

SAVE THE DATE

for upcoming programs

JOIN US FOR WESLEYAN COVENANT

This Sunday we'll reaffirm our baptismal covenant with just two services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Nursery will be available for children 12 weeks to 3 years old. Sunday School classes and Wonder of Worship will not meet, and the Youth Café will be closed. Worship online at bumc.net/live.

DECEMBER

29

9:30 &
11 A.M.

BUMCSM SPRING KICKOFF (GRADES 6-12)

Kick off 2025 with your favorite things! Student Ministry Sunday Nights is starting 2025 off with all of the best things: the best games; the best food; the best worship; and of course, the best people (that's you!). Discipleship Groups will be restarting, and new groups will be forming for friends new to BUMCSM. bumc.net/students

JANUARY

05

6-8 P.M.

NEWCOMER LUNCH

If you are interested in joining BUMC, have joined recently, or are new to BUMC and interested in getting more connected, we hope to see you at our first Newcomer Lunch of 2025. Gather for an opportunity to learn more about our mission, values, and ministries, as well as hearing from Dr. Davis Chappell. RSVP at bumc.net/events.

JANUARY

12

12:15 P.M.

GROW IN YOUR FAITH IN 2025!

Start the new year by connecting with others and growing deeper in your faith with an ongoing Bible study, book study, or small group. New groups for adults will begin in January! Visit bumc.net/studies for a full listing of upcoming studies.

JAN.

MEN'S RETREAT

Commune with God in the great outdoors at next year's Men's Retreat. This weekend will be a chance to slow down and reflect on the bigger questions of life, with teachings from Dr. Davis Chappell, Rev. Jonathan Andersen, and Rev. Adam Jones. Get to know other men at BUMC and recalibrate for the new year. Save your spot today at bumc.net/events.

JAN. 31

TO

FEB. 2

VBS 2025

Vacation Bible School registration opens March 1! Save the date for the best week of the summer with BUMC Kids! VBS is for kids currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration will open at bumc.net/vbs.

JUNE

23-26

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS

Our music & worship ensembles are always open to new people. Try out one of our groups in the new year! Visit bumc.net/music to learn more.

January 5 //

- Jubilation Choir (6th-8th grade) and Sunshine Choir (9th-12th grade) at 4:45 p.m.

January 8 //

- Rhythm & Bells (2nd-5th grade) at 5 p.m.
- Children's Choirs (PreK4-5th grade) at 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir at 6:30 p.m.

January 14 //

- JoySound Orchestra at 6:45 p.m.

January 26 //

- BUMC Ringers at 3:30 p.m.

Interested in joining our 9:45 worship band? Contact Ashton Gibbs at agibbs@bumc.net to schedule an audition.



PICK UP A poinsettia

If you donated poinsettias, you can take them home with you following services on December 24. Poinsettias not picked up will be given to home-centered church members or local outreach efforts.

END OF YEAR GIVING

Donations can be dropped off in the secure drop box on the patio outside of the Weekday Lobby Entrance. The drop box is accessible 24/7, and will be checked routinely. Anything dated and delivered by end of business day on the 31st will be counted for the 2024 financial year. Contact Finance at **615.324.8214** or finance@bumc.net for information or questions regarding end of year giving options and deadlines.

BUMC CAMPUS HOURS

The BUMC campus will be closed December 25 through 27 in observance of Christmas, and on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact the pastor-on-call at **615.969.3086**. Please leave a message, and a pastor will call you back within 10-15 minutes.

GET TO KNOW OUR strategic partners

We're proud to align ourselves with the mission, vision, and values of our strategic ministry partners. If you're looking for ways to give and serve in the new year, these are great organizations to support!

CENTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

Equipping youth ministers and communities of faith to develop innovative, effective, theologically informed ministries so youth may experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ. cymt.org

HARVEST HANDS

Catalyzing Christ-centered, holistic community development by working alongside our neighbors to further education, healthy living, spiritual formation, and economic development in South Nashville harvesthandscdc.com

HEALING HOUSING

Williamson County's first transitional living program with a mission to shelter, love, and restore purposeful living for women healing from addiction. healinghousing.org

SOUTH AFRICA OUTREACH

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? Give the gift of education to a student studying at one of our three partner schools for the 2025 school year. bumc.net/southafrica

STAR GIFT PICK-UP

DEC. 29 & JAN. 5

On Epiphany each year, Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi followed the star to baby Jesus, just as we find ourselves seeking Jesus. We trust that God can use many stars (signs, words, people events, images, etc.) to draw us closer into relationship with Jesus. You can receive your Star Gift in the Narthex before or after worship on December 29 or January 5. 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE

candles & communion

DECEMBER 23, 2024 | 4 & 6 P.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him. In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father’s only son, full of grace and truth. Amen!**

*CAROLS

“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**

Chorus: **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
Sing all ye citizens, Of heaven above
Glory to God, Glory in the highest (chorus)**

**Yea Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv’n
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing (chorus)**

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

“The First Noel”

**The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night, that was so deep**

Chorus: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel**

**Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought (chorus)**

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel

“Noel”

**Love incarnate love divine, Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee, The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born, He shall reign forevermore**

**Noel Noel, Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel, The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us, Noel**

**Son of God and Son of man, There before the world began
Born to suffer born to save, Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord, He shall reign forevermore**

A WORD OF WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

ACT OF PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION “Pondering Christmas” Dr. Davis Chappell

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

The pastor concludes... “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.**

The pastor concludes... “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.**

The pastor concludes... “All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.”

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 at the front,
near the Chrismon tree.*

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT

CAROL 239 “Silent Night, Holy Night” **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

*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

SERVICE LEADERS:

Preaching Pastor Dr. Davis Chappell (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
Liturgist Dr. Jim Hughes (4 p.m.)
..... Rev. Jonathan Andersen (6 p.m.)
Song Leader / “O Holy Night” Soloist Ashton Gibbs (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
Featured Musicians Charles & Regina Walker (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
Child Soloist London Wood (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
..... Allie Burgdorf (6 p.m.)
Acolyte Sam Tackett (4 p.m.)
..... CeCe Quinn (6 p.m.)
Acolyte Director Jo Drumright (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
Worship Coordinator Ryan Jones (4 p.m., 6 p.m.)
Liturgist in FLC Overflow Space Rev. Ani Missirian-Wilson (4 p.m.)
..... Dr. Jim Hughes (6 p.m.)

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