

February 2021 Newsletter

Batesville United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship

10:00 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



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

Small Acts of Kindness

Sometimes I wonder if we haven't made things much more difficult than they need to be. In fact, it is this same complexity that I think inhibits many disciples of Jesus Christ, from fulfilling the very call of Jesus, to go and make disciples. We have begun to believe that it takes a persuasive argument, a complete understanding of theology, or some special and elaborate program of the church.

Micah 6:8 puts it very simply, what does the Lord require of you, to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Many respond with, “well yes but it's more complicated than that.” But is it?

I heard a story the other day. This younger man lives in a rural area. He has been there for a year and half. He passes his is closest neighbor's house everyday to and from work. For a year and half, everyday he waves to the older gentleman as he drives by. Just a wave, as their only means of communication for a year and a half. Until one Saturday as he was driving into town, he passed the older gentleman's house and saw the garage door up. He waved to the man and went to town to get coffee. While getting his coffee he decided he would purchase one for the older man and stop and introduce himself.

As he pulled into the drive the older gentleman came walking out and he gave him the coffee and introduced himself. The older gentleman was all smiles and his daughter came out. She explained that her father has autism, and his favorite part of the day, what he looks most forward to, is when this young man drives by on his way to work and home and waves.

The young man was touched in his heart, not having any idea this small act of kindness could impact another person's life so much!

Small acts of kindness, justice and humbly walking with God. These are the things that can change the world. These are the things we are called to do. These are things we can do!

Grace and peace

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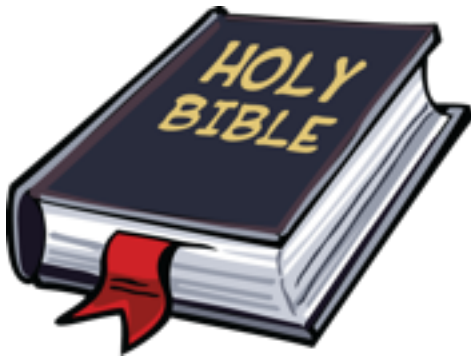




REMINDER

From our webpage you can watch our Sunday Services live or any time with the archives!

<http://www.batesvilleumc.org>



Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are currently meeting through ZOOM, studying the Gospel of Matthew. If you are interested in participating contact Pastor Chris and he will send you a link.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday: by appointment with Pastor Chris
Tuesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 m
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please Note: Pastor Chris is not in the office on Fridays.

Thank you!

PRAYERS

Bishop Trimble, Rev. Russ Abel (CS), Pastor Chris & Family, **Family of Julia Creasy (Alice Aylor)**, Connie & Smitty Rozman, Charlie Greiwe, Nancy Dinnen, Hoagy Wright, Carolyn Giugni, Naomi Melia, Linda Amberger, Ted Hartshorn, Connie Summers, Elaine Wessling, Teachers and Students, Les Smith, Darrin and Trish Woodrum, Matt Litton, Ginny Hartshorn, MacKenzie Kramer, Andrew Murphy (Matt Trossman), Lesa Worthington (Dixie Butte), Rev. Charles Flory, Denny Harmeyer, Anthony Pemberton (Naomi Melia), Steve Brinkman (Mary Kay Roberts), Janice Schein, Barb Schwartz, Mary Linger, Karl Hinkle, Owen Lewis, Jackie Schaefer (Wright), Cody Ryan (Hisrich), Dee Dudgeon, Edie & Wilbur Zimmer, Our Children and Youth, Batesville Community, Safe Passage, People in the Armed Forces, Irene Fitzpatrick (Chateau), Susan Wonnell (Chateau), Betty Schaefer (St. Andrews), Patty McFall (Stutler, Otterbein Retirement), Bill Hisrich (The Waters).

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. Thank you!



OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach team hopes you will tune in to the February 7th service. Steven Uhde from New Life International will be the speaker for the annual Faith Promise Mission! We look forward to hear him via video.

