



Batesville United Methodist Church

AppleFest is fast approaching

BUMC is once again making apple dumplings to sell at AppleFest 2027! Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to help with this fundraiser. We will be asking for specific donations and for your help making and selling these at the event.

The AppleFest is September 26 and 27. That

means we will be busy prepping on Thursday and making the dumplings on Friday. So, get those apple peelers ready and bring your rolling pins. We have 600+ apple dumplings to prepare. It's great fun (and a lot of work), but what a great way to get to know one another.

BUMC are helping the flood victims

Our neighbors and many parts of our state have been immensely affected by recent flooding. As part of Outreach, we will be making a donation by the end of August to UMCOR, which, as you know, 100% of the donation goes straight to the cause.

This 100% giving promise is achieved because a dedicated church-wide special offering, known as UMOCR Sunday, pays for all of the organization's administrative and operational costs.

If you would also like to donate individually for the victims of the flooding, please make checks out to UMCOR and in the memo section write "flood" and bring it to church. You can

drop it off and put it in the Outreach mailbox outside of the office or you can bring it to church on Sunday and put it in the offering. All donations, along with the Outreach donation, will then be sent to UMCOR.

I am sure many of you are following how to help closely. Communities have stepped up initially with cleaning, providing supplies, and sharing food which has been awesome. The monetary donations will help both now and in the future for those "getting back on their feet".

Thank you for your prayers and efforts, as always.

Sarah Heppner

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Watch us live or check out our library at
www.batesvilleumc.org

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

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

“And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.”

2 Thessalonians 3:13

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

Isiah 40:31



Doing Good

It seems odd that the Apostle Paul at least twice, encourages congregation to not grow weary of doing good. Even the prophet Isaiah speaks to the idea of growing weary. We may wonder what Paul is getting at? Being nice, doing good things may be tiring, to the point that we just don't want to do them anymore? Do we then do nothing or maybe even do wrong to others?

I think what Paul may be getting at is that ministry is often exhausting and overwhelming. There always seems to be more need than our capacity to address it. I feel like at times I am always asking you to serve more, to give more, to participate and be present more! It is not because I enjoy giving you a hard time, well maybe a little, but it is because there is always more to do for the Kingdom of God, more needs that must be met.

Just this week I have been contacted by two families who are struggling. One lady needs money for her daughters' braces or the dentist is going to confiscate them. Another is struggling with past due rent. They are working but the money they make just won't go far enough. Two other families have lost loved ones. One person came in who is having a mental crisis and needs more help than I can provide. One fellow clergy called looking for support as they have hit the wall. Sometimes it becomes too much! So much need, so many people hurting, yes, doing good can be too much. But Paul says, don't give up, don't stop being Christ for a hurting world because a great harvest is coming. All that work, all that sacrifice will eventually produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

But how? Here is where Isaiah gets it. Stop relying on just your own power, your own abilities and allow God to renew your strength. It is God who calls, it is God who equips, and it is God who strengthens. So don't quit, don't give up and keep doing all the good that you can!

Grace and Peace
PC

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: by appointment with Pastor Chris

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

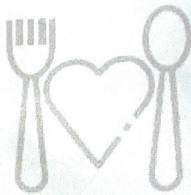
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

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

COMMUNITY FREE MEAL

All are welcome!



Every 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm

**SEPTEMBER
19th meal**

Baked Pasta w/Meat Sauce

Sides and Dessert

Dine-in, Carryout or Delivery

Batesville United Methodist Church

106 South Park Avenue

Local delivery orders can be placed by calling

812-934-3137

call to reserve your delivery by Wednesday, please

Our 2026 Program Supporters

Ripley County Community Foundation

Women's Giving Circle Grant

Sally Morris Community Impact Grant

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church

Batesville Food Pantry

His Hands Ministry

J.T.M. Food Group

Food & Growers Association

Franklin Co. Cattlemen's Association

The Tribe

The Garrett Group

St. Louis School Cafeteria

Friends of BUMC

Fifth Sunday pitch-in had food, conversation and a carnival atmosphere



Volunteers working on the free meal in August.



Calendar

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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

TC4H Tai Chi Study – Tuesdays 5:45 p.m. Starts September 15.

