

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today

- 8:00 am **Blood Drive –8a-1p (FH)**
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Kidz Choir (119)
- 12:30 pm Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
- 3:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
- 4:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
- 4:30 pm The Chosen Season 2 (124)
- 5:00 pm Band of Brothers (123)
- 5:00 pm Disciple 1 Fast Track (128)
- 5:00 pm Kidz Club (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Youth Sunday Nights (130)

Mon., 9/16

- 6:30 pm MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
- 6:30 pm Praying for Your Adult Children (123)
- 6:30 pm School Mentor Training (WC)**

Tues., 9/17

- 9:15 am Connect & Coffee for Prek Parents (121)
- 1:00 pm United Methodist Women (128)
- 3:30 pm Prayer Group (121)
- 6:00 pm Disciple 2 Fast Track (124)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Practice (114)
- 7:00 pm Young Adults-the Chosen Season 2 (130)

Wed., 9/18

- 9:00 am Crochet (128)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (119)
- 6:30 pm Crochet (128)

Thurs., 9/19

- 6:00 pm UMW Evening Group (128)
- 6:30 pm The Chosen Season 2 (130)

Sat., 9/21

- 9:00 am Hiking Group**
Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens

SCHOOL MENTOR TRAINING | MONDAY, SEPT. 16 | 6:30 PM

Come and learn more about volunteering in our schools and making a difference in a student's life. This is an information session to learn about becoming a Barrow County School System (BCSS) Mentor. Our students need positive and encouraging adult role models. For more information contact Barbie Kulp at barbara.kulp@barrow.k12.ga.us.

Complete listing of this week's Grow Groups and Events are printed 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.



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September 15, 2024 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30am Contemporary Worship Service



James closes his book stressing the importance of prayer. Whether we're suffering, cheerful, or sick, James reminds us prayer is the essential lifeline that connects us to God. James asks, *"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray."* This reveals that prayer is not a last resort but a first response to the trials we face. When our hearts are heavy, God invites us to bring our burdens to Him where we can find comfort and strength. James also encourages us to *"sing songs of praise"* when we're happy. Joy and celebrating are not meant to be kept to ourselves but shared with God and others. When we acknowledge God as the source of our blessings, our joy becomes a testimony to His goodness. James stresses the healing power of prayer. We're called to care for the sick, not only through physical means, but through the spiritual act of prayer. Anointing with oil and offering prayers of faith are signs of our trust in God's power to heal. James reminds us that all healing is ultimately in God's hands. Finally, James emphasizes the communal aspect of prayer. Confessing our sins to one another and praying for each other builds unity. We're reminded we're not alone in our struggles; we're called to bear one another's burdens. Let's commit to being people of prayer – quick to bring our troubles and joys to God, faithful in lifting up one another, and confident in the power of prayer to effect change in our lives and in the world around us.

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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 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

WELCOME AND PRAISE

Countdown Video

Grace On Top Of Grace | *Sovereign Over Us* | *Tremble*

Greeting | Rev. Megan Gomez

PRAY AND GIVE

Time of Prayer | Rev. Gomez

Giving Back | Video

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

“Praying About Your Problems” | Rev. Frank Bernat

James 5:13-20

Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Gomez

DEPART AND SERVE GOD

Send Off | Rev. Gomez

WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

Prayer Requests

Email your requests to info@bethlehemfirstumc.com, and they will be emailed out Wednesdays in the weekly PrayerNet and included in The Happenings, which is available by print and emailed out each Friday. You may also contact the church office by phone at 770-867-3727.



Prayer Shawl

You are invited to come to the altar, before or after the worship service, touch the shawl for Alana Sparks and say a prayer that she will have peace and comfort through Jesus Christ. The prayer shawl is given by the Crochet Group at BFUMC.

