

May 2026 Newsletter



Batesville United Methodist Church

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.

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.

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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

“If anyone so much as gives you a cup of water because you are Christ’s—I say this solemnly—he won’t lose his reward.”

Mark 9:41 NLT

Little Things?

Small, simple acts of love and kindness, are they just little things? In the passage above from Mark’s gospel Jesus seems to make it clear that even in the little things, when done in Christ name are powerful and seen by God! I know it is easy to think of the small things as not important, not life changing but it is in these acts of love and obedience that we serve Christ and fulfill our call as Jesus’s Disciples.

Someone volunteers to take a little one back to the nursery, a card or a phone call to check on someone, a gift card when it is needed, a ride to work, taking a moment to listen to a child, a shared meal, sharing your hymnal. All of these can seem small almost insignificant and yet Jesus tells us, “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Can loving as Jesus loved ever be a small act? It is in these seemingly small actions of love that we are identifying ourselves with Christ.

I want you to know I see what you are doing, your acts of love and obedience are making a difference in the lives of the people you are serving, and I thank you for your willingness to live and be like Jesus!

Keep it up, keep loving and serving, even when it seems so small and when God joins in, expect amazing things, and expect even bigger things to come from it!

Grace and peace

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Scriptures

May 3	Acts 7:55-60	John 14:1-14
May 10	Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 17	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 24	John 7:37-39	Acts 2:1-21
May 31	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

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.

Outreach helping tornado victims

In May Outreach will donate \$500 to UMCOR for disaster response, primarily the tornadoes and flooding that has occurred in Michigan, our neighbors in the north. Both Michigan and Wisconsin have had a tough spring when it comes to weather.



As always, our generous congregation continues to support those in need locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you for your support – financially, and in prayer.

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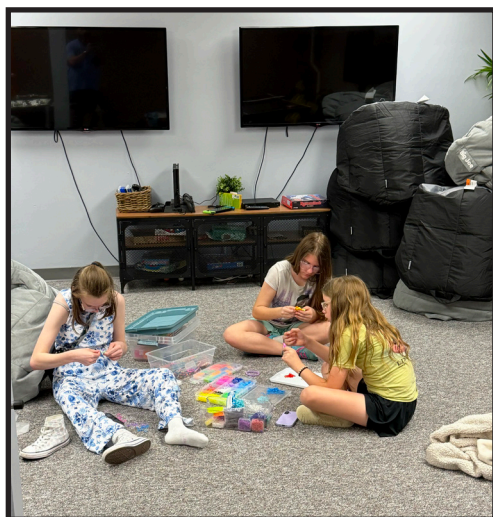
The BUDS had a great time during our lock-In and a big thank you to Sesly Marshall for helping to chaperone.

Our year is quickly coming to an end. Our May schedule before the summer break is:

BUDS – May 6 and 20 at 5:30 p.m.

SPROUTS – May 13 at 5:30 p.m.

We will be hosting our annual Pool Party on Sunday, July 19 at the Batesville City Pool!





Calendar

Chrismons – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesdays, May 6 and May 20,
at 5:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Dinner – Monday, May 11, at 6
p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, May
18, at 6 p.m.

Women's Ministry – Sunday, May 24, at 5
p.m.

Pitch-In Dinner – Sunday, May 31 after the
10 a.m. service

Birthdays

May 3	Oliver Moster
May 9	Jeff Liter
May 11	Sarah Heppner
May 23	Linda Mills
May 24	John Greiwe
May 28	Vickie Greiwe

Anniversaries

May 12	Guili Zhang & Xiang Guo
May 16	David & Andrea Wade
May 17	Tim & Bev Giesting
May 30	Mike & Linda Hultman

AV

May 3	Bruce Li
May 10	Joe Roberts
May 17	Bruce Li
May 24	Robbie Bruns
May 31	Sean Fitzgerald



Prayer List

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

Debbie Grossman
Judy and Victoria

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's 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 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.