Buds – Wednesday, September 9 and September 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, September 16 and September 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Free Dinner – Saturday, September 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Apple Fest– Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27

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

Flower volunteers

September 6 – Sean & Sarah Fitzgerald

September 13 – Doug & Mona Wilson

September 20 – Eric & Sarah Heppner

September 27 – Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

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September 6 – Bruce Li

September 13 – Sean Fitzgerald

September 20 - Robbie Bruns

September 27 – Kin Choi

Birthdays

September 5 - John Snyder

September 9 - Connor Renick

September 18 - Sam Saner

September 23 - Guili Zhang

September 26 - Marilyn Schwegman

September 26 - Joseph Choi

Anniversaries

September 3 - Hoagy & Deb Wright

September 5 - Kin Choi & Sharon Chia

September 7 - Kendall & Ryan Messerschmidt

September 12 - Blair & Melissa Kramer

September 29 – Pete & Cathy Nolan

Scriptures

September 6 – Mark 12:20-30 **John 3:1-16**

September 13 – Romans 14:1-12 **Exodus 14:19-31**

September 20 – Matthew 20:1-16 **Exodus 16:2-15**

September 27 – Matthew 21:23-32 **Philippians 2:1-13**

Prayer List

Bishop Malone

Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS)

Pastor Chris & Family

Family of Les Smith

Diana Kirby

Lucille Snyder

Wayne Pinkerton

Shoufeng Mei (Guili Zhang, mother,)

Tom Amberger (Mary Kay's brother-in-law)

Nancy Briggs (Jim Walther sister)\

Madison UMC congregation

Michele and Gerry Werner

Judy and Victoria

Ron Boice

Moya Jones

Lisa Haessig

Christians in China

Chris Lowery

Bob & Sheila Smith

George Hillman

Tony Trossman

Joan Moore

Merl Allen

Craig Summers

**The family of James Rudde (Shirley
Pinkerton brother)**

Mark McIntosh

Sesly Marshall

Connie Summers

Mike Hultman

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

Long Term Care

Carol Pinkerton (Waters)

Ted and **Ginny Hartshorn** (Chateau)

Naomi Melia (St. Andrews)

Nancy Dinnen



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](#).

If you want to help, contact the church.

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.



Jim Powell was awarded the lifetime theatre award from the Batesville Area Arts Council for his years of work in local theater.



Jacob's Well

September 6 – Joe & Mary Kay Roberts

September 13 – Janet & Tony Batta

September 20 – Kathy Newell & Marc Emral

September 27 – Deb & Hoagy Wright

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/>

Children's Church

September 6 – Jordan Bergquist

September 13 – Sharon Chia

September 20 – Sesly Marshall

September 27 – Sarah Fitzgerald

Liturgists

September 6 – Bob Barber

September 13 – Deb Wright

September 20 – Pete Nolan

September 27 – Joe Roberts

Greeters and Ushers

September 6 – John & Sara Snyder

September 13 – Marc Emral & Susie Rowland

September 20 – John Snyder & Tina Snyder

September 27 – Bob Barber & Carolee Barber

Women's Ministry creates beautiful bouquets

Women's Ministry celebrated the beauty of our Earth on Sunday, August 23 with a fresh flower bar.

Flowers from Sharon Steinfort at the Batesville Farmers Market, Mary Kay Roberts and Debbie Obermeyer were used to create beautiful arrangements. The ladies were able to take their bouquets home. Extra flowers and donated arrangements were delivered to some of our ladies unable to attend.

Join us on September 27 at 5 p.m. for a special presentation "Salt – The Spice of Life." Meadows Pathway Salt Room will share information about Halotherapy, a natural wellness treatment. Therapeutic "salt rooms" offer the promise of better breathing, healthier skin and stress relief. Come and find out what it's all about. Join in the fellowship, food and fun.

Looking forward to some upcoming meetings
October 25 - Game Night Fun
November 22 - Christmas Service Project for Teachers
December 27 - Movie Night



Supper Club is back

If you've participated in Supper Club then welcome back. If you are new to it then welcome! Folks sign up to be a part of this and are assigned groups. Each group then decides where and when to meet to share a meal. It can be any time of day, any day and anywhere you choose. The goal is to meet 3-4 times. It's an amazing way to get to know your church family and it is really fun. Look for the sign-up in September. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Obermeyer at 859-912-2481.

Save the date

The church community is having a baby shower for Priscilla and John. The women of the church will be gathering on Saturday, October 3, at 1 p.m. to celebrate this occasion. More info will follow. If you have questions, ask Debbie Obermeyer.



New Horizons goes to a carnival

BUMC treated a group from New Horizons to Summer Time Carnival Fun.

So much joy, laughter, even hugs from the participants for our volunteers. Everyone played games, won prizes, enjoyed snacks, pizza and an ice cream sundae bar. Such a blessing for all of us to collaborate with New Horizons.



Discipleship Pathway



LOVE



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