

November 2025 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

It was a Happy Halloween



It was a good time Halloween as the church gave out more than 600 full-sized candy bars, 12 gallons of hot chocolate, 2 gallons of hot cider and apples with dipping sauce. A fun evening

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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

Giving thanks

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17

We dedicated the month of November as a special time to “Give Thanks.”

We typically do that at Thanksgiving, but we thought setting aside the entire month was important. We have so much to be thankful for, so much to celebrate, it may take a entire month!

God is at work at BUMC and the amazing things that God is doing is enough to be filled with gratitude. It is because of God’s work that we celebrate our church family and the many new faces, the work of our youth, the new ministries, the renovations to our historical and beautiful building, the generosity of the entire congregation and the spiritual growth we are seeing.

The scriptures say a lot about gratitude, giving thanks and thankfulness. As in the passage above, we are reminded that in all things, the things we say and the things we do, we do it in Christ name, giving thanks. This gratitude we feel is not just emotion or the circumstances of life, it rooted in God, God’s love for us, God’s call and it permeates every aspect of our lives. It is reflected in everything we do, especially the small things.

Not to nerd out, but I was reminded of a quote the other day from the Lord of the Rings. Whether you have seen the movie or read the book or not the point is simple,

“Gandalf: I don’t know. Saruman believes that it is only great power that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I’ve found it is the small things, everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keeps the darkness at bay.”

It is every day, in all the things you are doing, even the simplest of things that the light of Christ is shining, cast a light of love, compassion, faithfulness, hope and gratitude. Let us celebrate this, let us give thanks to God and may we continue to be the living, breathing Body of Christ!

I Give Thanks to God for all of YOU!

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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.

November – The month of giving

For the month of November, we are collecting monetary and food donations for our Outreach Program

In December, we again will be distributing gift cards to those in need. A monetary donation to the Outreach Program in November will aid in the gift cards as well as our donations in the new year.

We also have a matching opportunity of \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund with what we receive in donations in November.

Another opportunity to support our friends in need is through a food collection.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture sent a letter informing states that there were insufficient funds to pay full SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits for November if the government shutdown continued. We are especially looking for donations that have long shelf lives, such as rice, dry noodles, jarred sauce, peanut butter, canned soup etc.

Each Sunday in November will be a collection opportunity. Bring any food items to church and place them on the table that will be at the front of the sanctuary. Mark any monetary donations that are given through the offering on the envelope or on the Memo part of the check as Outreach.

During this hard economic time, we realize many are hurting. Please only give if you are able and realize that your support through prayer, time, and kindness is just as important.

If you have any questions feel free to email me at sarahheppner64@gmail.com or call at 812-212-0862.

With much appreciation,

Sarah Heppner

4:18 Food Truck

We had our first meeting and had a great turnout. We are collecting information on the needs in our area and all the resources that are currently available. We hope to put together some backpacks and a plan of how we might fill the needs of those struggling in our area.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 pm.

Youth

Are you ready for the Youth play, “If We Do It, It Will Work” and the Great Cookie Extravaganza? Sunday Dec. 14, during the 10 a.m. service the kids will be performing a play, followed by a celebration and time of sharing the joy of the season!

The kids are working hard and we would love to see the sanctuary full! Please continue to pray for our Youth.



Scriptures

November 9 – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 **Luke 20:27-38**

November 16 – Isaiah 65:17-25 **Luke 21:5-19**

November 23 – Jeremiah 23:1-6 **Colossians 1:11-20**

November 30 – Isaiah 2:1-5 **Matthew 24:36-44**

(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

Calendar

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, Nov. 5 and 19
at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, Nov. 12 and 19
at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, November
17 at 6 p.m.

Community Free Dinner – Wednesday,
November 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens Prep – Sunday,
November 23

Women's Ministry – Sunday, November 23
at 5 p.m.

November is "Giving Thanks" month consider
a donation to Outreach, Pantry item or both.

Flower volunteers

November 9 – Sean and Sarah Fitzgerald

November 16 – Gerry and Michele Werner

November 23 – Vince and Marcy Moster

November 30 – Annette Lusk

Children's Church

November 9 – Val Stutler

November 16 – Jordan Bergquist

November 23 – Sarah Fitzgerald

November 30 – Melissa Kramer

Jacob's Well

November 9 – Kent and Barb Nettnay

November 16 – Bob and Carolee Barber

November 23 – Joe and Mary Kay Roberts

November 30 – Mel and Deb Obermeyer

Prayer list

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

John Roberts

Ralph Hochstetler

Bob and 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
Michael, Emily, Eric
Teachers and students, our children and youth,
Batesville community, Safe Passage, people in the
armed forces, people of Ukraine, Israel Palestine
Conflict,

State

Nation

Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau),

Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)



Family

Church

Community

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

November 9 – Sarah Heppner
November 16 – Sarah Fitzgerald
November 23 – Jerilyn Lowery
November 30 – Chris Lowery

Greeters and Ushers

November 9 – Mary Kay Roberts and Sean Fitzgerald
November 16 – Hoagy and Deb Wright
November 23 – Bob and Carolee Barber
November 30 – Susie Rowland and Tina Snyder

Birthdays

November 16 - Beth Smith
November 19 - David Wade
November 20 - Linda Hultman
November 26 – Jim Powell
November 29 - Alice Aylor

Anniversaries

November 10 - Heather and David Musick
November 16 - Mike and Teri McIntosh

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

Also on Facebook@Batesville United Methodist Church.



Women's Ministry

Under Jordan Bergquist's patient guidance and expertise, our Women's Ministry group created colorful seasonal wreaths. All ladies shared laughs and smiles as they created their masterpiece. Delicious soup and sour dough bread was enjoyed before the group adjourned to work on their wreaths.



Nov. 23 - Join us for a Thanksgiving Celebration. We will celebrate the many ways God has blessed our lives. We are blessed by love, support and fellowship with by our family and friends. Bring a friend with you to the meeting. We

will enjoy a game of Donation Bingo. Bingo cards provided. Bring coins/change to cover your Bingo card. We will donate our coins/change to Outreach at the end of the games. Prizes will be awarded.

Dec. 28 - What's next? What are you plans for 2026? Do you have a New Year's Resolution? Let's support, share and encourage each other in our next steps.

All ladies are welcome at the Women's Ministry meeting. Snacks and drinks provided.



Dec. 14 - Cookie Extravaganza

Bring cookies to share following the youth presentation of the play "If we do it, It will work" on December 14th at the 10am service.

Bake your favorite cookie or try a new recipe. Cookbooks are available on a table in the hallway.

We will celebrate the youth's accomplishment together.

Easy 5 Ingredient Sugar Cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup butter – softened
- Sugar for topping (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 °F (175 °C).
2. Mix sugar, butter and vanilla together; stir in flour.
3. Chill dough for 20-30 minutes.
4. Form dough into balls, place on cookie sheet, and flatten to ½ inch. Alternatively, for fun shapes, flatten the dough using your the palm of your hand or rolling pin and give cookie cutters a try.
5. Bake 12-15 minutes until edges begin to brown.
6. If desired, top with sugar. Let cool; enjoy!

Thank you, Chris and Angie



On behalf of the BUMC family, Nance Widdowson thanked Pastor Chris and Angie on Pastor Appreciation Day in October.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."



Church serving free community dinner

We are hosting a free community dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Fellowship Hall.

The need is great, especially this month. It is a wonderful thing we can do for the community.

The Buds will help at the dinner for a service project. Menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and lemonade and water.

Volunteers needed for the set up on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and for the dinner.

Discipleship Pathway

