

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

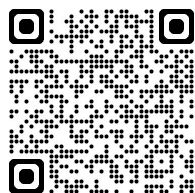
Today	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
	9:30 am	Kids Church (Chapel)
	9:30 am	Shared Journey Sunday School Class (128)
	9:30 am	Wesley Class (101)
	9:30 am	Youth Sunday School (130)
	10:45 am	Just Say Jesus Sunday School Class (125)
	11:00 am	Kids Sunday School (Chapel)
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Youth Sunday School (130)
	12:15 pm	Grow 1 Mtg. (FH)
	5:00 pm	Band of Brothers (123)
	5:00 pm	Kids Sunday Nights (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Youth Nights (130)
Mon., 1/20	9:15 am	Mommy & Me (121)
	4:00 pm	Book Art (128)
Tues., 1/21	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women (128)
	3:30 pm	Prayer Group (121)
	6:00 pm	Disciple 2 Fast Track (124)
Wed., 1/22	6:00 pm	Upward Basketball & Cheer Practice (Gym)
	9:00 am	Crochet (128)
	9:15 am	Connect & Coffee Pre-K parents (121)
	6:00 pm	Worship Team (128)
Thurs., 1/23	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (119)
	6:30 pm	Crochet (128)
	6:30 pm	Visioning Mtg (WC)
Sat., 1/25	9:00 am	Health & Beauty Expo (Gym)

WINTER BLESSING BAGS

Between now and next week, we are collecting items for the homeless. We need: bottled water, drink mix, granola bars, easy open food, hats and gloves, socks (thick, dark with no design), feminine products, and ivory soap. **Please bring items to the Stars Café and place in the drawers at the blue Missions wall by Monday, January 27th.**

WILDFIRE COLLECTION

If you would like to donate funds to the Wildfire disaster in California, through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), you may write a check payable to BFUMC. Notate in Memo: UMCOR/Wildfire. Or, donate On-Line by scanning this QR Code.



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.

January 19, 2025 | 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service



We all want to be close to God. In fact, the closer we get to God the greater He will transform our lives. The opposite is also true, the farther we are from God the less transformed our lives will be. The key to transformation starts not in our actions, our behavior, or our will, it starts with our thoughts, it starts in our minds. If we can change our thoughts, we can change our feelings, and ultimately our actions and behavior. But the problem is *"We all like sheep have gone astray. We each have turned to our own way."* – Isaiah 53:6. In other words, just like sheep, and the prodigal son, we tend to wander away. You don't have to teach sheep to wander, they do it naturally, and so do we. We don't tend to stay close to God, we tend to wander off, and as a result our lives are filled with trouble. That's why God wants to transform our lives by the renewing of our minds. The questions we want to deal with this morning as we continue in our Transformed series are: How do I get closer to God so He can transform my life? How do I stay close to God? And when I wander away from God, how do I get back into that close relationship with Him?

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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 | *Do What You Want To* | *Graves To Gardens*

Welcome | Rev. Frank Bernat

Pray and Give

Time of Prayer | Rev. Gomez

Giving Back | Video | Rev. Gomez

At this time, children are dismissed for Kids Church

Listen to the Word of God

“Staying Close to God Transforms Us” | Rev. Frank Bernat

John 15:11-24

Death Was Arrested

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 Jennifer Palmisano 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.

