

October 2023 Newsletter Batesville United Methodist Church



Food trucks ready to roll

There are a whole host of Food Trucks coming in and going out and opportunities for you to get involved in something you are passionate about!

Currently:

- Ripley County division of Children's Services Staff support
- Share A Ride taking people to and home for church
- NICU Baby Crochet Octopus people learning to crochet and making octopus
- Charge Conference Host as we prepare for Charge Conference on October 29

Up Coming:

Moms and babies support through Ripley County health Department (See info on page 7)
Veterans helping and supporting our veterans
Teachers providing support and needed items
Life Skills helping people to learn basic skills that are being lost.

If there is something you are passionate about, talk to Pastor Chris and start a Truck!



Food Truck Rolling to DCS

Thanks to Val and Dennis Stutler for delivering our healthy snacks and treats, plus boxes of Kleenex for the DCS staff.

DCS enjoyed receiving the care package. They said it really made their day.

Participants this time:

Betty Lou Barber
Carolee Barber
Val and Dennis Stutler
Marcy Moster
Kathy Newell

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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

Decisions . . . Decisions

“So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully . . . choose today whom you will serve.”
Joshua 24:14-15



The scriptures are filled with examples of decisions, some good and some not so good. Of course, we also see the opportunities that are presented to the people of God, to choose, as in the well-known example from Joshua in the excerpt from Joshua 24 above.

People are different of course, in how they make decisions. Some people rely upon emotion and other predominantly knowledge. Some make last second; quick decisions and others need to give it some time. But decisions are made, be they quick, slow or no decision at all. After all, when we refuse to choose, that is a decision.

I remember as a kid going with my uncle and cousins, when my uncle had decided to make a purchase. These were the days before the Internet, so he would look through the newspaper and then drive to every store to compare prices. After a full day and a tank of gas, my uncle would finally go back and purchase the item, saving a whole \$1.29 cents.

We face a decision, a very serious one. What will become of our church? Will we decide put aside the gods around us, those things that demand our time, energy and resources or will we serve God? Will we talk of faith or will we live it out? I have no hesitation in proclaiming the fact that God is here, equipping God’s people, strengthening us and calling us to be the church but what will we choose?

I know some of you are still struggling with the metaphor of a Food Truck. What exactly is it and how does it work? It is really simple; it is the understanding that we are filled by God and sent out into the world to share what we have received. EVERYONE is invited to participate, to find what they are passionate about and to use their gifts to share God’s love. It is that simple, no big committees, no long-term commitment. We are so use to the old way, it will take some time to get comfortable with a new, quick response, and inclusive system but I am confident it will come.

But the decision is yours to make, will you participate, will you live out your faith, faithfully answer the call of God to be the Body of Christ? It may not seem like a big decision or maybe you are still giving it thought but ultimately we all must decide!

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.

Getting to know the Berquists

Who's in your family?

We are a family of four. I am Jordan, my husband is Brad, Eloise is our almost 4-year-old daughter, and Madeline is our 1-year-old daughter.

How did you get to Batesville?

We moved to Batesville after graduating from Indiana University.

What jobs do/did you have?

When we first moved to Batesville I was a second grade teacher at Batesville primary school, and Brad worked at a Batesville Tool and Die. We moved away when Brad went to law school and I taught for a school in Bloomington before transitioning to online teaching. Brad worked during the summer with my uncle Doug Wilson here in town and now that is where he practices as an attorney.

What do you most like about Batesville United Methodist Church?

We love the church family and enjoy watching our girls grow up in the same church that I grew up in.

What activities are you active in for the church?

I help with children's church, and Eloise is active in Sprouts. We love helping out with Jacob's Well and church pitch ins, too.

What is your favorite scripture reading?

2 Corinthians 4:18 is a great reminder that what we face here on Earth is temporary. We have a wonderful home in heaven that awaits us.



What does your family like to do to relax?

We love to spend time at Lake Lemon, take walks in Brum Woods, and try new recipes.

What events in Batesville does your family enjoy?

We visit the Farmers Market most Saturday mornings and we love to pick pumpkins at the Vogt Farm fall festival.

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

Our favorite place is Sea Pines in Hilton Head.



Scriptures

October 1 - Matthew 21:23-32 **Exodus 17:1-7**

October 8 - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 **Matthew 21:33-46**

October 15 - Exodus 32:1-14 **Mathew 22:1-14**

October 22 - Matthew 22:15-22 **Exodus 33:12-23**

October 29 - Deuteronomy 34:1-12 **Matthew 22:34-46**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

Choir - Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

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

Sprouts - Wednesday, October 4 & Wednesday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds - Wednesday, October 11 & Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Grounds - Wednesday, October 18 - Jacob's Well at 9:30 a.m.

Halloween - Tuesday, October 31 - passing out candy at BUMC

Administrative Council - Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m.

Food Truck Charge Conference Host - Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m.

