

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, Dec. 3rd: 8:30 am & 11:00 am, Worship
9:45 am Sunday School Classes
6:00 pm, Family Group Study

Monday, Dec. 4th: 8:30 am, Shop-with-a-Cop, Walmart
6:30 PM, Youth Praise Team
7:00 pm, Men's Group

Tuesday, Dec. 5th: 6:00 pm, PAL Group

Wednesday, Dec. 6th: 10:00 am, Bible Study
6:00 pm, Bell Practice
7:30 am, Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, Dec. 7th: 7:30 am, Bus Trip - Walmart

Saturday, Dec. 9th: 7:00 am, Men's Group

Next Sunday, Dec. 10th: 8:30 am & 11:00 am, Worship
9:45 am, Sunday School Classes
12:15 pm, Congregational Dinner
6:00 pm, Family Group Study

LAST SUNDAY'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offering – \$9,683.00 + Online \$1,067.00 = \$10,750.00

Attendance 8:30 – 108; 11:00 – 62; Online – 83

The following persons have asked for your prayers or others have requested prayer on their behalf: Please pray for: Dent Mortimer, Nellie Hainley, Lorna Pokryfke, Tom Slocum, Lesa Turner, Jensun Claycomb, Troy Nelson, Unspoken, Bob George, Chelsey Miller, Chuck Dively, Norm Seibert

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in appreciation to the anonymous donor of the dishwasher given by the Kitchen Committee.

A note of thanks to Paul Kendall for helping and coming to our aid for climbing a ladder at our home on our deck to put metal hangers on the siding for attaching outside solar-powered lights. We appreciate all your help – thanks so much!
~Bill & Judy Lloyd

Pastor Bob and your Ad Board members would like to hear from you. Please fill out the “**Bedford Methodist Church-wide Survey**” and return them either in the basket specified in the narthex or at the church office.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers still needed!

There are still spots that need to be filled! Sign-up in narthex.

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*“Making Jesus Christ Known, Loved,
Followed & Served”*

December 3, 2023



8:30 Worship Service

(*) *Congregation please stand if able*

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Time of Centering

***Call to Worship**

Leader: "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God

People: A voice of one calling:

Leader: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God

Leader: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low.

People: The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

Leader: And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,

People: and all the people will see it together.

*Opening Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" pg. 213

Chancel Choir "Make Room"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Doxology "What Child Is This"

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-5,8-9

Message "God Opens the Heavens" Pastor Bob

The Great Thanksgiving

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, we come before You today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup, our hearts overflow with gratefulness for Your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that You made a way for us to be with You. Thank You for Your love for us which surpasses all understanding. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus » pg. 189

Benediction /Postlude

11:00 am Worship Service

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Shop with a Cop Bedford County 2023

If you wish to help wrap gifts for any child that may have a present for a loved one they would like wrapped to keep as a surprise for the intended recipient, be at Walmart on Dec. 4th between 8:30 & 9:00am.

The Sight & Sound bus trip on Thursday, December 7th will LEAVE Walmart parking lot at 7:30 am.

Congregational Christmas Dinner

Dec. 10th at 12:15 Bedford High School Cafeteria

Free tickets available today after services in Wesley Chapel.

Bring a dozen cookies to share with others.

Candle tree gifts are due in Wesley Chapel by Dec. 10th.

Operation Christmas Card

Card ministry and Congregational Care have teamed up this year to help spread the love of Christ and the cheer of Christmas with cards to our homebound members and residents of nursing homes. We would love for you to be a part of this! Just grab some cards from the table in the narthex, sign it any way you'd like, and return to the table. You do not need to address them to anyone in particular. Brandi will then distribute them to the nursing homes and homebound.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, December 13th at 11:30 at Springhouse. All are welcome but please make a reservation by calling 814.624.9267.

Movie Night – Friday, December 15th – "Amazing Grace"

The **Kid's Christmas Program** will be held at the 8:30 service on Dec. 17th with music provided by the Youth Praise Team.

Christmas Eve Services:

9:30 am, Combined Sunday morning service

3:30 pm, Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

6:30 pm, Contemporary Candlelight Service with Praise Teams

There is no 9:00 pm service this year.

A new **Tuesday evening Bible Study**, led by Rose Barefoot, will begin on January 9th, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm in Wesley Chapel. This study "On Calvary's Hill" by Max Lucado will last approximately 10-12 weeks. Sign-up in the narthex or by contacting the church office.