

May 2025 Newsletter
Batesville United
Methodist Church

Hanging with the Women's Ministry

Our first Women's Ministry meeting, "Hanging with your PEEPs," was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and food. In addition to enjoying "heavy" hors oeuvres, we shared joys and laughter, challenges and support, deepened our relationships. We hope you will join us on May 25 at 5 p.m. for our next meeting.



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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

A hand up

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good
return for their labor:*

*If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

I was reminded this week of the importance and power of community. I was speaking with someone who has been embraced by the congregation and has now found a home, a safe place to learn, grow and be supported. They are not deeply connected by faith, which I see growing in them daily, but by the power of community.

Of course, this was just a reminder, it certainly was nothing new. I have seen, time and again, as I know you have, the power of community in our lives and in our faith. This sense of community is born of God, who calls us into the family of faith. It is prevalent throughout Scripture and in our Wesleyan Theology and Heritage. But unfortunately, we have also seen times when people, when faced with great burdens and fears have turned to the community for a time. When things settle, they go on their own again. But the community that Scripture speaks of is not simply visited, but lived in, it becomes a part of us.

It is a life in the church that is filled with opportunities to grow into the community, not only for support for ourselves but that we can be there to lift our brothers and sisters up. Movie night is not just because I want you to see a movie, it is about building that sense of community. This is true with so many ministries in our church, including supper club, prayer partners, 5th Sunday pitch-in and our new Women's ministry. Opportunities to grow together, to build the community of faith and to remind us of its power and importance.

Now more than ever it is vital that we continue with this work and engage in the community of faith. As we see people struggling and living in fear, it is important that we all know there will always be another to lend a hand and help us up. What we may have taken for granted, is an assurance and confidence that so many people in this world do not know.

I pray you never fall down, but if you do, I can promise there will be someone there to help you up. So be confident as you continue to strive and build the kingdom of God and know the blessings you possess as a part of the community of faith!

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.

Meet the Snyder family

Our family consists of John, Tina and Sara.

Although John was born in Cincinnati and raised on a farm just south of Batesville; the family did move to Grayson, Kentucky, for about a year before returning back to family farm.

John is one of four siblings – he has an older sister and two younger brothers.

Tina was born in the local hospital in Batesville has been a lifelong resident of this community. She is the youngest of four siblings, had two brothers (lost oldest brother in 2021) and a sister in Berlin, Germany.

We have several nieces and nephews. Married for six years before welcoming our only child, Sara, born in Columbus, Indiana, but like her mom a lifelong resident of Batesville.

John is a truck driver at Lauding Trucking. His route is now local so home everyday, although he spent many years over the road as well in his career.

Tina has just celebrated 33 years of employment at Martin Marietta, an aggregate supplier. I work in audit at our district office in West Chester, Ohio. Sara is working part time at the Kroger in Harrison.

John and I are also beginning to plan or discuss retirement! John this year (or part time) and Tina by spring 2027. Sorry, Sara, you still have some years of employment to go!

Thanks to an invitation by Mary Kay and Joe Roberts to visit BUMC, we did just that! We were



so genuinely and warmly welcomed that we are so happy being part of this church family. And Sara enjoys being part of choir. The family atmosphere is a big part of what we like along with many opportunities to serve and enjoy the many events.

In our spare time, we enjoy our puppy, Toby, and the outdoors! A few years ago we invested in a Goldwing trike with an enclosed trailer so when we aren't exploring the local back roads we have also taken it to southeastern Ohio, West Virginia, and Tennessee! What a great way to really see the mountains and Gatlinburg area! John also enjoys hunting and fishing when he isn't helping on the family farm and has even planted fruit trees toward a retirement project? We enjoy travel, sporting events and any opportunity to relax with friends and family or attending community events.



