

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)
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (114)
5:00 p.m. Kidz Club (Chapel)
Rooted Youth Open Gym (130)
6:00 p.m. Dinner & Cake Auction
for Kenya Mission Trips
- Mon., 4/22** 6:30 p.m. Grow 1 Mtg. (123)
MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
- Tues., 4/23** 3:30 p.m. Prayer Group (121)
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (127)
6:30 p.m. Called Charge Conference (WC)
Handbell Practice (114)
7:00 p.m. Young Adults - The Chosen (130)
- Wed., 4/24** 9:00 a.m. Crochet (128)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (119)
Crochet (128)
- Thurs., 4/25** 1:00 p.m. The Journey (127)
6:30 p.m. The Chosen (130)
- Fri., 4/26** 6:00 p.m. Kidz Family Fun Night (FH)
- Sat., 4/27** 10:00 a.m. Disc Golf - Lenora Park, Snellville
11:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash Fundraiser



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SPAGHETTI DINNER AND CAKE AUCTION

You've been introduced this morning in worship to our 2024 Kenya Mission Team Members. They are paying their own way and most of them taking time off work to minister to the children at Mountain Park Academy. Proceeds from the dinner and the cake auction will provide needed school supplies and equipment. Tickets are available at the door, so come tonight and enjoy a spaghetti dinner and bid on some terrific cakes made by our Kidz in ministry and donated by many of you. This will be a fun and enjoyable fundraiser!

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 21, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter

ESSENTIALS

What we believe about God and how He interacts in our lives should directly affect our behavior. In John Wesley's time there were two main theological methods that sought to explain how God works in our lives, specifically in the process of salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism. While these theological methods differ in their understanding of God's saving work in our lives, they both seek to define what we should believe about God and how we should behave in response to our beliefs. John Wesley believed Arminianism was more scripturally based and this theological line of thought shaped his beliefs and his behaviors. Maintaining a proper balance between beliefs and behavior, doctrine and discipline, faith and works has been a long-standing issue in the church. Most churches tend to emphasize one over the other (belief over behavior; or behavior over belief). John Wesley struggled with this tension all his life. United Methodist strive for balance between the two: maintaining sound doctrine and practicing holy living. We believe that what we believe about God should directly impact our behavior. Wesley pursued God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. And he sought to live a holy life, loving others as he loved himself. Maintaining a balance between belief and behavior is our tradition and common goal.

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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 & Andrew Smith

GREETING Rev. Megan Gomez

CALL TO WORSHIP Fran Bower

We are people of God, created to love.

**We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul,
mind and strength.**

We are people of God determined to love.

**We will love our neighbors and treat them
as we would be treated.**

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain
popularity or favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable
because love imitates God's nature.**

**All: For the whole law can be summed up in this one
command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

OPENING PRAYER Fran Bower

*OPENING HYMN UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (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.***

KENYA TEAM INTRODUCTION Rev. Frank Bernat

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

*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Vv. 1,2)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Because He Lives* Chancel Choir

*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 Fran Bower

Mark 12:38-34; James 2:14-26 (NLT)

MESSAGE Rev. Bernat

"What We Believe About Beliefs and Behavior"

*CLOSING HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life* (v.1) UMH 600

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat

*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

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emailed out Wednesdays in the weekly PrayerNet. You may
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