Greeters and Ushers

May 3	Bob & Carolee Barber
May 10	Sarah Fitzgerald & Sara Snyder
May 17	John & Tina Snyder
May 24	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
May 31	Linda Straight & Kin Choi

Jacob's Well

May 3	John Christie
May 10	Bob & Carolee Barber
May 17	Kathy Newell & Marc Emral
May 24	The Snyders
May 31	Ann Stokes & Teresa Burdette

Flower volunteers

May 3	Hoagy & Deb Wright
May 10	Bob & Carolee Barber
May 17	Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald
May 24	Ann Stokes
May 31	Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

Children's Church

May 3	Kendall Messerschmidt
May 10	Jordan Bergquist
May 17	Sarah Fitzgerald
May 24	Sesly Marshall
May 31	Jordan Bergquist

Liturgists

May 3	Deb Wright
May 10	Bob Barber
May 17	Joe Roberts
May 24	Sarah Heppner
May 31	Jerilyn Lowrey

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.

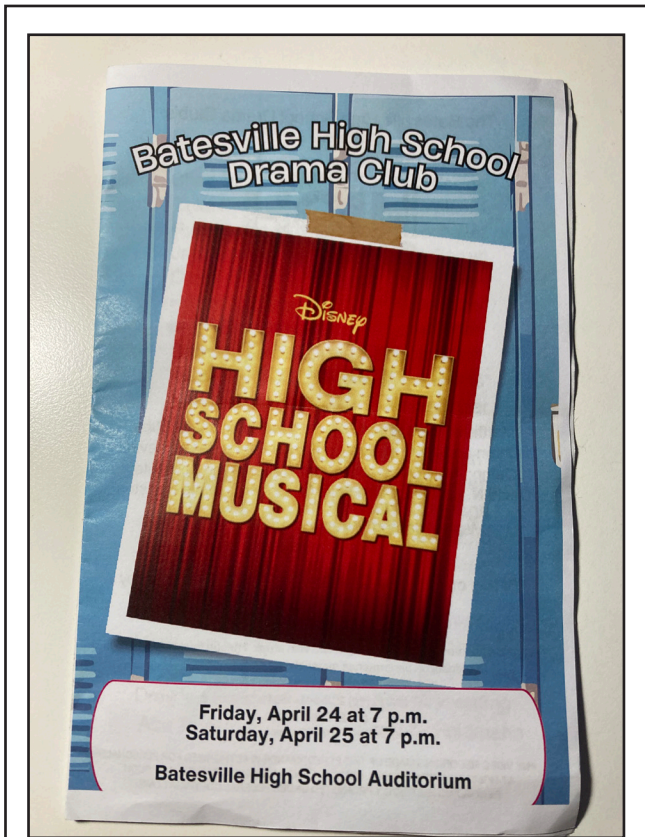
Also, if you have not yet been to the church's Facebook page or Instagram, please check them out as well and click to "FOLLOW" <https://batesvilleumc.org/>

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.



Two members of the BUMC congregation were actors in the Batesville High School's production of "High School Musical."

Grace Saner played Ms. Darbus and Charlotte Hurtley was a Thespians in the play that drew rave reviews.

Fast runner

Cael Luhman holds the fastest time in the 2400-meter race at Batesville Middle School. The race has been run since last season and he keeps lowering the record.



William Newell was the first place winner in the VFW Post 3183 Patriot's Pen contest this year.

Will's essay, which he read at an awards ceremony, followed this year's theme, "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

This page will be devoted to the celebrations, awards and other recognitions of our congregation. E-mail your information, including a photo if you have one, to marcemral@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry frames the evening

With the guidance of artist Jennifer "Jeff" Murchin, the Women's Ministry participants enjoyed a creative evening. Using easy techniques everyone mastered painting tricks to decorate picture frames. Lots of fun, food and fellowship.

Join us on May 24 at 5 p.m. Debbie Obermeyer will lead a discussion "Where are You From?" Bring a picture of you as a child to share with the group.

On June 28 at 5 p.m., Tricia Fasbinder, from Candyland Creations, will join us. She'll share the history of chocolate and more. She'll have samples to share. Plus, Tricia will teach us how to make our own chocolate treats. You won't want to miss this sweet event. See you there.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Discipleship Pathway

