



# The Monthly Message



### Join Rev. Dean in the Wesleyan Lenten Fast.

- Beginning Thursday, March 6, from 6:00pm Thursday to noon on Friday each week.
  - Drink only water, if possible
  - Pray for those fasting with you
- Contact Rev. Dean (386-4563 or demerson@bartlettumc.org) if you will be participating.

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.

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### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
- Friday 9:00am-12:00pm
- Phone: 901-386-4563

**Holy week**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 13 @ 9:00am  
Sanctuary

**NOONDAY DEVOTION AND LUNCH**  
April 14-April 18 @ 12:00pm  
McCarter Chapel

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
April 17 @ 7:00pm/ Sanctuary

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 18 @ 7:00pm/ Sanctuary

**EASTER**  
April 20 @ 7:00 & 9:00 am  
Sanctuary

### Speakers for Noon-day devotions:

Monday-  
Josh McClurken  
Ellendale UMC

Tuesday-  
Sara Corum  
Trinity UMC

Wednesday-  
Aaron Dennis  
Raleigh & Scenic Hills  
UMC

Thursday-  
Andy Thompson  
Capleville UMC

Friday-  
Russell Morrow  
Mullins UMC

## BUMC IT Corner (Caleb Wise/cwise@bartlettumc.org)



**Saturday, March 8**  
**8:00am in Fellowship Hall**

All men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast for a light breakfast, fellowship, and speaker Bartlett Mayor David Parsons. Breakfast is \$5 and first timers eat for free! Call the church office at 386-4563 to reserve your spot. Call David Dunn at 212-4649 for more information.



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

**Sunday, March 9**  
**9:00am in the Sanctuary**  
The women of the church will lead the worship service.

**Tuesday, March 11**  
**10:00am in Fellowship Hall**

All women are invited for light refreshments and an informative program from our speaker, Jan Lindsey. Join us and bring a friend!

### Personal Data Backups

Welcome to March and hoping for a beautiful Spring. This month's topic will focus on personal data back-ups while also highlighting one of the many Artificial Intelligence tools. I will stress the idea of only using A.I. tools for the right reasons and always triple checking the data that is given. With that idea being covered, you can thank Google Gemini for this month's breakdown of personal data backups:

"Using redundancy for personal data backups means storing multiple copies of your important files in different locations. This strategy protects you from data loss due to a single point of failure, such as a hard drive crash, theft, or natural disaster. Essentially, if one copy is lost or damaged, you have others to fall back on. Here's a breakdown of key aspects:

- **Why it's important:** Redundancy mitigates the risk of losing irreplaceable data like photos, documents, and videos. Single backups are vulnerable.

- **How to implement it:** Common methods include:

- **3-2-1 Rule:** A widely recommended approach. Maintain at least three copies of your data (the original and two backups). Store the backups on at least two different media types (e.g., internal hard drive, external hard drive, cloud storage). Keep at least one backup offsite (e.g., in a safe deposit box, a friend's house, or using a cloud service).

- **Cloud backup services:** Using services like Backblaze, Carbonite, or iCloud to automatically back up your data to remote servers.

- **Security:** Ensure your backups are encrypted, especially if stored offsite or in the cloud, to protect your data from unauthorized access.

In summary, redundancy is crucial for robust personal data backup. By implementing a multi-layered approach, you significantly increase the chances of recovering your important files in the event of data loss. The 3-2-1 rule is a good starting point, but you can tailor your strategy based on your individual needs and budget."

Above information taken from Google Gemini prompt "Can you write me a summary of using redundancy for personal data backups?"

