Entrance

Gathering

*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn How Can We Name a Love – Hymn 111 (to the tune of: This is My Father's World – Hymn 144)

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

From the cowardice that dares not face new truth, from the laziness that is contented with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, Good Lord, deliver us. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Tinsley Allen

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Happy Birthday to Ben Suggs (5/5), Sandra Sessoms (5/10), and Buck Ivey (5/10)!

Happy Anniversary to David & Martha Culbreth (5/8)!

We pray today for LaKeisha Hannah, Stephanie Hollis, and Rachel Horrell at Elizabethtown Primary School.

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You may sign up to give flowers by contacting Pastor Mark or by filling out our online sign-up Google Doc.

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Announcements

Thank you for your continued support to educational institutions and food banks.

Our study of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Call*, continues this Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem and on Zoom.

Wonderful Wednesday: May 15, 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share!

UMM Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m. at Jones Lake.

Gather at the Table/Bring a Dish! Wednesday, May 22. See Flyer.

Joint worship service at Jones Lake to celebrate Grace UMC's 1 year anniversary: June 2. We will worship at 10 a.m. and enjoy a meal, fun and fellowship at the lake!

VBS at Bethlehem: June 9-12.

The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:

Mentioned 4/7/2024: Alan, Andrew, & Matthew Lomax; Shirley Lancaster; Renee Horton; First responders; the people of Taiwan; Barbara Bell; Mary Stuch; Ruth Feight; Jimmy May; the family and friends of Connie Melvin Lowery, Captain Daniel M. Clark, and J.D. Swinney.

Mentioned 4/14/2024: Jennifer Privette and her mother, Linda Halstead; Molly Morgan Johnson; Christoper Banks; The Bladen County Board of Education; Clay Allen and family; Buck Ivey; Seresa Godwin; all those who have called Clarkton UMC home; all those affected by the unrest in the Middle East; the family and friends of Wynona Blount, Bessie Britt.

Mentioned 4/21/2024: Tori Allen; the Bladen County School System; Michael Thomas; Betty Kinlaw; Carolyn Roddie; those affected by storms; Jeff Butler; Earl Moore, Sharon Moore's father-in-law; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; Lisa Hunt; Vicky Page; Becky Britt.

Mentioned 4/28/2024: Valerie (a friend of Pat Routh); All those affected by the tornadoes in the Midwest; all unhappy people; Leon Martin; Ronnie Dowless; Pete Kinlaw; Linda Dunaway; Betty Joyce Blackman; Linda Evers; Shirley Chason; Janice Robbins; the family and friends of Michael Shaw, Logan Langston.

Prayers this week: Joy Grady and family; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Renee Horton; Luke Gustafson; Carolyn Lancaster; Annette Meares; Adele Clark; Cindy Coble; Alb Inman; Patty Scotten; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Jacob Chavis; Beth Nance; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Anne Lancaster.

Grace United Methodist Church

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter Worship Service 8:30 am

Our Mission
To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision
We welcome everyone into the experience
of a different story!

