

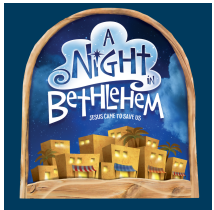
Events & Announcements



2022 Giving Tree!

Pick up Tags in the Lobby Today!

Be sure to pick up a tag on our Giving Tree this year to bless our friends at Tent City 4, Atlantic Street Center, and Echo Glen! Please return gifts by December 4th! Contact Bob Vivian or the church office with any questions!



Night in Bethlehem!

Saturday, December 3rd, 4-6 pm, Lobby

Come join us for a Night in Bethlehem! Families can walk through our marketplace and learn what it was like when Jesus was born. Volunteers needed to bring the night to life! Contact abby@faithunited.org for more info!



Charge Conference

Sunday, December 4th, Noon, Sanctuary

Each year, every United Methodist Church gathers for a Charge Conference to establish financial and leadership support for the ministries of the church. Members are welcome to join us Dec. 4th at noon.



Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, December 11th, Noon, Talbert Building

For anyone newer or interested in membership or baptism, join us for this informal “crash course” on membership, baptism, and what being a Methodist is all about. There will be pizza! Please RSVP at hello@faithunited.org.



“A Choral Christmas Carol”

Master Chorus Eastside Concert

Sunday, December 11th, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

Recapture the magic of Christmas in this timeless tale of redemption and joy; with David Ketter and John Deveney returning once again as the Narrator and Scrooge. Tickets available for purchase www.brownpapertickets.com.



November 27th, 2022

*To be a beacon of Christ's love, hope, and grace
for the community.*

You are welcome here.

We Gather as Community

Prelude	Emily Cowgill
Welcome & Introduction	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Call to Worship from Psalm 122	John King
Advent Candle Lighting	Joosten Family/Adams Family
*Opening Prayer	John King
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH #211)	

Please join us in singing anytime the words are on the screens

Today's Music Team: Dan McLachlan, Greg Rolette,
Brian Bauman, Robert Brawn, and Emily Cowgill

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination	Pastor Ric Shewell
1st Reading, Isaiah 2:1-5 (KJV)	Elizabeth Yambasu
<i>Our Hope is in Emmanuel (Johnson/Trad.)</i>	Choir
2nd Reading, Matthew 24:36-44 (KJV)	Elizabeth Yambasu
Children's Time (during 2nd service)	Abby Kleinknecht
<i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i>	
"The World is Waiting"	Pastor Ric Shewell
<i>After the message, there will be a moment to reflect and pray.</i>	

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Lord's Prayer	
Introduction to Offering	John King
<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (UMH #196)</i>	Music Team
*Doxology (UMH #94)	Music Team
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	John King
Invitation to Communion	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer	
Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament	Pastor Ric Shewell
<i>Light of the World, Sing Hallelujah (Bergthold/Cash)</i>	Music Team

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We Bring the Word to Daily Life

Announcements	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Benediction	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Take to the World (Webb/Tate)	Music Team

** New Bible Study with Pastor Ric starting this evening! 6 pm, Conference Room, Talbert Building!**

Message Notes:

The New Testament loves _____ metaphors.
We're the silly ones that take them literally.

The armor of God is not armor (Phil. 4)
The Day of the Lord is coming like a *thief in the night* (1 Thess. 4)
A *colony* of Heaven is not like a colony of Rome (Phil. 3)
It's not better to pluck out your eye! (Matt. 5)

The coming promise will not be like the flood, and Jesus is not like a burglar.

Hope is experiencing future _____ in the present.

Elizabeth Yambasu: Anti-Corruption Schooling & Thursdays in Black
tinyurl.com/adventmissionarystudy2022

*Hope has a snowballing effect.
When we experience it, we create it.*

Continue the conversation:

- Where do you see God's future breaking into the present?
- How do we reform the story of the Second Coming to a story of hope and not fear?
- How do we get ready for a world where God reigns in all and through all?