*Caleb Wise*

BUMC IT Admin

James 1:2-4



**March 28 & 29**  
**9am-5pm**  
**LEC**

## Youth Ministry (Lynn Thompson/lthompson@bartlettumc.org)

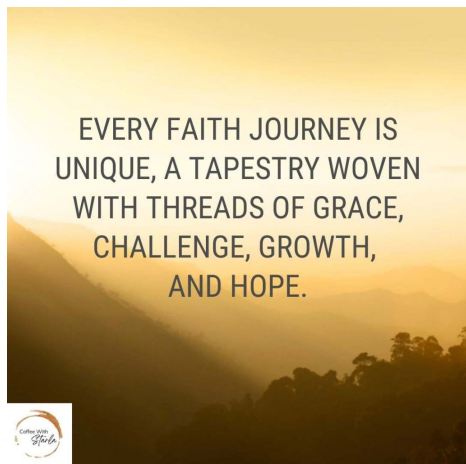
Hey Gang! I hope that you are doing well! With all of this crazy weather we have been having – one day it's winter...one day it's spring...then back to winter again...agh! That's Memphis weather for you! It's so funny. For those of us who have lived in Memphis all of our lives...that's just how we roll! We are never really having distinct seasons. It has snowed on Easter and it has been 70 degrees for Christmas...oh yes! and everyone always made a mad dash to the store if the weatherman says "Snow"! This one always cracks me up! I think of all my 61 years I can only remember 3 bad winter storms (one when I was around 4) and only a handful of legitimate snows! When I was younger, I would be so disappointed when my mom or dad would say – it's not going to snow...yea the weatherman said it but I'm telling you it just isn't going to happen you WILL have school tomorrow. And much to my sadness...they were always right. UGH! Isn't that funny we hope and wish and dream for something that we really have no control over only hoping just hoping that it will be different this time! I guess we do that in our faith journey as well...I know I do this. We have these hopes and dreams that it's all going to be different and we have those that tell us ...nope...not how life is.

So, I have this dilemma – do I find myself being hard and cynical – or would you call that simply resting on what I know that I have experienced. I know that God is in everything and He is in control and LIFE HAPPENS and "He will never leave me or forsake me" (Hebrews 6:6). I don't think that's cynical but I know that it is true. Then comes the "hoping for the different – out of the box – mountain top experiences" – is that me with my head in the clouds and not being realistic? I know that God has given me CRAZY AWESOME BLESSINGS in my life that only He could have provided and for that I know that God is a God that can change anything! So where do I land in my faith journey – I guess the best of both worlds – always looking for God's new direction but also knowing that in the midst of the "routine" of life – He is ALL up in there too! I guess that's why it's a journey – learning, understanding, seeing, feeling things in different perspectives. That is also why the journey is AN AMAZING ADVENTURE! I hope this month leads you in different paths, different understandings but also clearly knowing that God is there...ALWAYS!

Have a BLESSED day!

In Christ,

*Lynn Thompson*



### Youth Events

#### Lakeshore Retreat

March 15-17

#### Spring Crafts Fair

March 28-29

*Contact Lynn Thompson for additional information.*

*Youth Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the LEC Youth Room.*

*United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) meets every Sunday at 5:15pm in the LEC. All 7th-12th graders are invited! Bring your friends!*





**Ash Wednesday**

March 5 @ 6:15pm

**Lipscomb University Choir  
Concert**

Wed., March 26 @ 6:30pm

**Palm Sunday**

April 13 @ 9:00am

**Easter**

April 20 @ 6:30 & 9:00am

**Kingdom Chorale  
Hymn Sing**

Wed., April 30 @ 6:15pm

**Bowling Green  
State University  
Collegiate Choral**

Wed., May 7 @ 6:30pm

**Spring Fling**

Wed., May 14 @ 6:15pm

**Music Ministry** ([Donia Rachelle Wade/dwade@bartlettumc.org](mailto:dwade@bartlettumc.org)/  
[Karen Strawhecker/karens@bartlettumc.org](mailto:karens@bartlettumc.org))

Kingdom Chorale enjoyed a wonderful tour to Fulton, Kentucky! We visited two retirement homes, Magnolia Place and the Etheridge House, where we performed our concert and invited the residents to join us in a hymn sing. We also enjoyed a fun afternoon at Discovery Park of America! Fulton First UMC graciously welcomed us to serve in worship.

**We have two openings in Bartlett Bells**, our intermediate, fun-loving bell choir, which meets Thursdays from 10:00a.m to 11:00a.m! Reading music is a plus, but NOT a requirement. Join us to enrich your life through music-making! If you're interested, reach out to Karen Strawhecker at [karens@bartlettumc.org](mailto:karens@bartlettumc.org).

