

March 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Outreach helping near and far

Reported by Sarah Heppner and Outreach Committee

In February, the administrative board voted to donate \$500 to the organization Doctors Without Borders. This organization delivers medical care to people who need it most, regardless of race, religion, gender or political affiliation.

The board also voted to donate \$500 to the Southeast Indiana Health Center. The center was founded in 2013 to help provide care to individuals who were not getting their healthcare needs met. SEIHC strives to provide quality healthcare to individuals who would not otherwise be able to receive care. The clinic is staffed primarily through volunteers to help the residents of Franklin and Ripley counties.

While these organizations are similar in helping deliver medical needs to those in need, I, and the board, thought it would be important for our church's outreach to help both worldwide and locally.

This March, we would like to donate \$1,000 to the United Methodist minister, Pastor Wonwoo Lee, who is now appointed at the Korean

United Methodist Church in Bloomington. He is currently working on his green card, which costs money. He also is married and has 4 children. His salary from the church is the minimum salary, even with his Ph.D, due to the congregation being made of mostly IU students.

In the Korean tradition, Wonwoo conducts daily prayer services at 6 a.m. and preaches three times per week.

Pastor Chris heard about this opportunity while in Columbus conducting interviews for the District Committee On Ministry for the Southeast District. No one requested anything but Pastor Chris thought this would be a very kind gesture to help a young minister starting out.

I will share every couple of months as to what the church is supporting through Outreach, both in this newsletter and at the services. I do not do this to ask for more donations from the congregation but for our board to be good stewards and let our whole church family know where our donations from our budget are going. You are al-

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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

Lent

"If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions."

Galatians 6:3-4a

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Lent, our favorite season? Well, probably not. Forcing ourselves to come to grips with where and who we really are is not always the most pleasant or easiest thing to do. But this season is important, and requires us to be intentional. But this heavy dose of reality should always be weighed against what we know and understand of God and God's work in us. We are all in need, of growth, of salvation, of love and even a strong dose of reality, like it or not.

It is when we truly can see ourselves as we are, not as we present ourselves or wish ourselves to be that we are ready to embrace the work of God in us. To appreciate it even more when we recognize just how little we can do, or even deserve.

I know this is heavy stuff, to understand and even do, but it is worthwhile work and it is in this work, if we can truly embrace it that we find a loving God, filled with grace and mercy, waiting on us, working in us to make us more than we could ever imagine.

So, this year, if you want to give up beer and Twinkies, great! But the truly important work is about surrendering our own facade and being brutally honest with ourselves and the God who is at work in us!

Blessings

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 1 p.m.

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

Women's ministry being planned

A women's ministry is in the planning stages for the women of BUMC. It is an opportunity for the women of the church to gather, to share fellowship, self-care, food, fun and enjoy each other's company and support.

This ministry would meet once a month at the church. It is intended not to be yet another

responsibility on your already full calendars but an opportunity to unwind, relax and get a much needed break from all that you do and are responsible for.

If you want to participate or have ideas contact Kathy Newell.

Prayer Service during Lent

Please consider joining me (Deb Obermeyer) in a communal prayer service each week of Lent. It's been on my heart to provide an opportunity for us a family of faith to pray together in an organized way. I have to say I have been inspired by the many folks I see attending early services each day at Holy Family in Oldenburg.

The first service will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 9-9:25 a.m.

We will continue through Lent and then evaluate. We will gather in the chapel.

Tuesday, March 11, 9-9:25 a.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-6:55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 9-9:25 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-6:55 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 9-9:25 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-6:55 p.m.

Save This Date

Women's Dinner

Our annual Women's Dinner will be on Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for details.

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ways welcome to donate in general to the budget or specifically to one we highlight each month (if you do, please put this on the memo of your check) as you may have a special alliance to one of the organizations. Donations to any of the three highlighted here will be sent by mid March.

We are all part of Outreach, as the One God

calls us all to serve and share in Christ's name as His disciples. Remember helping others comes in many forms. I heard someone say once, "Don't tell me what you believe, show me how you treat other people."

Thank you all for being part of Outreach and for all that you do for others through your time, service and love.



