

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Today**
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Svc. (WC)
 - 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc. (Sanctuary)
 - 12:30 p.m. Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
Safe Sanctuary Training (WC)
 - 1:00 p.m. Band of Brothers (offsite)
 - 3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
 - 4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
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 - 5:00 p.m. Kidz Club (Chapel)
Rooted Youth Nights (130)
The Chosen (128)
- Mon., 4/15** 6:30 p.m. MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
- Tues., 4/16**
- 1:00 p.m. UMW (128)
 - 3:30 p.m. Prayer Group (121)
 - 6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (127)
 - 6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
 - 7:00 p.m. BASA Choral Concert (Sanctuary)
 - 7:00 p.m. Young Adults - The Chosen** (130)
- Wed., 4/17**
- 9:00 a.m. Crochet (128)
 - 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (119)
Crochet (128)
- Thurs., 4/18**
- 1:00 p.m. The Journey (127)
 - 6:00 p.m. UMW Evening Group (128)
 - 6:30 p.m. The Chosen (130)
- Fri., 4/19** 7:00 a.m. Travel Club - Hills & Dales Estate, LaGrange



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LADIES SPRING TEA | FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

Final Sunday to Purchase Tickets (in the Narthex and Stars Café).

Final Week During Office Hours. Monday - Thursday 9am 4pm, or Deadline, Fri., April 19th, 9am - 12pm.

An evening of dinner, fellowship, and guest speaker Amy Bowdoin. All proceeds benefit the BFUMC Nurture Committee ministries. (\$25 Ladies, \$5 Girls-12 and under).

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.

April 14, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter



This week as we continue in our series on our Essential Beliefs we will be looking at the sources John Wesley used to form his theological beliefs. The key to understanding Wesley's theology is found in four sources: *scripture, tradition, reason, and experience*. For Wesley Scripture was absolutely primary! All our beliefs are based on the divine revelation of God found in Holy Scripture. However, we can use church tradition, our intellectual reasoning, and our personal experiences to help us interpret God's Holy Word. These four sources form the Wesley quadrilateral. While John Wesley never used this exact term, these sources are seen throughout Wesley's writings to help him explain God's activity in our lives and the world. The focus of all theological thought is an attempt to explain the relationship between God and the process of salvation – how God overcomes our sin problem and provides us with eternal life. In John Wesley's day there were two mainlines of theological thought, Calvinism and Arminianism. These two thoughts both offer an explanation on how God works in our lives. John Wesley went against the major theological teaching in his day and encouraged his followers to adopt an Arminian approach to God's work of salvation in our lives and this morning we'll discover why.

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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 John Jacobs, Caroline Nelson

GREETING Rev. Beth Dickinson

CALL TO WORSHIP Barb Mann

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood,

how much more shall we be saved

from God's wrath through him!

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him
through the death of his Son,

how much more, having been reconciled,

shall we be saved through his life!

Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

OPENING PRAYER Barb Mann

*OPENING HYMN UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Vv. 1,3,4)

*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. Megan Gomez

*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 354

I Surrender All (Vv. 1,4)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY SPECIAL Katie Wilson

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

***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 Romans 5:1-11 (NLT) Barb Mann

MESSAGE Rev. Bernat

"What We Believe About the Problem of Sin"

*CLOSING HYMN *Nothing But the Blood* (Vv.1,3) UMH 362

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat

*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

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