



THE HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 22 - 28, 2023

BETHLEHEM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making *Worship* a priority, extending an intentional *Invitation*, *Nurturing* Godly friendships, committing to *Grow* spiritually, and making a difference by *Serving* others."

I LOVE MY CHURCH!

There are over two billion people in the world who attend church any given Sunday! Over 120 million in the United States alone! But many of them can't identify why they even go. They don't know that the church isn't just an event you show up to for an hour or so on Sunday morning – the church is a spiritual family you belong to. The church is the body of Christ designed to meet our deepest needs in life. Over the next six weeks we will rediscover the purpose of the church, why we worship, and how the church meets our deepest needs in life. We will look specifically at our core values here at Bethlehem First and why we can all say, "I love my church!"



August 20	I Love Our Church!
August 27	Worship is a Lifestyle
September 3	Invite - Found People Find People 10:30 a.m. <i>Combined Service</i>
September 10	Nurturing Godly Friendships
September 17	Growing People Change
September 24	Serving One Another

Please Join Us for Worship | In-Person or On-Line
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

"Saved People Serve People: Where Do I Fit In?" | 12:4-7, 11-31

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.


EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23		
10:00 am	Disc Golf -Little Mulberry Park, Dacula	
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		
12:00 pm	Hand and Foot Card Playing	128
3:00 pm	Handbell Practice	119
	The N.T. You Never Knew	124
	The Travel Club	101
4:00 pm	F.A.M. Mtg.	FH
	Handbell Practice	119
5:00 pm	Band of Brothers Men's Group	123
	BFUMC 101	127
	Faith Over Fear	128
	Kidz Club	Chapel
	Rooted Youth Night	130
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25		
2:30 pm	Blood Drive	FH
4:00 pm	Book Art	123
6:30 pm	Lay Leadership	114
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26		
6:00 pm	Disciple 1	127
6:30 pm	Church Council	128
6:30 pm	Handbell Practice	119
	Prayer Group	121
7:00 pm	Young Adults	130
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27		
9:00 am	Crochet	128
6:00 pm	Honeysuckle Drive	123
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir	119
	Crochet	128
	Transformation: A Life Group	124
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28		
9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study	124
6:00 pm	Faith Over Fear	128

HAND AND FOOT CARD PLAYING

Join the fun this Sunday, September 24, following the 11 o'clock worship service for food, fellowship, and play Hand and Foot. We would love to have you join us for the afternoon in Room 128. Bring a favorite dish to share. Want to know more about this fun game? Contact Ron Agnew, 706-491-9211, ragnew0550@gmail.com.





**MONDAY
SEPT 25
2:30-7PM**

*Give the
gift of
life!*

DONATE
Blood

Sign up linktr.ee/bfumc

Race to give this September and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus a chance to win a trip for two and VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway.

We need volunteers to help with registration/canteen setup & observation. It's a lot of fun!

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!

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KENYA MISSION TRIP 2024!

BFUMC is planning to return to Kenya in June of 2024! Last summer we sent a team of 15 people to Mountain Park Academy to visit with the students, lead a VBS, and interact with the faculty and staff. In 2024 our team will be returning to do some necessary repairs and maintenance on the Mountain Park facility including painting classroom walls and desks, visiting classrooms, reading to younger students, helping to serve lunch, interacting with the staff, and participating in recreational activities with the children. **If you would like to be part of our team in 2024 come learn more about our trip on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm**, in Room 123.

For more information please contact Pastor Frank, frank.bernat@bethlehemfirstumc.com.



FAMILY PROMISE

Our Family Promise Host Week is coming October 15-22, 2023.

The static host site is Milledge Avenue Baptist Church (1690 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens 30605). Even though the guests are not coming to our church, your help is still needed to volunteer at the static site in order to ensure that the guests are safe and have the support they need.

Volunteers are needed for evening and overnight hosts, and dinner hosts. Sign up through linktr.ee/bfumc (Sign Up to Serve Family Promise), or sign up on the Family Promise sheets on the blue Mission wall in the Stars Café.

