

Bethel United Methodist Church
Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2018 11:15am

Gathering

- Prelude and Tolling of the Bell
- Coming of the Light
- Welcome and Announcements: Life and Work of the Community
- Greeting: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.
 You will do well to be attentive to this,
**as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns
 and the morning star rises in our hearts.**
- *Opening Hymn.....“Morning Has Broken”.....#145
- *Epiphany Prayer (*in unison*).....#255
- *Psalter.....Psalm 72:1-8
 UMH 795
- *Hymn.....“Glory Be to the Father”.....#71

Young People’s Message

- Anthem.....“There’s a Song in the Air”
 BUMC Chancel Choir

Proclamation

- Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
Gracious God, let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.
- Epistle Lesson.....Ephesians 3:1-12
- Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 2:1-12
- Sermon.....“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Response

- *Hymn.....“We Three Kings”.....#254
- *Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles’ Creed”.....#881

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Blessing and Prayer

Invitation

- Confession and Pardon (*in unison*).....Page 12
- *Passing the Peace
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory
- *Doxology.....#95
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving and Communion

- The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 13
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Breaking The Bread
- Giving The Bread and Cup
- Prayer After Communion
- Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
 may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and
 dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
 deceit; may the eyes which have seen your love shine with the light of
 hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be
 refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.**
*Meghan F. Benson (former Chaplain of Duke Div.)*

Sending Forth

- *Hymn.....“This Little Light of Mine”.....#585
- *Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction
- *Going Forth of the Light
- *Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Fairfield’s Meals on Wheels need volunteers to help cater food around the area on M & W from 1045 – noon. To get involved their phone number is 803.718.0555 and are located on East Washington St. in downtown Winnsboro.
- ❖ The dates and locations for 2019 Salkehatchie Summer Service camps have been announced. Registration is expected to be open within a few weeks. Fairfield & Blythewood Camps are July 13-20; Jenkinsville Camp is June 22-29
- ❖ UM Women & Fairfield Christian Men Meeting tomorrow at 7pm
- ❖ Excellence in Ministry Training, January 13, 2:30pm, Gathering, 3:00pm Workshops; Washington Street UMC (Registration deadline Jan. 6).
- ❖ SPRC Training, Jan. 27, 3:00-5:00pm, Mt. Hebron UMC (Registration deadline Jan. 20)

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday (1st Sunday After the Epiphany):

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Wyllene Boulware, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, Rebecca Cassadallace, Robert Davis, Margaret DeHart, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, The Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Rose Shull, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller, Jacob, Lela, & Helen Suber, Betty Tanner, Turner Wilkes,

Bethel UMC- Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Bob Bazinet, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Karolina Burnette, Everette Burnette, Sherry Crosby, Billy Dove, Jimmy Glass, Kristi Godwin, Norma Grice, Richard Hatchel, Gabriel Herman, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Mel, Mike, Ella Kate & twins Leitner, Paul Leitner, Zan Levy, David Mann, Frank Martin, Jackie McDaniel, Anna Odom, Frieda Penn, Sherrill Perry, Greg Robertson, Sonja & Liz Rogers, Anne Stewart,

Ford Sweeney, Donna Whitford unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

Special Thanks for:

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Doris Mae Leitner

January Security

Melinda Truesdale

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of “open hearts, open minds, open doors.” If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. We welcome all requests to consider membership and we are more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

James B. Rogers, Pastor

Ministers: All Members

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