

Birthdays

December 7—Anne Doub

December 10—Carolyn Price

December 12—Sarah Price

December 13—Ruth Wooten

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, Tommy Smith, 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, 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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East Bend UMC
Stony Knoll UMC
 December 6, 2020
 2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Music *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph* Melissa Beck

Prayer of Illumination

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands forever. Amen.

Sermon Series: *"Potential"*
 Light of the World *Luke 1:39-56*

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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*Sending Music

I Belong

Eric Hagemeyer

*Benediction

May faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from heaven as you walk in the way of peace, and may the blessing of God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Holy Comforter, be with you now and always.

Calendar of Events

December 13, 2020 at 9 am Online Worship & In-Person
 Worship at EBUMC

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

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday	Colossians 2:2-3
Monday	Philippians 1:3-14
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:8-10
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:23-25
Thursday	Luke 1:46-55
Friday	Luke 2:15-20
Saturday	Isaiah 40:18, 21-23

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