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Bethany Banner

December 2016/January 2017

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.



Holiday Services & Happenings

Saturday, December 3

Christmas Caroling & Hot Dog Dinner – 4 PM

Sunday, December 4

Sunday School – 9:45 AM

Communion & Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

UMYF Christmas Party – 5 PM

Sunday, December 11

Sunday School – 9:45 AM

Children's Christmas Program — 11 AM (one service only)

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party — 12:15 PM

Sunday, December 18

Church-Wide Breakfast — 9 AM

Christmas Cantata — 10 AM

(one service only; no Sunday school)

Saturday, December 24

Family Service (Lessons & Carols) — 7 PM

Candlelight Communion Service — 11 PM

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship Service— 10 AM

(one service only; no Sunday school)

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day Service – 10 AM

(one service only; no Sunday school)



Pastor: Deborah T. Marion

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

Assistant Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Dawn McDade

Director of Music: Sandra Fox Organist: Rudy Shackelford

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

Isaiah 11:1

How is it possible that it is Advent already?! Where has the time gone, and what have we missed? If we are not careful, we may miss the entire season of preparation before the next “big” event! And why can’t I find any “ugly” Thanksgiving sweaters? Though Thanksgiving mostly gets overlooked in the retail industry because as the costumes, and tricks or treats, are being put away, the Christmas decorations appear; no time for ugly Thanksgiving sweaters!

Our salvation comes from something small, tender, and vulnerable, something hardly noticeable. God, who is the Creator of the Universe, comes to us in smallness, weakness, and hiddenness.

But I find this a hopeful message. Somehow, I keep expecting loud and impressive events to convince me, and others, of God’s saving power, but over and over again, I am reminded that spectacles, power plays, and big events are the ways of the world. Our temptation is to be distracted by them and made blind to the “shoot that shall sprout from the stump.”

When I have no eyes for the small signs of God’s presence – the miracle of birth, the laughter of a child, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends – I will always remain tempted to expect the loud and impressive.

The small child of Bethlehem, the unknown man of Nazareth, the rejected teacher/Rabbi, the naked man on the cross, he asks for my full attention. The work of salvation takes place in the midst of a world that continues to shout, scream, and overwhelm us with its claims and promises. But the promise is hidden in the shoot that sprouts from the stump, a shoot that hardly anyone notices.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I know that you can give me eyes to see the signs of your presence in the world, and I pray for this. But I also pray for faith in you for those times when I will not be able to see, to understand, or feel your presence in my life. Grant me the courage to persevere and to hope in things unseen. Amen.

| BETHANY FAMILY | | |
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| Jennie & Carroll Lipscomb | Mary Poland | Gene Harrell |
| Ted & Peggy Peterman | Bessie Conner | Ken Matthews |
| Ray and Alice Doggett | Tom Sawyer & family | Archie Leigh |
| Marshall Lewis | Paige Mitchell | Joy Long |
| Bob Harder | Marie Reynolds | Roy & Darlene Bauschatz |
| Merle & Doris Luther | Jim Hollins | Jerri Doggett |
| Abigail Walker | Jason Hogge | Jack Wallace |
| Neikirk Family | | |
| BETHANY FRIENDS | | |
| Kristen Collier | Les & Jan Breen | Sandra Hoover |
| Rhonda Simmons | Trevor Claar | Janie Blanchard |
| Scott Balderson | Sue Blake | John Riesbeck |
| Shane Johnson | George Parkes | Mr. Palmer |
| Audrey Shearer | Kathi Christiansen | Jesse Green |
| K D Cooper | Jeff Carino | Jason Frederick |
| Jan Towne | Donna Kidd | Paul Brown |
| Annette Wilburn | Kevin Hernandez | Ellis Hall |
| Evelyn Owens | Barbara Berry | Fred Magee |
| M/M Harvey Morgan | Suzanne Trio | |
| ASSISTED LIVING | | |
| Gloucester House: | Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509 Jean Heywood, Room 110 | Bessie Emory, Room 101 Ray Doggett, Room 213 |
| Sanders: | Mary Field, Room 101 | |
| Stonebridge N.C.: | Gloria Wallace | |
| Sunrise Senior Living: | Pauline Harris | |
| BUMC’S MILITARY | | |
| Todd Bontrager | Michael Brown | Peter Demetriades |
| Meagan Demetriades | Chad Dickson | Josh Morris |
| Bernard Johnson | Lamont Johnson | Kyle Nichols |
| Kevin Jacobs | Jim Minor | Edward Bailey |
| CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY | | |
| The family of Stuart Conner , who passed away on Monday, November 21. The family of Jack Poland , who passed away on Tuesday, November 15. The family of Agnes Williams , who passed away on Wednesday, November 9. | | |

