

## Birthdays

January 3—Heather Russell

January 5—Troy Brickey

January 6—Ruby Murphy

## Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

**East Bend:** Hazel Matthews, Helen Fortune, Beauchamp's, Clyde Wall.

**Stony Knoll:** Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Anne Watkins, **Margret Love**, Rachel Adams, Tracy Sheets.

**Long-Term Care:** Sue Long, Bobbie Lineberry, Lucille Cox, Bettie Ratledge.

**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, Spencer Hodges.

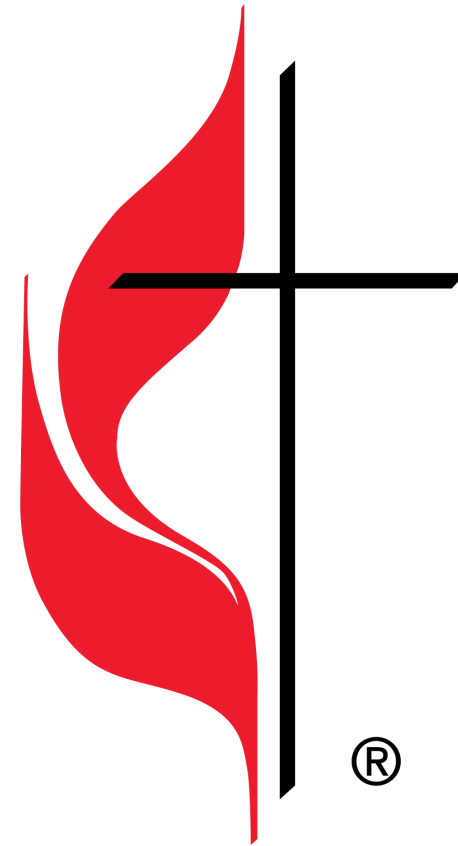
**World Wide:** For Single-parent families, the underemployed, the homeless, victims of gun violence, those effected by natural disasters, world conflicts, those affected by Covid-19, and for the National political climate.

## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	John 1:10-18	<b>Monday</b>	James 1:2-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 9:1-7	<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew 16:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 2:22-24	<b>Friday</b>	1 Kings 3:1-9
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrews 5:11-14		

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January 1, 2023  
Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise *We Three Kings of Orient Are* **UMH # 254**

\*Opening Prayer

**Exalted God, even as the heavenly host sang of your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem; even as the star shone in the heavens, and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather to recount all that you have done for us in mercy and steadfast love. No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions you have placed within us, for you have drawn us close. With all creation, we praise you and exalt your name forever and ever. Amen.**

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

Prayer of Illumination

**Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Holy Word, you cross every border meant to shut you out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your Triune name, we pray. Amen.**

Sermon *God's on the Move* **Pastor David**  
*Matthew 2:13-23*

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

\* *Please stand if able*



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Confession & Pardon

**Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, we fail to recognize our own complicity. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children so vulnerable and precious in your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.**

Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He is our savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Declare with me the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Tithes & Offering

Holy Communion **UMH Pg. 12**

\*Sending Music *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **UMH # 224**

\*Benediction

May God the Creator, Christ the savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, guard your going out and your coming in; and be your strength and help in every time of need.

## Calendar of Events

January 1, 2022 at 10 am Combined Worship Service at EB

January 8, 2022 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2022 at 6 pm Spring Dinner Church kickoff

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