



# THE HAPPENINGS

MARCH 24 - 31, 2023

**BETHLEHEM**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making *Worship* a priority, extending an intentional *Invitation*, *Nurturing* Godly friendships, committing to *Grow* spiritually, and making a difference by *Serving* others.”

## “I Am!” Seven Powerful Calms of Christ

Jesus adopted the most personal name of God from the Hebrew Scriptures to reveal Himself as the one who is and will always be: I AM. Seven times in John’s gospel, Jesus picked up this ancient name that God used to introduce Himself to Moses. When Jesus began revealing His identity, He used “I AM,” but He also included new meaning with the name: “I AM *the bread of life*,” “I AM *the light of the world*,” “I AM *the good shepherd*,” etc. Little by little, Jesus showed that He is everything we have ever longed for and needed. This Lenten season we will examine the seven power claims of Christ when He said, “I AM.”



Please Join Us for Worship  
In-Person or On-Line  
9:30 AM | 11:00 AM  
[www.bethlehemfirstumc.org](http://www.bethlehemfirstumc.org)

- February 26 I AM the True Vine
- March 5 I AM the Bread of Life (*Communion*)
- March 12 I AM the Good Shepherd
- March 19 I AM the Gate
- March 26 I AM the Light of the World (*Missions Sunday*)
- April 2 **Palm Sunday** – I AM the way, the truth, and the life (*10:30 a.m. Combined Worship*)
- April 9 **Easter** – I AM the Resurrection and the Life (*Communion*)

Service Times: 7:00 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 5th Sunday in Lent

“I AM the Light of the World”

John 8:12 (NLT)

We are called to serve our neighbors with the love of Christ. We are called to find the broken places and put our faith to work as we bring light, healing and hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we are making a Faith Promise to give financially as God provides to bring light, healing and love to our neighbors. May God guide us in the days ahead to find and reach out to broken places and do good.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24		
5:30 PM	Rise Against Hunger	Gym
SATURDAY, MARCH 25		
8:30 AM	Great Day of Service	FH
SUNDAY, MARCH 26		
9:30 AM	Faith Promise Pledge Sunday	WC
11:00 AM	Guest Speaker: Rev. Gideon Robi	Sanct
12:15 PM	Hand & Foot Card Playing	128
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5:00 PM	Honeysuckle Drive	123
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5:15 PM	Band of Brothers Men's Group	Chapel
MONDAY, MARCH 27		
2:00 PM	Blood Drive	FH
4:00 PM	Book Art Group	123
TUESDAY, MARCH 28		
5:00 PM	District Laity Re-Certification	Chapel
6:00 PM	Palm Sunday Mtg.	114
6:30 PM	Prayer Group	Court
7:00 PM	Church Council	128
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29		
9:00 AM	Crochet Group	128
6:30 PM	Crochet Group	128
	Chancel Choir	119
	Life Transformation Group	124
THURSDAY, MARCH 30		
9:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study	127
6:00 PM	Honeysuckle Drive	123
SATURDAY, APRIL 1		
8:30 AM	House of Bread Food Pantry	126

### HAND AND FOOT CARD PLAYING

Join the fun this Sunday, March 26, following the 11 o'clock worship service for food, fellowship, and play Hand and Foot. We would love to have you join us for the afternoon in Room 128.



Bring a favorite dish to share. Want to know more about this fun game? Contact Ron Agnew, 706-491-9211, [ragnew0550@gmail.com](mailto:ragnew0550@gmail.com).

### FOOD COLLECTIONS

#### HOUSE OF BREAD

- Canned Meats
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce



#### VILLAGE OF HOPE

- Dried Beans
- Canned Beans
- Rice
- Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Dry Cereals | Oatmeal
- Grits | Cream of Wheat
- Powdered Milk
- Solid Shortening (Crisco)



Blue bags are available to take and fill with the food items. Donations may be dropped off at the blue Missions Wall in the Stars Café.

### SERVE ON OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Want to meet new people and have fun? Then, please, consider welcoming people to BFUMC through the various upcoming events. Anyone is welcome to sign up for one or more. We need lots of help and there are lots of opportunities to share your BFUMC pride with the community!

Please contact Pastor Beth:  
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# MISSIONS WEEKEND MARCH 24 - 27, 2023



Faith Promise - *Supporting Outreach Locally, Regionally, and Internationally*

## Friday, March 24th

5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### Packing Meals for Rise Against

- 5:30 - 6:30 SET-UP
- 5:30 - 6:30 WORK REGISTRATION TABLE
- 6:30 - 7:45 WORK REGISTRATION TABLE
- 6:30 - 7:30 PACK MEALS
- 7:30 - 9:00 PACK MEALS/CLEAN UP



- Sign up online: [linktr.ee/bfumc](https://linktr.ee/bfumc)
- Sign up sheets are located in the long hallway between the Stars Café and the Sanctuary.