Our vocal ensembles are always accepting new members! If you are interested in joining, feel free to show up at the rehearsal and see how you like it. If you can't commit to a weekly rehearsal, don't worry; we are flexible and understanding. We will begin our rehearsals with Easter music from 7:00-7:30 if you would like to be part of the Easter choir. All of our groups enjoy fellowship while practicing to present our best gift in worship.

VOCAL ENSEMBLES	REHEARSALS
Littlest Angels/Wesley ages 3-1st grade	Wednesdays @ 6:00-6:45pm
Kingdom Chorale Grades 2-5	Wednesdays @ 6:00-6:45pm
Youth Crossroads Choir Grades 6-12	Sundays @ 4:15-5:15pm
Chancel Choir Adult	Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:00pm



We are excited to welcome the Collegiate Choir from Bowling Green State University on Wednesday, May 7 as part of their tour! To make their visit a success, **we're asking for YOUR HELP with home stays for their 35-40 singers.**

Providing a home stay for a choir member or two would involve offering a ride from and back to the church, bed, shower, and fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to share our hospitality and connect with these talented young people!

If you are able to host, please contact Donia Wade at 901-713-9778 ASAP so we can coordinate arrangements. Thank you for your generosity and support in making their tour memorable!

## Outreach

Thank you to Cordova Presbyterian Church for their generous donations to our food pantry. We also want to thank our congregation who answered the call for more cereal and saltine crackers. Your donations helped so many in our community!



A HUGE THANK YOU to our amazing congregation and awesome youth! This year's Souper Bowl Sunday raised \$900.00+ for our Food Pantry! Thank you so much! God is Good! All the Time!

**Metro District Social Action Event**  
**Love in Action Helping Children in the Memphis Metro Area**  
**Saturday, March 29 ~ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Colonial Park UMC-5330 Park Ave.**  
Featuring Guest Speakers from Mid-South Food Bank

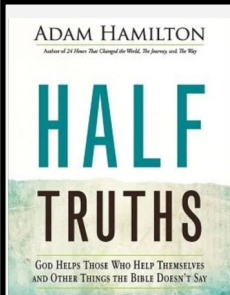


United  
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in Faith

To register for this free event, please email us: [uwfmetro@gmail.com](mailto:uwfmetro@gmail.com)  
Those attending will be asked to bring any of the following (individually wrapped/packed): tuna pouches, mac and cheese cups, granola bars, Rice Krispy treats, cups of peanut butter (Jif), instant oatmeal packets, instant grits packets. These items are used in Mid-South Food Bank's children's programs and are a way we can provide immediate assistance.

## Within Our Church Family

Sympathy is expressed to John Moeschle upon the death of his wife and our church member, Susan Moeschle. We also express our sympathy to Tim Smith upon the death of his mother, Mary Phillis Smith.



Rev. Dean will begin a 5 Week Lenten Study beginning Tuesday, March 4th at 2:00pm in Rm. 008S. Contact the church office (386-4563) to pick up your book.

## Recreation

Join us each week in the LEC Gym for fun and 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

**Stretch Class**—Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00am

**Walking Group**—Monday & Tuesday at 4:45pm



**Tuesday, March 18 at 10:00 in the LEC Gym**  
Join the Fun Club (ages 50+) for their meeting with special speaker, Emily Elliott. The meeting is followed by lunch for \$10. *Call Charlotte White at 381-4954 or 568-3002 to make reservations.*

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The ASP trailer has arrived for “treasures” you would like to donate! Our Rummage Sale will be May 9-10 but we want you to start bringing in your treasures ...excluding any old tvs or old computer monitors! We will do furniture pickups the week of the sale. We will be available to pick up large items excluding armoires and China cabinets. Call the church office if you will be needing furniture picked up in May. Thank you to all who donate for this amazing mission!

# EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 5	10am- 12pm	Crafts, Prizes, & <b>EASTER BUNNY</b>
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**FREE EVENT!**

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