

**THIS WEEK AT GLANCE**



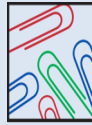
**Sunday, December 25**  
 10:30 am Combined Worship Service  
**Monday, December 26**  
 Church office closed/Christmas  
**Friday, December 30**  
 Church office closed/New Year's  
**Sunday, January 1**  
 10:30 am Combined Worship Service  
**Monday, January 2**  
 Church office closed/New Year's

*Prayer Requests*

Herman & Doris Jackson  
 Markley Hidde  
 Jerry Vickery  
 Chuck Ouvry  
 Kim Cannon  
 Betty Woodham and family  
 Kendrick Baxter's father, Doug Baxter  
 Nancy Pace's friends Gordon & Pat Bailey  
 Char Fetterly's nephew Josh Weinstein  
 Jean Wilson's son-in-law, Jeff Childress  
 Robert & Lori Bradley's daughter, Sam Moore  
 Joe & Phyllis Venable's son, Eric  
 Pat Shigley's sister, Marj Malphrus  
 John & Ruby Spearman's daughter Ruth  
 Kathie Cannon's brother & wife, Roger & Bettie Sidwell  
 Marlee Carey's baby cousin, Elliott  
 People of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, & US

**EFUMC Staff**

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**Director Contemporary Music:** Sara Bowden  
**Nursery Worker:** Sharon Sheriff



**Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday**  
 8:30 am - noon  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Friday**  
 8:30 am - noon



*Pastor Michael, Rev. Deana, Lisa, Ralph, and Sara*

**EFUMC Financial Report**  
 As of December 21, 2022

YTD Tithes & Offerings	482,928
YTD Expenses	<u>468,844</u>
Giving over expenses	14,084
Weekly Offering (12/18/2022)	7,740
Weekly Goal	11,359



**Sunday, December 25, 2022**



**Easley First United Methodist Church**

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**Grow in Christ. Reach out to others.**

*Providing families and individuals a Christ-centered option  
 in an increasingly complex and changing world through:*  
 Welcoming well  
 Meaningful worship  
 Encouraging small groups  
 Training teachers and leaders

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**December 25, 2022**

<b>Prelude</b>	
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	Dulcimer Solo, Rev. Deana
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b>	
<b>Ringling of the Bell Tower Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Pastor Michael
<b>*Call to Worship</b>	
Do not be afraid;	
For see - I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people:	
<b>to you is born this day in the city of David a savior,</b>	
<b>who is the Messiah, the Lord.</b>	
In the beginning was the Word,	
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.	
<b>And the Word became flesh and lived among us,</b>	
<b>and we have seen his glory.</b>	
<b>*Congregational Hymn #246</b>	Pastor Michael, Rev. Deana, Joy Bells
"Joy to the World" ANTIOCH	
<b>Reading from the Old Testament</b>	Dorothy Hood
Isaiah 52:7-10	
<b>Children's Moments</b>	Rev. Deana
<b>*Carol Medley</b>	
"The First Noel" Hymn # 245 THE FIRST NOEL	
"What Child Is This" Hymn #219 GREENSLEEVEES	
"Away in a Manger" Hymn #251 AWAY IN A MANGER	
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>	
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen	
<b>*Reading from the Gospel</b>	Pastor Michael
John 1-14	
<b>Sermon</b>	
God With Us	
<b>*Closing Hymn #251</b>	Pastor Michael and Rev. Deana
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN	
<b>*Benediction</b>	Pastor Michael
	*Those who are able may stand

**Announcements**

**2022 Contributions**

All 2022 contributions need to be in to the church office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 29. Please keep in mind that online giving also must be deposited into the church's bank account by noon on Thursday, December 29. This gives time for the offerings to be counted and deposited at the bank before the church office closes for the New Year's holiday. Any contributions received after 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 29 will be credited to 2023 giving.

**White Christmas Collection for UCM**

Thanks to your generosity we collected 17 towel sets, 13 comforters and blankets, 14 pillows, 7 flat wear sets, 16 gallons of detergent, and lots of hats/scarves/gloves. We also collected \$1,310.00 for the heat assistance program.

**New Bibles for our Sanctuary**

Your response to gifting pew Bibles has been tremendous! All 100 Bibles needed for the sanctuary have been given in honor or in memory of loved ones, so we cannot accept additional gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

**Buford and Sudie McKelvey Scholarship**

This scholarship is for High School Seniors from Pickens County who have a need for financial assistance to pursue a degree at a four-year accredited college or university. The deadline for applications and supporting documentation to be received at Easley First United Methodist Church is February 28, 2023. Visit the church website (easleyfumc.org) for an application.

**Narthex Nativity**

The beautiful nativity in the Narthex was given in memory of JoLynn McFadden by David and Nancy McFadden.

**The Angels and Lambs Program**

Some of our church members are homebound or live in assisted living or nursing homes. They appreciate a monthly thinking-of-you contact from their church. We have members called **Angels** who volunteer to contact a person called a **Lamb** each month. Greeting cards or other small tokens are things Angels send by mail to their lambs. Angels may sign their own names from the beginning or write "Your angel from church" and then reveal their identity to their lamb in December.

Lambs sign up for the program with their name, mailing address and birthday (month and day only) and any other information such as special interests (dogs, cardinals, chocolate, etc.). They will get a greeting from their angel each month for a year.

Please contact Anne Gray 864-630-0479 or amg121@aol.com if you would like to be an angel or a lamb for 2023. If you were an angel or a lamb for 2022 and want to participate again for another year, you do not have to sign up unless your contact information has changed. If you can no longer participate in this program, please let Anne know. New pairings of angels/lambs will be announced after the holidays.



**Worship Volunteers**  
**December 25**

Greeter: Joan Buffington  
Ushers: Jay and Ryan Lusk  
Lay Readers: Dorothy Hood  
A/V: Dale Dangler