Here is a link to a YouTube video showing the facilities for the static site: <https://youtu.be/lkPWspSkbcE>. it will answer most of your questions about the facility and the set-up there.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brent.

Brent Bohanan, *Family Promise Coordinator* | 770-826-4638 | brentsbohanan@windstream.net



VILLAGE OF HOPE SCHOOL IN LIBERIA

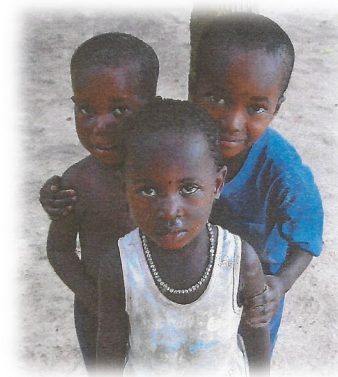
Please join us in collecting First Aid Supplies:

Gauze	Band-aids
Tape	Bacterial Ointment
Gloves	Feminine Hygiene Pads

(additional items you might find in a first aid kit).

Thank you for your continued support of our international mission partner!

Pastor Beth | 404-483-8760
beth.dickinson@bethlehemfirstumc.com



GROCERY LIST FOR HOUSE OF BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Canned Soup	Cake Mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Green Beans	Pasta	Jelly
Canned Peas, Corn, or Carrots	Tuna Helper	Saltine Crackers
Canned Chicken	Grits	Cereal
Peanut Butter	Oatmeal	Canned Spam or Vienna Sausages
Canned Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix	Kraft Type Mac & Cheese
Canned Ravioli or Spaghetti-O's	Muffin Mix	Cookie or Brownie Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Granola Bars	Canned Baked Beans
Rice-Plain or Flavored	Canned Tuna	Raisins, Applesauce, Dried Cranberries

Blue shopping bags are located
at all building entrances.
Donated items may be placed
at the blue wall
in the Stars Café.



HELP WANTED AT BFUMC

We are in need of A/V/media help at both worship services and would love for you to consider helping us on camera, slides, or sound. We will have two interest meetings for all present and future volunteers.

Sunday, October 1st at 12:30 p.m. (with lunch)

Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Gordon Wyngaert by phone or email.

Both meetings will be the same. Can't attend either meeting but still want to help? Contact Gordon.

Gordon Wyngaert, Technical Director
770-861-4623

THE LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting Toiletry Items for The Little Free Food Pantry located in the small house outside the adult Sunday school hallway. Whether families with kids or people passing through with dogs, the pantry is open to everyone. You can place food donations directly in the Little Free Food Pantry house or you can place them in the drawers near the blue missions wall in the Stars Café. Note, our House of Bread Food Pantry still distributes food the first Saturday of every month.

Needed Items:

- Canned Meats
w/ pop tops



HELP WANTED AT BFUMC

Job Title: Accounts Manager

Reports To: Senior Pastor

Classification: Part time, 20 hours per week. Exempt

General Purpose: Support and maintenance of the financial business of the church with utmost confidentiality at all times. Responsible for recording, tracking, and reporting financial transactions of the church, and church related entities, including receipt and disbursement of funds, membership contributions, accounts payable, banking and payroll. Prepare periodic financial reports and budgets for Finance Committee, Pastors, and Ministry Directors. Responsible for communicating pertinent financial data to Ministry staff, Finance Committee and specific contribution information to church members. Accounting experience and EXCEL proficiency a requirement; ACS Realm Financial Software a plus.

Compensation: Compensation is commensurate with experience and talents

Job Type: Part-time, No Benefits, paid time off

Schedule: 4-5 days/week; hours negotiable

Work Location: One location

Work Remotely: Rarely

Send resume to: info@bethlehemfirstumc.com

LOVELIGHTS 2023

Our annual Lovelights Service will be held in the Sanctuary on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.. We would love for each of you to be a part of this service. LoveLights is a very meaningful way to remember people who have been a shining light in your life and have moved to their heavenly home. It is also a great way to honor anyone who means a great deal to you and is still here among us. The deadline for submitting names is Sunday, October 15, 2023. It is a very simple process to participate:

If you've never purchased LoveLights before, complete a Lovelights 2023 Order Form for each person who you want to remember or honor and include \$5.00 for each person's name that will be called. It can be turned into the church office, placed in an offering plate, or mailed to BFUMC, 709 Christmas Ave., Bethlehem, GA 30620.