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C.A.R.E. MINISTRY – Please join us any Thursday you are available, at 9:30 AM, to pray for and write cards to those of our Bethany family and friends who need a word of encouragement or are celebrating special occasions. This is a great time of fellowship and ministry that makes difference! For more information, contact Nancy Wilburn at 642-5820.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2017 Altar Flower chart is posted on the bulletin board. For information on giving flowers, contact the church office or read the information located in the pocket next to the chart.

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| 12/4 | Mary Kaylor |
| 12/11 | Don Thomas |
| 12/18 | Poinsettias |
| 12/25 | Poinsettias |
| 1/1 | Joni Neal |
| 1/8 | Bob Nardozzi |
| 1/15 | AVAILABLE |
| 1/22 | AVAILABLE |
| 1/29 | AVAILABLE |



UMYF NEWS — The UMYF will meet on January 15th from noon to 2:00pm for a delicious soup and sandwich luncheon. We will have a talk with our special guest, Mr. Steve Jennings from TOPs (Teens Opposing Poverty) and then hold our Youth Officer Elections for 2017. Please come for a great afternoon!

~Ms. Kris and Ms. Dawn

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm struggling with the knowledge that 2016 is almost over! Whew! This year seemed to fly by!

I am happy to report that all of our bills and apportionments are paid up to date. What a great feeling it is to know that we are supporting the many ministries and missions of Bethany Church with our Faith Promises and 2nd Mile Giving. You are amazing people of God. As Pastor Debbie likes to say Bethany is filled with people who know how to be the church in the world.

As of November 6th (that's the last financial update before this article was due) we have received Faith Promises totaling \$221,280. We have also received \$73,738 from folks who did not fill out Faith Promise cards. That's a total of \$295,018. Our total budget for the year 2016 is \$336,466. I and the Finance Committee thank you for your commitment to fulfilling your Faith Promises.

Additionally you have gone the 2nd Mile and given to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Altar Flowers, Youth, Missions, GUEST and the Bazaar. You are a blessing to our community!

As the year comes to a close there are several members of the Finance Committee that will be rotating off. I have been blessed beyond measure to serve on this committee with each of them. They have been caring and dedicated to the financial health of our church. Thank you, Gene Harrell, Clair Hillard, Susannah Hogge and Judy Vaughan for all of your hard work these many years. You set the bar high for the folks following you.

If you would like to know where you stand with your Faith Promises before the end of the year, please contact Bernard Robins. Now is also the time to turn in your 2017 Faith Promises.

I thank God every day that He has allowed me to worship Him with each of you. Together we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! Together we are making a difference in our world. I truly believe that when we honor God with our words and actions He blesses us! I pray that God will bless each of you with a beautiful Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2017.

Blessings,
Dolores Breen

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

Registration is now open for the Virginia Conference Lay Servant Academy. This year we will be on beautiful Smith Mountain Lake, March 31- April 2, 2017. Join us in worship, fellowship and learning!

The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. We invite clergy to encourage laity to attend!!

All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take one. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church learn more about leadership, personal faith development, and a deeper understanding of the United Methodist Church. In addition to core classes we offer creative classes in worship art and music.

Lay Servant Ministries offers two avenues of recognition and training that go beyond the local church. Courses offered this will support those who are seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Lay Speakers.

