

January 2024 Newsletter

Lighting the Advent Candles

Four families took their turn lighting the four Advent candles.



Robbie and Hannah Bruns



Sean and Sarah Fitzgerald and Alexander and Neil



Hoagy and Deb Wright



Blair and Melissa Kramer with Logan, MacKenzie and Xander

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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

“Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Remember . . . and do not be afraid”

The word remember is found over 350 times in the Bible. This recurring idea to “remember,” where we have been, what God has done and the promises of God. The phrase, “And do not be afraid” also appear over 300 times in the Bible and is generally linked with the encouragement to remember. We are encouraged to Remember God’s goodness, God’s faithfulness which moves us to respond to our world and God’s call with hope rather than fear.

Lots of people and churches do the first part. They remember the past, the good old days with a sense of melancholy, a time when things were good and yet they stumble with the second part, facing the future with fear. Fear of what seems inevitable, fear of change.

I was talking to my uncle the other day; I can’t remember the last time we spoke. He had never been religious but about 10 years ago he started going to a UMC church that had reached out to him after a tornado had damaged his home. Their love and kindness moved him and he started to attend. Well, that little country church decided to leave the UMC last year, out of fear and went from 50 people to 30. The 30 that are left are now fighting and about to split because the congregation is becoming a Baptist church. They remember what they once were and now they are afraid. Because they only remember what was, not what God had called them to be.

As we look to a new year, we too remember! What a year 2023 was. We took in a lot of new members, our youth group is growing, Bible Study is bursting at the seams, we helped people in our area and around the world! We have expanded our on-line presence, we have prayed for hundreds of people, more and more people are now getting involved in a Food Truck and we met our budget due to your generosity and commitment to the Kingdom. God has blessed us and God has been faithful! So we face this New Year, not with fear but with Hope! We remember the One who has been faithful, who calls us to be the hands and feet of Jesus and we look with anticipation and excitement on the new things God is leading us too!

Grace and Peace

PC

Bible Study

We are meeting in person or on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Topic: Grace



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.

Sprouts and Buds

In December we learned about the season of Advent and enjoyed our Christmas parties! The kids seemed to really enjoy all their gifts and thanks the congregation for their generosity and love!

January schedule

Sprouts – Wednesday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Please continue to pray for our youth!

Blessings

PC

Children's Church

January 7	Jordan Bergquist
January 14	Melissa Kramer
January 21	Sarah Fitzgerald
January 28	Val Stutler

Greeters & Ushers

Jan. 7	Linda Straight & Carolee Barber
Jan. 14	Sarah Fitzgerald & Bob Barber
Jan. 21	Sean Fitzgerald & Mary Kay Roberts
Jan. 28	Chris Lowery & Betty Low Barber

Jacob's Well

January 7	The Mysers
January 14	The Bergquists
January 21	The Renick's
January 28	Terese Burette

Share A Ride

January 7	– Kathy Newell & Marc Emral
January 14	– Nance Widdowson
January 21	– Bob & Carolee Barber
January 28	– Marc Emral & Kathy Newell





Scriptures

January 7 - Isaiah 60:1-6 **Matthew 2:1-12**

January 14 - John 1:43-51 **1 Samuel 3:1-20**

January 21 - Jonah 3:1-5 **Mark 1:14-20**

January 28 - Mark 1:21-28 **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

Birthdays

January 1	Pete Nolan
January 4	Hoagy Wright
January 13	Sheila Smith
January 13	Dennis Stutler
January 14	Angie Renick
January 15	Ryan Messerschmidt
January 24	Marcy Moster
January 24	Jacob Musick
January 27	Karen Oesterling

Anniversaries

January 7 Larry & Marge Hooten

Liturgists

January 7	Chris Lowery
January 14	Deb Wright
January 21	Hoagy Wright
January 28	Marcy Moster

Calendar

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Sprouts - Wednesday, January 3, and Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Buds - Wednesday, Jan. 10, and Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council - Monday, January 15 at 6 p.m.

Flower volunteers

January 7 - Congregation

January 14 - Amy & Jeff Liter

January 21 - Hoagy & Deb Wright

January 28 - Ralph & Judi Craig

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 Trimble
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Shannon MacLaren
Susie Rowland
Glenn Nolan Family
Maxine Gudgeon
Rachel's Family (Priscilla Mok)
Cheryl Lowery
Deb (Amy Liter)
Kyle Hurtley
Rachel (Barb N. Niece)
Betty Lou Barber
Pam Walston
Craig Summers
Zayden
Mark Burkert
Rachael Hoff
Priscilla Elzey
Chris Schutte (Charlotte Kothman)
Tony Drummond (Susie)
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
Vergie Bane

Nancy Dinnen
Hoagy Wright
John Lewis
Teachers and Students
Our Children and Youth
Batesville Community
Safe Passage
People in the Armed Forces
People of Ukraine
Israel Palestine Conflict
Susan Wonnell (Chateau)
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Gloria Riley (Chateau)
Ron Simpson (St. Andrews)
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)
Virginia 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.

