

## UMCOR DONATIONS

BFUMC is accepting donations for UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief, specifically for the Nashville tornadoes. If you would like to make a donation, make your check payable to BFUMC and notate Nashville Tornadoes on the Memo line. If you want to give cash, please use one of the offering envelopes available in the pew holders and notate Nashville Tornadoes.

## EASTER CANDY DONATIONS | EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

We are now accepting candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt coming up on March 28! Please bring small, non-chocolate, individually wrapped candy and put them in one of the bins located in the Stars Cafe, Commons Area, or Narthex, as soon as possible, so we can get those eggs stuffed! Be sure to visit the Volunteer Board in the Commons Area to see where you can serve to help make this the BEST EGG HUNT YET! For more information contact Trish Johnson, [tjo7@live.com](mailto:tjo7@live.com).

## SUICIDE PREVENTION SUMMIT | MARCH 12 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Barrow County Suicide Prevention Task-Force invites you to the Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Summit to be held at Riverhills Church. A Welcome-Resource Reveal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with speaking beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hear about our county statistics, family and community involvement.

## COFFEE WITH PASTORS | SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 5:00 PM

Coffee With Pastors is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in exploring membership to BFUMC is welcome to come and tour the church, hear about BFUMC and to ask questions, and get to know our pastors. Anyone who would like to attend, please contact Pastor Ben.

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## UNITED METHODIST MEN INFORMATION MEETING

The BFUMC United Methodist Men are meeting Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in room 128, to discuss future fellowship opportunities. Please let us know if you plan on attending by signing the clipboard at the Nursery Desk. Contact Joe Johnson at [joedjohnson01@gmail.com](mailto:joedjohnson01@gmail.com) or Jeff Snodgrass at [jeffsnodgrass82@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsnodgrass82@gmail.com) for more information.

*For complete announcement details, pick up a copy of The Bethlehem Happenings or notate on your Connection Card to receive it every week by email.*

**MARCH 8, 2020 | 8:30 Worship**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**



**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us for worship. Please fill out a Connection Card and drop in the offering plate. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we have a short book for you, **"We Want You Here."** Please see the Pastor before or after service to get your copy.

### OUR CLERGY

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## 8:30 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

### IN THE CHAPEL

\*Please stand as you are able.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in bold.

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ben Wilcox

God, you always hear us when we call on your holy name.

**Listen to us as we bring ourselves before you today.**

God, we ask you to bring us joy and save us from pain.

**Yet not our will, but yours be done.**

God, we ask you to bring us plenty and save us from poverty

**Yet not our will, but yours be done.**

God, we ask you to lead us to safety and save us from distress

**Yet not our will, but yours be done.**

God, we ask you to be with us, strengthen us, and give us  
wisdom as we approach the cross.

**God, be with us and hear our prayers as we face the agony  
that comes before your great victory.**

#### INVOCATION

Rev. Wilcox

Almighty Father, we come this morning to worship you because you alone are worthy of our adoration. We know that you have a plan for all of our lives, yet you give us the ability to make choices for ourselves. God, we strive to be like Jesus but too often we are more like the disciples...falling asleep, betraying, disowning, and abandoning your son. In Jesus' darkest hours, knowing full well what was about to happen to him, and knowing what the disciples were going to do, Jesus still prayed the most powerful prayer...not my will, but your will be done. This morning, Father, we want that to be our prayer too. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in us so that we can reach the point where we have the confidence like Jesus to pray not my will, but yours be done. Give us the wisdom to know what your will is for each of us here and the courage to follow it. In the name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

UMH 521

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Wilcox

The Nicene Creed: UMH 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### WELCOME

Rev. Wilcox

#### MORNING PRAYER /LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

Rev. Wilcox

#### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

#### MESSAGE

"Agony Is Not the End"  
Mark 14:32-42 (pgs. 720)

Rev. Wilcox

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—UMH 12

Rev. Wilcox

*We are a church of open communion and everyone is welcome.*

*Gluten Free elements are available.*

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 314

*In the Garden*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Wilcox

Usher/Greeter/Acolyte: Tristyn Johnson