Outreach Team



Audio/Visual Team

Our team has been busy, most likely you have seen a lot of the work that has gone into our LiveStream service. Improvements continue to be made and our Live service is now available on the Batesville United Methodist Church Facebook page. The new TV's are going up! Now available new webpage!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



February 3rd - Shelby Aylor
February 6th - Matthew Aylor
February 10th - Sandy Dickey
February 11th - Ted Hartshorn
February 16th - Barb Schwartz
February 17th - Jerilyn Lowery
February 17th - Barb Nettnay
February 19th - Bob Fitzpatrick
February 19th - Ginny Hartshorn
February 28th - Ralph Craig
February 28th - Vergie Sharp

February 5th - Judi & Ralph Craig
February 17th - Ken & Barb Nettnay

SPROUTS - KIDS CLUB



A big thank you to all the SPROUTS who submitted their artwork for the January contest. The theme for this contest was "What I miss most about church." They were all very good and it was a very difficult decision to make but a decision had to be made. Our winner for the mature SPROUTS was Hannah Bruns, "I miss singing with my church family." Our winner for the BUDS was Neil Fitzgerald, "Fishes." Sarah said she wasn't sure why Neil insisted on fishes and then it occurred to us he was talking about the goldfish crackers! The honesty of a child!

Our Honorable Mentions were:

Robert Bruns "I miss lighting the candles"

Cael Luhman "playing and gummy snacks"

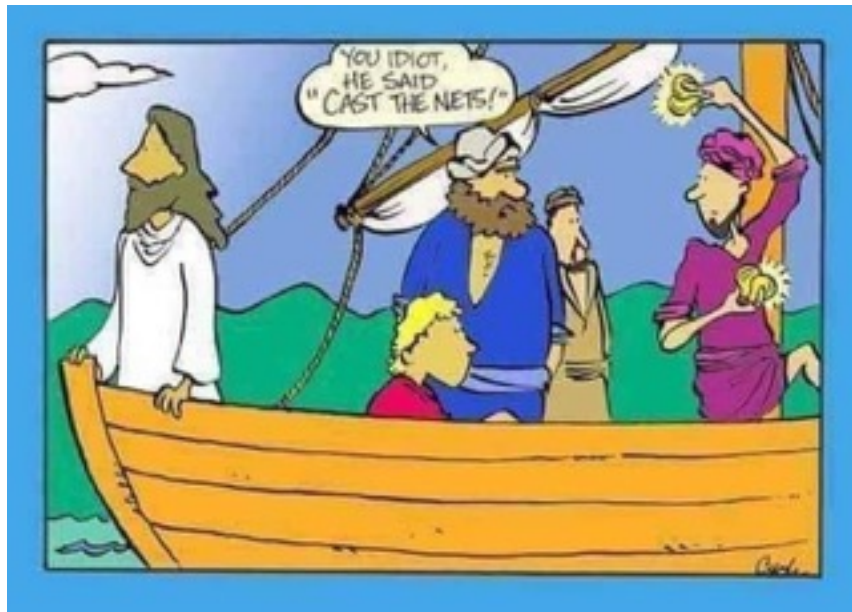
Alexander Fitzgerald "All the good people and all good friends"

Everyone who participated is receiving a "fabulous" prize. Thank you all!

We are truly blessed to have our SPROUTS and to see them growing in faith. Please continue to pray for them!

Blessings

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February Calendar

Thursdays - Bible Study - at 6:30 p.m. - The Gospel of Matthew

Ash Wednesday - February 17th - Service at 7:30 p.m.

