

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today

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](http://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 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](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

November 17, 2024 | 26th Sunday after Pentecost  
**9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service**



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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# 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](mailto: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

*More Than Conquerors* | *King Of My Heart* | *Another In The Fire*  
Greeting | Matt Brown

## Pray and Give

Time of Prayer | Matt Brown

Giving Back | Video | Rev. Frank Bernat

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

## Listen to the Word of God

“The Reality of Hell!” | Rev. Bernat

Matthew 25:31-46

*Always*

## Ministry Opportunities

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Gomez

## Depart and Serve God

Send Off | Rev. Gomez

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## WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

### Prayer Requests

Email your requests to [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto: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.

