



Our Mission: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making *Worship* a priority, extending an intentional *Invitation*, *Nurturing* Godly friendships, committing to *Grow* spiritually, and making a difference by *Serving* others.”

ESSENTIAL BELIEFS - SERIES ON UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS

John Wesley, along with many other Christian leaders, is quoted as saying, “*In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity.*” While there is great wisdom in this quote, it does compel us to ask the question, “Which of our Christian beliefs are essential?” There are essential beliefs for the Church universal, and there are essential beliefs for United Methodists. The bible itself reveals what is important and essential to our faith. These essentials include the inspiration of Scripture, the incarnation and deity of Christ, salvation by God’s grace through Jesus Christ alone, justification by faith, sacramentalism, the physical resurrection of Christ and His return, the Holy Trinity. These are the “essentials” we should understand and believe as followers of Jesus Christ. In this new series we will unpack these essential beliefs and discover how we can live into them in a practical way as United Methodists.



- April 7 What We Believe About Plain Truth for Plain People
- April 14 What We Believe About the Problem of Sin
- April 21 What We Believe About the Bible
- April 28 What We Believe About Transforming Grace
- May 5 What We Believe About Communion
- May 12 What We Believe About Baptism
- May 19 What We Believe About Christian Perfection
- May 26 What We Believe About the Church (Combined Service)

Please Join Us for Worship
In-Person or On-Line
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“What We Believe About the Problem of Sin” | Romans 5:1-11

This week 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.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



APRIL COLLECTION

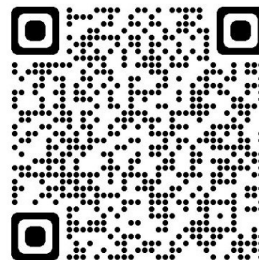
Our United Methodist Women support Come Ministries (CAM). CAM is a pregnancy care center and offers help and hope to women facing an unplanned pregnancy in the Barrow County area. All of their services are free and confidential.

We are asking for your help during this month of April on donating any of the following items:

- Baby Lotion
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Washcloths
- Baby WIPES!!!
- New sleepers & onesies for baby boys and girls sizes 0-3 mo. & 3-6 mo.
- Diapers Sizes 5 & 6
- Diaper Bags
- Copy Paper



Donations may be placed on the green table in the Stars Café. Thank You.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 14		
9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Svc.	WC
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Svc.	Sanct
12:30 pm	Mini Me Handbell Choir	114
	Safe Sanctuary Training	WC
1:00 pm	Band of Brothers Men's Group	Offsite
3:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
4:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
	Safe Sanctuary Training	WC
5:00 pm	Kidz Club	Chapel
	Rooted Youth Nights	130
	The Chosen	128
MONDAY, APRIL 15		
6:30 pm	MAD (Making a Difference)	124
TUESDAY, APRIL 16		
1:00 pm	UMW	128
3:30 pm	Prayer Group	121
6:00 pm	Disciple 1	127
6:30 pm	Handbell Practice	114
7:00 pm	BASA Choral Concert	Sanct
	Kenya Mission Team Mtg.	123
	Young Adults	130
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17		
9:00 am	Crochet	128
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	119
6:30 pm	Crochet	128
THURSDAY, APRIL 18		
1:00 pm	The Journey	127
6:00 p.m.	UMW Evening Group	128
6:30 pm	The Chosen	WC
FRIDAY, APRIL 19		
7:00 am	Travel Club—Hills & Dales Estate, LaGrange	

**Final Sunday to Purchase Tickets (in the Narthex and Stars Café).
Final Week During Office Hours. Deadline: Fri., April 19th by 12pm
Monday –Thursday 9am 4pm, or Friday 9am - 12pm**



LADIES SPRING TEA | FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

An evening of dinner and fellowship with guest speaker Amy Bowdoin. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the BFUMC Nurture Committee ministries. Tickets will be available beginning March 31st through April 19th (\$25 Ladies, \$5 Girls-12 and under). Look for the tea cart! On Sunday mornings.

TABLE HOSTESSES NEEDED!

Sign up to be a table hostess at our Ladies Spring Tea! We'll provide a white table cloth with 8 seats per round table. Hostesses will provide: Decorative Centerpiece, China, Silverware, Crystal (optional), Napkins (optional), Salt and Pepper Shakers, Cream and Sugar Set.

Each Hostess will set up their table(s) in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 9th from 9-11 am or 6-8 pm. Please plan to bring your table décor in a tote or box that can be kept under the table during dinner.

