

Birthdays

December 22—Dottie Cornelius

December 27—Tammy Myers

December 29—Garret Pack

December 31—Katarina Pope

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

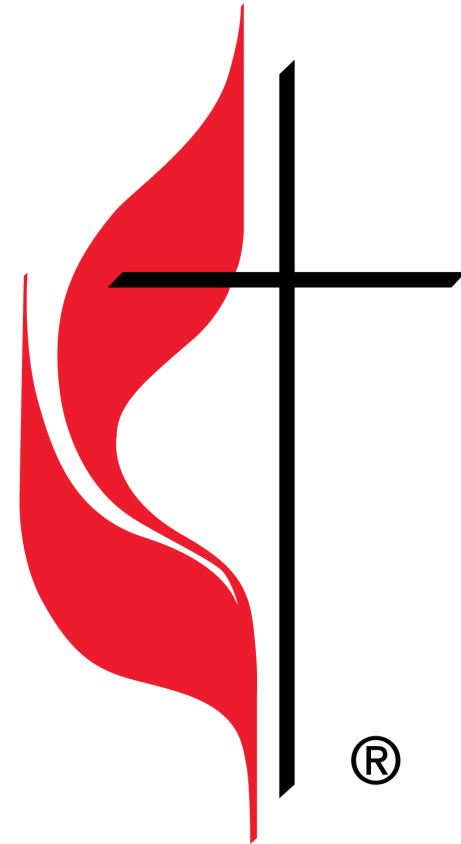
Ann Neill & Linda Brown

SK—Choir Director & Pianist

Anne Watkins & Victor Parrish

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 December 19, 2021
 4th Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

*Hymn of Praise *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **UMH # 230**

*Opening Prayer

Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the one God of us all. Amen.

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

Prayer of Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen.

Sermon Series: *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes* When Joy Is Our Song 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

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to turn our apathy into acts of love and service. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Sending Music *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come* **UMH # 246**

*Benediction

Go in peace, trusting in the promises of God.

Calendar of Events

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

January 2, 2022 Epiphany Sunday

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Luke 1:39-45	Monday	Luke 1:38
Tuesday	1 Samuel 3:1-14	Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:15-21
Thursday	Psalms 10	Friday	Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday	Acts 10:34-43		

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