

Birthdays

December 22—Dottie Cornelius

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.

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, Larry Evans, Steven & Wendy Mosteller, Aiden Flynn, Norman Shore, *Sean, Rose, & Jay 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

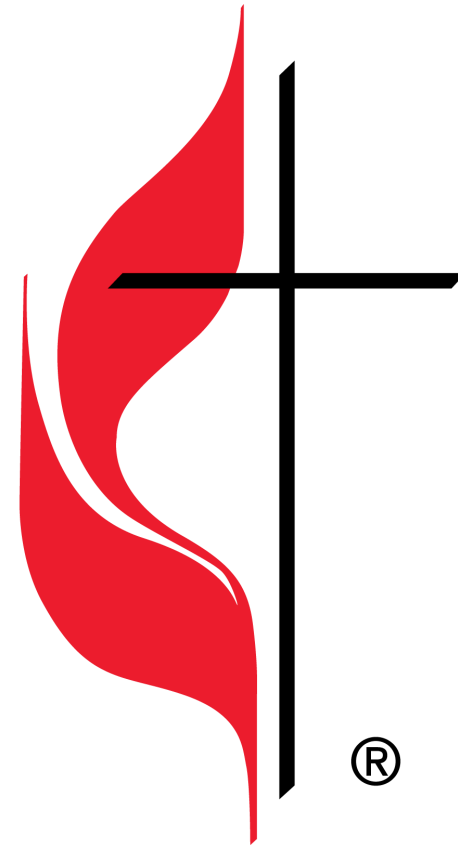
Ann Neill & Linda Brown

SK—Choir Director & Pianist

Anne Watkins

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 December 20, 2020
 4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome

*Opening Prayer

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Music

We Three Kings

Melissa Beck &
Julia Sain

Prayer of Illumination

Astonishing God, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we await the coming of your Son. Fill us with good things that we may conceive your reign on earth and glorify you according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sermon Series:

"Gift to the World"

Light of the World

Matthew 2:1-12

Profession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

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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

I Belong

Eric Hagemeyer

*Benediction

Magnify the Lord and rejoice! Let us bring our gifts before God. May God use us for God's desires for nothing is impossible with God. And now, may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with you now and always. Amen.

Calendar of Events

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

December 27, 2020 NO in-person worship. Online only
with Bishop Leeland & Cabinet

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday	John 1:1-5
Monday	1 Corinthians 13:11-12
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-33
Wednesday	Romans 8:31-34
Thursday	John 1:14
Friday	Galatians 4:4-7
Saturday	Luke 2:1-7

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