Jane Orendorff | 770-598-2783 | jane.orendorff@gmail.com



TABLE HOSTESSES NEEDED!

RSVP by Wednesday, April 17th

Judy Smith, 770-307-8368 | judysmith@windstream.net

BFUMC TRAVEL CLUB

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH | HILLS & DALES ESTATE | LAGRANGE, GA

Tour the beautiful home and gardens of the Callaway family. We will see a brief orientation film, followed by a guided tour of the Georgian Italian Villa and a self-guided tour of the pre-Civil War Gardens.

Admission: \$23

Gas Charge: \$10

Lunch @ 1:00 pm at Meet and Greet: Bring \$ (pay for your own)

Depart BFUMC @ 7:00 am (Return around 5:00 pm); Tour @ 10:00 am



**BETHLEHEM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 | 6:30 PM | WORSHIP CENTER
DR. RODRIGO CRUZ, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WILL MODERATE
TOPIC: POSSIBLE LAND SWAP (Empower Church Officers to Begin Negotiations)**

SUPPORT OUR KENYA MISSION TEAM CAKE AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

You are invited to a Cake Auction & Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds support our Mission Team going to Kenya in June. You can also use your special talents as a cake baker.

If you have a special cake you want to bake, please let our Cake Boss Hazel Plourde know (404-434-2748, paperhazel@bellsouth.net).

For more information and to purchase tickets, Phyllis Landers, 404-274-9381, npmom61@gmail.com.



ROOTED YOUTH

Sign ups are open now! A \$100 dollar deposit can be received online (email Matt that you paid) or cash or check can be given to Matt! It will go to the \$285 total! Sign up ASAP to receive your spot! The deadline and deposit is due by April 21st! Final payment is due May 1st.

Sign up on our website at the retreats spot under the youth tab or go to <https://bethlehemfirstumc.org/retreats/>.

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Rooted Youth's
CAR WASH
FUNDRAISER

APRIL 27TH | 11AM-4PM
BETHLEHEM FIRST UMC
\$10-\$15 PER CAR

The money raised will go to sending youth to our Beach Retreat on May 31st.

WE WILL BE OUTSIDE READY TO WASH YOUR CAR!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP
9am - 2:30 pm

\$100 per child/per camp
(until April 21st)!

Sign up:

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RISING K-6TH GRADERS

Find your place!

BFUMC SPORTS MINISTRY
2024 Summer Sports Camp

June 24th –28th
&/or July 8th—12th



SPRING FITNESS CHALLENGE

Win a free month for attending the most classes in April!

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Spring Class Challenge! Whoever attends the most fitness classes in April wins a FREE 1-Month Individual Membership (\$35 value). You do not have to be a member to participate, you must stay for the full class, and you must sign-in to the class (\$3.00/class).

Anissa.Sullivan@BethlehemFirstUMC.com



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Donations Now Being Accepted

- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED MEATS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- TUNA HELPER

CANNED MEATS
(pop-tops only, please)

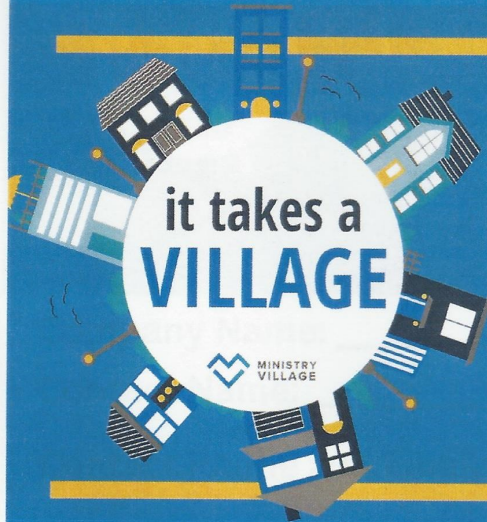


Designated Donation Bins Located in the Stars Café at the Blue Missions Wall



Bethlehem First UMC VBS
June 10th-13th
6pm-8pm

THE MINISTRY VILLAGE PRESENTS



IT TAKES A VILLAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

30 APRIL 2024

Registration at 8:00 AM
Shotgun at 9:00 AM

Providence Golf Club
656 Providence Club Dr,
Monroe, GA 30656



\$400 per team/\$100 per player

Light breakfast provided
Lunch courtesy of Chick-Fil-A Winder/Bethlehem
Great raffle prizes, and prizes for the top 3 teams!

