

November 2023 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

Sunday was a fun day at church

The last Sunday in October brought the congregation together for a pitch-in lunch after the 10 a.m. service.

A quilt with leaves featuring the names of all our congregation members was presented to Pastor Chris in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month.



The quilt was imagined and made by Kathy Newell and Nance Widdowson.

That evening, the Charge Conference met at church and concluded with a carnival in fellowship hall.

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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

Food Wagon



“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor.”
1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Way back in 2016, in the days before Food Trucks were invented, the ministry of Food Trucks was taking place. Food wagons? I was recently reminded of this just the other day, as I was taking down the tomato plants in the yard.

Many of you know, back in 2016 as Angie and I were preparing to move to our new appointment in Batesville, Indiana, I received a phone call from one of the members at BUMC, his name was Kent. Kent asked me if I liked tomatoes. I told him I did and usually put out a few plants each year. When we arrived at Batesville, next to the garage was a large patch of freshly planted tomato plants. Each year Kent returns and plants a new batch of tomatoes. The plants produce much more fruit than I can eat and some in the neighborhood began to stop and ask if they might be able to pick some tomatoes. Now, 8 years later that patch of tomatoes has grown into a neighborhood ministry, providing fresh tomatoes to many people in the community.

Last week as I was taking down the plants a car pulled up behind me and a woman began to yell, “Excuse me! Excuse me! Are those your tomatoes?”

I was expecting a complaint that I was taking down the plants and I thought to myself, why would I be tearing down someone else’s plants? But I turned around and told her, “Yes.”

She said, I want you to know I have been keeping an eye out, hoping to meet you. I wanted you to know just how much those tomatoes have meant to my family, especially my sister. She said her sister had lived a very difficult life and never really had much of anything, but every year as the plants were put into the ground, she got very excited. She loved tomatoes and it meant so much that somebody was so willing to be kind to her and share them.

She said, my sister passed away in 2022, but my family has continued to enjoy and appreciate those tomatoes. In fact, she said, they have inspired me to put out two plants in pots on my balcony, and when I have extra, I share them!

It all began with someone who had a passion for growing things and a willing heart to share with the new pastor. That small gesture has now grown into a blessing for many, many people. Too often, we fail to see our small part in the greater work of God. So let us remember, one plants, one waters, but it is God who provides the growth!

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.

Oct. 29 was a busy day. First services. A pitch-in featuring soups. Then a carnival after the Charge Conference.



The soup line.



District Superintendent Rev. In Suk Peebles tries her hand at ring toss during the carnival after the Charge Conference.



Those attending the pitch-in feasted on several appetizers and salads and desserts all made by the congregation.



Those attending the Charge Conference had food (hot dogs, walking tacos, sno cones, popcorn, played games, and mingled during a carnival staffed by members of the congregation.



Scriptures

November 12 - Leviticus 19:9-18 **Luke 10:25-37**

November 19 - Deuteronomy 8:7-18
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

November 26 - Matthew 25:31-46 **Psalm 100**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

Choir - Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts - Wednesday, November 1, and
Wednesday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Buds - Wednesday, November 8, and Wednesday,
November 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council - Monday, November
20 at 6 p.m.

Birthdays

November 1 – Edison Messerschmidt
November 16 – Beth Smith
November 19 – David Wade
November 20 – Linda Hultman
November 29 – Alice Moyars

Anniversaries

November 16 – Mike & Teri McIntosh
November 26 – Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

Flower volunteers

November 5 - David & Andrea Wade
November 12 - Steve & Tricia Hutchinson
November 19 - Pastor Chris & Angie Renick
November 26 - Sarah Heppner

Prayer List

Bishop Trimble
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Shannon MacLaren
Rachel (Barb N. Niece)
Doris Brandes
Betty Lou Barber
Pam Walston
Craig Summers
Zayden
Mark Burkert
Mary Beth Brinkman
Tyson Summers
Dale Parmer
Mike Vance
Rachael Hoff
Priscilla Elzey
Chris Schutte (Charlotte Kothman)
Tony Drummond (Susie)
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
Vergie Bane
Nancy Dinnen
Hoagy Wright,
Teachers and Students
Our Children and Youth
Batesville Community
Safe Passage

People in the Armed Forces
People of Ukraine, Israel conflict
Susan Wonnell (Chateau)
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Gloria Riley (Chateau)
Ron Simpson (St. Andrews)
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)
John Lewis
Virgin Smith (Aspen Place)



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.

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.

Prayer at 10:02



The Kramers and Messerschmidts spent their fall break at Disney World.

Batesville Food Pantry Holiday Collection

Our church family will once again be collecting cookie mixes for the pantry. Please start checking for sales and picking up mixes to drop off at the church. If you would rather give a financial donation to the church and have us purchase the mixes, please contact Amy Liter at amliter3@gmail.com. Thank you!

Please remind everyone we will also need volunteers for the month of December at the Food Pantry!

Jacob's Well

November 12 - Bev Giesting
November 19 - Julia Kiefer
November 26 - Nance Widdowson

Liturgists

November 12 - Sarah Heppner
November 19 - Marcy Moster
November 26 - Hoagy Wright

Children's Church

November 12 - Sarah Fitzgerald
November 19 - Jordan Bergquist
November 26 - Val Stutler

Greeters & Ushers

November 12 - Keegan Moster & Hoagy Wright
November 19 - Linda Straight & Connie Miller
November 26 - Bob Barber & Carolee Barber

Getting to know the Reeves

Who's in your family?

Grant, Anna, Emeline (12), Cora (9)

How did you get to Batesville?

We moved from the eastern side of Franklin County for changes in Grant's career path and to be closer to more activities for the kids. I grew up in Rushville and Anna on the east side of Cincinnati, so Batesville splits the difference between both sets of grandparents.

