

*SERMON NOTES*  
8:30 am Service  
Tom Wamsley – Preaching  
Harry Kramer – Worship Leader  
*"Kids Today!!!"*  
*Luke 18:15-17*

11:00 am Service  
Andrew Gongola – Preaching & Worship Leader  
Betty Linger – Children's Message  
*"Love Me Like A Dog"*  
Matthew 25:14-30



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and together, growing as disciples of Jesus Christ

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 31, 2017  
**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

8:30 SERVICE ON THE SCREEN    11:00 SERVICE BELOW

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE    "Masters in this Hall"    (trad. French carol)

*(Please pass the attendance book in your row.)*

*(Guests, please be sure to list your address, phone number and email address.)*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Acolytes*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light! Light, light and more light! Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: "Where is he who is born king of the Jews?"

**For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

MORNING HYMN UMH No. 245    "The First Noel"    vs 2-5

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

The money today in the Children's Coin Jar will go to support the efforts of the Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory –    "Mary, Did You Know?"    (Lowry/Greene)    Chancel Choir  
Katie Kerns, Jim Ritter, Linda Wagner

Doxology – UMH No. 95    "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF FAITH UMH No. 254    "We Three Kings"    vs 1-4

SCRIPTURE    Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON    "Love Me Like A Dog"    Andrew Gongola

HYMN OF INVITATION UMH No. 219    "What Child Is This"    vs 1-3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"    (Bach, 1716)

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of December 24)

## RECOVERING AT HOME

**MILITARY** – Joel DiStefano (Andy Montgomery's cousin), Sgt. Lantz Elbon (Tim and Beth Conklin's son-in-law), Tyler Fretwell, Max Jeffries (Heidi Jeffries' son), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow's son), Ryan Murphy, Tristan Reneau, (Carolyn Shepler's nephew), Patrick Spears, Isaac Stalnaker (Denise "Stalnaker" Losh's son), Patrick Thompson (Sue Mallow's Son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt's son-in-law), Aaron Wetsch, Max White (Andy Montgomery's nephew), Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips' niece), Ann Urban

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Crosby Bender, Jack Calain, Faye Cowgill, Dee Clark, Maxine Cooper, Gary Crawford, Mary Sue Daniels, Mike Despar, Ryan DiBacco (John DiBacco's son), Don Fitzwater, Nellie Galford, Mary Ann Gay, Barbara Halperin (Rachel Montgomery's mother), Skylar Harman, Jeri Hatch, Amelya Hensley, Janis Hensley, Ruth Hepler, Mike Herron, Kristin Hinchman, Sharon Hinchman, Bob Hinkle, Halie House, Evonne Howell, Kendra Kalar, Lois Kessler, Dana Kirkpatrick, Jack Maynard (Seth Maynard's son), Jim and Patty McCloud, Sharon McQuain, Norma Kerr Metzger, Jeremiah Myers, Alex Nelson, Roy Nelson, Bill Patterson, John Phillips (Jennifer Wanless' father), Joan Plant, Tommy and Anne Pritt (Dale Goodman's cousins), Nancy Rotruck (Jane Corley's sister), Frank Santmyer, Susan Seders, Tommy Scott (Bill Umbright's grandson), Jason Snyder, Norma Stalnaker, Steve Stemple, Margie Sutton, Miranda Trader, Ed Tyre, Hollis Vance, Betty Walden, Dick Walden, Lewis Ware, Tom Williams, Margaret Winans

**COLONIAL PLACE** – Rose Barnett, Hope Caplinger, Jo Criss, Millie Metheny, Katie Sayres

**ERCC** – Dixie Gutmann, Paul Mullins, Connie Pizzino

**LAVENDAR FIELDS** – Helen Kramer

**NELLA'S** - Mabel Phares

**VALENTINE'S** – Robert Fretwell

## Daily Bible Readings

Mon – Hebrews 9    Thurs – Genesis 1:1-5    Sun – Mark 1:4-11

Tues – Hebrews 10    Fri – Psalm 29

Wed – Hebrews 11    Sat – Acts 19:1-7

## Weekly Memory Verse:

"May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!" Psalm 29:11

Theme for Sunday, January 7, 2018: Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Psalm 29. "Shhhh! Listen!"

