

## THIS WEEK AT BFUMC

- Today** 4:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (128)  
Financial Peace-Teens/Young Adult (123)  
5:15 p.m. Band of Brothers (127)  
**5:30 p.m. BFUMC 101 Pilot Class (124)**
- Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)  
6:30 p.m. Trustees (114)  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults (130)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Crochet Group (128)  
12:00 p.m. Cooking with Gabby (Kit)  
Chancel Choir (119)  
Youth Band (WC)
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Drop-In Baby Shower (SC)  
For Adam and Amanda Wolfe  
5:00 p.m. VBS (FH)



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## BARROW COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Our service project for the month of June is to distribute food at the Pantry, Monday - Friday, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.. Barrow County residents in need of food receive vouchers from DFACS and local churches and bring the vouchers to the Pantry. We are the designated church during June to take in vouchers and distribute food. We still have days available, so please check this week's Happenings and sign up today.

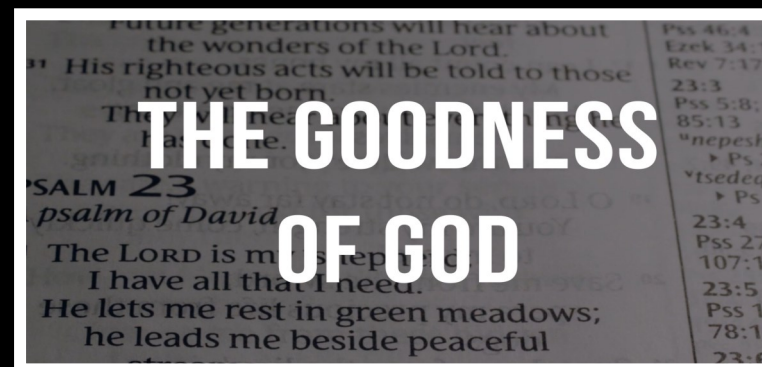
## VBS | SUNDAY, JUNE 11 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Our first night of VBS begins Sunday, June 11. Volunteers are still needed, so please sign up through: [linktr.ee/bfumc](https://linktr.ee/bfumc) (2023 VBS). Registration is required for attending each evening, so please, sign up as soon as possible. Use the QR code above and complete your registration today.

Complete details are printed each week in The Bethlehem Happenings. Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

June 4, 2023 | 11:00 Traditional Worship

Trinity Sunday | Holy Communion



*"You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies." – Psalm 23:5. Life is a battle! Yet, God prepares a feast for us, despite the attacks of our enemies. We can be sure that there is a beautiful banquet awaiting us on the other side of this battle, this sickness, this heartache, this relationship difficulty, this financial strain. However, in this refreshing promise God declares victory for us even while we are under attack! He promises He will come to us in the presence of our enemies and provide for all our needs; despite the gossip against us or the negative circumstances that engulf us, He prepares a table for us to nourish us, refresh us, and strengthen us. Regardless of our situation, we can take heart in knowing that the Creator of the universe will faithfully provide for our needs. Every time we gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate Communion we are reminded of this wonderful promise that God provides a feast for us even in the midst of the battles of life.*

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## 11:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

### IN THE SANCTUARY

*\*please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE** Katie Wilson  
**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT** John Jacobs, Trey Reed  
**GREETING** Rev. Frank Bernat  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Lynn Smith

Caring Shepherd, you supply all our needs.  
**We celebrate God's generous care of us all.**

Good Shepherd, you take us by the hand  
and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.  
**We celebrate God's compassion and understanding.**

Gracious Shepherd, your goodness and mercy  
nurtures and blesses us, and it enriches our soul.

**As we worship you, we share together in the feast you  
prepare for us, and it restores and refreshes us. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Lynn Smith

Lord, help us keep our eyes fixed on You, not on our enemies who would seek to destroy us or on the painful circumstances we're facing at this moment – not on our problems but on Your powerful presence in the midst of the battles of life. Thank You that You are always with us, You are our Good Shepherd and You will never leave us. You provide all we need! You lead us through the darkest valleys of life and on Your paths of righteousness. Take our hands Lord, and please hold tightly to us. Even in the midst of our battles You come to us in the presence of our enemies and provide for all our needs, refreshing us and renewing us for the battles ahead. Restore our strength Lord as we gather at Your table today, in the comforting name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 600

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended**

**into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH 71

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Beth Dickinson

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN** UMH 616  
*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

**\*GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Rev. Bernat

**OFFERTORY** *Ebenezer* Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 36:5-12 (GNT) Lynn Smith

**MESSAGE** "God Prepares a Banquet for Me!" Rev. Bernat

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are invited to come to the Lord's Table.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* (v.1) UMH 77

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Bernat

**\*POSTLUDE** *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* Eddy Oliver

#### WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

Please email your prayer requests to [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com) and they will be emailed out Monday in the weekly PrayerNet. You may also contact the church office, 770-867-3727.

