

February 2025 Newsletter  
Batesville United  
Methodist Church

# Thank You

The 2024 Chrismon, the candle, is beautiful and sends a wonderful message to each one of us: Jesus is the light of the world and His love can shine through us. In turn, we must share that light of love with everyone.

Doris Brandes, Sharon Chia, Kin Choi, Emily Du, Bev Giesting, Trish Hutchison, Charlotte Kothman, Amy Liter, Connie Miller, Marcy Moster, Kent Nettnay, Kathy Newell, Mary Kay Roberts, Linda Straight, and Nance Widdowson were instrumental in making the Chrismons for the beautiful children in our congregation. Many thanks for your dedication and resilience!



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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

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:3-6 NIV



## Our Bond

It certainly is not breaking news that we live in a turbulent time with great division. Everyday I see people who are celebrating the coming of the Golden Age of our nation while at the same time others are convinced of a loss of our democracy and oligarch rule. It may seem untenable, and perhaps we are approaching the last days that the Bible describes, ushering in Christ return.

However, I have read and studied the American Civil War at length, and it was on this topic that I wrote my proposal for a doctoral thesis. As divided as our nation was at that time, the vast majority of people lived in the middle of these extremes and I am confident that is where most Americans live today. You do not hear from this silent majority, only the extremes. I believe most Americans want safety; they do not want dangerous people on our streets. They do not want drugs in our country. They believe that all people are of value and have equal rights under our Constitution. I think most believe that all people should have the same opportunities, whether they think differently, have a handicap, or even speak another language. I believe most believe in the rule of law and justice for all people, even the poor. Most people want a peaceful life and confidence that if they work hard and save, they should be able to live a good life in retirement. But because they are silent, we only hear the extremes.

As the people of God, we are called to love God and our neighbor. We are bound together by this common goal, this common calling. And as Paul describes, it is a bond of peace, a peace that creates a oneness of purpose and love. We are called to live in that peace, that unity and to model it to the world around us. Perhaps more than any of you, I have experienced that bond, that faithful love from all of you and I desperately want all of you to experience it to its fullness! To know that you are loved and cared for. That you are never alone. No matter what may come in this world, we are the people of God, bound together and living with an eternal hope in the work of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the family of God!

**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.

# Helping the California fire victims

A note from Sarah Heppner:

I am the new Outreach Chair and as I am learning this new position I plan to share what I learn often in the newsletter.

As Pastor Chris reminded us, the Outreach Mission consists of ALL of us. We are called to serve and support others locally and globally.

When we all work together, we can magnify the light and hope for people who are in need.

If you would like to donate at any time to the Outreach mission, please write a check to the church and mark "Outreach" in the memo of your check.

Recently I shared that the administrative board voted to send \$1,000 to UMCOR to help the people affected by the LA fires. I also asked the congregation if you would like to donate separately to mark on your donation, "LA fires." As of Monday, you added an extra \$800 to our donation. YOU ARE AMAZING! Thank you for your generosity.

I found this quote by Steve Goodier and would like for you to remember: "Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give."



One way to give is to reach out to me with any requests for someone(s) that you know of locally, nationally or globally that could use aid. We have a limited budget but I would appreciate your ideas. My email is [sarahheppner64@gmail.com](mailto:sarahheppner64@gmail.com) and my cell is 812-212-0862.

Finally, when looking at the UMCOR page, I noticed that they had a litany prayer. This is another thing we can all do, pray for the people who are suffering and for the firefighters working to extinguish so many fires. The prayer is linked <https://tinyurl.com/BUMCfireprayer>.



## Scriptures

February 2      Luke 4:21-30 **Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
February 9      Isaiah 6:1-8 **Luke 5:1-11**  
February 16     Jeremiah 17:5-10 **Luke 6:17-26**  
February 23     Genesis 45:3-11, 15 **Luke 6:27-38**

(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

## Calendar

**Chrismons** – Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Bible Study** – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Buds** – Wednesday, February 5 and 19 at 5:30 p.m.

