

The Monthly Message



TENNESSEE-WESTERN KENTUCKY CONFERENCE



A Letter from the Pastor



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the congregational survey. Your Visioning Team will analyze the results considering learnings gleaned through their work with the Ministry Leadership Center out of Brentwood. I have not looked at any of the results, but I strongly suspect there will be changes recommended by the Visioning Team. Also, I know worship style and time are a high priority for several people. In some ways, worship is the easy part. Although, I hope everyone knows we will never be able to make everyone happy when it comes to worship.

The greater challenge may come in selecting areas of focus for BUMC. Over the years we all have heard many good ideas. However, a good idea can only be as good as its implementation. There is no way any congregation can implement well every good idea. This is where discernment becomes critical. Where do we, as a congregation, discern God to be leading us a community of faith at the corner of Stage & Shelby? Actually answering that question and how we will out that answer is the next and most important step. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Dean Emerson, OS

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 WoW	5	6 Mother/Son Sneaker Ball 	7
8 Daylight Savings Time  Spring Forward!	9	10  United Women in Faith	11 WoW	12	13  ← Lakeshore	14 
15 →	16	17 	18 WoW	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 WoW	26	27 ← Spring Crafts Fair → 	28
29 Palm Sunday 	30 ←	31	 Holy Week			→

The mission of Bartlett United Methodist Church is to know Christ and to make Christ known to all people, through worship, education, and service in our community and throughout the world.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LENT -You know, my grandmother Agnes always said that “every Christmas we see baby Jesus in the manger and every Good Friday, Jesus dies for our sins and every Easter He Rises again! For 98 years of my life, the story remains the same!” and every Good Friday, Jesus dies for our sins and every Easter He Rises again! For 98 years of my life, the story remains the same!” but then she would say (in her quiet wisdom), “but WE are never the same! ...every year we find our life is so different.”

We travel through this time of year at Lent with a different view than other years. Maybe you have lost a loved one, been in an argument that ended a friendship, had a mountain top experience, fell in or out of love, or maybe you just find yourself struggling - in other words... life! My grandmother also said “it’s always something” this after her refrigerator AND air conditioning went out in one day. She joked “you would think after 98 years of trying to do her best- trying to be a good Christian that God just might cut her a break!” Ha! Just when we think we deserve health and happiness, life happens and things get a little out of sorts! God’s love is constant...never saying we wouldn’t struggle in life but that He would never leave us!!!

Now once we can wrap our heads around the idea we are not invincible and life happens, maybe we can humble ourselves to see what THIS Lent THIS year God is trying to stir, renew and teach in us- because faith is a journey not a destination!

In Christ,
Lynn



**SPRING
CRAFTS FAIR**
March 27-28
LEC GYM



CHILDREN’S AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome to March, everyone! We have some exciting events planned over the next few months for our children’s and music ministries!

March 7 @ 2:30 p.m. - Germantown United Methodist Church

River City Ring Concert - Some of Bartlett’s handbell ringers are heading to River City Ring, an event that brings together handbell ringers from West Tennessee and surrounding areas for a day of rehearsal and music-making. Ringers rehearse meaningful repertoire, build musical community, and culminate the experience with a handbell concert celebrating the joy of ringing together. Join us for the concert at Germantown UMC!

Here are a few more key dates for the upcoming months:

Mar 6 Mother/Son Sneaker Ball
6-8 PM

Apr 17 Crossroads Gala
6:30-9 PM

May 6 Hymn Sing
6:15 PM

May 13 Spring Fling
6:15 PM

May 17 Bartlett Area Chorus
3 PM

**EASTER
EGG
STRAVAGANZA**
March 29th, 2026

2-4 PM
Sanctuary



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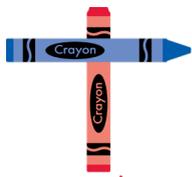
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Preschool

PRECHOOL & KDO

Registration for our Preschool and Kid's Day Out programs for the 2026-2027 school year continues! We would love to welcome your little ones for a year full of learning, laughter, and love.

Dates to Remember:

- Dr Seuss Week: March 2-6
- Spring Break: March 16-20

To register or schedule a tour, please contact **Stacey Graves** at 901-386-4651 or email preschool@bartlettumc.org!



SERVE

Did you know that BUMC owns and manages the Bartlett-Ellendale Cemetery, located near Oak Road and St. Elmo? For some time, David McDonald has served as the interim **cemetery Sexton**. We are certainly grateful for David's service in the interim, and are now looking to fill the role on a permanent basis.

What is a Sexton? A caring, compassionate individual who serves as the "face" of the cemetery. Responsibilities include meeting with individuals to show them plots for future or immediate needs, coordinating with funeral homes to set up cemetery services and our equipment operator to open and close the plot. On the day of a service, the Sexton is at the cemetery as a representative of the church and coordinates the functions of the funeral home and equipment operator.

This is a part-time/as-needed and fee-based position. If you feel called to help serve in this important capacity, please contact David McDonald or the church office for more details.

HOLY WEEK

We would love for you to join us for Holy Week services, **March 30-April 3!**

Come and experience meaningful worship as we reflect together during this sacred week. Following each service, stay and enjoy a time of fellowship over lunch as we gather around the table in community.



All are welcome — we hope you'll make plans to join us!



Want to place an **Easter lily** in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one? Visit us at bartlettumc.org or scan the QR code below to order! Lilies are \$18 each and must be ordered no later than Monday, March 16th!



United Women in Faith

The March meeting of UWF will meet on Tuesday morning, March 10 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. All women of the church are invited to join!



The United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 14th. Breakfast is \$5 (FREE for first-timers!), and begins at 8:00 am!

OUTREACH

Last month we collected donations for the kids participating in Bartlett High School's production of "The Prince of Egypt". A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to everyone who donated- they were SOOOO EXCITED and appreciated your generosity!!! There was enough for snacking through the week too! Thank you again!



We also received a sweet thank you card from Room In The Inn- Memphis for our Christmas love offering:



*Dear friends at Bartlett UMC,
Thank you so much for your incredibly generous contribution to the important work of Room In The Inn. Your congregation's support and hosting of our guests changes lives. So many are realizing permanent change and I am thankful you are part of their stories!
Peace, Rev. Lisa Anderson*



The Fun Club will have their monthly meeting on March 17th at 10 am!

The Fun Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the LEC. To reserve a spot for lunch, contact Charlotte White at 568-3002.



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We would love to hear it!**

Send feedback, questions, or concerns to
Brittany Dawson at bdawson@bartlettumc.org

RECREATION

Pickleball— Every Tuesday at 6:45pm (*follow Pickleball-BUMC on Facebook*)

Zumba— Every Thursday at 5:30pm (\$3 per class)

Volleyball— Every Thursday at 6:30pm

Walking Group— Monday & Tuesday at 4:45pm