Register at barrowministryvillage.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

To receive prayer updates and notices
for e-prayers, contact

Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,
karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

Note: Names in **Bold** added this week

Alcorn, Tommy – *hospitalized at NEGA*

Anderson, Susan – *chemo treatments*

Bagwell Family – *loss of Uncle Phillip Bagwell, died within 2 weeks of his cancer diagnosis. Uncle Blake Bagwell in hospice care for leukemia*

Banks, Theodosia – *prayers for daughter to find her way back to the church*

Berger, Bruce – *Praise for new granddaughter Sarah D. Myles*

Brown, Family of Regina – *(Jill Cash's Great Aunt)*

Brown, Family of Traci – *lost battle with breast cancer*

Dickinson, Bob – *Hospitalized at NEGA Gainesville (Keith Dickinson's father)*

Dunagan, Linda – *back problems*

Edwards, Mandy – *desperate and urgent need for a living kidney donor.*

Ellenberg, Christine – *3 years old having minor surgery with anesthesia on 3/11*

Ellington, Linda – *moving mercies*

Flahn, Alma – *travel & ministry at Village of Hope in Liberia*

Furlow, William – *recently deployed overseas with military (Kim Furlow's son)*

Glover, Steve – *overall health (Linda Smith)*

Gomez, Elias – *consult with GI surgeon on 4/25 re: feeding tube (son of Cris and Megan Gomez)*

Grant, Stu – *pray for Stu and family; his son Bryan passed on 4/4 from traumatic burn injuries; he leaves a wife and three young sons, 9, 5, and 2*

Hankins, Koda – *brain tumor (Andrew Dean's nephew)*

Harris, Linda – *diagnosed with cancer (Kara Deardorff's mother)*

Howard, Rachel – *finding a student teaching placement*

Innecken, Paul – *stroke, in hospital (Susan Wages)*

Jackie – *3-year-old child (V) and custody battle with ex-husband (Janice Palmer)*

Jones, Lainie – *praise: MRI scans were clear (Tess Schultz)*

Josephine – *9-year-old with cancer being treated at CHOA; Praise that prognosis has improved! (Marian Monk)*

Josiah – *Praise! Premature baby now up to over 6 lbs! (Lynn Smith)*

Laura C. – *passed away on 3/29; pray for family and friends, travel to services (Tami Carless)*

Lily – *Praise! Swollen lymph nodes resolved, nothing serious. (Lisa Gullion)*

Loomis, Diane – *at home physical therapy*

Mayfield, Melissa – *overall health (Linda Smith)*

McCall, Lauren – *pray for wisdom and guidance for healing and strength to her body (Dawn Lee)*

McCauslan, Harriet – *Praise! Out of hospital and back at assisted living*

Mirkes, Monica – *Praise for parents' health; protection for Quentin and Connor*

Moon, Joan Pruett – *health issues*

Moon, Terry – *leg/hip pain (Linda Smith)*

Myles, Vinny – *head concussion*

Parker, Judy – *spinal issues (Amber Wigley)*

Pugh, Ruth – *iron deficiency*

Rachel – *Praise: cyst on pineal gland was benign; will see neurologist for symptoms (Tami Carless)*

Ridgeway, Wayne – *recovery from knee replacement surgery*

Smith, Lynn – *home recovering from knee replacement surgery*

Still, Preston & Reba – *(Wanda Doster)*

Stringer, Carolyn – *dialysis (Grace Hughes)*

Sullivan, Brooke – *gave birth to a stillborn child on 3/17, Tucker Sullivan. (Cheryl Hurst)*

Turpin, Kathleen – *safe trip to Ireland and back*

Watson, Nancy – *shoulder replacement surgery April 10th (Diana Gregerson's sister)*

Weiman, Rick – *has not been well for awhile (Beth Whitehead)*

Wilcox, Ben & Family – *Praise! New appointment to Lavonia UMC*

Wingate, Brenda – *recovering from heart attack/less stress (Linda Smith)*

Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *cancer*

Allen, Tyler

Bell, Charles – *eye issues*

Bernat, Betty – *memory issues*

Boyd, Evelyn & JP – *at home with health issues*

Brown, Mildred – *(Lynn Smith's mother)*

Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*

Dillard, Tonya

Fleeman, Brenda & Johnny – *Brenda back at Winder Health Care; complications with kidney stones*

Helmets, Lois – *severe back pain*

Massey Family – *health issues*

Odum, Jimmy

Partee, Mary Nell – *receiving iron infusions help strengthen legs*

Our HomeBound

Please feel free to send them a card or note and let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

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Winder, GA 30680

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Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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