

Birthdays

December 12—Sarah Price **December 13**—Ruth Wooten
December 15—Anne Adams **December 17**—Jimmy Brown

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

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

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Madison McCann, Larry Evans, Ann Doub, Becky Poindexter, Bobby Atkins, Sophie Hennings, Bettie Ratledge, Mark Parrish, Family of Aggie Mae Smitherman.

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

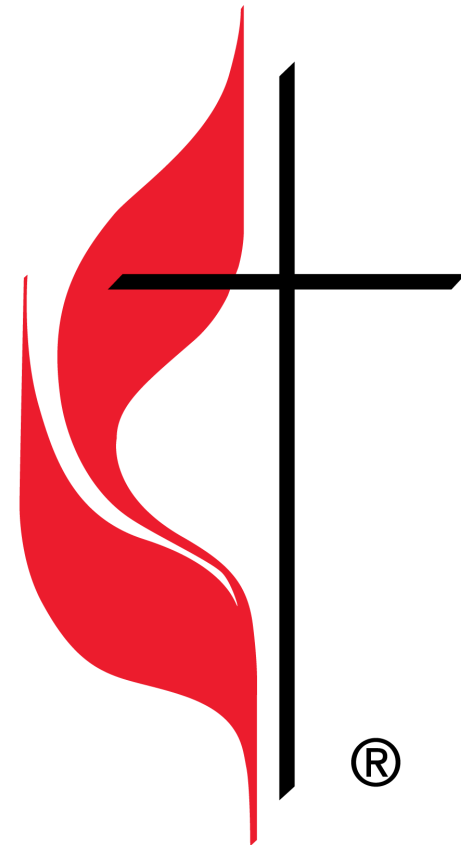
Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson.,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

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 December 12, 2021
 3rd Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

*Hymn of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **UMH # 220**

*Opening Prayer

Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

Sermon Series: *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes* When Light Shines Rev. David Blankenberg

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

Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of all the world. Amen.

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgments against you. Do not worry. Live in peace.

*Sending Music *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **UMH # 103**

*Benediction

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, for whom we watch and wait.

Calendar of Events

December 13, 2021 at 6 pm Dinner Church Menu: Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Red Velvet Cake

December 19, 2021 at 5 pm SK Christmas Carols & Party Night

December 20, 2021 at 4 pm EBUMW. Bring finger food & a friend

December 24, 2021 at 3 pm Christmas Eve @ The Barn.

December 26, 2021 Conference wide, online worship only

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Luke 3:7-18	Monday	Luke 1:26-33
Tuesday	Job 33:29-33	Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Thursday	1 Samuel 3:11-18	Friday	Mark 9:2-8
Saturday	John 10:1-6		

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