**Sprouts** – Wednesday, February 12 and 26 at 5:30 p.m.

**Administrative Council** – Monday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m.

**Movie Night** – Sunday, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., movie to be determined.

**New Prayer Partners for 2025 on bulletin board.**

## Birthdays

February 5	Ann Stokes
February 6	Matthew Aylor
February 8	Jim Moyars
February 10	Sandra Dickey
February 11	Ted Hartshorn
February 13	Marc Emral
February 17	Jerilyn Lowery
February 19	Bob Fitzpatrick
February 19	Ginny Hartshorn
February 28	Ralph Craig
February 28	Vergie Sharp

## Anniversaries

February 5	Judi & Ralph Craig
February 17	Kent & Barb Nettnay

## Flower volunteers

February 2	Gerry & Michele Werner
February 9	Ralph & Judi Craig
February 16	Bob Fitzpatrick
February 23	Bob & Carolee Barber



# Prayer List

Bishop Malone  
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)  
Pastor Chris & Family

**Les Smith**

**Joan Moore**

**Deanna DeMotte,**

**Jerry Lusk**

Merl Allen

George Hillman

Craig Summers

Annetta Lusk

Matt Marshall

Brandt Maley

**Betty Lou Barber**

James Rudde, (Shirley Pinkerton brother)

Corrine Ferguson,

Beth Brinkman

Carol McGrath

**Mark McIntosh**

Deb & Hoagy Wright

Steve Moore

Sesly Marshall

Shannon MacLaren

Cheryl Lowery

Kyle Hurtle

Mark Burkert

Rachael Hoff

Priscilla Elzey

Tony Drummond (Susie)

Connie Summers

Mike Hultman

Nancy Dinnen

John Lewis

Teachers and Students

Our Children and Youth

Batesville Community

Safe Passage

People in the Armed Forces

People of Ukraine

Israel Palestine Conflict

**California Fires**

Family

Church

Community

State

Nation

**Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)**

Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)



## 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.



## Liturgists

February 2	Deb Wright
February 9	Angie Renick
February 16	Chris Lowery
February 23	Bob Barber

## Children's Church

February 2	Melissa Kramer
February 9	Sharon Chia
February 16	Jordan Bergquist
February 23	Val Stutler

## Greeters and Ushers

February 2	Marc Emral & Blair Kramer
February 9	Joe Roberts & Mary Kay Roberts
February 16	Deb Wright & Hoagy Wright
February 23	Sarah Fitzgerald & Sarah Synder

## Jacob's Well

February 2	The Snyder's
February 9	The Wright's
February 16	Julia Kiefer
February 23	Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

## Church Website

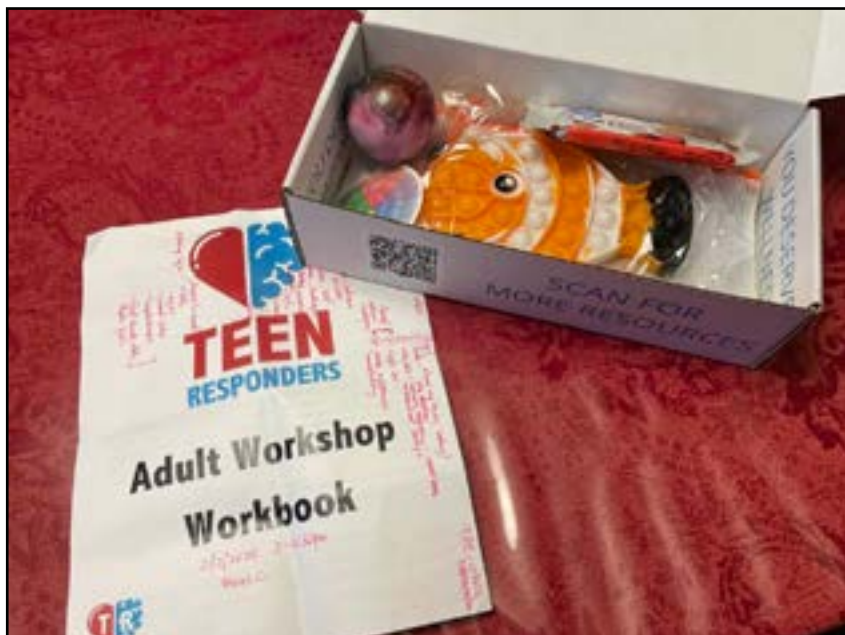
Joe continues to improve the church's website. It now has an easy way to give and the services are easily accessible, Live and archived. If you have the chance, please check it out. If you have any ideas or information or pictures please send them to Joe Roberts.

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/>



**Sharon Chia makes her first Chrismon of the year  
Fish and Cross Chrismon**



The Teen Responders workshop for grades 7 to 12 was held Feb. 2 at BUMC. Participants had a life-giving and hands-on experience that focused on self-care and responding to friends in crisis.

Every teen left with a mental health resource kit filled with items that will help them attend to their own mental health and resources that points them in the direction of additional support.



## Reminder

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

[www.batesvilleumc.org](http://www.batesvilleumc.org)

Also on Facebook@Batesville United Methodist Church.

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person at 6:30 p.m.  
discussing the Book of Genesis.

## Discipleship Pathway

