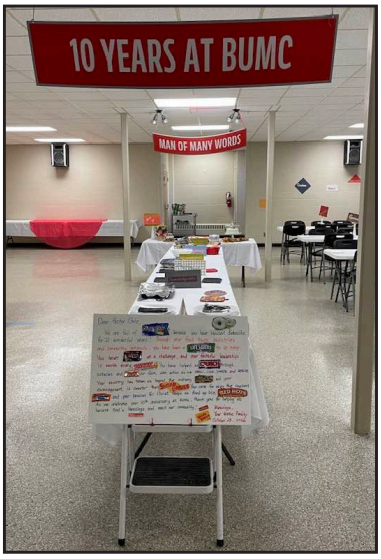
November 2026 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

10 years for Chris, Angie







Pastor Chris and Angie were surprised at the celebration for his 10 years at BUMC. Both were moved to tears and laughter throughout the videos from members of the congregation. All were entertained by the Bruns family singing.

One of the largest gathering for a dinner feted the couple after the 10 a.m. service.

Thank you Chris for you 10 years of service, comfort, humor, compassion, knowledge and caring.



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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

Advent



We are entering into the business of the Holiday season, while taking the time to give thanks for all that we have certainly been blessed with! As a part of that gratitude, we give thanks for all that God has done, is doing and will do. So, Nov. 29 brings us to another new year and another season of Advent!

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the church year for Christians.

During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of the Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for and need of forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

Although today, in our modern culture Christmas season begins some time shortly after the 4th of July, Advent is an important season in the life of the church and in our own personal lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Not only are we preparing to celebrate Christ birth, but we are also reminded of the hope we share as we prepare for Jesus, 2nd coming!

This work of preparation is an important time, a reminder of how short the time is and all that we are called to be doing as we prepare for Christ coming. But Advent is also difficult. Imagine the archer, with bow and arrow at the ready at all times. The strain of constantly being ready and aware can be tiring. This is why Advent is important, a renewal of focus and a full reliance upon the strength of God and not our own.

So may this Advent create in us a renewed sense of energy and excitement for Christ return and the fulfillment of all of God's promises!

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.

Women Ministry giving back to community



Our Women's Ministry group enjoyed relaxing, talking, and sharing prayers together on Sunday, Oct. 25.

We discussed several ways to give back to our community during the holiday season. The group ultimately decided to host a breakfast for our Batesville Community School Corp. bus drivers.

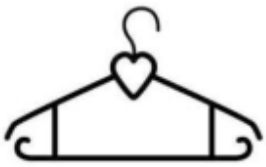
The School Bus Driver Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 9, at 8 a.m. Breakfast is in the Bulldog Room at Batesville High School. More information will be shared at November meeting.

Next Women's Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.. Get ready for Cookie exchange. Bring your favorite cookie recipe to share. We'll finalize plans for Bus Driver Breakfast. As always, be ready to share food, fun and fellowship.

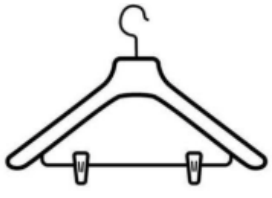
Outreach to help Coats for Kids program

For October, Outreach is donating $400 to the United Way for Franklin and Ripley Counties for their Coats for Kids Program. As stated from their site, "Our Coats for Kids effort is one of those simple things that can make a big difference. A warm coat means a child can wait for the bus, play outside at recess, head to school and go about their day without something as basic as staying warm being a worry." Every $20 assures a child gets a new, warm coat.









Calendar

Bible Study	Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
TC4H Tai Chi Study	Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.
Chrismons	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Buds	Wednesday, November 4 and 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Sprouts	Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Administrative Council	Monday, November 16 at 6 p.m.
Women's Ministry	Sunday, November 22 at 5 p.m.

Birthdays

November 16	Beth Smith
November 19	David Wade
November 20	Linda Hultman
November 26	Jim Powell

Anniversaries

November 16 Mike & Teri McIntosh
November 29 Tony & Janet Batta

Happy Halloween!





The church gave out about 630 full-sized candy bars during trick-or-treat on Halloween. A large dachshund joined others in distributing the candy and hot chocolate.

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Jim Walther
Janet Hagerty
Diana Kirby
Lucille Snyder
Wayne Pinkerton
Shoufeng Mei (Guili Zhang's mother)
Michele and Gerry Werner
Judy and Victoria
Ron Boice
Moya Jones
Lisa Haessig
Christians in China
Chris Lowery
Bob & Sheila Smith
George Hillman
Tony Trossman
Joan Moore
Merl Allen
Craig 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)
Ted and Ginny Hartshorn
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)
Nancy Dinnen



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.

Scriptures

November 1	Revelation 7:9-17	**1 John 3:1-3**
November 8	Joshua 24:1-3, 14-18	**Matthew 25:1-13**
November 15	Judges 4:1-7	**Matthew 25:14-30**
November 22	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	**Matthew 25:31-46**
November 29	Isiah 64:1-9	**Matthew 13:24-37**

Liturgists

November 1	Chris Lowery
November 8	Marc Emral
November 15	Sean Fitzgerald
November 22	Angie Renick
November 29	Deb Wright

Jacob's Well

November 1	Kent & Barb Nettnay
November 8	The Saner Family
November 15	The Snyder Family
November 22	Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
November 29	Ann Stokes & Teresa Burdette

Children's Church

November 1	Jordan Bergquist
November 8	Kendall Messerschmidt
November 15	Sarah Fitzgerald
November 22	Sesly Marshall
November 29	Jordan Bergquist

Flower volunteers

November 1	Bob & Carolee Barber
November 8	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
November 15	Doug & Mona Wilson
November 22	Ann Stokes
November 29	Pastor Chris & Angie Renick

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/

Greeters and Ushers

November 1	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
November 8	Bob & Carolee Barber
November 15	Mary Kay Roberts & Gerry Werner
November 22	John & Tina Snyder
November 29	Susie Rowland & Sara Snyder

COMMUNITY FREE MEAL

All are welcome!

Every 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm

November 21st meal

Thanksgiving Special
with Sides and Dessert

Carryout or Delivery

Batesville United Methodist Church
106 South Park Avenue

Local delivery orders can be placed by calling

812-934-3137

call to reserve your delivery by Wednesday, please

Our 2026 Program Supporters

Ripley County Community Foundation
Women's Giving Circle Grant
Sally Morris Community Impact Grant

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
Batesville Food Pantry
His Hands Ministry
Southeastern Indiana REMC

J.T.M. Food Group
Food & Growers Association
Franklin Co. Cattlemen's Association
The Tribe
The Garrett Group
St. Louis School Cafeteria
Friends of BUMC



You can exchange your favorite cookies



The second annual Christmas Cookie Exchange is Dec. 6 after the 10 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee, punch and hot chocolate available.

Bring your favorite cookies to share. Enjoy a cookie, take home some cookies.

This year you'll have a chance to make a cookie plate for a member of our congregation who is unable to attend the Cookie Exchange. You can deliver the cookies or members of our Visitation Food Truck will deliver.



Help New Horizons celebrate Christmas



New Horizons Christmas Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 10, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Join in the fun with New Horizon clients baking cookies and making Christmas ornaments. There will be a special Christmas Gift Table. New Horizon clients can pick a Christmas gift for someone they love. We will help them wrap their gift. Lunch, music, love provided.

Discipleship Pathway