Thank You from Food Pantry

Thank you! You are such a blessing to our community! Thank you for your donations and service to the food pantry all year long and especially during the holiday season. We once again met our goal of providing 500 cookie and brownie mixes for holiday meals. Also, many thanks to those who volunteered to staff the pantry during December. Your love and care for our neighbors is amazing! Thank you for representing our congregation with love and kindness. Merry Christmas!

Amy Liter and Chris Heckman



A Taste of Cultures



The cultural awareness group is made up of volunteers passionate about sharing their love for diverse cultures from beyond Batesville Indiana, with the local community. They are excited to introduce their inaugural cultural experience event.

Singapore Night

Priscilla Mok will be presenting information on the aspects of Singapore culture during meal times and serving authentic Singaporean cuisine. This is your chance to get total immersion in the Singapore experience.

When: Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: Batesville United Methodist Church dining hall

Cost: \$15 dollars per person. Will be limited to 30 people, age 12 and above. Please invite family and friends from outside of Church.

(All checks are to be made out to the "Batesville United Methodist Church")

A Taste of Cultures

When: February 10, 2023 @ 4:30 pm

Where: Batesville UMC Fellowship Hall

106 S. park Ave Batesville, IN 47006

Cost: \$15 person, limit 30, age 12 and up

For tickets, call or text
Nance Widdowson at 812-212-5620

Singapore Night



Below is the current menu, though please note that it is subject to changes.

Appetizer:

1. Spring roll
 - a. A delightful blend of jicama, carrots, and meat, all wrapped in a spring roll wrapper and deep-fried to crispy perfection.

Main course:

1. Chicken rice
 - a. Poached chicken and seasoned rice, served with chili sauce and usually with cucumber garnishes.
2. Assam Fish (Fusion of Indian and Chinese Cuisine):
 - a. A tantalizing combination of light, sour, sweet, and spicy flavors, this curry fish dish is enhanced with the addition of pineapples, embodying a fusion of Indian and Chinese culinary traditions.

Desserts:

1. Pandan Chiffon cake
 - a. Light sponge cake using the juices of Pandanus amaryllifolius leaves that is grown in South-east Asia.
2. Muah Chee

a. Popular night market snack in Singapore. It is a sweet glutinous rice ball coated with peanuts or sesame.

Drinks:

1. Milo Dinosaur

a. It is a popular drink packed with rich malt choc flavor and topped with a heap of Milo powder, it's perfect any time of day.

2. Bandung

a. This traditional drink combines rose syrup with milk, evaporated milk, or condensed milk. It has a creamy texture with a delightful aroma of roses.

Allergy alert: The menu contains shellfish, gluten, nuts and dairy.

Tickets will be on sale from 7th January through 28th January 2024

Tickets will be on sale from Jan. 7 to Jan. 28. Please reach out to Bev Giesting during 8 a.m. service, Nance Widdowson and Kathy Newell during 1 a.m. service to purchase the tickets.

For any questions regarding the menu and the presentation, please reach out to Priscilla Mok.

Wreaths Across America

About 25 people helped lay wreaths at the graves of veterans in the United Methodist cemetery Dec. 16. It was the annual Wreath Across America ceremony.



Trustee News

Work continues around the church properties. A couple of the latest projects include a shed at the parsonage and taking down some rotted trees at the cemetery. The new shed was a shared cost collaboration with Pastor Chris and Angie to improve the storage capability of outdoor items at the parsonage. It is a durable structure that will last for many years.

There were a few trees that needed removed at the cemetery before they became hazardous to the tombstones or in general. Probably the most noticeable tree taken down was one that several of us Trustees referred to as Lazarus. It was the very large tree in the big opening to the right just as you pulled into the cemetery. A few years ago, it was late spring, and all the other trees had leaves and were a beautiful shade of green. This tree did not seem to have much life at all, so we thought we needed to have it taken down. About a week and a half later, this tree was full of new leaves and just as beautiful as could be. From that point on, it was affectionately known as Lazarus. As you can see from the picture, Lazarus's time has come, but we are grateful for the joy it has brought to all over the years.

May we continue to find joy in all things big and small in this new year and give thanks to God.

The Trustees



Scenes of Christmas





Discipleship Pathway