## Saturday, March 25th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Great Day of Service

We will meet at 8:30 for breakfast then head out at 9:00 a.m. to the different ministries.

#### On Campus Projects

- Church Wide Beautification Projects
- Blessing Bags for BCCBM
- No Sew Fleece Blankets
- Easter Baskets for our Homebound & House of Bread

#### At Home or Small Group Project

- Crochet Prayer Squares

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- Sign up sheets are located in the long hallway



#### Off Campus Projects

- BCCBM Thrift Store
- Come Alive Ministries
- Ministry Village

## Sunday, March 26th

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

### Faith Promise Missions Giving Sunday

“I Am the Light of the Word”

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Gideon Robi  
Executive Director of The Kenya Project**

Faith Promise for missions is a covenant between the one making the commitment and God. It is not a pledge to the church. It is an amount of money above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings. God uses our faithfulness to build the church locally, nationally, and internationally.

**Look for Mission Giving Cards  
in the mailbox this week!**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS @ BFUMC  
MONDAY, MARCH 27 | 2:00 - 7:00 PM**

*Give the Gift of Life*



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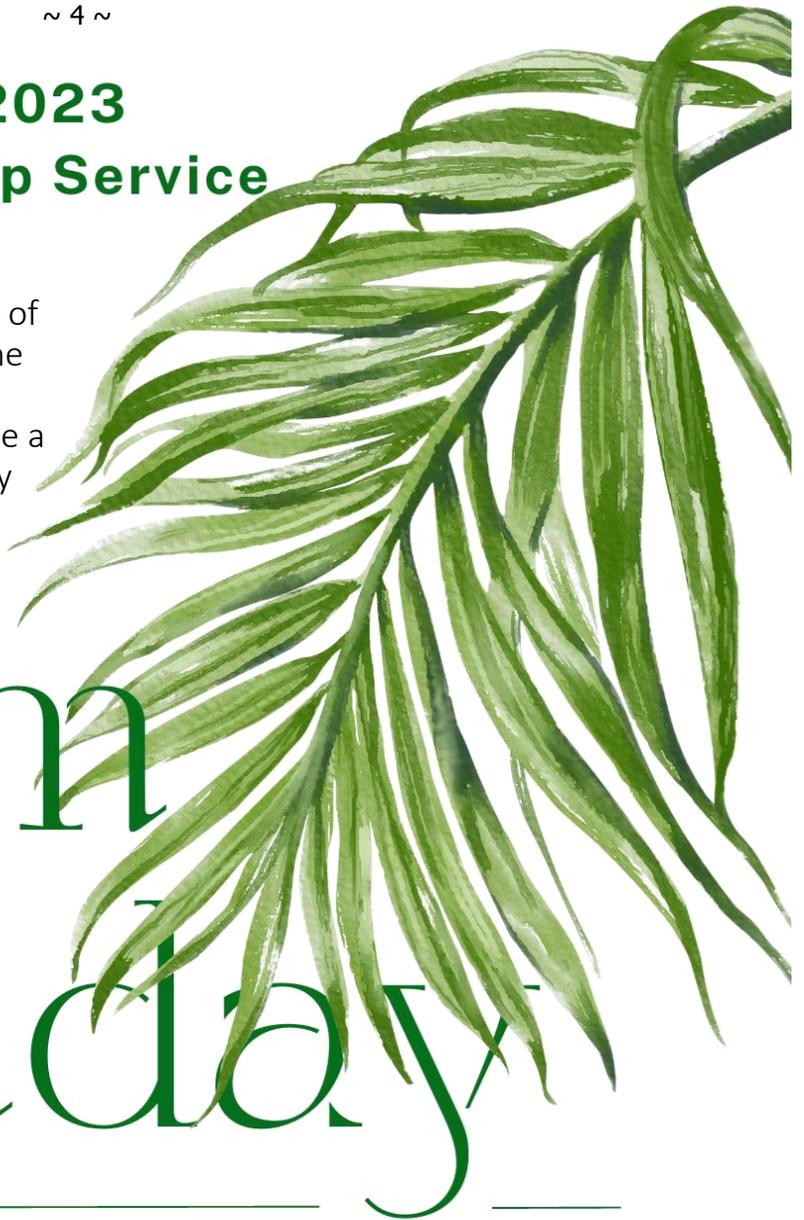
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**Sunday, April 2, 2023**  
**Combined Worship Service**  
**10:30 AM**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Our service will include a procession with palm branches by our children.