The last day to give a donation for your 2017 tax statement will be January 7, 2018. Please make sure your check is dated for 2017 and it is notated in the memo that you want it in 2017.

Thank you.  
Danielle Taylor

**2018 Offertory Envelopes** are now available on the table outside the office. Please stop by and pick yours up! If you don't find your name and would like to have weekly envelopes, please drop your name and address in the box on the table and I will have them available the following week.

Danielle Taylor

Attendance and Giving Information for Sunday, December 24, 2017 and Sunday, December 31, 2017 will be in the bulletin on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Thank you.

I will support my church with my presence and gifts"

December 24, 2017

### ATTENDANCE:

8:30 AM Worship

Sunday School

11 AM Worship

GIFTS: Weekly Collection                    \$

Needed for Budget through 12/24.....\$

Received for Budget through 12/24....\$

Our 2017 Budget is \$436,000.

## The Backpack Food Program needs YOUR help!

We are presently collecting food items to include: granola bars, oatmeal, canned ravioli, fruit cups, veggie cups, snack cracker packs and puddings. Please drop off your items in the bin marked "BACKPACK PROGRAM" by the church office or you may make a donation and earmark your check "Backpack Program". This is an ongoing school project. Monetary, school supplies and food donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to help the children in Randolph County.



## WE CARE MINISTRIES

If you have any Thinking of You cards that you would like to donate, please bring in to the church office for the We Care Group. It will be much appreciated.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

We Care will meet on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 12:00 pm in the Sunday School Room. (Please note change of location.) Please bring a bag lunch.

Finance Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

Church Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Parlor.

United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3 PM / Friday 8:30 AM – 12-noon PH: 304-636-0660  
Pastor: Brian Seders (304-636-0406 Home)  
Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Elmer  
Director of Christian Education: Kary Kramer  
Financial Secretary: Danielle Taylor  
Music Director: Gale Poe  
Pastor Emeritus: Basil Hensley  
Custodian: Angela Kisner  
Nursery Worker: Jennifer Wanless

## COME, SHARE, REJOICE...

### SUNDAY, December 31 (Hebrews 1:1-12)

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP Preacher: Tom Wamsley  
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Preacher: Andrew Gongola  
11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders) - NOT MEETING TODAY

### MONDAY, January 1 (Revelations 21:1-6a)

OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
9:00 AM QUILTERS / Basement - WILL NOT MEET UNTIL JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY - WILL NOT MEET UNTIL JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00 PM CONWAYRINGERS REHEARSAL / Handbell Room - NO REHEARSAL!

### TUESDAY, January 2 (Psalm 148)

12:00 PM WE CARE MEETING / Sunday School Room  
5:00 PM DEN 2 MEETING (Ward) / FLC (5PM-6PM)  
6:00 PM DEN 6 MEETING (Reed) / Youth Sunday School Room  
7:00 PM TROOP 88 MEETING / Scout Room Basement

### WEDNESDAY, January 3 (Isaiah 61:10, 62:3)

U. M. WOMEN SET UP IN FLC  
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor - WILL NOT MEET UNTIL JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
4:00 PM U.M. WOMEN SERVING D & E BASKETBALL TEAM DINNER / FLC  
6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor - WILL NOT MEET UNTIL JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL / Choir Room

### THURSDAY, January 4 (Luke 2:22-40)

6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC Stage

### FRIDAY, January 5 (Galatians 4:4-7)

### SATURDAY, January 6 (Ephesians 3:1-12)

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, January 7 (Acts 19:1-7)

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)



## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, January 1 CLOSED