For course descriptions, contact information, and registration click this link

<http://www.vaumc.org/Events?cid=3&ceid=1472&cerid=0&cdt=3%2f31%2f2017>

Beth Christian

Director of Virginia Conference Lay Servant Academy

Director of Congregational Resources

Staunton District, VA United Methodist Church

Office: (540) 932-1055

Cell: (804) 347-5999

The **YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** is being held for all 6th thru 12th graders on **Sunday, December 4th, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm**. Please join us for a wonderful evening including dinner, Christmas fun, fellowship, and assembling a heartfelt local mission project. We ask each of you to bring \$5.00 toward the mission project. **Please RSVP to us by Friday, 12/2**. We anticipate a very memorable time for all!

With our thanks,
Kris and Dawn



HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - Join us as we cook a Christmas meal for our shut-ins on **Monday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m.** We need folks to deliver as well as cook.

NEW ARRIVAL - Please join us in congratulating Kelly Fox and Leslie West on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, **Hudson Robert Fox**. Hudson was born at 7:07 p.m. on November 10, weighing 9.23 pounds and measuring 20 inches. Proud grandma is Sandy Fox!



ALTAR GUILD - The 2017 Altar Guild schedule has been sent via email and posted on the bulletin board in the sacristy. If you did not receive the email containing the schedule, please pick up a hard copy on the counter next to the sink. - Thanks, *Diana Simmons*

DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE - It is almost the end of the year and I would like to give you an update on how your designated giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund has been used. We started the year with \$3,304.62 in the account and made deposits during 2016, so far, of \$6,560.32, making a total of \$9,564.94 during 2016 to help those in need. So far, \$8,676.22 has been spent in the following ways: \$6,986.95 for electricity; \$1,095.00 for rent; \$25.00 for gas, \$100.00 for a food gift card, \$200.00 toward missions special, and \$269.27 for water. There is \$888.22 left to spend. • With the requests coming as they do, especially at the first of the month and the middle of the month, the emergency aid fund is dwindling. If you are looking for a place to designate some giving before the end of the year, I am sure there are some folks in our community that could benefit from your generosity. We could not help those in our community in the above ways if it were not for your generous donations, and I thank you for your donations, and for trusting me to make wise decisions concerning those who need financial aid.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! *Debbie*

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - In the spirit of giving, Bethany encourages each family to begin a new tradition this year by using a **Reverse Advent Calendar** to give to the needy in our community rather than focus on what we might receive. Beginning on December 1, place one item per day in your bag, all the way up to Christmas. Items should include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning, and personal hygiene items to be distributed to Salvation Army, the GUEST Day Shelter, and Bread for Life Food Pantry. We will collect the bags on Christmas morning and on Sunday, January 1, and then share the gifts with our neighbors in need. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

guides and lesson plans. The committee will show this DVD in three or four parts and plans to have a member of each of these religions present for a question and answer period. Coffee and dessert will be served at each session. This study will take place in late February and early March. Exact details will be announced in early January, 2017.

Church and Society Committee:

Nancy Orth, Chairperson

Ken Bunting Nancy Kendall Kay Williamson

Judy Vaughan Sid Dixon Paul Kendall

Bev Kearney Sandy Riggin

THANK YOU for your donation on 10/31/2016 of \$457.00 to the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society (GMHS) from the Shackelford Concert. Your kindness and generosity has a direct impact on the lives of animals at our shelter. We are saving more lives than ever before because you and people like you provide the means to do just that.

With gratitude – *Nichola Redmond*, Executive Director

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl you knitted for me when I was recently in Istanbul, Turkey. I really love the colors used and the effort that went into it. My parents really love Bethany United and I am so glad they have Bethany as their church family.

Love, *Janet McGee*

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket for our son Liam. We will certainly put it to good use during these soon-to-be here cold Philly days and nights. Liam is doing well and getting enormous. Although he's only 3 ½ months old, he already weighs 18 lbs. and is wearing 9 to 12-month-old clothing. Before I know it I will have competition for the big piece of chicken at dinner! Wishing everyone at Bethany an early Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Love, *The Days (Shaun, Lauren, Addison & Liam)*

Thank you, members of Bethany UMC, for caring upon the death of my daughter, Suzánné. Your cards and calls were greatly appreciated by Frances, Graham and myself.