# Palm Sunday

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## Holy Week Kick-Off

Following the worship service, we will fellowship together over a meal. BBQ, sauce, bread/buns will be provided. **Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

**Egg Hunts for ages  
3 and under,  
PreK - 1st grade, 2nd - 3rd,  
and 4th-5th grade**  
INFLATABLES  
GAMES  
BINGO for Adults  
AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP



Sign up Online [linktr.ee/bfumc](https://linktr.ee/bfumc)

Or call the Church Office: 770-867-3727

## BFUMC TRAVEL CLUB

### MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 | OAKLAND HISTORICAL CEMETERY | LUNCH AT 6 FEET UNDER

Historic Oakland Cemetery is Atlanta's oldest public park and the final resting place of many of the city's most noted citizens. Less than a mile from downtown, its 48 acres are full of treasures – history and gardens, sculpture and architecture, ancient oaks and magnolias. It's a wedding venue, a green space, an art gallery, a classroom space, and a place to celebrate the city's rich and fascinating past and its promising future.

**Cost:** \$12 (includes senior ticket \$6) pp, pay for your own lunch (around \$20-22 at 6 Feet Under).

**Pay By:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023    **Departure:** 9:00 AM from BFUMC

### MAY 15 - 19, 2023 | THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM, WILLIAMSTOWN, KY

Enjoy a life-sized Noah's Ark Experience and more

- \$640 (double occupancy) 5 days/4 nights
- Add \$179 for single occupancy
- Deposit of \$75 (or more if you choose) due by Wednesday, March 15, 2023
- Final payment due by Saturday, April 15
- Checks must be made payable to Bethlehem Travel Club

Contact Wanda, [wjdoster@windstream.net](mailto:wjdoster@windstream.net) or 770-601-8570

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**OR CONTACT ANISSA SULLIVAN AT 770-867-3737 EXT. 109**  
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# PRAYER CONCERNS

To receive prayer updates and notices  
for e-prayers, contact  
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## SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Allen, Family of Hazel  
 Baggett, Jack – *radiation for cancer on spine – side effects painful (Joel Baggett's brother)*  
 Bonnie – *bad news on cardiac score. Having a hard time getting meds*  
 Bower, Allen – *respiratory concerns. Trying to determine the cause of the problem*  
 Brautigam, Fred – *having employment difficulties. Lives in Los Angeles (Sheila Brautigam's son)*  
 Brown, Ed  
 Cain, Chloe  
 Dennison, Andrea – *health of daughter*  
 Dufresne, Victoria – *son struggling with depression, granddaughter postpartum depression, grandson high school junior future opportunities/path*  
 Fleeman, Brenda – *in rehab following stroke*  
 G., Bonnie – *awaiting cardiac test results*  
 Granade, Faye – *(Charles Tyler's mother)*  
 Gregerson, Greg – *shoulder surgery, April 3rd*  
 Hargrave, Chloe – *mother died unexpectedly*  
 Kelley, Betty – *fell and broke ankle*  
 Kitchen, Casey – *Northside Hospital for T-Cell transplant*  
 Laseter, Beth – *prayers for daughter, Samantha, that the new medicines will work and lower her blood pressure*  
 Lee, David – *in ICU with severe burns (Kate Blanchette's uncle)*  
 Lester, Family of Michael  
 McCauslan, Harriet – *discernment and peace on decisions to be made*  
 McCready, Joyce – *sister, Louise, in rehab for stroke recovery*  
 Moon, Terry – *health/strength*  
 Murphy, Paul – *continued recovery from pneumonia; to get stronger and walk more (John Murphy's father)*  
 Neff, Don & Nora – *prayers for son-in-law*  
 Novak, Family of Lora  
 Pat – *pray for successful surgery and healing (Nancy Turpin's friend)*

Smith, Linda  
 Strickland, Martha – *surgery on January 31st*  
 Wall, Clarence  
 Wesley, Gail – *recovering after 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery on broken legs*  
 Wingate, Brenda – *shoulder surgery*  
 Zahm, Jonathan – *being deployed*

### Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *breast cancer*  
 Allen, Tyler  
 Bell, Charles – *eye issues*  
 Cox, Billy  
 Dawson, Ed & Family – *cancer (Marlene Kilburn's brother)*  
 Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*  
 Dillard, Tonya  
 Helmers, Lois – *severe back pain*  
 Luenzmann, Bettie  
 Massey Family – *health issues*  
 Novak, Lora – *bone cancer*  
 Ramos, Aldo – *leukemia (son-in-law of Dolores Eckel's daughter)*



**WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH**  
*For where two or three are gathered together  
 in My name, there I am with them. Matthew 18:20*

Gather | Devotional | Pray

Interested? Contact: Marian Monk  
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# Our HomeBound

*Please feel free to send them a card or note and let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.*

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