity, obedience, dedication and love as you continue to testify to the Resurrection. I recently had to work at another congregation in our district. A woman approached me and said she used to be a member here. As we talked, I discovered that was back in the early 1970s. She said it was always such a loving church and busy with ministries. I told her she should see it now!

The resurrected Christ continues to call, to shower us in grace and to testify to the resurrection. Easter people, listen for His voice, continue to be faithful and do the good work you have always faithfully done!

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.

# Save the date for annual women's dinner

## Knit Together in Love

**Batesville United Methodist 4th Annual Women's Dinner**  
**Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m.**

*“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*  
*Colossians 2:2-3*

Our guest speaker is Rev. Sarah Knapp, an ordained Elder in the UMC. Rev. Knapp grew up in Indiana and attended Indiana University. As a Wells Scholar, she studied in Jerusalem in 2001. She earned a degree at Harvard Divinity School and returned to Indianapolis to complete an internship with Interfaith Worker Justice. She currently serves as a Clinical Pastoral Educator at Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis. Sarah has two daughters – one in middle school and one in high school. We can't wait for you to meet her.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservations by May 7. Cost is \$15. Cash or checks payable to Batesville United Methodist Church. Drop in office or give to Debbie Obermeyer or Susie Rowland.



Charles Hartley, Hannah Bruns and Bruce Li were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Batesville Middle School April 2.

## AV

- April 3 Joe Roberts
- April 5 Robbie Bruns
- April 12 Joe Roberts
- April 19 Kin Choi
- April 26 Sean Fitzgerald

## Calendar

- 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.
- Buds – Wednesdays, April 8 and April 22 at 5:30 p.m.,
- Sprouts – Wednesdays, April 15, and April 29 at 5:30 p.m.
- Free Dinner – Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Administrative Council – Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m.
- Women’s Ministry – Sunday, April 26 at 5 p.m.

## Birthdays

- April 5 Logan Kramer
- April 5 MacKenzie Kramer
- April 16 Meg Liter
- April 17 Sharon Chia
- April 17 Bob Barber
- April 24 Ashley Price
- April 26 Lara Moster
- April 28 Sophie Hutchinson
- April 29 Nancy Burcham
- April 30 Tina Snyder

## Anniversaries

- April 12 Pastor Chris & Angie Renick

## Scriptures

- April 5 Colossians 3:1-4 **John 20:1-18**
- April 12 John 20:19-31 **1 Peter 1:3-9**
- April 19 1 Peter 1:17-23 **Luke 24:13-35**
- April 26 John 10:1-10 **Acts 2:42-47**

# Prayer List

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

## **Judy and Victoria**

Baby Hazel  
Moya Jones  
Lisa Haessig  
Christians in China  
Chris Lowery

## **John Roberts**

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

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



## **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

- April 3 John & Tina Snyder
- April 5 Sesly Marshall
- April 12 Sara Snyder & Sean Fitzgerald
- April 19 Hoagy Wright & Deb Wright
- April 26 Susie Rowland & Gerry Werner

## Jacob's Well

- April 5 Logan and MacKenzie Kramer
- April 12 Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
- April 19 The Renicks
- April 26 Michele & Gerry Werner

## Flower volunteers

- April 5 Congregation
- April 12 Congregation
- April 19 Guili Zhang
- April 26 Ralph & Judi Craig

## Children's Church

- April 5 Jordan Bergquist
- April 12 Sesly Marshall
- April 19 Kendall Messerschmidt
- April 26 Sarah Fitzgerald

## Liturgists

- April 5 Sean Fitzgerald
- April 12 Sarah Fitzgerald
- April 19 Chris Lowery
- April 26 Marc Emral

## 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](http://www.batesvilleumc.org)

Also on Facebook@Batesville United Methodist Church.

# Outreach

In March, Outreach supported Englishton Park Summer Camp. We donated \$500 to the camp which supports students ages 8-12 from Southeastern Indiana presenting learning and/or adjustment problems which preclude them from normal classroom participation.

Students are recommended by school counselors, teachers and/or parents with the goals of improving academic skills, changing attitudes toward learning, modifying behavior interfering with learning and experiencing success in school-type activities.

If you would like to know more information you can read about the camp at <https://www.englishtonpark.com/copy-of-camp-info>.

Submitted by Sarah Heppner

## Women Ministry learns of Last Supper

Wilma Flory shared some special items from her Last Supper Collection at the March 22 Women's Ministry meeting.

Those attending were able to see and handle a wide variety of art work, a carved walking stick, sculpture, paintings, and more. We had a wonderful conversation about the artists and



their interpretation of the Last Supper. We ended with a special painting by Rev. Charles Flory on slate tile from the church roof replacement. It was such a memorable evening.

Thank you Wilma.

### **April 26 Women's Ministry at 5 p.m.**

Special Guest - Jennifer "Jeff" Murchin will teach us simple painting techniques to decorate a 4x6 craft picture frame. All supplies provided. Join in for fellowship, fun and food.

# Free community meal



up, here are the dates for the coming months: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15. We will continue through the end of the year – always the third Saturday. If you have questions or wish to become more involved, contact a member of the 4:18 food truck or speak to Pastor Chris. Thank you for all you do to make us “the church that feeds people.



Scenes from the March Free Meal

Our church family has been busy serving meals to 200-plus members of the community each month. It has been a blessing to our church as well as those receiving the meals. Although it is work, it has been a great time of fellowship as we prepare, serve and deliver these meals. We have had so much help and support from everyone.

Our goal is to provide a meal every third Saturday of each month. Just to give you a heads

## Discipleship Pathway

