

The Glovier Messenger

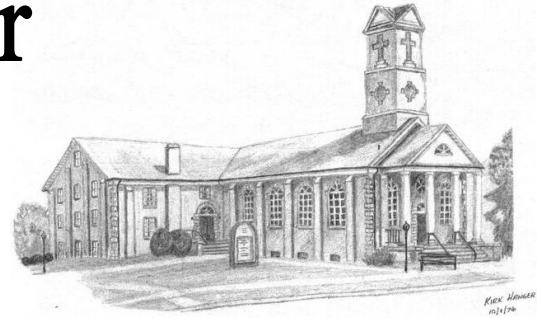
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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

The Hidden Gifts of Christ

One Christmas morning, Dennis, Nancy, and their young son, Eric, were traveling south from San Francisco to their home in Los Angeles. They had spent Christmas Eve with relatives in the Bay Area, but both parents had to work the next day, thus, it was necessary to travel on Christmas. About noon, Dennis and Nancy decided they were hungry so they stopped at a local diner for lunch. Naturally, because it was Christmas, the restaurant was nearly empty and Eric, their young son, was the only child in the restaurant. As they entered the diner, Eric could be heard screaming with great joy, "Hithere," the two-word expression that he always thought was one. The little boy pounded his hands on the metal chair. He was excited and he wiggled and giggled with great joy. Then Nancy, his mother, saw the source of her son's merriment. On the other side of the restaurant sat a man in a tattered coat who was dirty, greasy, and wore baggy pants with his toes extending out from his worn-out shoes. He was smiling at Eric. "Hi there, little baby. Hi there, big boy. I see you." Dennis and Nancy exchanged looks and said without words, *"What are we to do with this poor devil?"*

Meanwhile, the meal they ordered came, but the man on the other side of the room continued to speak: "Do you know patty cake, little boy? Do you know peekaboo?" Eric continued to laugh and answered with his patented phrase, "Hithere." The whole scene was embarrassing to both Dennis and



Nancy, so they decided to quickly pay the check and leave. They both implored heaven, *"Lord, let us get out of here before the man speaks to Eric again."* However, Eric seemed to have other plans as he reached out both arms in a typical gesture of children that says, "Please, pick me up." Eric began to lunge toward the homeless man with his arms open wide.

The man asked Nancy, "Would you let me hold your baby?" There was no need to answer as Eric almost propelled himself into the man's arms. Suddenly an old and apparently homeless man and a very young baby, in a very real way, consummated their love. Eric laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed and tears flowed down his cheeks. Both Nancy and Dennis were awestruck. "You take care of this baby," said the man to Nancy. Somehow she managed to respond, "I will." The man gave Eric back to his mother and said, "God bless you, ma'am. You have given me a great Christmas gift." Nancy could say nothing more than a muttered, "Thanks." Now with Eric in her arms she and Dennis walked to the car both saying to God, *"Lord, forgive us, forgive us."* Eric's mother was petrified and, I suspect most of us would be, too, if our infant child had an encounter with a homeless person. Society, unfortunately, has trained us when we perceive danger to remove ourselves from any encounter with those who stand on the fringes of our society — the homeless, victims of AIDS, immigrants, even the elderly. We feel they have nothing to offer; how can something good come

from those who are out of the mainstream? But, Nancy learned one of the great lessons of life and received a special revelation of the goodness of humanity, when she and her son gave a homeless man the only gift he wanted, someone who could give unconditional love.

During these days as we get ready for Christmas, a time when we consider gifts given and received, we hear how Jesus, one born on the fringes, a poor and homeless child, brought gifts beyond all measure to our world. May the hidden gifts of Christ be yours this season. *Praise be to God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ! (Ephesians 1:3)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 2 (Tues)	10:00am	Plummer's Bible Study
Dec. 3 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
Dec. 3 (Wed)	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Dec. 4 (Thurs)	6:00pm	UMM Edelweiss Dinner
Dec. 9 (Tues)	3:00pm	UWF Christmas Dinner
Dec. 10 (Wed)	6:00pm	Choir Practice
Dec. 15 (Mon)	5:00pm	W.Workers Golden Corral
Dec. 16 (Tues)	10:00am	Plummer's Study Christmas
Dec. 17 (Wed)	6:00pm	Choir Practice
Dec. 20 (Sat)	10:00am	Choir Practice
Dec. 24 (Wed)	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service



AT HOME MEMBER FOR DECEMBER Cecelia Caruso

1058 Bridge Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980
276-275-4605

Cecelia would love to hear from you. Send her a card, text or give her a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9th - Jeremiah McGinnis

14th - Amy Fields

18th - Jamie Kellington

25th - Wanda Easton

30th - Don Andrews

30th - Tripp Ellinger



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries



Jan Bottemiller

Jean Pittman

Pauline & Tobi Broyles

Judy Mead

Pete Phillips

Nancy Napier



United Methodist Men will have their annual Christmas Dinner at the Edelweiss Restaurant in Greenville on Thursday, December 4 at 6:00pm.

"Making Sense of Revelation: Its Controversies and Meaning" Bible Study will conclude on Wednesday, December 3 (6:00-7:00PM).

Plummer's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00am. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch. On December 16, bring a snack to share with others.

The Willing Workers Class will have their Christmas gathering at Golden Corral on Dec. 15 at 5:00pm. Let Gary Wright know if you are coming.