If you purchased Lovelights in 2022, you will receive an email with that list of names, or if you don't use email, you'll be handed your previous year's list. Please return your new order for 2023 by email, info@bethlehemfirstumc.com, or to the church office. Your cash or check can be mailed to the church, 709 Christmas Ave., Bethlehem, GA 30620, placed in the offering plate, or turned in to the church office.

If you choose, families of those remembered or the person you are honoring can be notified if you provide an Email address so we can send a letter of invitation to this service. Or you may pick up one or more of the LoveLight invitation letters to personally mail.

The funds collected are used for missions, here in Bethlehem, Barrow County, and beyond, to continue our goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ. I hope each of you will plan to participate.

Jessica Smith / Coordinator

678-779-7636 | jrsmith8584@gmail.com



LoveLights 2023

7:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ORDER FORM

Please use a Separate Order Form for each LoveLight
Please Print Clearly

GIVEN BY:

NAME:

PHONE #

PLEASE CHECK EITHER HONOR OR MEMORY

IN HONOR OF: ☐

IN MEMORY OF: ☐

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

Would you like an acknowledgement Email sent?

☐ No

☐ YES

IF YES, NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

If you would like to mail a letter of invitation to attend the service and let someone know that a LoveLight has been given, please pick up as many form letters as needed. If you need further assistance, please contact Karen Whitehead in the church office, 770-867-3727 ext. 102, karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

**Return this completed form with \$5.00 (for Missions)
by Sunday, October 15, 2023.**

If you have any questions,
you may contact the church office, 770-867-3727,
info@bethlehemfirstumc.com

Bethlehem Travel Club

Below, you will find the our current trip plans for 2023.

This is a mix of 'local' and driving trips.



If you wish to be included on a trip, please do the following:

- Contact the coordinator for that trip to express your interest & get additional details
- Supply your contact information to the coordinator (obviously name, cell phone or home phone, email address)
- The trips will have only a certain number of passengers, so it will be a “first come, first served” system.

DATE	DESTINATION	DEPART FROM BFUMC	RETURN TO BFUMC	COST	CONTACT
Sept. 23	Toccoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curahee Military Museum • Lunch • Curahee Mountain WWII Paratrooper Training Facility 	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	\$10 +\$8 gas +\$\$ food	Ron Agnew (706) 491-9211 ragnew0550@gmail.com
Oct. 2-6	New Orleans w/Diamond Tours, Inc	PAYMENT DEADLINE HAS PASSED We have a nice group of 30 set to go!			Wanda Doster 770) 601-8570 wjdoster@windstream.net
Oct. 14	Tallulah Falls Opry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your own chair • Dinner around 5:00 	3:30 PM	11:00 PM	+\$8 gas +\$\$ food	Ron Agnew (706) 491-9211 ragnew0550@gmail.com
Nov. ?? TBA	Berry College/Oakhill	TBA	TBA	\$30 + \$\$ gas + \$\$ food	Buddy Neel (678) 979-9998 bmlneel@gmail.com
Dec. 1	Madison Tour of Homes	TBA	TBA	\$22 Tour +\$9 gas +\$\$ food	Wanda Doster 770) 601-8570 wjdoster@windstream.net

