

July 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Fun times at 5th Sunday Pitch In



The Kramer family

Many thanks to Mary Kay Roberts, with help from Tina Snyder and Kathy Newell, for coordinating the June 29 5th Sunday Pitch-In. Special thanks to Joe Roberts and John Snyder for grilling delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, metts and brats.

Following the theme of Red, White and Blue, the Fellowship Hall was decorated for the 4th of July. Plus Hershey Hugs to celebrate National Hug Day were on all the tables. Mary Kay and Joe even created a



Photo Booth to commemorate National Photography Day. Colorful backdrop, picture frames and props made for festive pictures. Tons of fun for all.



Robbie Bruns



The Bruns family



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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

The Church's Bond

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

1 Corinthians 1:10

I am certain that we have all heard the sermons about unity in the church, the Body of Christ with its many parts, the various gifts of the Spirit and how they work together. The Bible repeats these themes over and over. Sometimes because they are so important and sometimes because we do such a poor job at it, we need to be reminded.

As I have been working on an upcoming message, I have begun to think about this a lot. Even more so after the passing of our dear sister Betty Lou. I know most people know the name; they have seen her or know that she is Bob's mom but I wonder how many people knew her well? Of course, the people of Bible Study knew her, and her strong beliefs, her struggles in life and her many gifts.

It happens a lot. I will be talking to someone and I will say something about so and so. "Who? You know! The lady that sits back behind you, three rows and to the left. Oh ya, I think I know who you mean." It always surprises me, but that is because I have a unique perspective. See, I know everybody in the church, and I have to be reminded that is not the case with everyone else. I know everyone so I also know the talents and gifts of the church as a whole. The skills that people have that may be unknown to the majority of the church.

Of course we are all different, some are much more outgoing and known while others prefer to sit back. It does not mean we all have to be the same, but if we could get to know each other better, the bond and unity that Paul speaks of would only make us stronger and more unified. If you could see what I see, you would know we have the skills and abilities to accomplish almost anything we set our minds to, as we hear the collective call of God, to share Christ love, build the kingdom and be perfected in unity!

We are truly a blessed congregation, complex and multifaceted for sure, but when we come together, we can do amazing things!

Grace and peace

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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 1 p.m.

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

Trustee News

As with any home, there is always something to be done (or fixed) and that is also true for our church.

We are always appreciative of the generosity of our congregation to help with the costs and the many hands that help to make sure the work is done. Some of the bigger projects at the church lately have been replacement of sump pumps that caused flooding in the basement, and the new flooring in the fellowship hall.

Thanks to everyone for your patience during the flooring construction, our period of dust, and for those who helped clean up the mess.

There has also been quite a bit of work being done at the cemeteries. The cemetery in Laughery

Township has had quite a bit of cleanup done along with large tree removal for safety reasons. The Batesville cemetery has had drainage problems addressed and additional pillars have been added to enhance the additional entrance/exit to the cemetery that will be available once the new road addition is completed. The new road will be added on to the current roads and allow for better traffic flow, especially during a memorial service. The new pillars look very nice and work on the road addition has begun.

Thank you for all your support and prayers.

From The Trustees

In memory

The memorial service for Betty Lou Barber will be held at noon Tuesday, July 8, at Batesville United Methodist Church.

A lunch will be served following the service.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 27,

Join us on July 27 to Focus on Relaxation. Did you know chocolate, especially dark chocolate has a secret ingredient to help you relax.

Come and learn more about this and other relaxation tips.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided



Music in the park

Batesville United Methodist Church Evening at Liberty Park at 8 p.m. Friday, July 18.

Inviting all to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a concert by the Eureka Band at Liberty Park. Drinks will be provided

Sweets Ice Cream Shop will be open, if you want to purchase an ice cream treat.



Scriptures

July 6 – 2 Kings 5:1-14 **Galatians 6:7-9**

July 13 – Amos 7:7-17 **Luke 10:25-37**

July 20 – Amos 8:1-12 **Colossians 1:15-23**

July 27 – Hosea 1:2-10 **Luke 11:1-13**

(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

Calendar

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Batesville United Methodist Church Evening at Liberty Park – Friday, July 18, 8 p.m.