February Scriptures:

February 7th - Isa. 40:21-31 1 Cor. 9:16-23 **John 7:37-38**

February 14th - 2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Cor. 4:3-6 **Mark 9:2-9**

February 21st - Gen. 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 **Matthew 4:1-4**

February 28th - Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 Rom. 4:13-20 **Matthew 4:5-7**



February Flower Volunteers

February 7th - Dennis & Val Stutler

February 14th - Jane & Bob Fitzpatrick

February 21st - Jeff & Amy Liter

February 28th - Mike & Teri McIntosh

LENT

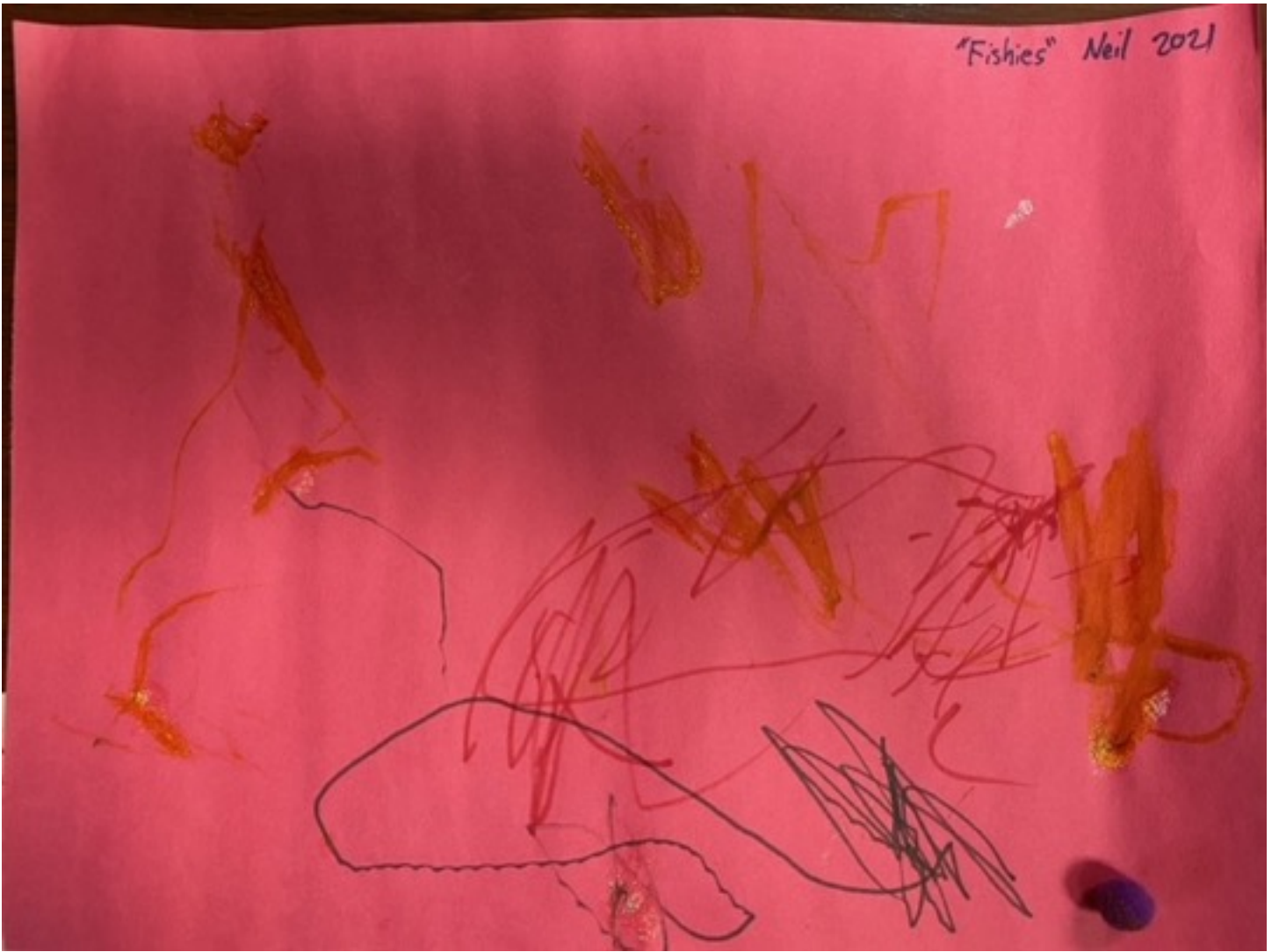
Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

2021 LENT SERMON SERIES: The Example of Jesus

"Fishies" Neil 2021



Singing



