

## PRAYER NEEDS FOR OUR PEOPLE

### OUR MEMBERS

Andy Beaudoin  
Dennis Davis  
Erby Garrett  
Mark Godfrey  
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Fredda Jackson  
Lillie Jones  
Jack Vicory

### OUR LOVED ONES

John Bridges  
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Matt Conley  
Nolan DeRamus  
Steve Ford  
Beverly Hadley  
Nick Lawrence  
Amanda Lowe  
Marie Moody

Linda Sims  
Jeff Sperin

### OUR LOVED ONES ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY

Imani Blocker, USA  
Trae Godbee, USAF  
Alex Mullen, USCG  
Adam Stewart, USCG

## THANK YOU

To all who helped with the beautiful service of Lessons and Carols last Sunday, as well as all who cooked, set up and cleaned up after our Fellowship Lunch! It was all very, very nice!



## DISAFFILIATION UPDATE

We have had two open meetings for discernment. Following those meetings, on December 12, 2022, the Administrative Council voted unanimously to move forward with disaffiliation. We have requested a called Church Conference with our District Superintendent for an official vote. This meeting date will be sometime in 2023 and all church members will given notice.



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## CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICES



We will have a Christmas Eve Service this Saturday at 6 PM as well as a Christmas Morning Service, Sunday at 11 AM. We hope that everyone will be able to attend one or both of these special services.

## AUGUSTA GARDENS

Our chapel service at Augusta Gardens (3725 Wheeler Road), is this Tuesday, Dec 20, at 10 AM. This month we will be singing Christmas Carols! If you would like to help with the service, please speak with Bill Williams.



## COMMUNITY CAROLING



Tuesday night members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ascension Lutheran Church, the Alleluia Community, and Burns Methodist will gather to sing and celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will gather at 5 PM in the Family Life Center at Burns and then divide into teams to carol in the community! The plan is to be back at Burns around 7:30 PM for hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship. All are welcome!

## QUOTABLE

“The baby Mary carried was not a Caesar, a man who would become a god, but a far greater wonder — the true God who had become a man!”

---- Kent Hughes (1942- ) Pastor, Author

“The best gifts to give: To your friend, loyalty; To your enemy, forgiveness; To your boss, service; To a child, a good example; To your parents, gratitude and devotion; To your mate, love and faithfulness; To all men and women, charity.”

---- Oren Arnold (1900 - 1980) Journalist, Author



## BURNS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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The Worship Service is now live streamed directly to YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@burnsmemorial/streams>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT Emmanuel

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:6, KJV

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

INVOCATION

HYMN It Came Upon The Midnight Clear 218

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the United Church 883

Let us unite in this modern affirmation of the Christian faith.

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and in others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI 71

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

God is good, **All the time!**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN O Little Town Of Bethlehem 230

RESPONSIVE PRAYER from Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;

**where there is injury, pardon;**

Where there is doubt, faith;

**where there is despair, hope;**

where there is darkness, light;

**and where there is sadness, joy.**

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;

**to be understood, as to understand;**

to be loved, as to love;

**for it is in giving that we receive,**

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

**Our Father, who art 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.**

CHORUS Away In A Manger 217 vs. 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close  
by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the  
dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for  
heaven to live with thee there.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

VIDEO CLIP God With Us

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-23

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken  
by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin  
shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name  
Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (1:22-23, NKJV)

MESSAGE The Word That Says It All

HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful 234 vs. 1, 2, 5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



It is so nice to have you join us this morning at Burns Memorial UMC! We are glad you are here!

If you have any questions about the service, restrooms, hearing devices, nursery, children's activity bags or anything else, please ask one of the Ushers.

THIS WEEK AT BURNS

Monday, December 19

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 20

Augusta Gardens 10:00 AM

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Community Christmas Caroling 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 21

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Family Night Supper 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 22

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Friday, December 23

**Office Closed for Christmas Holiday**

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Eve**

NA Open Meeting 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 25

**Christmas Day**

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Choir Practice 10:15 AM

Worship Service 10:55 AM

NA Open Meeting 5:00 PM

I will be out of town from December 21 to January 3. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Love, Dee

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

LITURGIST Bruce Moore USHER CAPTAIN Wayne Allen

SONG LEADER

PIANIST & Mike Kelley SUNDAY Mark Jackson

CHOIR CHOIR DIRECTOR SUNDAY COUNTERS Janet Ford

DIRECTOR

NURSERY Tina Hammac AV Thomas Donaldson

WORKER TECHNICIANS Jordan Kepner