

## STAR GIFT PICK-UP December 31 & January 7

On Epiphany each year, Christians remember the Magi following the star to baby Jesus. We trust that God can use many stars to draw us closer into relationship with Jesus. You can receive your Star Gift in the Narthex before or after worship on December 31 or January 7. Each star will have a unique word. As you prayerfully take one, trust the word you receive to guide you closer to Jesus in the next year.

## CARING MINISTRIES

Our Caring Ministries offer many ways for you to find Christian care for a number of life's struggles. We're here to walk alongside you this winter.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Confidential, one-on-one care with a trained lay minister.  
Request a Stephen Minister at 615.577.4881 or [bumc.net/stephen](http://bumc.net/stephen).

### BUMC COUNSELING CENTER:

Independent therapists with private practices on the BUMC campus.  
Visit [bumc.net/counseling](http://bumc.net/counseling) to learn about available therapists.

### LAY-LED MINISTRIES:

Provide support and presence for members (prayer shawl, flower ministry, meal delivery, caregiver respite, note-writing).  
Contact [caringministries@bumc.net](mailto:caringministries@bumc.net) to request care or get involved.

### PASTORAL CARE:

BUMC clergy are available for pastoral counseling.  
Contact [caringministries@bumc.net](mailto:caringministries@bumc.net) to request care.

## NEWCOMER LUNCH

**January 7, 12:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in joining BUMC, have joined recently, or are new to BUMC and interested in getting more connected, join us at our next newcomer lunch. Learn more about our mission, values, and ministries, and hear from Dr. Davis Chappell. RSVP at [bumc.net/events](http://bumc.net/events).

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AFFIRMATION RETREAT February 2 & 3

This retreat is a non-overnight stay. It is a combination of small group devotions, large group worship and messages, team building activities, and journaling exercises for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to encounter God in ways that help them feel affirmed as a child of God and enable them to articulate their faith. Registration opens January 1 at [bumc.net/events](http://bumc.net/events).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 24-27, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Save the date for the best week of the summer with BUMC Kids! VBS is for children currently in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will open at [bumc.net/vbs](http://bumc.net/vbs) on March 1!

## MEN'S RETREAT

**February 2-4,  
Beersheba Springs Assembly**

Join us for a weekend of inspiring teaching, outdoor activities, and community with other men! Rev. Matt Tuggle from Highland Park UMC (Dallas, TX) will be our guest speaker, sharing "4 Bible Stories Every Man Needs to Know." At the retreat, you'll experience great teaching, discussion about real issues with other men, and plenty of free time to unwind and experience time outdoors. There will be opportunities to rest, hike, play pickleball, sit around the campfire, and more. Registration begins at \$170. Sign up at [bumc.net/events](http://bumc.net/events).

## STUDENT MINISTRY SPRING KICK-OFF

**January 7, 5-8 p.m.**

Kick off our Sunday Nights with worship and Discipleship Groups! We are excited to continue our school year theme of Camp BUMCSM with a series on worship music and a flag football game on February 11. We're excited to have our 6<sup>th</sup> graders join our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday nights for the spring!

## FEED A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

You can continue to give to our Christmas Food Basket fundraising, and we will make sure your gifts get to our local ministry partners to support neighbors in need this Christmas. You can write a check with Christmas Baskets in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate.

## CONNECT RELATIONALLY & GROW SPIRITUALLY IN 2024

As we approach a new year, consider how you want to deepen your faith in one of our Sunday School classes. We will have a Sunday School Fair on January 28 following each worship service for you to find a place where you can grow in your faith alongside others.  
[bumc.net/sundayschool](http://bumc.net/sundayschool)

## SPONSOR A STUDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Give the gift of education this Christmas by sponsoring a student at one of our 3 partner schools in South Africa! Your sponsorship helps to provide students with education, healthcare, safety, and nutrition throughout the school year. The South African school year starts in January, so there's still time to commit! Sign up at [bumc.net/southafrica](http://bumc.net/southafrica).

