

## 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

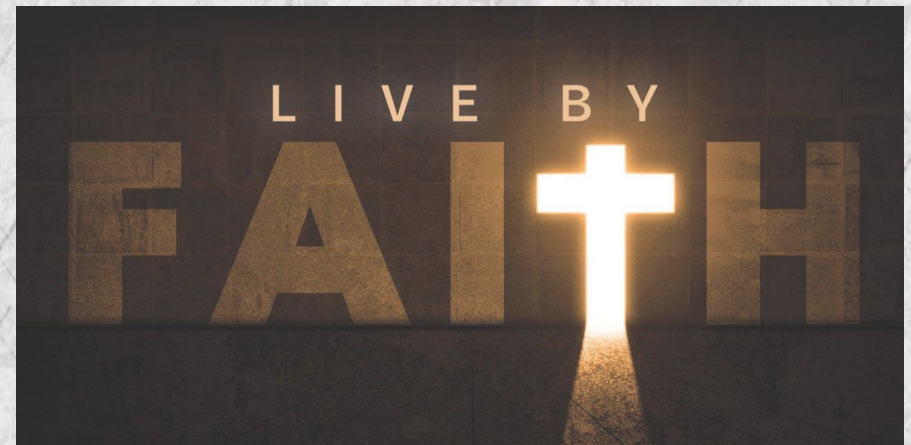
**Missions Weekend** - Save the Date: February 23 - 26, 2024. Join us this afternoon at 12:15 p.m. in Room 123 and help up plan the Rise Against Hunger event, and the Saturday workday. The Serve Team would love your help.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

**January 28, 2024 | 4th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**9:30 am Casual/Contemporary Worship Service**



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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# Welcome!

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

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 welcome bag.

If you have a prayer request to share with the church, you may write that on your Connection Card, or email us at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

If you have any questions about BFUMC, our staff is available by phone or email anytime. We hope you are blessed by your time with us today and that you have a wonderful week..

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## 9:30 CASUAL/CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

### Welcome and Praise

Countdown Video

*The Lion And The Lamb*

*Cornerstone*

*It Is Well*

Greeting | Rev. Frank Bernat

### Pray and Give

Time of Prayer | Rev. Beth Dickinson

Giving Back | Video

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

### Listen to the Word of God

“Faith Gives Us a Fresh Start”

Mark 10:46-52 (NIV) | Rev. Frank Bernat

*Way Maker*

### Ministry Opportunities

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Dickinson

### Depart and Serve God

Send Off | Rev. Dickinson

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