

December 5, 2021

*Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Visitors, please be sure to fill out the visitor card and place it in one of the offering boxes.*

### **ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP**

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Call to Worship                      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*                      No. 431

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn                      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*                      No. 196

### **SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD**

Children's Message

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/ The LORD'S Prayer

### **THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES**

Scripture                      Luke 3:1-6 NIV

Sermon                      "Here and to Come: Peace"                      Rev. Joseph Fulk, III

### **OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE**

Offering Prayer

### **GOING FORTH FOR GOD**

\*Closing Hymn                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      No. 211

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response                      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*                      No. 431

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Guilford County has lifted the mask mandate, requiring folks to wear a mask indoors. We as the Administrative Council strongly encourage folks to prayerfully wear the mask, especially the unvaccinated, in consideration of those who are more susceptible.**

**TODAY! PG Christmas Parade at 3PM.** Children & Family Ministries will participate. Line up is at 1PM. **We will decorate our float during line up.** Call Gail Williams or Layne Downing if you have questions.

**THE ACTIVE DISCIPLES CLASS** is collecting socks for the homeless. Look for the **Sock Box.** Thanks for your help.

**A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be held at Bethlehem UMC on Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, concerning the direction of the Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy with a vote on moving forward.

**UMYF - MEETS** Sundays at 5PM in the Youth Room.

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE** – Meets Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Wed. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wed. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM in the Bell Room.

**COMING UP! OUR LIVE NATIVITY** is Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

**\*ROOTS TO BRANCHES\*** (ages Middle School, High School, High School Graduate, 20's & 30's) Come by Pastor Joseph's office to share some quick info.

**CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS BENEFITING THE GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY ARE NOW AVAILABLE** - Cost \$5. See a Mission Team member or call Phyllis Dahl at (336) 312-5273 to purchase.

**THE CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE IS NOW OPEN** in the conference room! Please help our elves by alphabetizing (by last name) cards left for sorting and filing. Be sure to stop by routinely to pick up cards left for you and your family. **Cut-off for in time for Christmas pick-up is Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks!

**HELEN GRADY ENDOWMENT FUND** - Approximately \$2,000.00 available for disbursement. Any group, committee, or individual that would like to apply for this money may do so by submitting a **Request for Funds Application. This form is available from the church office and must be returned to the church office before 4 PM Monday, Dec. 13** (Forms are also available on table outside of church office and in the narthex.) Funds will be released in early 2022.

**Committee Chairs for 2022:** The 2022 Budget Request Forms that will be provided are due to Frank Willis by **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** via email ([jawillis1@aol.com](mailto:jawillis1@aol.com)) or mail to 8833 NC Hwy 22 N, Climax, NC 27233-8225.

**COMING IN JANUARY 2022!** Our annual blood drive is **TUES., JAN. 18** in the Fellowship Hall from **1-7PM**. In order to donate blood on Jan. 18 you must **NOT** have given blood for 6 weeks prior.

**BETHLEHEM CHILD CARE** – Needs two part-time teachers (Infant Room & Pre-K.) Hours, 2-6PM. If interested, call Erica at (336) 674-9879 or email her at [bethchild91@gmail.com](mailto:bethchild91@gmail.com)

**PGYBA** - Because Guilford Co. Schools have yet to approve their gyms for basketball league use, there is currently NO plan to have a basketball season this year. If you have questions, please contact David Cranfill.

**REMINDER – Lesley Song is not currently receiving a salary. If you feel called to give her a financial gift, there is a box in the narthex where your love offering gifts may be left.**



## Prayer List

Please keep these friends in your prayers:

### Ongoing

Martha Boren  
 Suzie Branch  
 Edna Coble  
 Jane Dunham  
 Cory Fields  
 Melba Fulghum (LeeAnne Curtis' mom)  
 Kelsey Garrett  
 R.W. Hinshaw  
 Ruby Hockett  
 Todd Holloman  
 Betty Hull  
 Bill Jones  
 Mary May  
 Mike McClintock  
 Jamie O'Daniel  
 Amber & Brandon Thompson  
 Our Homebound

### Immediate

Vicky Alexander (Home)  
 Bill Clark (Ruth's neighbor)  
 Kathy Welborn Harrison  
 Jimmie Jones (Randolph Hospice House)  
 Sara Kauzlick  
 Wayne & Ruby Kirkman  
 Nancy Kivett  
 Dickie Parks  
 Jimmy Pugh  
 Barbara Riddle  
 Lorrie Roth  
 Sandy Russell (Friend of Londa Parks)  
 Preston Ryan  
 Ann Shoemaker (Friend of Londa Parks)  
 Judy Shreve (Friend of Phyllis Dahl)  
 Francis Snow  
 Julie Strickler (Friend of Phyllis Dahl)  
 Joyce Tate (Nancy Golden's sister)  
 Julia Willis

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of **James Ray Fulghum**. James Ray graduated to the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. He was the brother of LeeAnne Curtis. Our prayers are with the family.



### **A Message from the SPRC...**

As we approach Christmas, please remember Pastor Joseph and his family. If you would like to give a **Christmas Love Offering** to the Fulks, you may give your gift directly to them, or you can give by writing **Pastor's Christmas Love Offering** on the memo line of your check and placing your gift in the offering box.



## Poinsettias for Christmas!

We invite you to provide Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Eve.** (Please allow your flower to adorn the sanctuary during these special worship events by waiting until after the Christmas Eve worship service to take it home.) Poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for **\$14.50 each.**

To order please complete this form and place it, together with your payment, in an envelope – **write your name** and **poinsettia** on the outside of the envelope. If paying by check, make check payable to Bethlehem UMC; write **poinsettia** on memo line. You may turn in orders by placing them in an offering box or bringing them to the church office. **\*Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**FLOWERS CANNOT BE ORDERED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 336-674-0155.

**1 Poinsettia = \$14.50   2 Poinsettias = \$29.00   3 Poinsettias = \$43.50   4 Poinsettias = \$58.00**

Poinsettia(s) given by:

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.50 = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

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