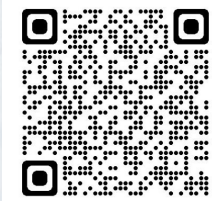


THIS WEEK AT BFUMC

- Today** 12:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Playing (128)
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (119)
The N.T. You Never Knew (124)
The Travel Club (101)
4:00 p.m. F.A.M. Mtg. (FH)
Handbell Practice (119)
5:00 p.m. Band of Brothers Men's Group (123)
BFUMC 101 (127)
Faith Over Fear (128)
Kidz Club (Chapel)
Rooted Youth Night (130)
- Monday** 2:30 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)
4:00 p.m. Book Art (128)
6:30 p.m. Lay Leadership (114)
- Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (127)
6:30 p.m. Church Council (128)
Handbell Practice (119)
Prayer Group (121)
Young Adults (130)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Crochet Group (128)
6:00 p.m. Honeysuckle Drive (123)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (119)
Crochet Group (128)
Transformation: A Life Group (124)
- Thursday** 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (124)
6:00 p.m. Faith Over Fear (128)



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | SEPT. 25 | 2:30 - 7:00 PM

To make an appointment, call 1-800-773-2767. We need volunteers to help with registration/canteen setup & observation. **Volunteer slots are available from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you can't give blood yourself, this is a great way to give back!**

LOVELIGHTS 2023 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 7:00 PM

Please take note of the new date for our LoveLights Service. Order forms are now available in the Narthex and the Stars Café if you would like to purchase a LoveLight (\$5/name) in honor or in memory of a loved one. All proceeds go toward missions. Complete details/instructions can be found in this week's Happenings on page 5.

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.

September 24, 2023 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost



We are called to serve the Lord by serving one another and serving our neighbors. We serve with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives spiritual gifts to us to use with others in the body of Christ to share the love of God with the world starting with our neighbors closest to us.

God has given Bethlehem First UMC a distinct gift mix to use for spreading Jesus Christ to the world. It is up to us to discover where we fit in the body of Christ and how we can use our gifts best. We are to use our gifts together, in unity. We have been placed here together for such a time as this to reach out into the community with the heart, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ.

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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 Eliana Gomez, John Jacobs
GREETING Rev. Megan Gomez
CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Aldridge

Praise you, God, for you are Lord and Master.
Through our service, may you be honored.

Your presence motivates us to minister to the needs of others.
We worship you as Lord of your church. Let us honor you by not only looking after our own needs, but also the needs of others.

With cheerful hearts we look out for the interest, needs, and concerns of others.

May we be ready to serve, as if we were serving you. For this is our privilege and our responsibility. As we worship you, help us to become difference-makers in other people's lives.

Let us serve one another with gratitude and eagerness. Let us carry each other's burdens, share with those in need, and be devoted to one another in love.

For you, God, are Lord and Master. We worship you! You are worthy of our praise and service!

OPENING PRAYER Dan Aldridge
*OPENING HYMN UMH 581
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (Vv 1, 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Rev. Bernat
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. Frank Bernat
*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 584 & 585
Lord, You Give the Great Commission (v. 1)
This Little Light (v.1)

*GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat
OFFERTORY *Old Time Religion Medley* Chancel Choir
Paul Thornton, bass

*DOXOLOGY
*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.*

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

VIDEO
SCRIPTURE READING Dan Aldridge
1 Corinthians 12:4-, 11-31 (NLT)

MESSAGE Rev. Dickinson
"Saved People Serve People: Where Do I Fit In?"

*CLOSING HYMN *We've a Story to Tell* (Vv. 1, 3) UMH 569
*BENEDICTION Dickinson
*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH— Please email your prayer requests to info@bethlehemfirstumc.com and they will be emailed out Monday in the weekly PrayerNet. You may also contact the church office, 770-867-3727.

