

THIS WEEK AT BFUMC

- Today** 3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (119)
The N.T. You Never Knew (124)
4:00 p.m. F.A.M. Mtg. (FH)
Handbell Practice (119)
5:00 p.m. Band of Brothers Men's Group (offsite)
BFUMC 101 (127)
Faith Over Fear (128)
Kidz Club (Chapel)
Rooted Youth Night (130)
- Monday** 4:00 p.m. Book Art (128)
- Tuesday** 1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith (128)
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (127)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (119)
Prayer Group (121)
7:00 p.m. 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. BASA Choral Concert (Sanctuary)
Faith Over Fear (128)
- Saturday** 10:00 a.m. Disc Golf—Little Mulberry Park, Dacula



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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!**

KENYA MISSION TRIP | JUNE 2024

We are planning a return trip to do some necessary repairs/maintenance on the Mountain Park facility, visit classrooms, read to younger students, help serve lunch, interact with the staff, and participate in recreational activities with the children. If you would like to be part of the 2024 team, come learn more about our trip on **Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information contact Pastor Frank, frank.bernat@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

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 17, 2023 | 9:30 am Casual/Contemporary Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost



"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return." – Philippians 1:9-10

As Christians, we are called to continuously grow in our faith. Every day we should seek to know God more and love Him deeper. Little by little, day by day, we learn to hear God's voice clearer, trust God more, and grow in Christ's love and grace. Intentional spiritual growth fortifies our faith and deepens our understanding of God and His will for our lives. But just as a toddler doesn't go to bed one night as a child and wake up the next morning as an adult, a strong faith doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, intentionality, and devotion on our part. Spiritual growth and faith development are a lifelong process. Unfortunately, many Christians never grow beyond the first step of accepting Christ as their Savior. Today we will tackle the myths that we often believe about our spiritual growth and how it really happens in our lives. And we'll talk about some daily habits you can begin to help you make a commitment to grow in your faith throughout the year.

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Welcome!

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this week as we worship together in-person and online. We are glad that you are with us and hope that you find the service engaging and encouraging.

If this is your first time with us, please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and visit the welcome booth for a red bag.

If you have any prayer requests to share with the church, you may write that on your Connection Card, or email us at info@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

Our staff is available by phone anytime. We hope you are blessed by your time with us this week.

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9:30 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

Welcome and Praise

Your Love Never Fails | *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

Greeting | Rev. Megan Gomez

Pray and Give

Time of Prayer | Rev. Beth Dickinson

Giving Back | Video

Listen to the Word of God

“Growing People Change” | Rev. Frank Bernat

Philippians 1:3-11

Oh The Glory Of It All

Ministry Opportunities

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Bernat

Depart and Serve God

Send Off | Rev. Bernat

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.