Pool Party – Sunday, July 20, at Batesville Memorial Pool at 5 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

Women's Ministry – Sunday, July 27, at 5 p.m.

Flower volunteers

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| July 6 | Vince and Marcy Moster |
| July 13 | Ann Stokes |
| July 20 | Gerry & Michele Werner |
| July 27 | Joe & Mary Kay Roberts |

Greeters and Ushers

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| July 6 | Kin Choi & Guili Zhang |
| July 13 | Deb & Hoagy Wright |
| July 20 | Susan Rowland & Logan Kramer |
| July 27 | Marc Emral & Tina Snyder |

Jacob's Well

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| July 6 | Blair & Melissa Kramer |
| July 13 | Pastor Chris & Angie Renick |
| July 20 | The Snyder's |
| July 27 | Kathy Newell & Marc Emral |

Liturgists

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| July 6 | Deb Wright |
| July 13 | Angie Renick |
| July 20 | Chris Lowery |
| July 27 | Bob Barber |

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Family of Betty Lou Barber
Sharon Chia and Family
Cyndy Walther
George Hillman
Tony Trossman
Karen Holt
Joan Moore
Merl Allen
Craig Summers
Brandt Maley
James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)
Mark McIntosh
Sesly Marshall
Connie Summers
Mike Hultman
Nancy Dinnen
John Lewis

Family
Church
Community
State
Nation
Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)
Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)



Teachers and Students
Our Children and Youth
Batesville Community
Safe Passage
People in the Armed Forces
People of Ukraine
Israel Palestine Conflict

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.

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.

Birthdays

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| July 4 | Judi Craig |
| July 4 | Vince Moster |
| July 7 | Elli Lewis |
| July 8 | Marge Hooten |
| July 10 | Andrea Wade |
| July 14 | Deb Wright |
| July 15 | Les Smith |
| July 19 | Sam Wade |
| July 22 | Henry Messerschmidt |
| July 29 | Kendall Messerschmidt |

Anniversaries

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| July 9 | Dennis & Val Stutler |
| July 19 | Mel & Deb Obermeyer |

Children's Church

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| July 6 | Melissa Kramer |
| July 13 | Kendall Messerschmidt |
| July 20 | Val Stutler |
| July 27 | Kendall Messerschmidt |

Church Website

Joe continues to improve the church's website. It now has an easy way to give and the services are easily accessible, Live and archived. If you have the chance, please check it out. If you have any ideas or information or pictures please send them to Joe Roberts.

Also, if you have not yet been to the church's Facebook page or Instagram, please check them out as well and click to "FOLLOW" <https://batesvilleumc.org/>



Summer food program



Summer Foods is still collecting donations. You can bring them to church and place them in the closet/cubby area.

Program participants and youth volunteers help at Summer Food for Kids.

Youth group

Our Youth have finished for the year and begun their summer break! Please continue to pray for them!

We had a very good year, played a lot of games, made crafts and learned about God, and what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We will resume in August, but we will be having our annual Pool Party on Sunday, July 20, at Batesville Memorial Pool. Everyone is welcomed to come, swim, fellowship and have a snack.

Safe Passage needs

Safe Passages is in need of the following items:

- Easy lunch items (canned ravioli, spaghetti, soups)
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned chicken
- Coffee - ground/large cans
- Mayo/Miracle Whip/BBQ sauce

You can drop off at the BUMC in the box when you come in the main entrance.



Outreach News

From Sarah Heppner

In June, the administrative board voted to donate \$500 to the Heart House Inc.

Heart House provides temporary housing for insecure persons in crisis. Heart House also provides job counseling and skill assessment, budgeting and money management, counseling and parenting classes. It is in Aurora, Indiana, and provides services to persons in Dearborn, Switzerland, Ohio, Ripley and Franklin counties.

Many of our donations since January have been because of church members reaching out to me. I appreciate all of your passion for outreach as we serve others in the name of Christ.

Reach out at any time with needs you see. My email is sarahheppner64@gmail.com and my cell is 812-212-0862.

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.

Discipleship Pathway