PRAYER CONCERNS

To receive prayer updates and notices
for e-prayers, contact

Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,
karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Banks, Theodosia – *cruise with family and friends. Safe health and travel. Prayers for daughter*
 Berger, Bruce – *recovering from knee replacement surgery*
 Bernat, Rachel – *strep throat*
 Bradford, Billie – *mom under hospice care*
 Brannon, Amanda – *job was terminated. In search for something new.*
 Brown, Lela – *hip surgery on Sept. 25 (Jane Orendorff's mother)*
 Cash, Robbie – *health issues (Jill Cash's mother)*
 Chandler, Family of Phillip Barry
 Contreras, Kevin
 Fulcher, Family of Tony
 Goldsmith, Lea – *41 yr. old with heart issues*
 Hinsey, Family of Harry
 Howard, Rachel – *21st birthday*
 Knowles, Debbie – *cancer treatment*
 Kristin
 Leary, Glenda – *onset of congestive heart failure*
 McCready, Joyce – *hospital*
 Mirkes, Monica – *Terry's health and protection for grandson Connor and his home life*
 Monk, John – *cancer consult Sept. 25*
 Odum, Jimmy – *lung cancer, pray treatments have helped*
 Orendorff, Al – *back pain*
 Ortiz, Noely – *back injury (Gwinnett Police Officer)*
 Osborn, Katie – *recovering from emergency appendicitis (Larry & Phyllis Landers' daughter)*
 Puckett, Heather – *future baby "Audrey"*
 Ramey, Annette
 Reitz, Robert – *pain/fatigue in legs (Nancy Turpin's father)*
 Reynolds, Jessica – *infection in the foot (Amber Wigley's sister-in-law)*
 Robbins, Elaine – *patience and strength*
 Robbins, Jim – *decisive test results, peace and strength, healing and less pain.*
 Schultz, Tess – *prayers for home to sell, for Chloe as she adjusts to H.S., prayers for strength & guidance.*
 Sentinella, Nicole – *colon cancer*
 Seymour, Family of Charlotte
 Smith, Rory – *custody battle (Linda & Bruce Smith's niece)*
 Snell, Diane – *visiting son in California as I struggle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)*
 Staples, Mitchell – *brain procedure Friday, 9/8 (Heather*

Dudley's father)

Steele, Austin – *18 month old with brain tumor undergoing chemo*

Steele, Christian – *killed in motorcycle accident (extended family of Robin Maddox and Carla Satterfield)*

Summerour, Allyson

Wells, Lynne – *decreased lung function from RSV last December (Beth Dickinson's aunt)*

Wilson, Mary – *(Donna Collins' mother)*

Wolfe, Jay

Young, Finn – *surgeries (8 yrs old)*

Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *cancer*

Allen, Tyler

Bell, Charles – *eye issues*

Cox, Billy

Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*

Dillard, Tonya

Fleeman, Brenda

Helmers, Lois – *severe back pain*

Luenzmann, Bettie

Massey Family – *health issues*

Mixon, Tommy – *hospice care (Tracey Reed's stepfather)*

"I'll always thank God for you because of His grace given to you in Christ Jesus."

Corinthians 1:4

*thank
you* 

The love and donations given to our family after Allen's death have been immense and much appreciated. You have been a lifeline to me as I face my grief. Thank you from my heart. I feel blessed to have you as my church family.

Fran Bower and Family

Our HomeBound

Please feel free to send them a card or note and let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

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Bethlehem, GA 30620

Alcorn, Shirley Spouse: Tom..... 678-227-2914
147 Thorn Brook Rd.
Bethlehem, GA 30620

Boyd, Evelyn & JP..... 770-867-9551
16 Joseph St.
Bethlehem, GA 30620

Chaffin, Patty 912-754-2402
133 Brookstone Way
Rincon, GA 31326

Ellis, Marilyn.....jse3801@gmail.com
Great Oaks Senior Living
920 GA-138 NW
Monroe, GA 30655

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Winder, GA 30680

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Covington, GA 30014

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138 Gateway Lane
Bethlehem, GA 30620

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Athens, GA 30606

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774 Exchange Mill Place
Dacula, GA 30019

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422 Aberdeen Way
Winder, GA 30680

Partee, Mary Nell, Spouse: John..... 770-867-9784
217 Carl Bethlehem Rd.
Bethlehem, GA 30620

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107 Sunningdale Dr.
Winder, GA 30680

White, Earlene..... 404-990-1666
1050 Octavia Ct.
Winder, GA 30680



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday ~ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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