What jobs do/did you have?

Anna is an electrical engineer. Grant is primarily a financial advisor and an attorney.

What do you most like about Batesville United Methodist Church?

Anna grew up in a Methodist Church and Grant grew up a Quaker. We have shifted between the two as we have lived in various places. So far, Batesville UMC has been very welcoming and provides good activities for the kids.

What activities are your family active in for the church?

The kids have been going to youth group and we have been meeting with our small dinner group.

What is your favorite scripture reading?

Hmmm ... not sure how to answer that one for all of us. How about favorite hymn instead? Grant - "I'll Fly Away," Anna and Emeline - "For the Beauty of the Earth," Cora - "He Arose."



What does your family like to do to relax?

Grant - Trying to figure out how to get solar panels and geothermal at our new house (like we had at our old house) and driving the Tesla, Anna - doing yard work and watching *Escape to the Country*, Emeline - riding horses, Cora - drawing and playing with friends

What events in Batesville does your family enjoy?

We are still learning about events (since we just moved in May). We are enjoying the YMCA and being very close to all the school and church activities for the kids.

What is your favorite go-to vacation place or places?

Quaker Haven (Quaker church camp near Syracuse, IN) and going on big looping road trips in the Tesla. We went through the Mid-Atlantic and Tennessee last year and just returned from a loop across Upstate New York and over to Maine.

BUMC Outreach

Due to your compassion and generosity BUMC has been able to participate in several important Outreach opportunities. \$750 was sent to Africa University to be used as an annual scholarship on behalf of Bishop Tremble, in recognition for his years of ministry in the UMC.

Little Zayden, who was diagnosed with leukemia a few months ago, and his family were adopted for 4 months and groceries and necessary gas was provided for him to get to his treatments. All thanks to all of you!

The Outreach team is looking into a UMC school in Kenya that helps about 250 children get an education. Many UMC churches in Southern

Indiana have helped with this school, Green Hill Academy. The children are exceeding the requirements for education in Kenya and are learning about Jesus. They have several projects going on and we may partner with this school. Many of you shared an interest in Global Missions and this would be a part of that interest.

It is amazing to continue to see God at work through our congregation and through all of you as we continue to endeavor to reach out to our community, our nation and the world. Thank you for help, your generosity and your love for the Kingdom!

PC

Church donate items to baby shower

The Batesville United Methodist Church collected items for the Ripley County Baby Shower, a community-wide event, on Oct. 21. Partners included the Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corp. (SIEOC), Pregnancy Hotline, WIC, any other resources.

“Thank you so much again for all this,” Ashley Salyer, of the Ripley County Health Department. “We have currently 35 moms signed up, that’s just for pack-and-play. So we’ve estimated 50, if not more, moms to come through for this stuff. So it’s greatly, greatly appreciated.”

There were car seat installations and checks and giveaways from businesses.



Ashley Salyer with the items BUMC donated for the Ripley County Baby Shower.

Crop Walk

On Sunday, October 1, Wilma Flory and Connie Miller completed the CROP walk along with 70 other people from around the county. It was a beautiful day to enjoy lunch at Liberty Park and a walk. The congregation generously donated \$310 to help the hungry in our county and around the world!

A thanks

I wanted to reach out to all the team captains who provided email addresses from our Crop Walk which was held on October 1st., at the Batesville Liberty Park. I am pleased to report that from the 16 teams that participated we had 65 walkers in total, not including some of the volunteers who were supporting the day's event. We raised a total of \$8,815.52 to date. If you would like to know what your team raised on an individual team basis, please email me and I will be happy to provide that information.

**Sincerely,
Bill Craig, Treasurer
2023 Ripley County CROP Hunger Walk**

Have News?

If you have news you want to share about your family, your work, or something you are involved with in the community, send it to us. We've love to tell the congregation about it. Send it to marcemral@gmail.com. Include a photo is you have one.



Three youths from BUMC were in the Batesville Middle School's production of "Seussical Jr." in late September. Shown are Tyler Musick, William Newell and Mackenzie Kramer. Also in the production was

Ode to Pastor Chris

The Bruns family – Rob, Mary, Robby And Hannah – performed this song written by the Bruns at the pitch-in in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month.



“Ode to Pastor Chris”

To the melody of “Country Roads” by John Denver

Sunday morning, Pastor’s preach’n,
I am listen’n, but my dad is sleep’n.
Life is good here, the Batesville UMC.
We have Pastor Chris, Angie has our sympathy.

Pastor Chris, we are blessed
To have you here, with all of us
Your sense of humor, well you try your best
We are blessed, with Pastor Chris

Fun memories, Buds & children’s time
Soccer in the hall, broken ceiling lights
Zoo overnight, the fruit roll up race,
I’m the reigning champion, Robby in your face!

Pastor Chris, we are blessed
To have you here, with all of us
Your sense of humor, well it’s the best
We are blessed, with Pastor Chris

Seriously though, we are so grateful
You and Angie are our family,
And walking down our paths,
we feel your care in walking
right beside us, faithfully, faithfully

Pastor Chris, we are blessed
To have you here, with all of us
Image of Jesus, you love and lead us,
We are blessed, with Pastor Chris

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Halloween



The Sprouts had a carving party before Halloween.



These church members braced cold and wind to pass out candy and hot chocolate at the church on Halloween night. And, yes, that is Pastor Chris riding a bull.

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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person at 6:30 p.m. and currently studying Confession, Repentance and Grace..



Nance Widdowson and Kathy Newel worked hard to acquire the names of the congregation's families on the leaves. They kept it a secret all during October from Pastor Chris.

Discipleship Pathway

