

# January 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 JANUARY 2021

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Romans 12:2

### **New Year, New Thoughts**

Well, here we are at the start of another new year. 2020 is now behind us but it certainly is a year we will never forget. For a very long-time people have often thought about a new year as a kind of new beginning. Resolutions of change and transformation, self-made promises that this year will be different. Different practices, habits and even dealing with things that have been better off left alone until now. But for most, after a few weeks, those promises begin to go unfulfilled, forgotten.

The problems of 2020 are not going to just go away with the start of a new year. Our deep desire to get back in church, to visit loved ones, to return to former ministries is still going to take some time. So rather than just waiting, this time can be better spent.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, living in the grace and mercy of God, it is not the calendar that makes a new beginning, it is the continued work of God in us. That is what Paul seems to have in mind in this scripture passage. Transformation, renewal is not a once-a-year occurrence, it is continuous. Discern the will and work of God can be one of the most difficult things we must do as disciples. What is God calling me to, what are my gifts, what is the will of God for me?

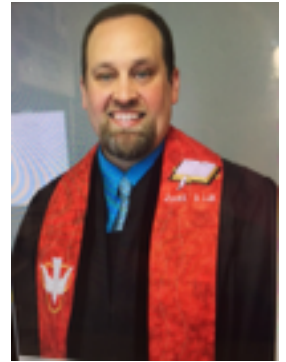
For the month of January, we start with Epiphany, the visitation of the magi, the incarnation and Jesus baptism. Each week the service we be focused on these things and I ask you to consider doing the hard work of discernment, of self-evaluation and assessment.

To accomplish this, read the scriptures each week for Sunday, give some real thought to the titles and then after the service pray, self-evaluate and listen to what God is saying to you. In order the titles are: “What is Your gift?”, “Remember Your Baptism”, “The Facade of OK”, “The God Who CALLS”, “The Demon of Thursday”.

This year can be an exceptional year, a year of change, of renewal and transformation because God is at work. If we are willing to join in that work, great things can happen. This doesn't mean it will be easy but I know that we can do it together.

Grace and peace,

PC

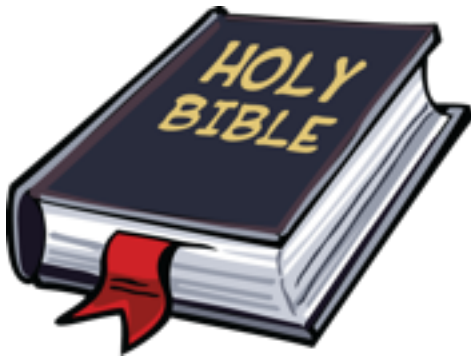




## REMINDER

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 Millie Lewis, Dolly Stutler, Denny Schwegman, Nancy Dinnen, Hoagy Wright, Doris Brandes, Carolyn Giugni, Naomi Melia, Bob Fitzpatrick, Jim Barber** (Betty Lou's brother-in-law), 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 will meet through Zoom on Tuesday, January 12 to finalize the budget and plans for 2021. It will certainly look different this year, but the need is still there if not greater. Please look for more information to come.

Faith Promise Mission is scheduled for February 7th, 2021.

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 have been ordered for the sanctuary and will soon be going up! As well as a new webpage! it will be the same address but Joe has been working hard to create an easier to use and more informational site! We will announce when it is ready!!

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



January 1st - Pete Nolan  
January 4th - Hoagy Wright  
January 4th - Angela Simpson  
January 13th - Sheila Smith  
January 13th - Dennis Stutler  
January 14th - Angie Renick  
January 19th - Chris Lowery  
January 23rd - Linda Straight  
January 24th - Marcy Moster



January 7th - Larry & Marge Hooten



## SPROUTS - KIDS CLUB

What a blessing! The presents were delivered and a video was posted of most the kids! It seems everyone really liked what they got.

For January we are having a coloring/art contest. The theme is " what I miss most about church." You can color a picture, make a sculpture or whatever your creative spirits decide. Please submit your artwork by January 29th and a prize will be given to the chosen winner. I can pick them up or they can be dropped off at the church or at my house.

### January Scriptures:

January 3rd - Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 **Matthew 2:1-12**

January 10th - Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 **Mark 1:4-11**

January 17th- 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
**John 1:43-51**

January 24th - Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 **Mark 1:14-20**

January 31st- Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 **Mark 1:21-28**

### January Calendar

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



## January Flower Volunteers

January 3rd - Congregation

January 10th - Michele & Gerry Werner

January 17th - Pastor Chris & Angie Renick

January 24th - Ralph & Judi Craig

January 31st - Robert & Sandi Jester



## **2020 Crown of Thorns**

The Crown of Thorns represents the suffering of Christ.

*“Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus ... and gathered around him. ...then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. ...Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said.”* Matthew 27:27-29 NIV (paraphrased)

## **Thank you to those who made the 2020 Chrismons:**

Connie Miller, Nance Widdowson, Kin Choi, Sharon Chia, Deb Wright, Ginny Hartshorn, Linda Straight, Bev Giesting, Amy Liter, Kathy Newell, Betty Lou Barber, Marcy Moster, Doris Brandes, Steve Mills, Mary Kay Roberts & Connie Summers.











