

Birthdays

December 13—Ruth Wooten

December 15—Anne Adams

December 17—Jimmy Brown

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

East Bend: Hazel Matthews, Stewart Maples, Helen Fortune, Phil Curry, Mickey Martin, Mike Crouse, Evelyne Shreve, Roland Dove, Haithcock Family, Beauchamp's, Don Beauchamp, Billie Jean Dove, Earl Norman, Anne Hardy, Karen Goodman, Daniel Wade, Family of Tommy Smith.

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Dane Hill, Richard Shore, Dare Poindexter, *Bristol Hope Hagen*, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Savannah Wright, Madison McCann, Daniel Watson, Larry Evans, Steven & Wendy Mosteller, Larry Evans, Aiden Flynn, Norman Shore, Sean & Rose Jentsch.

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

Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Brian Speas, 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.

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

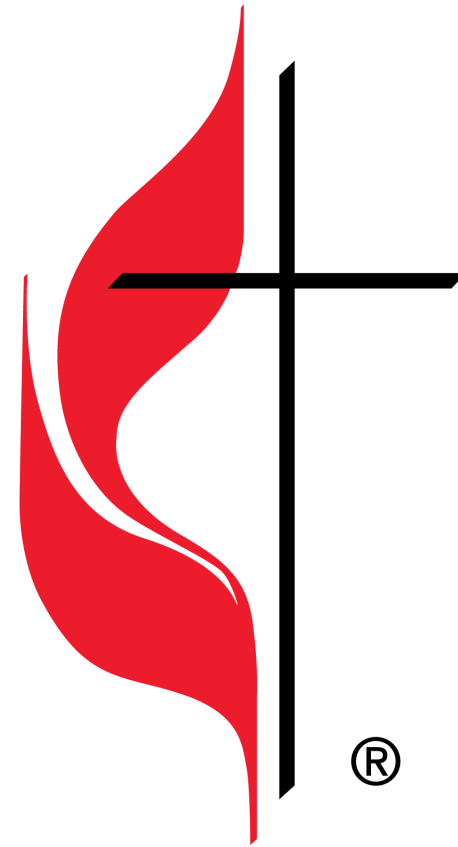
Ann Neill & Linda Brown

SK—Choir Director & Pianist

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 December 13, 2020
 3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome

*Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for all those prophets in Scripture who have pointed to Christ. We thank you for all of your servants, who, by the example of their lives have pointed us to Christ. Give us eyes to see him today among those who are oppressed, or brokenhearted. Give us the courage to give our testimony of how Christ releases and sets free; how he turns ashes into life; how he repairs and builds up what was ruined. We, too, will point others to Jesus, the **Light of the world. Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Music *O Little Town of Bethlehem,* Melissa Beck &
 That Boy Child of Mary Julia Sain

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, giver of life and light, as your word is read and proclaimed, illumine our hearts and minds, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives may reflect God’s glory. Amen.

Sermon Series: “Joy”
 Light of the World *Luke 2:1-7*

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.



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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.

*Sending Music *God So Loved* Eric Hagemeyer

*Benediction

Now may the God of peace call forth your complete dedication; may the light of Christ shine upon you; and the Holy Spirit fill you completely, now and forever. Amen

Calendar of Events

December 20, 2020 at 9 am Online Worship & In-Person
 Worship at EBUMC

December 24, 2020 at 4 pm Drive-in Christmas Eve
 Communion Service @ the Ballfield.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday	2 Corinthians 5:10
Monday	Matthew 19:16-19
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:18
Wednesday	Luke 21:28
Thursday	John 3:16-21
Friday	Matthew 8:23-27
Saturday	Matthew 4:17

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