

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Hand and Foot Card Playing (128)
	12:30 pm	Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
	3:00 pm	Handbell Practice (114)
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Mon., 10/28	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	4:00 pm	Book Art (128)
	6:30 pm	MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
Tues., 10/29	6:30 pm	Praying for Your Adult Children (123)
	9:15 am	Connect & Coffee for Preschool Parents (121)
	3:30 pm	Prayer Group (121)
	6:00 pm	Disciple 2 Fast Track (124)
	6:30 pm	Finance Team (128)
Wed., 10/30	6:30 pm	Handbell Practice (114)
	7:00 pm	Young Adults - The Chosen Season 2 (130)
	9:00 am	Crochet (128)
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir (119)
Thurs., 10/31	6:30 pm	Crochet (128)
	6:30 pm	The Chosen Season 3 (130)
Fri., 11/1	5:00 pm	Youth - Zombie Farms

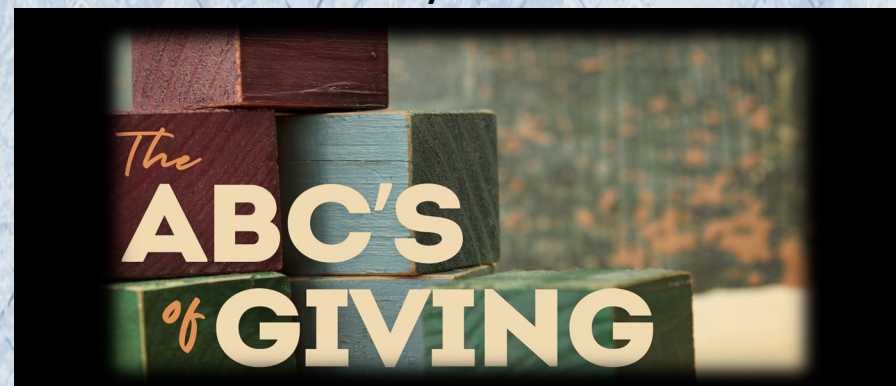
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes are available in the Stars Café and Narthex. A brochure is inside each box with packing instructions. Filled boxes are due back by Sunday, November 10th. For more info on how to pack boxes, got to linktr.ee/bfumc.



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.

October 27, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



In Malachi 3:10, God invites His people to “test” Him in the matter of giving. It’s one of the few places in Scripture where God offers such a challenge. He promises that if we bring our tithes and offerings into His storehouse, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings until there is no more need. This passage speaks to more than just financial giving. It’s a challenge to trust God completely with every area of our lives – our resources, time, and talents. When we trust Him with our first fruits, He responds with overwhelming generosity. But it’s important to remember God’s blessings are not always material; they often come in the form of peace, joy, and spiritual fulfillment. This scripture encourages us to give freely, trusting in God’s faithfulness. When we align our hearts with His, He pours out blessings that transform us and those around us. The act of giving is not a financial transaction – it’s an act of worship, an expression of our faith in the God who provides. Giving has nothing to do with our finances or our assets, it has everything to do with our **Attitude** – recognizing that all we have is a **Blessing** from God, **Committing** all we have to His care, and generously **Donating** a portion of what He’s given us to His work. Giving is as easy as ABCD!

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Handbells
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Addison & Andrew Smith
GREETING Rev. Megan Gomez
CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Smith

Come, let us bring our hearts and lives before the Lord,
For God has promised to pour out blessings beyond measure.
Bring your tithes, your offerings, and your devotion.
We come with gratitude, trusting in God's abundant provision.
Let us worship the God who opens the windows of heaven.
We gather to honor the Lord, our Provider and Sustainer.

OPENING PRAYER Stephen Smith

***OPENING HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* (Vv. 1, 2) UMH 98

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed Rev. Frank 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.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Rev. Frank Bernat

PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Gomez

***OFFERTORY HYMN** UMH 382
Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Vv. 1, 4)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
When in Our Music God Is Glorified

***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

MESSAGE Luke 6:20-38 Rev. Bernat
"DONATION: The Reward of a Successful Steward"

During our closing hymn, you are invited to come to the altar and place your pledge card in one of the baskets. The altar is open if you want to stay and pray.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH 381
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Bernat

***POSTLUDE** Becky Pentecost

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.