Blessings for the holidays, *Carolyn Broadwell & family*

At this time of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of your generosity to *Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester*. We are very grateful. Thank you.

Church and Society Committee

Environmental Tip # 63

by Judy Vaughan

The holiday season and the ushering in of 2017 is a great time to revisit the topic of recycling. This is a time when we create more opportunities to recycle than any other time of the year; ribbons and bows, wrapping paper, lots of shopping bags, will litter the house and the most potentially dangerous new purchase, the Christmas tree will all have to go after the holidays. The New Year slogan, "out with the old, in with the new," can be applied not only to the old year but to all these things as well and more.

The usual suggestions for Christmas day, like folding up the used paper, having a few paper bags to put it in, a big zip lock bag ready to store beautiful reusable bows and a bag for storing nice boxes, will make the clean-up much easier. But there are many other ways to recycle, some before Christmas and some after. Consider recycling gifts as well. The beautiful box of stationary in the desk drawer, never opened, might be a perfect gift for that aunt who still writes letters instead of texting; one of the children might give a favorite, but outgrown, toy, shirt, sweater or coat to a younger sibling who has always admired the item. Before or after Christmas everyone could look in their dressers or closets for items that could go to the Salvation Army, maybe two items each, to bring happiness and warmth to a stranger in need. Dig out all those perfectly good plastic containers from the Chinese restaurant or produce department and have a family day of candy and cookie making to fill them up. Then walk around your neighborhood and deliver them to your neighbors, especially the elderly ones who might not bake as much as they used to. These can be memory-making activities that your children will cherish. I still remember the fun my sisters and I had making gingerbread men and our brother joining us to make Christmas wreaths with our mom to take to neighbors. It reminds us what Christmas is all about!

Now that potentially dangerous Christmas tree: if you opt to buy one off a tree lot, trim an inch or so off the trunk to expose fresh wood and keep it in a bucket of cold water in the shade until you are ready to set it up; take the kids to a cut your own Christmas tree farm. Make a day of it, find that perfect tree and let the kids help cut it down. (We always cut our own tree on a usually snow covered farm in Connecticut. My oldest sister is an artist and we would look at every tree until we found one she convinced us was "absolutely inspiring." Not surprisingly, my sister and her husband established their own Christmas tree farm in Culpepper County about 30 years ago, they still run it and it is always inspiring!). When you set up your tree, try to keep it away from electric outlets and keep it well watered. Use a grounded extension cord and plug it into a surge protected electrical strip. Be sure to check all your tree lights before putting them on the tree, have a few spare strands and don't use any that

are damaged. New lights are usually only \$1.00 a strand so using damaged ones isn't worth the risk.

And finally, as you ring in the New Year, make a resolution that is easy to keep: recycle at least two more things in 2017 than you did in 2016. It can be your gift to our planet!

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Judy Vaughan, Church & Society Committee

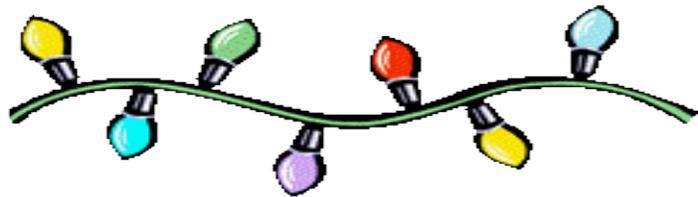
BUMC Family Ministry

Christmas Caroling

Saturday December 3

4:00-6:00 pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a hot dog dinner and then raise your voices for Christmas caroling to spread some holiday cheer. Dress for the weather and don your best and brightest Christmas wear.



**Youth Fundraiser
Dinner and Talent
Show**

Date TBA

**Show off your talent and help raise
funds for youth programs. More details
to come in the New Year.**

**BETHANY'S
GOT
TALENT**

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Ongoing Activity — The committee continues to make available baskets to collect non-perishable food, over-the-counter medicines, personal hygiene products, and household cleaning items. These items are delivered by committee members, Paul and Nancy Kendall, to the Laurel Shelter, Salvation Army, and Bread for Life Food program.

