

Birthdays

January 3—Heather Russell

January 5—Troy Brickey

January 6—Ruby Murphy

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

East Bend: Hazel Matthews, Helen Fortune, Mickey Martin, Mike Crouse, Evelyne Shreve, Beauchamp's, Clyde Wall, Anne Hardy.

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Madison McCann, Larry Evans, Becky Poindexter, Bobby Atkins, Bettie Ratledge, Mark Parrish, Anne Watkins, Dottie Cornelius, Family of Cynthia Ellis.

Long-Term Care: Sue Long, Nancy Wooten, Freddie Wall, Georgia Watts, Bobbie Lineberry, Lucille Cox, Norman Shore.

Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson., Ethan Snow.

World Wide: For Single-parent families, the underemployed, the homeless, victims of gun violence, those effected by natural disasters, world conflicts, those affected by Covid-19, and for the National political climate.

Pastor

Rev. David Blankenberg

Ministers

All the members of the church

EB—Choir Director & Organist

Ann Neill & Linda Brown

SK—Choir Director & Pianist

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January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise *Amazing Grace* UMH # 378

*Opening Prayer

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Act of Praise *"Gloria Patri"* UMH # 70

Prayer of Illumination

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

Sermon We are Blessed to Be a Blessing Pastor David
Ephesians 1:3-14

Profession of Faith *The Apostles Creed* UMH# 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever.

* Please stand if able



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Confession & Pardon

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we prefer to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God.

*Sending Music *Go, Tell it On the Mountain* UMH # 251

*Benediction

May the love of Christ that shines in you shine brightly in the world wherever you go. And the blessing of God, Divine Giver, Radiant Light, and Fountain of Life bless you and keep you always.

Calendar of Events

- January 2, 2022 Epiphany Sunday
- January 9, 2022 at 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at SK
- January 10—14, 2022 Pastor David to Duke
- January 16, 2022 Guest Preacher: Rev. Josh Britton
- January 18, 2022 at 7 pm EB Church Council Meeting
- January 24, 2022 at 6 pm Dinner Church Spring Launch!

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Monday	James 1:2-8
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:1-7	Wednesday	Matthew 16:1-4
Thursday	Acts 2:22-24	Friday	1 Kings 3:1-9
Saturday	Hebrews 5:11-14		

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