

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today



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9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Just Say Jesus S.S. Class (125)
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Youth Sunday School (13)
4:00 pm Kidz Play (4-5:40) (Chapel)
5:00 pm Band of Brothers Men's Group (123)
5:00 pm Because of Bethlehem (124)
5:00 pm Kidz Club (Chapel)
5:00 pm Youth Friendsgiving (130)

Mon., 11/18

4:00 pm Book Art (128)
6:30 pm MAD (Making a Difference) (124)

Tues., 11/19

9:15 am Connect & Coffee-Pre-k Moms (121)
1:00 pm United Methodist Women (128)
3:30 pm Prayer Group (121)
6:30 pm Finance Team (128)
7:00 pm Young Adults - The Chosen Season 2 (130)

Wed., 11/20

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

Thurs., 11/21

6:00 pm UMW Evening Group (128)

Sun., 11/24

10:30 am Combined Family Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Chili Lunch and Decorate Church (FH)

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

- Advent Class *Because of Bethlehem* begins at **5pm TODAY!**
- Volunteers are needed on **Monday, December 9** as we welcome one of our ministry partners, Hope Connects. As the foster parents continue their education we have lots of games, activities, and crafts for the children. We will serve a meal and then enjoy a fun evening with the children. Please sign up through linktr.ee/bfumc (Sign Up to Serve Hope Connects).
- Live Nativity on the Square will take place on **Sunday, December 22 and Monday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.** each night. Adults, teens, and children are needed as greeters, parking attendants, or cast members. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, December 8 and 15. Each night of the Nativity we will meet at the Bethlehem Community Center at 6:00 p.m. to get dressed for the show.

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.

November 17, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
26th Sunday after Pentecost

ETERNITY

Heaven is a real place that we hope to go one day so we can spend eternity in God's presence. But if heaven is real, that means hell is real as well, and it is a place where people go to spend eternity if they don't know Jesus. So as Christ's followers we have a serious job to do! If heaven is better than anything this world has to offer; then the same is true for hell, the horror and misery is indescribable! For centuries theologians have wrestled with the idea that God punishes people for eternity in hell, but the Bible says that God does not want anyone to go to hell. The choice on where we will spend eternity is ours alone. God has offered us the gift of salvation, we just have to choose to accept His gracious gift. Satan is a real being seeking to destroy us by distorting God's gracious gift. There is real evil in our world that makes us tremble, but the wrath of God will purify all the evil from this world and ensure that heaven is a perfect place where we will dwell in God's loving presence for eternity.

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Katie Wilson
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Corbin Pryor, Andrew Smith
GREETING Matt Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP Fran Bower

Come, let us gather before the King of all creation who judges the nations, who invites us to serve Him through loving others.

We come to honor the One who calls us to live faithfully, seeking to reflect His love by serving one another as His hands and feet in this world.

The Lord sees our deeds and knows our hearts. He calls us to serve “the least of these” as though serving Christ Himself.

May we serve others with compassion, so we remain close to our Lord, walking in the way of His love and avoiding the path that leads to eternal separation from God.

For as we welcome, feed, clothe, and care for others, we welcome, feed, clothe, and care for Christ Himself, our Savior and judge.

Let us worship and commit ourselves to faithful service, that we may abide with Him in love and avoid the wrath of His judgement. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER Fran Bower
*OPENING HYMN UMH 694
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Vv. 1, 3)

*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 70
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.

PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD’S PRAYER Matt Brown
*OFFERTORY HYMN Kidz Choir

Thankful

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Frank Bernat
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Light of God’s Love* Kidz 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

MESSAGE “The Reality of Hell” Rev. Bernat
Matthew 25:31-46 Matthew 25:31-46

*CLOSING HYMN *On Jordan’s Stormy Banks* (v. 1) UMH 724
*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat
*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

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.

