

October 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

New flooring for the basement

Our big project for October is having the rest of the basement floors redone.

We will be replacing the tile in the kitchen, the sink/fridge area in the back, the turkey room, and the hallways. This new flooring will match what was just put in the fellowship hall.

The contractors were scheduled to start on Oct. 8 and it will be done in three stages over a few weeks.

In order to make this happen, we will be needing volunteers to help before, during, and after each stage. Examples of help needed would be: relocate storage items to different parts of the basement, move larger items, cleaning, covering areas/doorways/cabinets in plastic. We will be communicating more information on helping soon.

Just know that our downstairs will be a construction zone for the month of October. Be careful! Thanks in advance for everyone's help, support, and prayers.



Plastic was taped to the walls and cabinets to keep the dust out during the flooring work.

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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

Between 2 Trees

Living a Life of Faith

Our new Podcast ministry is now up and running with our very first Episode! Unfortunately, after listening to it I have come to realize that I do, in fact, hate the sound of my voice and I do, in fact, sound as dumb as I feared I was. Yet, nevertheless, God's grace is sufficient for even my short comings.

I know some have seemed to question the need for and importance of a Podcast. Although I do not usually listen to them, a great many people do, especially our younger generations and if this can be a tool to reach them it is definitely valuable.

I have also been asked about the name. I have shared this theological idea in sermons and with the Bible Study but it is worth repeating, especially if someone asks you about it.



It is based upon a Hebrew concept of God's plan of salvation that was adapted to a Christian perspective in the early church. It contrasts with the Greek concept, which we have covered but I will not in this article due to space. In the book of Genesis, God creates and it is good! A part of creation, specifically linked to humanity is the Tree of Life, (scholars debate as to whether it was an actual tree or not.) After the Fall, Adam and Eve's sin, humanity is cut off from God's presence and denied access to the Tree of Life. The plan of human salvation begins, edging forward to the arrival of Messiah, who will begin to establish the Kingdom of God, leading to the Messiah's return and in the book of Revelation, the Tree of Life is once again planted for humanity with the return of God's presence.

We live in this time, Between 2 Trees. We learn from what has occurred and look to the future with hope and assurance of God's promises and return. We live a life of faith as disciples of Jesus Christ, continuing Christ work of building the Kingdom of God and sharing the love and gift of Jesus with everyone. This life of faith is not an easy life and so we live in the community of the Body of Christ, welcoming others into this family of faith.

It is our hope that this Podcast ministry will be a way of telling others about the church, about God's love, helping them in their own struggles to live a life of faith and to encourage those who are struggling. If you have any ideas for a Podcast please let Joe Roberts or me know.

Grace and peace

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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.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry enjoyed an energetic presentation on Sept. 28 by Occupational Therapist Danielle Ogden.

Danielle spoke on "Grace in Motion: Choosing Life and Strength at Every Age." During her talk, she paused briefly at each age group to have us participate in Sit to Stand exercises. Danielle encouraged us to not just exercise, not just work out, but to include the kind of movements that says: I'm still here, I'm still living, I still choose life.

Our movements will differ as we progress through the ages. Even simple movements - standing from a chair or lifting your arms in worship – remind you and remind your body, God's not done with you yet. You are important, you have value at every age.

Many thanks to Danielle.



Danielle Ogden

Upcoming Women's Ministry Events

Oct. 26

Jordan Bergquist will lead the group in creating holiday-themed wreaths to take home. Please RSVP so we can have supplies ready for that all want to participate.

Thinking about trying some new menu ideas for holiday meals. Bring a cookbook you are not using anymore. We'll trade our cookbooks. Any books left over will be offered to the congregation. Any books remaining will be donated to Friends of the Library for their next used book sale.

Nov. 23

Thankfulness Celebration. We will celebrate the many ways God has blessed our lives. One blessing is the support and encouragement provided by our friends. We invite you to bring a friend with you to our meeting. Maybe they worship at BUMC, maybe not. All ladies are welcome.