Recent Mission Moments given by representatives from the Salvation Army and Laurel Shelter helped emphasize how important these donations are. The committee appreciates the continuing generosity of the Bethany community to these groups.

During December Committee members will assist lay leader, Judy Burner, in delivering Reverse Advent bags of food and other items to needy members of the community.

Environmental Tips — Part of the mission of the Church and Society Committee is to take care of the environment. Committee member, Judy Vaughan, submits "Environmental Tips" in the Banner on a regular basis. These tips cover a wide range of subjects from garden tips to informing the BUMC membership of upcoming issues that could affect the community directly. For example, Judy wrote her September Environmental Tip on proposed changes that the Board of Supervisors is proposing that could affect our community. She encouraged members to contact this governing body and give input.

The Commission on the Way Forward — The United Methodist Council of Bishops has announced the membership of the Commission on the Way Forward. This Commission will work together to lead the United Methodist Church in proposing a solution through the present impasse related to human sexuality. Its 32 members include 8 bishops, 11 laity, 11 elders, and 2 deacons who are from the US, the Philippines, and countries in Europe and Africa. They will start meeting in 2017. Their goal is to have proposals ready to bring to a special called General Conference in 2019.

Bethany's Church and Society Committee talked to one of the Commission Members, the Rev. Tom Berlin, who is from Herndon, VA. He was very open to answering questions and taking suggestions.

More information about the Commission on the Way Forward is available online. Go to UMC, the Commission on the Way Forward.

In 1994 the Methodist Church published a very thorough study entitled "The Church Studies Homosexuality - Study Book." It is now out of print but copies will be available in the church office soon. Even though this publication is over 20 years old it is still relevant and well written.

Winter Activities — The committee has obtained a DVD entitled "Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam" which comes with

HAPPY WANDERERS — “On the Road Again” – We will be traveling to Riverside Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg on **Wednesday, January 18** to see the play, “**Million Dollar Quartet,**” where in 1956, a jam session occurred at Sun Record Studios in Memphis with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis. These four began talking and singing and the rest is rock and roll history.

We will be served a delicious meal prior to the play. We will leave the front parking lot at church on Wednesday, January 18 at 8:45 AM. We have reserved 40 tickets. If you would like to attend, the cost is \$60 (payable now), which includes the meal, play, and gas expenses. Please e-mail Judy Burner at aburner@cox.net or call 804-642-6016 or 804-413-8888.

Hey, all you **BIBLE BUDDIES!** With all of the wonderful celebrations during Advent (including all your hard work for the spectacular Children's Christmas Program), it's time to celebrate the New Year! All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to attend the **BIBLE BUDDIES WINTER PARTY** on **Sunday, January, 8th from 5pm to 7pm.** Please come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for a fun evening with all your church friends!



Happy New Year and see you on the 8th!
~Ms. Kris and Ms. Cat



On October 1, six members of Bethany UMW attended the District Annual meeting held at Bellamy UMC. We received 6 Stars for Undesignated Mission Giving and a Silver Star for Living Into Our Purpose. Several received certificates for the Reading Program. – *Dawn Cluts, President*

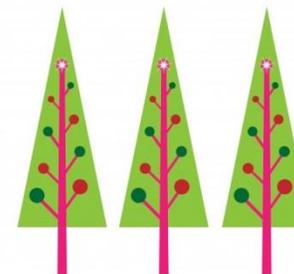
Sandra Harvey and Dawn Cluts attended the 44th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference, United Methodist Women.

Lisa Nichols, Director of Henry Fork Service Center, was the keynote speaker. She spoke on Our Blessings.

Election for new officers for the Conference was also held.

It was announced that the collecting of Campbell Soup Labels for Education will end June 2017. However, UMW will continue collecting Box Tops for Education. Please read labels carefully.

York River District received awards: 1st place for Living in Our Purpose; 1st place for Candle burning, having raised \$12,204.33; 3rd place for Reading program – York River had 33 units that were 5 or 6 Star units. York River District also had the biggest attendance at the Conference.



