

Birthdays

December 7—Anne Doub **December 10**—Carolyn Price
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,

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

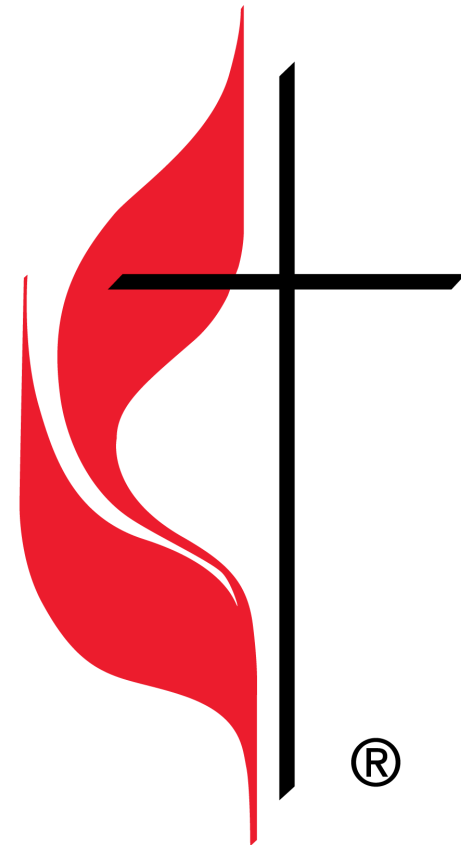
Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson.,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

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 December 5, 2021
 2nd Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Music *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **UMH # 211**

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call to become your path into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sermon Series: *The Heart* When Christmas Rev. David
that Grew Three Sizes isn't Christmas 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. Amen.



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Confession & Pardon

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friends, if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.

Sending Music *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* **UMH # 218**

Benediction

I am confident of this: that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Calendar of Events

December 12, 2021 at 7:30 am SK Men's Breakfast

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 24, 2021 at 4 pm Christmas Eve @ The Barn.

December 25, 2021 Christmas Day

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Monday	Luke 1:18-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:27-31	Wednesday	Luke 1:5-20
Thursday	Luke 1:21-25	Friday	Romans 8:18-25
Saturday	Galatians 5:2-6		

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