The **United Women in Faith** met on November 11th. Plans for the remainder of the year were discussed. Pastor Bill Jones presented a program on Barbara Heck who was known as the “Mother of American Methodism.” His presentation was very informative.

The next meeting of the United Women in Faith will be our Christmas Gathering on December 9th at 3:00pm. A meal will be served followed by games and a Chinese Gift Exchange. All women of the church are invited. Please let Sheree Harlow or Karen Wright know if you will be able to attend. Bring a wrapped gift up to \$10 for the gift exchange. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Glovier Memorial United Methodist Church's Statement

“Our vision is to surrender to God’s will and effectively nurture all ages and backgrounds by: encouraging spiritual growth, reaching out in missions, witnessing to God’s love in Jesus Christ, and inviting others to experience faith in God.”

As part of Glovier’s statement shown above, we are to reach out with mission work. Many of those often go unnoticed. Here is a list of missions supported by Glovier and approximate amounts given for the 2025 calendar year. Thanks to everyone who helps to support our missions.

Comfort Care Women’s Health	\$ 560
CROP Walk	\$ 1050
Embrace	\$ 200
HERO	\$ 600
New Life for Girls	\$ 100
OMS – Scott Murphy	\$ 100
Ramaba – Mukti Mission	\$ 144
Rise For Hunger	\$ 700
Samaritan Shoeboxes contents plus	\$ 80
Society of St. Andrew	\$ 274
Teen Challenge	\$ 100
United Methodist – Jackson	\$ 100
WARM	\$ 300
Valley Mission	\$ 100
WRE	\$ 2100
Helping Church members, neighbors, family and friends	Priceless

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2026 Budget for Glovier Memorial UMC

MISSIONS - COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

1. Weekday Religious Education	
a. Waynesboro	\$ 1,000.00
b. East Augusta County	\$ 600.00
2. Homebound Meals	\$ 100.00
3. Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 500.00
4. United Methodist - Jacksons	\$ 100.00
5. OMS, Spain - Scott Murphy	\$ 100.00
6. Housing Emergency Relief Org. (HERO)	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 2,900.00

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

1. Pastor's Salary (Base)	\$ 34,680.00
2. Accountable Reimburse/Travel allowance	\$ 1,000.00
3. Other (Conference Supplementation)	
**Total Compensation	\$ 35,680.00
4. Current Year's Pension	
5. Continuing Education allowance	
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	\$ 35,680.00

CHURCH SALARIES

1. Secretary	\$ 10,608.00
2. Accompanist	\$ 4,128.00
3. Director of Music	
4. Nursery Attendant	
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	\$ 14,736.00

CHURCH

1. Guest Speakers	\$ 600.00
2. Guest Accompanist	\$ 500.00
3. Cleaning Supplies	\$ 200.00
4. Snow Removal/Lawn Service	\$ 3,300.00
5. Annual Conference - Pastor/Delegate	\$ 500.00
6. Church Utilities	\$ 11,000.00
7. Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
8. Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00
9. Insurance	\$ 12,000.00
10. Capitol Improvements	
11. Office supplies/Offering Envelopes	\$3,000.00
12. Evangelism	\$1,500.00
13. Choir Music	\$250.00
14. Church cleaning (\$160 a week)	\$8,320.00
15. F.I.C.A.	\$1,200.00
16. Technology	\$2,000.00
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\$51,870.00

Looking forward to Glovier’s Missions for 2026.

CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS

101-Mission and Ministry-Committed	\$ 3,420.00
102-Mission and Ministry-Expected	\$ 840.00
103-Retired Clergy Health	\$ 3,276.00
104-General and Jurisdictional	\$ 2,544.00
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	\$ 10,080.00

DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

District Administration	\$ 2,652.00
Campus Ministries	\$ 156.00
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	\$ 2,808.00

INCREASES

Total Budget	\$ 118,174.00
Average needed weekly	\$ 2,272.58
Annual increase	\$ 1,462.00
Weekly increase	\$ 28.12

Glovier UMC Phone Tree: Our standard caller ID utilizes multiple **405 area code** numbers for greater deliverability success. If you receive a phone call with "405" as the area code, it will most likely be the Glovier UMC "Phone Tree" with a message about a "prayer request" or an announcement about an upcoming event. If you are not a member of our "Phone Tree" and would like to join, please call the church office at 540-943-3071

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 26, 2025

The Administrative Council of Glovier Church held a called meeting after church on Sunday, October 26, 2025, with 10 present.

Larry Johnson called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Kathy Plummer, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Kathy presented the proposed budget. After a short discussion, motion was made to approve the budget. Sheree Harlow seconded. Motion passed.

Mary Ellen Golden made a motion to allow CASA to have their fall dinner at the church. Ana Childress seconded. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie W. Johnson, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS IN DECEMBER

Our God and the Holy Scriptures

Lesson 1	December 7	God's Word
		Psalm 19:7-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-15
Lesson 2	December 14	Our Heavenly Father
		Matthew 6:24-34
Lesson 3	December 21	Christ the Savior
		Luke 15:3-7; Romans 5:6-10
Lesson 4	December 28	The Holy Spirit
		Romans 8:12-17, 26-27



Adoration of the Shepherds

by Gerard van
Honthorst

1622 A.D.