Scriptures

May 4 – Revelation 5:11-14 **John 21:1-19**

May 11 – Revelation 7:9-17 **Acts 9:36-43**

May 18 – Revelation 21:1-6 **John 13:31-35**

May 25 – John 14:23-29 **Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5**
(**Bold indicates sermon text**)

This month's readings

Week 1 for May 4

John 21:1-19

Revelation 5:11-14

Acts 9:1-6

Psalms 30

Week 2 for May 11

John 10:22-30

Revelation 7:9-17

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Week 3 for May 18

John 13:31-35

Revelation 21:1-6

Acts 11:1-8

Psalms 148

Week 4 for May 25

John 14:23-29

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Birthdays

May 3	Oliver Moster
May 9	Jeff Liter
May 11	Sarah Heppner
May 21	David Musick
May 23	Linda Mills
May 24	John Greiwe
May 28	Vickie Greiwe

Anniversaries

May 12	Guili Zhang & Xiang Guo
May 16	David and Andrea Wade
May 17	Tim and Bev Giesting
May 30	Mike and Linda Hultman

Youth May Schedule

Buds – Wednesday, May 7, and May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, May 14, and May 28, at 5:30 p.m.

Prayer List

Bishop Malone
Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)
Pastor Chris & Family
Eric Heppner and Family
Taylor Reindorf
George Hillman
Tony Trossman and Family
Karen Holt
Kin Choi
Veeru
Joan Moore
Merl Allen
George Hillman
Craig Summers
Brandt Maley
Betty Lou Barber
James Rudde (Shirley Pinkerton brother)
Beth Brinkman
Carol McGrath
Mark McIntosh
Sesly Marshall
Shannon MacLaren
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)



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.



Calendar

Chancel Choir Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Dinner Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m.

Movie Night Sunday, May 18. TBD

Administrative Council Meeting Monday,
May 19, at 6 p.m.

Women's Ministry Sunday, May 25, at 5 p.m.

Flower volunteers

May 4	Ralph & Judi Craig
May 11	Joe & Mary Kay Roberts
May 18	Pastor Chris and Angie Renick
May 25	Chris & Jerilyn Lowery

Greeters and Ushers

May 11	Guili Zhang and Xiang Guo
May 18	John and Tina Snyder
May 25	Sarah Fitzgerald & Sue Rowland

Liturgists

May 11	Bob Barber
May 18	Chris Lowery
May 25	Pete Nolan

Children's Church

May 11	Sarah Fitzgerald
May 18	Jordan Bergquist
May 25	Kendall Messerschmidt

Jacob's Well

May 11	Barbara Nettnay
May 18	The Mysers
May 25	The Snyders

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/>

Outreach report

In April the administrative board voted to donate \$500 to the organization, World Central Kitchen.

WCK is a non-profit organization that provides food relief in response to humanitarian, climate and community crises. Part of their work in March was to donate meals in both North Carolina and South Carolina communities affected by the wildfires. In April, they supported families in Myanmar following the earthquake.

Again, BUMC feels it is important to both support internationally and locally.

So in May we also voted to donate \$750 to our Summer Food Program, which has helped local families for many years with food and personal items. Each year the number of families who

qualify increases and so do the prices of all of the items donated.

As a follow up from our March donation to Doctors Without Borders, as a reminder, the board voted to send a \$500 donation. We also received a personal donation from a church member for \$50. Donations in March would be multiplied by 4X. So our contribution ($\$550 \times 4$) ended up as a total of \$2,200.

As always, please reach out with any area of need you would like for us to consider. You are all part of this mission. You can text me at 812-212-0862 or email me at sarahheppner64@gmail.com or find me at church!

Thank you for all that you do for others through your time, service and love.



The Outreach Committee donated \$1,000 to the United Methodist minister Pastor Wonwoo Lee, who is appointed at the Korean United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

Cherishing Our Life Together

**Batesville United Methodist Church
3rd Annual Women's Dinner
Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m.**

Our guest speaker for this event is Mary W. Cartwright, a retired pastor and the Associate District Superintendent for the Southeast District. She also serves as the Immigration Rights advocate for the Indiana Conference Board of Diversity,

Missions and Justice. Mary will be challenging us with thought provoking questions about our busy lives: How do we engage in life with others? How do we practice awe and gratitude? What do we notice that gives us hope? This will be a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!! Hope to see you on Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

Summer Foods for Kids

Many thanks from the Summer Foods for Kids program for your generous donation. It is much appreciated.

The Summer Foods for Kids programs provides breakfast and lunch grocery items, weekly, during the summer months. This program helps families that qualify for free or reduced meal programs through our local schools. In addition, we host a

free lunch, offer free books and fun craft activities. It is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and support our community.

We will be collecting canned goods in June and July. These items can be dropped off at the church. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with Summer Foods for Kids , please contact Mary Kay Roberts or Susie Rowland.



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

