

August 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Outreach helpings Texas flood victims

Submitted by Sarah Heppner

This month the administrative board voted to donate \$500 to United Methodist Committee on Relief to help with the catastrophic flooding in Texas.

The following paragraph is from the UMCOR website.

On July 4, 2025, historic rain levels led to catastrophic flash flooding along the Guadalupe River in Central Texas. As of July 9, at least 110 people have died, including 27 campers and counselors from Camp Mystic, an all-girls summer camp in Hunt, Texas. In response, UMCOR has awarded a solidarity grant to the Rio Texas Annual Conference to support their relief efforts. This grant will provide immediate relief to those impacted through Early Response Team deployment, debris removal, distribution of relief supplies and more. Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones and for all who have been impacted by this devastating disaster.

If you would also like to personally make a donation to the TX flood relief you can bring a check to church and put it in the offering (Mark your check to UMCOR) or put it in the Outreach mailbox until the end of July.

I appreciate all of you who have contacted me throughout this year with ideas on how Outreach can help others with specific ideas. And I always appreciate the heart of our church. We all make up our Outreach. – Sarah



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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

Be Ready

"But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:36



Throughout the Gospels, Jesus speaks often of the need to be ready. In parables and even directly Jesus encourages his disciples to be ready, both for his return and the coming judgment. It will come like a thief in the night, unexpected so stay awake, be ready and remain watchful.

Of course, Jesus also speaks of various signs to mark the times and it is because of this that many have asked if I think we are living in the last days. With all we see in the news, earthquakes and famines, wars and children suffering violence and hunger, rumors of wars and financial collapse, it is easy to see why so many people are asking the same question.

As to the day and hour, Jesus warns, nobody knows, thus again, the need to be ready. Living in a state of constant spiritual preparedness, of faith, obedience, and love for God and others are all part of Jesus call. It is in growing in our knowledge and faith, exercising an active faith that we are preparing ourselves for what is to come. Being ready is not about a moment but a life lived in vigilance and practice, striving to be like Jesus each and every day.

Other than God, no one knows what the future holds but we do live with the full assurances of God's promises and the knowledge that our Savior is with us. So may we continue to strive to be ready, loving and serving in anticipation of the day of Christ return.

Grace and peace

PC

Apple Dumpling Time

Applefest is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28. We will once again be making apple dumplings to sell on those days.

Information about donations and helping to make them and sell them will be coming out later in August. Hope you will join in the fun and support this huge undertaking.

Any questions, contact Debbie Obermeyer at 859-912-2481.

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.




CHOIR CAMP


Multi Generational



Aug 18, 19, 21, 22 6-8
(No Wednesday Aug 20th)




Starting at 6PM - 8PM




301 North Broadway

Zamar Music Production

@ Greensburg United Methodist Church



Matthew Trossman
UMC Batesville Music Director



Deb Reese
Zamar Music

Concert: Sunday, August 24th 3PM



Scriptures

August 3 – Hosea 11:1-11 **Luke 12:13-21**

August 10 – Isaiah 1:1, 10-17 **Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16**

August 17 – Isaiah 5:1-7 **Hebrews 12:1-2**

August 24 – Luke 13:10-17 **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

August 31 – Jeremiah 2:4-13 **Hebrews 13:1-6, 15-16**

(Bold indicates sermon text)

Calendar

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, August 18 at 6 p.m.

Sunman St. Paul's UMC Picnic Shelter - Sunday, August 10, 4 p.m.

District Picnic at Camp Moneto, Brown County - from 5-8 p.m. Friday, August 22

Women's Ministry – Sunday, August 24 at 5 p.m.

Pitch-In Dinner – Sunday, August 31 after the 10 a.m. service

Flower volunteers

August 3 Bob & Carolee Barber
August 10 Hoagy & Deb Wright
August 17 Jeff & Amy Liter
August 24 Gerry & Michele Werner
August 31 Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

Greeters and Ushers

August 3 Mary Kay Roberts & Linda Straight
August 10 Ann Stokes & Tina Snyder
August 17 Gerry Werner & Marc Emral
August 24 Bob & Carolee Barber
August 31 Andy & Jen Saner

Jacob's Well

August 3 John & Priscilla Christie
August 10 The Saner Family
August 17 Ann Stokes & Teresa Burdette
August 24 Joe & Mary Kay Roberts
August 31 Bob Fitzpatrick

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Bob & Sheila Smith
Family of Betty Lou Barber
Cyndy Walther

George Hillman

Tony Trossman

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

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)



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

August 3 Sean Fitzgerald
August 10 Joe Roberts
August 17 Jerilyn Lowery
August 24 Pete Nolan
August 31 Marc Emral

Children's Church

August 3 Kendall Messerschmidt
August 10 Sharon Chia
August 17 Melissa Kramer
August 24 Val Stutler
August 31 Sharon Chia

Birthdays

August 6 Catherine Li
August 9 Teri McIntosh
August 10 Sally Heppner
August 10 Xander Kramer
August 10 Michele Werner
August 17 Joe Roberts
August 23 Keegan Moster

Anniversaries

August 6 Ted & Ginny Hartshorn
August 16 Vince & Marcy Moster
August 24 Gerry & Michele Werner
August 25 Nancy & Don Burcham

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/>

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.



It's Picnic Time

Our area UMC picnic begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, at Sunman St. Paul UMC Picnic Shelter and Park. Rain Date is August 17.

This year we have a Beach Theme It is a pitch-in with the meat, drinks and paper products provided. Blessed Assurance will be playing for us 4-5 p.m.

We will worship and eat at 5ish.

There will be Kids Crafts, Cornhole and a Beach Hat contest.

Bring your lawn chair and a dish to share. Bring a friend.

Need more information, contact LaJo 812-621-1381

Rally Day (East Central Heights)

The rally will be at 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, Sept.13, at Columbus First UMC, 618 Eighth St. in Columbus.

In the fall, there will be a Rally Day in each of the five newly-formed districts. This will be the first gathering of the new districts and will be a time of celebration to engage our shared mission and vision, to meet the District Superintendent and the district leadership, to connect with pastors and laity within the district, and to meet Conference support staff. Bishop Malone will be present at each Rally Day and will share a message during this worshipful experience.

More information available at: www.inumc.org/events/rally-day-east-central-heights/

Supper Club

Supper Club sign-up sheets will be out soon for the next round of Supper Club. It's a great way to get to know your church family.

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812-363-2842 Mel's Cell

Women's Ministry

In July, the Women's Ministry Group was treated to an Introduction to the Practice of Mindfulness by Lisa Tuveson. We gained an understanding about the importance of being in the moment. Lisa taught us a Mindful Breathing technique to help move our thoughts toward positivity and relaxation. All women attending felt the session was very beneficial.

Join us on August 24 at 5 p.m. where the lau lau is the kau kau at our big luau. Tropical food, hula, Hawaiian music, ukeleles will add to the fun. Relax and imagine you are enjoying an evening at the beach. Aloha.

Scenes from a pool party



Discipleship Pathway

