

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) linktr.ee/bfumc
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 listing of this week's Grow Groups and Events are printed in **The Bethlehem Happenings** (pg. 2).

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 | 4th Sunday of Easter
9:30 am Casual/Contemporary Worship Service



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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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.

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

My Testimony | *Open Up The Heavens*

Highlands (Song of Ascent)

Greeting | Rev. Megan Gomez

Kenya Team Introduction | 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

“What We Believe About Beliefs and Behavior”

Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-26 (NLT) | Rev. Frank Bernat

Another In The Fire

Ministry Opportunities

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Gomez

Depart and Serve God

Send Off | Rev. Gomez

WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH ~ 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.