THANK YOU – During the course of the year, the members of Abingdon Woman's Club (AWC) work very hard to raise funds for the community and provide fellowship. This could not happen without your generous support in providing meeting space as well as a location for our Annual Yard Sale. It is with great pride that the AWC presents you with this check for \$500. • The AWC is honored to donate to Bethany United Methodist Church and to support the excellent work you do to serve the residents of Gloucester County. Best regards — *Valerie Cook, President*

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2016 Order Form

It's time to SIGN UP for 2017 DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP!

What is DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP? DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP is a fun, relaxing way to get to know other members of the congregation on a more personal level, as you share a meal together.

Who can participate in DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP? It's open to couples and singles of ALL ages.

How does DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP work? Participants are divided into groups of 8 and have dinner together in someone's home, a restaurant, a park...anywhere the group decides. When in a home, everyone brings a dish as requested by the hostess. Group members (couple/single) take turns planning and hosting. Each group decides on how often you get together throughout the year (we suggest that you try to get together at least 4 times). Each group's plans are based on the "make-up" of the group (kids, no kids, etc.). When planning with your group, be considerate of others' needs. The most important thing is to use the time together to get to know each other, versus how many times you get together.

When does DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP begin? NOW...just **complete the information below and drop in the offering plate.**

OFFICIAL DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF COVERED DISH DINNER FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

After the groups are selected, each group will have their first official meal together. Don't forget to bring your calendar so plans can begin for your 2017 DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP group.

----- COMPLETE INFO, TEAR & PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE -----

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

Bethany's annual Poinsettia Sale is a fundraiser benefitting our youth program and a great way to honor or remember loved ones. To purchase a poinsettia, please complete this form and return it with your payment **no later than Thursday, December 8**. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 18 and may be picked up after the 10:00 service.

ORDER DEADLINE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

COST: \$13 each (payment must accompany form)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bethany UMC

Order forms (with payment) can be placed in the offering plate or in the OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR's box in the hall.

(Please PRINT clearly)

Your Name : _____

Phone Number / Email Address: _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

Specify color and quantity below:

Red _____ White _____

Ice Crystal (red w/white lines) _____

TOTAL POINSETTIAS ____ X \$13 ea. = \$ _____

Special Note:

BUMC EVENTS

December 2016

| December 2016 | | | | | | | January 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Nov 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Nov 27 - Dec 3 | | | | | 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm SPPRC | | 4:00pm Churchwide Hot Dog Supper & Christmas Caroling |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Dec 4 - 10 | GUEST Host Week | | | | | | |
| Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal 5:00pm UMYF Christmas Party | 1:30pm UMW Gift Wrap @ WRCC 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 6:00pm JOY Circle (Off-site) 6:15pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal | 6:15pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 9:30am Happy Wanderers 10:00am York River Garden Club 10:00am House of Prayer 6:15pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal | | | 9:00am Children's Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Vanessa Morris (Birthday Party) |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Dec 11 - 17 | GUEST Host Week | | | | | | |
| 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Children's Christmas Program) 12:00pm Happy Birthday, Jesus Party | 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 7:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Finance Committee | 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Dec 18 - 24 | | | | | 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer | OFFICE CLOSING EARLY (NOON) | 7:00pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service 11:00pm Candlelight Communion Service |
| 9:00am Church-wide Breakfast (UMM) (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am Worship (Choir Cantata) | 9:30am Homebound Ministries 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club | | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| Dec 25 - 31 | CHRISTMAS DAY | | | | | | |
| 10:00am Worship (One service only) | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | | | 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer | | | |

