

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us for our Blue Christmas worship service on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6pm in Spell Chapel. This is a service of healing and hope during the holiday season.

## VBS NEED

If you are replacing your artificial Christmas tree this year, VBS wants the old one. This year's theme is camping so we need lots of trees! Artificial trees can be donated anytime, contact Children's Ministries to arrange details. We will not be able to return trees, so make sure you do not want it back.

## LOCAL MISSIONS SOCK DRIVE

Local Missions will continue collecting men's socks until the end of the year. These socks are to be distributed at the warming shelter. Containers with signs will be placed at the entrances/exits for Spell Chapel, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall. No holy socks please. If you need further information, please contact Barbara Nimocks 843.276.4230 or John Lyons 843.708.9837. Thank you!

## DECEMBER 31 SERVICES

On Sunday, December 31 there will be an 8am service in Spell Chapel and a combined 10am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School.

## WI-FI PASSWORD

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.

## SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



# Welcome to Word & Table



## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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December 10, 2023

# • ORDER OF WORSHIP •

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH- PEACE

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONGS OF FAITH

BAPTISM/KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 1: 18-25

MESSAGE

ANGEL SPOKE TO JOSEPH

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

## MATTHEW 1: 18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son.

And he gave him the name Jesus.

## LIVING CHRISTMAS STORY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Living Christmas Story. Those who setup, brought food, directed traffic, drove a tram, helped with costumes, were in the cast, or helped in any way – THANK YOU!!! We had more volunteers helping throughout the process than we have had in years – what a great gift we gave to our community. Over the three nights, we had 488 cast members, 150 crew members and 3,629 visitors.

## ANGEL TREE

Because of your generosity and caring hearts, all 186 angels on our Angel Tree have been "adopted." Thank you for helping make Christmas special this year for these children.

**Reminder - Gifts are due in by TODAY!** Please drop them off at the Business Office. If you run into any problems, please call Linda Guess Bock at 843.303.0132. Thanks again!

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!

## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Join us during the Sunday school hour (10am) on December 17 for a birthday party for Jesus! We will sing Christmas songs, watch a Christmas movie, and of course have a cupcake. Elementary will meet in Room 213 and Preschool will meet in Room 110.

## FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Join us Sunday, Dec. 17 for our annual Festival of Carols during the 8:45am and 11:15am worship services in the Sanctuary. Featuring our music ensembles singing and playing pieces appropriate for this season of joy and anticipation.

We hope you will join us for this wonderfully festive time!