New Chronicles Available

Birthdays

October 3 Mary Kay Roberts

October 3 Kent Nettay

October 3 Tyler Musick

October 7 Jane Fitzpatrick

October 7 Owen Lewis

October 10 Clifton Straight

October 14 Naomi Melia

October 17 Virginia Smith

October 25 Zach Wade

October 31 Doris Brandes

Anniversaries

October 12 Kathy Newell & Marc Emral

October 29 Jeff & Amy Liter

Flower volunteers

October 1 - Joe & Mary Roberts

October 8 - Bob & Jane Fitzgerald

October 15 - Mike & Teri McIntosh

October 22 - Kathy Newell and Marc Emral

Prayer List

Bishop Trimble
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Virginia Smith (Aspen Place)
Shannon MacLaren
Betty Lou Barber
Pam Walston
Craig Summers
Zayden
Mark Burkert
Dee Dudgeon
Mary Beth Brinkman
Tyson Summers
Dale Parmer
Mike Vance
Rachael Hoff
Priscilla Elzey,
Chris Schutte (Charlotte Kothman)
John Tuttle
Tony Drummond (Susie R.)
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
Vergie Bane
Nancy Dinnen
Hoagy Wright
Naomi Melia
Elaine Wessling
Teachers and Students,

Our Children and Youth
Batesville Community
Safe Passage
People in the Armed Forces
Susan Wonnell (Chateau)
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Gloria Riley (Chateau)
Ron Simpson (St. Andrews)
John Lewis
People of Ukraine, People of Ohio



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.

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.



BATESVILLE QUILTMAKERS



Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign
Presented by Batesville Quiltmakers October 2023
Batesville Memorial Public Library
131 North Walnut St. Batesville Indiana 47006

You're Invited

✧ Reception October 3, 2023, 4 to 6 PM ✧

As part of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Nance Widdowson and her quilting partner Janet Koch will display their amazing quilt to support, honor, and comfort those with breast cancer.

Their quilt is part of an exhibit by the Bates-

ville Quiltmakers Guild at the Batesville Memorial Library on display until October 23.

You are invited to a special opening reception on Tuesday, October 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Children's Church

October 1 - Jordan Bergquist
October 8 - Sarah Fitzgerald
October 15 - Sharon Chia
October 22 - Kendall Messerschmidt
October 29 - Connie Miller

Jacob's Well

October 1 - Bob & Carolee Barber
October 8 - Deb & Mel Obermeyer
October 15 - Priscilla Jok
October 22 - Christe Myser
October 28 - Hoagy & Deb Wright

Greeters & Ushers

October 1 - Connie Miller & Deb Wright
October 8 - Marc Emral & Hoagy Wright
October 15 - Sean Fitzgerald & Gerry Werner
October 22 - Bob & Betty Lou Barber
October 29 - Mary Kay Roberts & Sarah Heppner

Liturgists

October 1 - Hoagy Wright
October 8 - Keegan Moster
October 15 - Sarah Heppner
October 22 - Angie Renick
October 29 - Bob Barber

SPROUTS/BUDS



We have begun a new year with our Youth Groups! We are planning for this coming year and learning about the Bible and God's love. Sharon Chia, is such a blessing, has begun to teach a lesson in Chinese each month to both groups. It is amazing how quickly the kids have picked this up. It is a good opportunity for the kids to

practice what they are learning at school and a good reminder that the church is much bigger than often think of it.

Our schedule for October:

SPROUTS – October 4 and 18

BUDS – October 11 and 25

Church helping at county baby shower

A Community Baby Shower for all expecting moms and moms with babies up to 1 year old will be noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the county annex in Versailles, presented by the Ripley County Health Department.

Through donations, the health department will be able to provide moms with many giveaways and resources such as:

- Packs and Plays to qualifying moms;

- Car seats checks and installations (car seats to qualifying moms);

- Giveaways from local businesses, including the Batesville United Methodist Church; and

- Giveaways from major baby brands.

To ensure the health department has enough Pack and Plays and car seats, please RSVP to 812-689-5751

Cookie, brownie mix needed for food pantry

We are collecting cookie and brownie mixes this year for the food pantry holiday boxes.

Please drop them off in the food pantry box at the church.

Also, we will be looking for volunteers for the month of December to work at the food pantry. A sign up sheet will be passed around at church in the coming weeks.

Thanks in advance for your help and support!

For more information, please contact Chris Heckman at 812-216-7382.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person at 6:30 p.m. Currently doing an Old Testament survey.

October pitch-in

Since this is a five Sunday month, there will be a pitch-in after the 10 a.m. service on Oct. 29.

All are invited to bring a dish. Sing-up sheets will be passed around during services.

Afterwards, help is needed to decorate for the Charge Conference.

Help pass out candy on Halloween

Don't forget to join us at the church to pass out candy for the trick-or-treating on Halloween night.

It has become an annual event as we greet the trick-or-treaters at the church.

Discipleship Pathway