| BIRTHDAYS | |
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| 12/1 | Janice Day |
| 12/4 | Duane Bayly, Kelli Eastwood, Al Burner, Jr., Randy Campbell, Makena Bontrager, Dawn Bontrager |
| 12/5 | Dawn Cluts, Ricky White, Gerald Davis, Vernon McDaniel, III |
| 12/6 | Maxx Polk, Rosemarie Tong |
| 12/7 | Scott Farmer, Mae Eppard, Carol Justis, Judy Hudgins |
| 12/9 | Mary Kaylor, Irene Brown |
| 12/11 | Martin Breen, Gerald Hickman |
| 12/12 | Dylan Chapin |
| 12/13 | Harry Jordan, Kaye Vance |
| 12/14 | Russell Jeffries |
| 12/18 | Chrissy Fox Whitehall, Sharon Thayer, Aubrey Lynn Chase |
| 12/19 | Cathie Allport, Bev Kearney |
| 12/20 | David Byrd, Alan Ottarson |
| 12/23 | Alix Shackelford |
| 12/24 | Jeffrey Leigh, Catherine Leigh, Dakota Buck, Tanner Bayly, Shelby Jacobs, Baum Hogge |
| 12/26 | Doug Wheat |
| 12/27 | Katie Burner, Lana Loring |
| 12/28 | Amanda Maples, Mary Dale Williams |
| 12/29 | Kaiten Cooper, Carter Roane; Ray Doggett |



| | ANNIVERSARIES | # of years |
|-------|--------------------------|------------|
| 12/3 | Kevin & Crystal Thompson | 9 |
| 12/4 | Jim & Gerlinde Stevens | 40 |
| 12/4 | Kenneth & June Matthews | 67 |
| 12/8 | Jack & Susan Rollins | 27 |
| 12/16 | Lorraine & Eugene Brown | 56 |
| 12/21 | Bernard & Debbie Robins | 30 |
| 12/23 | Bruce & Joy Long | 50 |
| 12/26 | Clair & Sarah Hillard | 49 |
| 12/27 | Bobby & Nan Leigh | 58 |
| 12/28 | Warren & Candy Douglas | 42 |
| 12/28 | Philip & Sylvia Ransone | 53 |
| 12/29 | Jim & Jane Sterling | 61 |

| TRUSTEE CONTACTS | |
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| WEEK OF | NAME |
| 12/4-12/10 | Marsha Germek |
| 12/11-12/17 | Tom Barnard |
| 12/18-12/24 | Donna Andersen |
| 12/25-12/31 | M.E. Thomas |

| LITURGISTS | | |
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| DATE | | |
| 12/4 | Marsha Germek (8:30 & 11:00 AM) | |
| 12/11 | Children's Christmas Program (11:00 AM) | |
| 12/18 | Cantata (10:00 AM) | |
| 12/24 | TBA (7:00 & 11:00 PM) | |
| 12/25 | TBA (10:00 AM) | |

| DATE | COUNTING TEAMS |
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| 12/4 | Burner |
| 12/11 | Dixon |
| 12/18 | Luther |
| 12/25 | Hampton |

| ACOLYTES | | |
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| DATE | | |
| 12/4* | Tally Vaughan (8:30 AM) | Austin Kent (11:00 AM) |
| 12/11 | | Alec Daniel (11:00 AM) |
| 12/18 | Patrick Glaze (10:00 AM) | |
| 12/24 | Kate Neikirk (7:00 PM) | Carter Roane (11:00 PM) |
| 12/25 | TBA (10:00 AM) | |

| SOUND ROOM OPERATORS | | |
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| Date | | |
| 12/4 | Lewis Marion | Jeremy Nardozzi |
| 12/11 | Jeremy Nardozzi & Kirk Bell (11:00 AM) | |
| 12/18 | Kirk Bell (10:00 AM) | |
| 12/24 | Kirk Bell (7:00 & 11:00 PM) | |
| 12/25 | Jeremy Nardozzi (10:00 AM) | |

| ALTAR GUILD |
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| Nerine Hickman, Linda Fletcher, Lynda Blubaugh |

*Communion Sunday: Acolyte will assist Pastor Debbie with communion.

