

Order of Worship

December 25, 2016	Christmas – Christ Has Come	10:30 a.m.
Gathering of God’s Children		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolyte
Choral Call to Worship	“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”	Chancel Choir
Lighting of Christ Candle		Tammie Scott
*Sung Response	“Star-Child” (Verses 1 – 5)	FWS 2095
*Hymn	“What Child Is This?”	UMH 219
Children’s Time	“Happy Baby Jesus”	
Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory	“O Holy Night” (Melissa Woodie)	
*Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“All Is Well”	Michael W. Smith
*Responsive Reading	“Christmas”	Cokesbury Worship Hymnal
*Hymn	“Sing We Now of Christmas” (Verses 1,2,3)	UMH 237
Christmas Gifts		
Christmas Story		Pastor Brad
*Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn	“Joy To the World”	UMH 246
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction	“A Christmas Blessing”	Chancel Choir
*Taking out the Light of Christ		Acolyte
*Postlude		William Elliott
*People Stand as Able		

PRAYER REQUESTS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Eddie **Abshire**, Fran **Alba**, Andy **Anderson**, Patsy **Arnold**, Jim **Ayers**, Janet **Barker**, Charlotte **Bass**, Catherine **Beamer**, Dennis **Bennett**, Phyllis **Blankenship**, Carol **Bohaby**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Susie Foster **Cooper**, Sarah **Crews**, Mitty Coles **Crymes**, Veleda **Davidson**, Anna **Deitrich**, Blair **Deskins** (Jean Miller’s Granddaughter), Richard and Patty **Dillon** (Wade’s Parents), Darlene **Dolin**, Linda **Douthat**, Steve **Epperly**, Gertrude **Farmer**, Beth **Farrington**, Vicki **Furrow**, Michelle **Garcia**, Debbie **Gillespie**, Laura **Gooch**, Carter **Graves**, (Ervin/Charlotte Rich’s Great-Grandson), Stephanie **Gressett**, Amanda **Griffith**, Bill **Harless**, Gus **Hartsock**, Millie **Hartsock**, Susan **Hastings**, Erinn **Hollo**, Jim **Houchins**, Debbie Rosenthal **Humes**, Tim **Jarrett** and his doctor (Dr. Brasfield), Amanda **Jessee**, Sharon **Johnson**, Jim **Justice**, Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash’s Sister), Mary **Martin**, Louise **McVey**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver** Steve **Prout**, Don **Puckett**, Johnny **Puckett**, Evelyn **Ragan**, Patty **Ramage**, Brian **Rose** & Family, Ruby **Roten**, Deb **Sarver**, Kenny **Sawyers**, Suzette **Sawyers**, Carol **Scott**, Mary Ruth **Scott**, Ruth **Shrader**, Marguerite **Smith**, Ellie **Spencer**, Ann Grim **Sparger**, Roger **Stacey**, Amanda **Stephenson**, Russell **Synan**, Will **Thompson**, Kim **Tinder**, Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders’ Nephew), Betty **White**, Don **White**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott’s nephew)

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, Jerome **Moody** and those serving our country

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Marie **Anderson**, Barbara **Bailey**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam’s Sister), Smokey **Blaylock**, Edna **Bone**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Ethel **Earls**, Syd **Ellison**, Margaret **Farmer**, Russell **Garrett**, Shirley **Glover**, Dr. David **Kovach**, Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose’s father), Gary **Pardue**, Gerrie **Porter**, Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**, Ted **Yost**

Children’s Bulletins are available in the Narthex. One for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12.

*Each new year brings us new opportunities
to know Him more, to walk in faith,
and grow by His grace.
May your year be blessed in the Lord!*

Happy New Year!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25	Brunch	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 27	TOPS	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28	Prayer Time at the Altar	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	<i>No Bible Study this week.</i>	

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS DECEMBER 2016

2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$ 19,877.51
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 5,411.86
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES YTD	\$10,210.00
ATTENDANCE: December 18	
8:30 a.m. Worship	23
10:30 a.m. Worship	166
TOTAL WORSHIP	189
Sunday School	43



Bluefield First United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 25, 2016

The youth are selling **2017 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** – cost \$7.00. They also have greeting cards and prayer beads for sale. See any youth member or come by the church office.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on December 26 and 27. Please call Carolyn at 276-617-1943 in case of an emergency.

All **CONTRIBUTIONS** must be given to the church office by Friday, December 30 or postmarked by December 31 in order for your offering to be posted to your 2016 statement.

The **FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2017** has been placed outside the office door. Please sign up to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone. Center vase is \$20.00. Side vases are \$15.00 each.

A **NEW PRAYER LIST** will begin with next Sunday's Bulletin. The old list will be deleted. If you would like for a name to be on the new list, please call the church office next week.

The Men's group is sponsoring a **FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUEFIELD UNION MISSION**. Non-perishable food items are needed and can be dropped off at the church. The project continues until year end.

The **BETH MOORE STUDY**, "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" will begin on January 8 at 6:00 p.m. Books are available in the church office at a cost of \$16.00.

As we look to the future, many opportunities for ministry lay ahead. Please consider a year-end gift of financial partnership to **PARTNER WITH THE WORLD METHODIST EVANGELISM**.

- A gift of \$500 sends a young leader to our annual *Order of the Flame* conference.
- A gift of \$1,200 provides theological training for a certificate in evangelism for a young African pastor.
- A gift of \$1,500 brings a young person from outside the United States to *Metanoia* (transformation), our international evangelism gathering for young people.
- A gift of \$2,000 supports the publication of new and updated faith sharing resources.

Christ is Born!



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