Dec. 28

What's Next – what are your plans for 2026? What's your New Year's Resolution? What are your 2026 goals? How can we help each other get there? Let's support, share and encourage each other in our next steps.

Women's Ministry provides snacks and drinks at every meeting.

For more information, contact Kathy Newell.



Visitation Food Truck

Visitation Food Truck volunteers are ready to roll the truck out of the garage. If you are interested in riding along with us, we have plenty of room in the truck.

You may be able to do in-person visits to members of the BUMC family. Make a phone call. Send an encouraging card. (Card and postage will be provided) Please reach out to Nance Widdowson or Kathy Newell.

Children's Church

October 12 – Kendall Messerschmidt

October 19 – Jordan Bergquist

October 26 – Melissa Kramer

Liturgists

October 12 – Angie Renick

October 19 – Chris Lowery

October 26 – Pete Nolan

Scriptures

October 12 – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 **Luke 17:11-19**

October 19 – Luke 18:1-8 **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

October 26 – Joel 2:23-32 **Luke 18:9-14**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

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

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

Women's Ministry – Sunday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.

Trick or Treat at BUMC – Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Jacob's Well

October 12 – Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

October 19 – Gerry & Michele Werner

October 26 – Andy & Jen Saner

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.

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.



Sharon Chia and Kin Choi were welcomed into the church in September.

Happy birthday Naomi

Naomi Melia is celebrating her 88th birthday on October 14. We'd like to have a card shower for her. Send her a card at:

Card shower for
Naomi Melia
c/o St. Andrews Health Campus
1400 Lammers Pike
Batesville, IN 47006

Birthdays

October 3 - Mary Kay Roberts
October 3 - Kent Nettnay
October 3 - Tyler Musick
October 7 - Owen Lewis
October 10 - Clifton Straight
October 14 - Naomi Melia
October 20 - Marjorie Powell
October 25- Zach Wade
October 26 - Jim Powell
October 31 - Doris Brandes

Greeters and Ushers

October 12 – Sean Fitzgerald & Sara Snyder
October 19 – Marc Emral & Kin Choi
October 26 – Tina & John Snyder

Anniversaries

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

Flower volunteers

October 12 – Ralph & Judi Craig
October 19 – Joe & Mary Kay Roberts
October 26 – Bob & Carolee Barber

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, check it out. When you have any ideas or information or pictures for the website, send them to Joe Roberts.

Also, if you have not yet been to the church's Facebook page or Instagram, check them out as well and click to "FOLLOW" <https://batesvilleumc.org/>

BUMC serves dumplings, barbecue



Wow, what a tremendous effort for this event! What a great church family. We had plenty of help on prep day, even more help on make and bake day and the booth was always fully staffed. Thank You So Much!

Thank you to everyone who donated the needed ingredients to make the dumplings and other needed items. Thanks to Debbie and Mel Obermeyer for running around to Costco, Sam's Club, Dolls Orchard and Wick's Pies. A very special thanks to John and Tina Snyder for donating and cooking the pulled pork.

After the expenses of booth rental, apples and pie crusts we made \$4,000. But the big payoff was the opportunity to work together for a single purpose. Add to that the opportunity for our church to be out in the community talking with people and it was definitely a win-win. So until next September....



Food Pantry

It's that time of year again when our church family provides cake mixes for the Batesville Food Pantry holiday collection.

This year, we're trying something different. In cooperation with the Outreach Committee, we will be taking a special offering during the month of October. We will use the collection to buy the cake mixes, ensuring that the pantry receives the donation so families will have choices for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please contact Amy Liter at amliter3@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!



Larry Montgomery using a butter knife to weed in the parking lot.



Hannah and Rob Bruns assemble puzzle pieces of a body to symbolize the many different ways the congregation contribute to our Church.



Discipleship Pathway