BUMC EVENTS

January 2017

| January 2017 | | | | | | | February 2017 | | | | | | |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Jan 1 - 7 | Jan 1, 17 Communion Sunday 10:00am Worship | 2 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 3 3:30pm Trustees 7:00pm JOY Circle | 4 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 5 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer | 6 | 7 |
| Jan 8 - 14 | 8 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Congregational Lunch & Staff Appreciation 5:00pm Bible Buddies Winter Party | 9 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 10 1:30pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Finance Committee | 11 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 12 9:00am DCOM (St. Lukes UMC, Yorktown) 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am York River Garden Club 10:00am House of Prayer 1:00pm Staff Meeting 2:00pm UMW Board (ML) | 13 | 14 10:00am River Country Quilters |
| Jan 15 - 21 | 15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm UMYF | 16 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 17 10:30am Sanders Communion 2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club | 18 8:45am Happy Wanderers (Fredericksburg) 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 19 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle 7:00pm Program Ministries | 20 6:00pm Dinner & Kickoff | 21 |
| Jan 22 - 28 | 22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship | 23 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 24 | 25 9:00am AARP Setup 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 26 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer | 27 | 28 |
| Jan 29 - Feb 4 | 29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship | 30 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 31 6:30pm UMM | Feb 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



| BIRTHDAYS | |
|-----------|--|
| 1/1 | Robert Yoder; Carol Schultz |
| 1/2 | Joan Feconda |
| 1/3 | Richard Miller; Scott Varner; Scott Glaze |
| 1/4 | Diana Simmons; Nancy Smith; Joe Bayly |
| 1/6 | Aaron Cothorn; Meg Teagle |
| 1/8 | Christina Mahoney |
| 1/9 | Wes Stilley |
| 1/10 | Abigail Woodhouse Walker |
| 1/12 | Thomas Smith |
| 1/13 | Clair Hillard |
| 1/14 | Mary Poland; Woody Brown; Michael Harrison |
| 1/15 | Ryan Brooks; Laura Glaze; Wiley Cross; Tim Hart, Jr. |
| 1/16 | Nancy Cooper; Stacey Montefusco; Steve Suarez |
| 1/17 | Rylie Patterson |
| 1/18 | Lewis Marion; Barbara Dunston; Vicki Vance |
| 1/19 | Ann Byrd; Harvey Williams |
| 1/21 | Pauline Harris; Richard Parkes, Vanessa Morris |
| 1/25 | Randy Tong; Gerlinde Stevens |
| 1/26 | Clifford Ray Doggett, Jr., Nancy Wilburn |
| 1/27 | Eric Thomas; Brittan Goetz; Ashleigh Polk |
| 1/28 | Robert Jordan |
| 1/29 | Bob Nardozzi; Bruce Long; Linda Enroughty |
| 1/31 | Susan Ward; Elizabeth Brown |

| ANNIVERSARIES | | # of years |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1/9 | John & Tina Coleman | |
| 1/15 | Josh & Vanessa Morris | 17 |
| 1/22 | Randy & Rosemarie Tong | |
| 1/22 | Howard & Janice Day | 45 |
| 1/29 | Archie & Loretta Leigh | 12 |

| TRUSTEE CONTACTS | |
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| WEEK OF | NAME |
| 1/1-1/7 | David Lewis |
| 1/8-1/14 | Ann Hogge |
| 1/15-1/21 | Don Thomas |
| 1/22-1/28 | Milton Hudgins |
| 1/29-2/4 | Marsha Germek |

| DATE | COUNTING TEAMS |
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| 1/1 | Kaylor |
| 1/8 | Robins |
| 1/15 | Burner |
| 1/22 | Dixon |
| 1/29 | Luther |

| LITURGISTS | | |
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| DATE | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 1/1 | TBA (10:00 AM) | |
| 1/8 | TBA (both) | |
| 1/15 | TBA (both) | |
| 1/22 | TBA (both) | |
| 1/29 | TBA (both) | |

| SOUND ROOM OPERATORS | | |
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| Date | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 1/1 | Jeremy Nardozzi (10:00 AM) | |
| 1/8 | Lewis Marion | Jeremy Nardozzi |
| 1/15 | TBA | TBA |
| 1/22 | TBA | TBA |
| 1/29 | TBA | TBA |

| ACOLYTES | | |
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| DATE | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| 1/1* | Shelby Jacobs (10:00 AM) | |
| 1/8 | TBA | TBA |
| 1/15 | TBA | TBA |
| 1/22 | TBA | TBA |
| 1/29 | TBA | TBA |

ALTAR GUILD
Kathy Jacob, Sandra Harvey, Polly Harrison

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