## Share Your Musical Gifts!

The new year is a great time to commit to new activities! Join one of our Worship & Arts ensembles to meet new people, make music, and praise the Lord. Visit [bumc.net/music](http://bumc.net/music) to learn more.

January 3	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b> Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
January 7	<b>YOUTH CHOIRS</b> Rehearsals at 5 p.m. (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ) & 7 p.m. (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )
January 9	<b>JOYSOUND ORCHESTRA</b> Rehearsal at 6:45 p.m.
January 10	<b>CHILDREN'S CHOIRS</b> Rehearsals at 6:15 p.m. (PreK4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) <b>RHYTHM &amp; BELLS</b> at 5 p.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Ongoing	<b>WORSHIP BAND</b> contact Ashton Gibbs at <a href="mailto:agibbs@bumc.net">agibbs@bumc.net</a> <b>BUMC RINGERS</b> contact Dr. Gregg Bunn at <a href="mailto:gbunn@bumc.net">gbunn@bumc.net</a> <b>YOUTH ORCHESTRA</b> contact Patsy Wade at <a href="mailto:pwade@bumc.net">pwade@bumc.net</a> <b>FOR HIS GLORY LITURGICAL DANCE</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) contact <a href="mailto:keeleynkirk@gmail.com">keeleynkirk@gmail.com</a>

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CHRISTMAS EVE

MODERN SERVICE | 2 P.M.  
DECEMBER 24, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Charles & Regina Walker

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Charlotte & Mary Preston Hamilton  
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jonathan Andersen

Leader:

We gather on this blessed day to celebrate the newborn Light.

People:

With family and friends we worship and adore the Christ-child.

Leader:

With Mary we will ponder these things in our hearts.

People:

With Joseph we will give thanks to the Lord for God’s steadfast love.

Leader:

Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving for Christ has been born!

People:

We gather to worship Him and welcome His peaceful kingdom.

Leader:

His name will be blessed among all the earth;

People:

His reign shall have no end! Come, our wait is finished!  
Let us worship the newborn King!

\*CAROLS

“Joy to the World”

Jeff Wood & Band

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the word, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the  
sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of  
His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.  
Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King!”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens of Heaven above  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yeah, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this, who laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
chorus  
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him The King of  
kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
chorus

A WORD OF WELCOME

Dr. Davis Chappell

Leader:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

People:

And also with you.

ACT OF PRAISE

Charles & Regina Walker

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jonathan Andersen

\*A READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Dr. Davis Chappell

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“A Child Worth Waiting For”

OFFERING

Rev. Jonathan Andersen

The Christmas offering will benefit the missions and outreach  
of Brentwood United Methodist Church around the world.

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night”  
Charles & Regina Walker

by Adolphe Adam

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. Davis Chappell

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dr. Davis Chappell & Rev. Jonathan Andersen

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

...And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise Your name and join in singing their unending hymn.

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor:

...As a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor:

...All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to spend some time in quiet reflection. Communion is open to  
all people of all ages and denominations. Communion is by intinction; that is,  
dip the wafer in the chalice and partake. If you need gluten free Communion  
elements, please go to the station between the baptism font and the pulpit.

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT

Rev. Jonathan Andersen

CAROL 239

“Silent Night, Holy Night”  
Charlotte & Mary Preston Hamilton, soloists; Jeff Wood & Band

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend Thy light;  
With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Davis Chappell

Please extinguish your candles following the benediction  
and place the candle in the basket located at each exit.  
Taking your worship bulletin with you will help ensure that the Sanctuary  
will be prepared for the next worship service.

\*CLOSING SONG

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”  
Jeff Wood & Band

\*Please stand, if able

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Tommy Howard given by his wife, Marion.

SERVICE LEADERS:

Band Leader .....Jeff Wood  
Pianist .....Dr. Gregg Bunn  
Featured Musicians / “O Holy Night” Soloists.....Charles & Regina Walker  
Child Soloists.....Charlotte & Mary Preston Hamilton