

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” - James 1:17

BUMC Connections



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THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



Pastor Roger and Cathy wish to thank everyone who shared expressions of Christmas blessings through this wonderful season.

Your generous thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated in this and every season. God bless you all, and God bless the servant ministry of Bethlehem Church.



RECORDS NEEDED FOR AUDITS

All Sunday School classes, organizations and small groups who hold church related accounts are asked to turn in their books for audit to the church office **no later than February 15, 2021.** Please make certain you include the following items when turning in your books: **Bank statements for 2020 (January thru December), deposit slip receipts, check register, & all receipts for purchases.** The audit cannot be done if any of these items are missing. Although accounts may not have had activity due to COVID19, an audit must still be done on the accounts. Also, please indicate the name of a contact person should there be any questions. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at slineal871@comcast.net or 717-515-6549. Thank you!



We join in celebrating God's work through us, in the delivery of a wonderful variety of small tokens to homes, while we are physically apart. Joyful thanks to the many, many people who created, prayed, assembled, organized & drove (& continue to!) to remind us of His love among us, and to strengthen our bonds as His body.



Notify us reminder: If anyone finds out about a member that is hospitalized, has an injury or illness, please let the church know. Sometimes the hospitals will call the church office, however sometimes they neglect to do so for a variety of reasons and we want to make sure those in need of prayers, calls and visits are cared for.

BUMC Preschool will have in-person registration

January 23 from 7:30 – 11:00 am.

More information is available on the

website <http://>

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WELCOME

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First Sunday After Epiphany

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Mission: "To give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ"

January 10, 2021

10:30 am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O Worship the King"
The Call to Worship "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen Lemmel
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face...
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.
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The Bidding Prayer

OUR WORSHIP *with PRAISE and PRAYER*

***The Hymn of Praise** "We Would See Jesus" No. 256

The Call to Prayer

Leader: The one who granted us the breath of life is present here to greet us.

People: Praise God for the gift of life and the linking of our lives with one another.

Leader: God's own Spirit rests upon us, drawing us into the family of faith. We have been baptized into Christ and share in the mission entrusted to Jesus.

All: The good news of peace is for all people, for God shows no partiality. May God help us to live in peace and to fulfill our responsibility for the mission of peace in our time.

The Prayer of Invocation

Great God of life, we who are so easily discouraged return here for spiritual refreshment and practical direction. Take us by the hand and renew your holy covenant in us once more. Open our eyes, for often we have been unable to see your truth. Open our ears, for often we have been unable to hear the cries of the needy. Release those of us who live in prisons of our own making and those bound by the sins of others. Grant us the help that we need to live freely in response to your Spirit. Amen.

A Time of Silent Prayer and Meditation

Our Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Lord, you embrace us all through your Son Jesus, yet we still show partiality. In him you proclaim the joyful news of peace, and we still talk war. In him, you wish to reconcile the whole human race in love, and we still erect walls of mistrust and fear one another. Jesus healed the oppressed and freed the captives, and we still reject his invitation to new life. Have mercy on us, gracious God. Grant us courage to pursue your way of love. Amen.

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: The most wonderful knowledge for me is that I am a child of God. That is so mind-boggling... God created everything, and I am one of His children.

People: For it means we are connected to everything and everyone.

That is all too wonderful. We offer our praise.

Our Hymn of Prayer "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 361
(We will sing verses 1 – 3 only, omitting verse 4)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Morning Anthem "Mary Did You Know" M. Lowry & B. Greene
Men's Ensemble

A Time with Our Children "The Pearl of Great Price" Pastor Roger

WORSHIP *through* GIVING

Our Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Prayer of Dedication

WORSHIP *through* PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 7:6

The Message

Text: "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

Theme: Being Sermon on the Mount Christians
Part 24: "Pearls Before Swine"

WORSHIP *through* RESPONSE

The Hymn of Dedication "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

The Benediction and Postlude

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Stewardship Report for January 3, 2021

Current Fund: \$8,644.00 Property Imp.: \$456.00 New Vision: \$2,177.00

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MISSION: "TO GIVE OF OURSELVES SO OTHERS MAY KNOW JESUS CHRIST."