Scriptures

March 9 – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 **Romans 10:8-13**
March 16 – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 **Philippians 3:17-4:1**
March 23 – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 **Luke 13:1-9**
March 30 – Pastor Chris on vacation

(**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.
Ash Wednesday – March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Sprouts – Wednesday, March 12, and March 26, at 5:30 p.m.
Buds – Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.
Administrative Council – Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m.
Movie Night – Sunday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m.
Pitch-In Dinner – Sunday, March 30 after the 10 a.m. service

Birthdays

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| March 1 | Mel Obermeyer |
| March 1 | Susie Rowland |
| March 10 | Melissa Kramer |
| March 10 | Mike McIntosh |
| March 18 | Claire Saner |
| March 19 | Tim Giesting |
| March 24 | Blair Kramer |
| March 25 | Chandler Renick |
| March 27 | Connie Miller |

Anniversaries

None

Flower volunteers

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| March 9 | Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald |
| March 16 | Annetta Lusk |
| March 23 | Blair & Melissa Kramer |
| March 30 | Vince & Marcy Moster |

Prayer List

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

Karen Holt

Kin Choi

Charlie Whalbring

Vergie Sharp

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)

Beth Brinkman

Carol McGrath

Mark McIntosh

Deb & Hoagy Wright

Steve Moore

Sesly Marshall

Shannon MacLaren

Cheryl Lowery

Kyle Hurtley

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

Family

Church

Community

State

Nation

Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau)

Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)

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.



The choir singing at Ash Wednesday services.

Greeters and Ushers

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| March 9 | Guili Zhang and Xiang Guo |
| March 16 | Ann Stokes and Gerry Werner |
| March 23 | Bob and Carolee Barber |
| March 30 | Mary Kay Roberts |

Children's Church

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| March 9 | Sarah Fitzgerald |
| March 16 | Spring break no one available |
| March 23 | Melissa Kramer |
| March 30 | Sharon Chia |

Jacob's Well

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| March 9 | Bob and Carolee Barber |
| March 16 | The Snyders |
| March 23 | Joe and Mary Kay Roberts |
| March 30 | The Mosters |

Liturgists

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| March 9 | Pete Nolan |
| March 16 | Marcy Moster |
| March 23 | Angie Renick |
| March 30 | Jerilyn Lowery |

Youth Ministry

March schedule:

SPROUTS – March 12 and March 26

BUDS – March 19 (due to Ash Wednesday we only meet one time)

Our youth have been busy. The SPROUTS have been learning about God's love and what it means to live as God calls us too. Along with crafts and some very fun games.

The BUDS have been learning that being a dis-

ciple incorporates all of life, not just the spiritual. So we began learning some "life skills" to help be well rounded and independent people. These skills will not only help our BUDS, it provides them with skills to help others. So far we have learned about a sense of direction and how to read a map. They also learned how to sew a tear and sew on a button. More skills are coming, including changing a tire!

Please pray for our Youth!

Blessings

Weekly Bible Readings

Here are the Weekly Bible Readings for March and April. I apologize that they are a little late. I included April since I will be gone the last week of March. Praying for a blessed Holy Lent for us all!

Grace and Peace

PC

Week 1 for March 9

Luke 4:1-13

Romans 10:8-13

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-16

Week 2 for March 16

Luke 13:31-35

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Genesis 15:1-18

Psalms 27

Week 3 for March 23

Luke 13:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

Week 4 for March 30

Luke 15:1-32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

Week 1 for April 6

John 12:1-8

Philippians 3:4-14

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Week 2 for April 13 – Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Psalms 118:1-29

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 31:9-16

Week 3 for April 20 – Easter

John 20:1-18

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:14-24

Week 4 for April 27, 2025

John 20:19-31

Revelation 1:4-8

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 130

Cemetery Update

The summer of 2024 Batesville United Methodist Church took over care of the Old Laughery German Methodist Cemetery in Ripley County. The property was the original site of the first German Methodist in Ripley County Indiana established 1845. In



1870 the German Methodist Church and cemetery was established in Batesville. Over the years the Laughery Township took care of the cemetery. The church has started to clean fence rows, cleaning and leveling stones and repairing stones. One of the stones that I repaired was H. Heinrich Shultz 1813-1848. I had about 60 hours in the project.

From Mike McIntosh

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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We are meeting in person
at 6:30 p.m.

Discipleship Pathway



LOVE



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