

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Today** 12:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Playing (128)
 12:15 p.m. Serve Team Mtg. (123)
 12:30 p.m. Mini Me Handbell Choir (Chapel)
 3:00 p.m. Confirmation (130)
 Handbell Practice (114)
 Tending Your Fields (123)
 4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
 5:00 p.m. Band of Brothers (128)
 BFUMC 101 (127)
 Created to Create: Jewelry (101)
 Kidz Club (Chapel)
 Rooted Youth (130)
 The Walk (124)
- Mon., 1/29** 4:00 p.m. Book Art (128)
 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. MAD (124)
- Tues., 1/30** 3:30 p.m. Prayer Group (120)
 6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (127)
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
 7:00 p.m. Young Adults (130)
- Wed., 1/31** 9:00 a.m. Crochet (128)
 10:00 a.m. Acts Group (124)
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (119)
 Crochet (128)
- Thurs., 2/1** 9:00 a.m. It's Not Supposed to Be This Way (124)
 6:00 p.m. Invitation to Romans (124)
- Sat., 2/3** 9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball Games (Gym)
 9:30 a.m. House of Bread Food Pantry (126)



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JANUARY HAPPENINGS

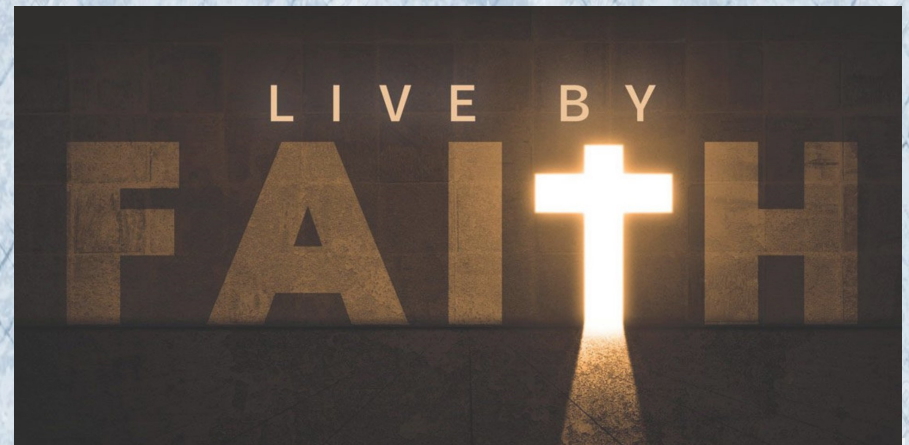
Missions Weekend - Save the Date: February 23 - 26, 2024. Join us this afternoon at 12:15 p.m. in Room 123 and help up plan the Rise Against Hunger event, and the Saturday workday. The Serve Team would love your help.

Mini Me Handbell Choir - Beginning Sunday, January 28th from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m., in the Chapel, Andrea Ferrante will be leading this exciting new choir ferrante.smith2016@yahoo.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.

January 28, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
 4th Sunday after the Epiphany



Without faith we cannot please God. We must believe that He exists and that He wants to reward those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). It's in believing that we receive. Faith is all about believing – believing that Jesus is the Son of God, believing that He is a miracle worker, and believing that He will do what He says He can do. When we place our faith in Jesus, He offers us a fresh start, a new beginning. We see that clearly in the story of Bartimaeus. “Your faith has made you well,” Jesus said to Bartimaeus, the blind man. He was determined to make sure Jesus heard him when He was walking past, so Bartimaeus shouted loudly, making a fool of himself. Jesus stopped and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” When Bartimaeus asked Jesus for his sight, he received it immediately and was healed. Bartimaeus’ faith in Jesus changed his whole life, it gave him a fresh start. Our faith in Jesus offers us a fresh start as well if we will just believe. Have you ever wanted a fresh start? When you ask, He will forgive your past, and give you a new beginning. It’s Jesus’ specialty. He’s ready to strengthen and help you. It is never too late to start again. Jesus is just waiting for you to ask!

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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 Addison & Drew Smith
GREETING Rev. Frank Bernat
CHORAL INTROIT BFUMC Ensemble

Trusting in the Savior

CALL TO WORSHIP Nadine Goodman
Take heart! For we are gathered in the Father's presence
To proclaim the wonders of the Lord.
Get up! For the Son of God is passing by
and He has called us to come to Him
To respond to the undeserved amazing grace
He offers to us.
God is calling us! Offering us healing for our brokenness
And inviting us to follow Jesus on the way.
Come, let us worship God together
Through the Spirit of God that unites us all in our faith.

OPENING PRAYER Nadine Goodman

*OPENING HYMN MEDLEY UMH 374, 77
Standing on the Promises (v. 1)
How Great Thou Art (Vv. 1,3)

*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.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Dickinson
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Rev. Bernat
Gunner Charles Pieper | DOB: Jan. 5, 2022
Parents: Aaron & Ashley Pieper

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

*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 337
Only Trust Him (Vv. 1, 3)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Surrender All* Chancel Choir
Becca Smith, Violin

*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

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52 (NIV) Nadine Goodman

MESSAGE "Faith Gives Us a Fresh Start" Rev. Bernat

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 365
Grace Greater Than Our Sin (v. 1)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat

*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

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

