

Colonial Heights

United Methodist Church



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Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit or something you do every Sunday morning, we are delighted that you are here. Thank you for joining us today and we look forward to seeing you again.
Have a blessed day!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude David Eilart

*Opening Hymn Hymn of Promise UMH 707

Lighting Advent Wreath Week 2 Candle of Peace Kim Hofker

*Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218

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 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. Amen.

Offertory / Doxology

*Hymn I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day CEL 267

Scripture **Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6** Jean LaForest

This is the word of God for us the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message ***Preparing for Jesus: Living in Peace*** Rev. Rhonda Hobbs

Time of Reflection Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH 431

*Closing Hymn Midnight Clear (Love Song) SpiritLed

Benediction

Postlude David Eilart

Midnight Clear (Love Song)

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold

Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
Through all the weary world

And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise and cease the strife
And hear the angels sing

Chorus

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ the Savior is born
Jesus the love song of God
(Jesus the love song of God)

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IMPORTANT Information regarding Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Proceedings

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has filed Bankruptcy Proceedings in U. S. Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware. As a charter organization for Boy Scout Troops, we have filed "Proof of Claim" documents to protect the church's assets from claims filed against BSA.

We want to make you aware of two important meetings on Sunday, December 5th that are related to the BSA filing and our ongoing scouting relationship.

1. **Sunday, December 5th immediately after worship**, our Council, Pastor and Del Holley will give an overview of how the Bankruptcy process affects us as a church and the recommended action being given by attorneys working on behalf of the United Methodist Church (GCFA).
2. **Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 p.m.** there will be a called Church Conference for all churches in the Smoky Mountain District with scouting relationships. This meeting will be led by Rev. Jason Gattis and held at **Cokesbury UMC South Campus (Old Lowe's building) 9908 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922**. The purpose of the Conference is for churches to give a member of our Board of Trustees the authority to vote on the BSA Reorganization Plan on behalf of the church.

Colonial Heights UMC has a longstanding relationship and love for Scouting. Our desire is to continue supporting this vital ministry while protecting the Church's assets against litigation. We ask you to pray for this ministry, pray for healing for the many victims of misconduct and abuse that are coming forward, and pray for those who are found guilty of misconduct and abuse. This is an extremely difficult and painful process for Scouts, Scouting and the Churches who have sponsored so many troops throughout the years.

This Week @ Colonial Heights December 5 to 11

Office Hours Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

<u>Sunday</u> 9:45 am	Sunday School	<u>Wednesday</u> 5:00 pm	Drive thru meal
10:45 am	Worship	5:30 pm	Handbells Practice
5:00 pm	Charge Conference	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
5:30 pm	Youth	7:00 pm	SpiritLed Practice
<u>Tuesday</u> 10:30 pm	Yoga	<u>Thursday</u> 10:30 pm	Yoga
4:00 pm	Crafters	2:00 pm	Bible Study

The church office will be closed on Thursdays in November & December for Lisa's vacation and holidays.

**Mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Cantata
on Sunday December 19th!**

Sunday Adult Bible studies resumes its regular schedule on Sunday, Dec. 12.



December 11

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Our annual Ladies Christmas Tea is this Saturday, December 11.

The tickets are **\$20** which includes the meal. Kevin Zartman will be running the kitchen, and he needs male servers! Church members can contact a hostess to see if she has room at her table; we will have a list of hostesses posted on the admin bulletin board outside the office. Additionally, this is a fund raiser for the youth. **We still need door prizes if someone has a business connection, please contact Kevin.**

Feed the Hungry, Our Next Meal - this Wednesday, December 8 from 5 to 6 pm We will have a special Ham dinner with a dessert gift box of Christmas goodies! *Our gratitude to everyone who through their generous donations & volunteer spirit have kept this ministry going! We ask that everyone pray for this ministry and tell their friends.*

The J Ray Stuart class is hosting a **Christmas Party** at the Airport Hilton once again!

Date: December 14, 2021 Price: \$18.00 per person at the door. We will have a \$5.00 gift exchange. *Signup sheet is in the J Ray Stuart classroom.*

The J. Ray Stuart Sunday School Class monthly luncheon is **suspended** for December. We will resume on January 20, 2022 at 11 am.

*We have begun **upgrading our audio visual equipment**. Special gifts beyond a tithe maybe designated. Please denote on envelope or on your check "**AV Fund**". Thanks.*

A generous donation was made to our Thanksgiving meal fund by Ghanshyam & Daksha Patel of the Kwik Pantry.

Steven Brown - Music Director

David Eilart - Pianist

Lisa Atkins - Admin & Communications

Linda Brown - MDO Director